Getting to Pamplona

Pamplona is served by its own airport which can be reached (via Madrid or Barcelona, *inter alia*) on Iberia.

Other airports worth considering (for saving money) are Bilbao, Biarritz and Zaragoza. Of these Bilbao is the one with the best connections to Pamplona – the train takes about 1 hour 40 minutes. Which arrival airport you choose might well depend on the arrival times of flights that you find convenient, since you will need to make train and/or bus arrangements for onward travel to Pamplona. If you fly to Biarritz you will probably need to take a train or bus to Irun or San Sebastian and then a bus to Pamplona. From Zaragoza there are buses and trains.

Zaragoza (flights from Brussels, London Stanstead, Milan and Rome) and Biarritz (flights from Birmingham, Dublin and London Stanstead) are both served by Ryanair with its usual budget flights (though note the extra charges for checked luggage and for paying by credit card). All of these airports are also served by Iberia (or Air France in the case of Biarritz).

Here are a few web sites that might prove useful when investigating onward travel from the above airports:

<u>http://www.spanish-airport-guide.com/bilbao-airport-buses.html</u> for buses from Bilbao airport.

<u>www.renfe.es</u> for trains in Spain, but schedules are not usually posted until 2 months prior to the departure date.

<u>http://www.condasa.com/ruta_base.php?idi=eng&id=33</u> for the bus schedule from San Sebastian to Pamplona (journey time approximately 1 hour 50 minutes).