The people of San Sebastian love events, group activities, celebrating and feeling the pulse of the city in the streets.

Much like the city’s pintxos (tapas), another great passion of both locals and visitors alike, there is something for every taste in San Sebastian. Culture, cuisine and sports meet in this city surrounded by mountains and sea, green and blue, the colours that will accompany you throughout your stay.

This calendar includes a small selection of some of the most important events the city celebrates each year.

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THE THREE KINGS’ PARADE
When: 5 January
Where: City centre
The day before Three Kings’ Day is one of the most magical days of the year. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar visit San Sebastian to pick up letters from boys and girls, followed by the traditional parade through the city.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
  943 481 168

XXVI TXOTX OPENING
When: 16 January
Where: Cider houses in San Sebastian and Astigarraga
The cider season runs from the second fortnight in January until the end of April. To celebrate the opening of the txotx a great party is celebrated.
+ info: Astigarraga (Sagardoetxean)
  www.sagardoa.eus
  943 336 811

SAN SEBASTIAN DAY (TAMBORRADA)
When: 20 January
Where: Citywide
San Sebastian’s biggest party of the year kicks off at midnight on 19 January, when the sound of drums begins to flood the city.
After months of rehearsing, over 100 drummers (tamborradas) take to the streets to celebrate San Sebastian Day. Kids have their own tamborrada on the morning of the 20th.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
  943 481 168

64 DONOSTIA INTERNATIONAL RACE
When: 27 January
Where: San Sebastian Racetrack
The San Sebastian racetrack trades horses for a day of non-stop activity as it hosts the runners in the 64 Donostia International Race. Organised by the Gipuzkoa Racing Foundation.
+ info: www.krosdonostia.com

DOCK OF THE BAY
When: 7 to 12 January
Where: Principal Theatre and Trueba Cinema
The musical documentary film festival celebrates its tenth edition this year.
Music meets cinema in the Dock of the Bay, which showcases screenings and concerts at different venues across the city.
+ info: www.dockofthebay.es
CALDEREROS
When: 2 February
Where: Citywide
True to tradition, the caldereros (tinkers) flood the streets in the days leading up to Carnival, filling San Sebastian with the sounds of banging pots and pans.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

IÑUDE ETA ARTZAIK
When: 3 February
Where: Old Town and Gros district
Another traditional parade that features nursemaids and shepherds. The nursemaids parade with babies in their arms while the shepherds court them. High society during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will also be represented.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

GIMNÁSTICA DE ULÍA INTERNATIONAL RACE
When: 10 February
Where: Paseo de Zurriola
This race is a San Sebastian classic. Runners battle it out on a course that stretches from the Kursaal to Ategorrieta, with Zurriola Beach as a backdrop.
+ info: www.gimnasticadeulia.es
943 278 195

POCKET THEATRE
When: February
Where: City’s districts
A sample of theatrical shows of small and medium format. The program brings together various proposals that combine music, humor, theater, magic or monologues.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168
**CARNIVAL**
*When:* 28 to 4 February
*Where:* Citywide
The carnival parades will take over the city and fill the streets with colour and rhythm. Locals and visitors alike can enjoy an extensive programme of exciting and extravagant activities.
+ info: [www.donostiakultura.eus](http://www.donostiakultura.eus)
943 481 168

**STOCK FAIR**
*When:* March
*Where:* Kursaal Auditorium
The Kursaal hosts a new edition of the Stock Fair. Organised by the Gipuzkoa Trade Federation, the fair features over 50 booths by Gipuzkoa stores and provides the perfect opportunity for local stores to showcase their stocks at the best prices around and while supplies last; the public can find articles from a range of sectors, including fashion (women, men and kids), eyewear, fashion accessories, footwear, linens, haberdashery, sports and leather.
+ info: [www.kursaal.eus](http://www.kursaal.eus) / 943 003 180

**KORNER**
*When:* 4 to 10 March
*Where:* Ernest Lluch Cultural Center and Principal Theatre
Korner pretends to be that point of intersection of two words apparently pass by separately: football and culture.
+ info: [www.korner.eus](http://www.korner.eus)
943 481 150

**LILATON**
*When:* 10 March
5 km women-only race, a leading event that introduces a significant number of women to a passion for running.
+ info: [www.lilaton.es](http://www.lilaton.es)
943 21 53 54
Dferia

**When:** 11 to 14 March  
**Where:** Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Principal Theatre and other locations  
Dferia is a trade fair that aims to showcase the performing arts market, bringing together agents and presenting the latest Basque and international creations.  
+ info: www.dferia.com  
943 483 860

COMIK·D

**When:** 22 to 24 March  
**Where:** Kursaal Congress Centre  
San Sebastian’s Second International Comic and Manga Fair brings together publishers, international artists and fans in round table discussions and professional meetings.  
+ info: www.saloncomicdonostia.com

Club de Creativos

**When:** 28 to 30 March  
**Where:** Kursaal Auditorium  
Unic professional forum. Three days of talks, workshops and exhibitions, ending with the National Creativity awards. Kursaal.  
+ info: www.clubdecreativos.com

Leisure and Tourism Trade Fair (SEVATUR)

**When:** 29 to 31 March  
**Where:** FICOBA  
This trade fair offers the opportunity to discover different parts of the world through a range of booths, photo and craft exhibitions, competitions, etc.  
A total of 7,000 square meters will host 65 booths that provide leisure and tourism information and opportunities.  
+ info: www.sevatur.com  
943 410 806
SAN SEBASTIAN HALF MARATHON
When: 7 April
Where: Citywide
San Sebastian hosts a new edition of its annual half marathon.
Athletes must run the traditional 21.097 kilometres on a course that runs through the city centre.
+ info: www.mediadonosti.com
943 459 106
670 332 272

SAN SEBASTIAN INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN
When: 13 to 20 March
Where: Frontón Carmelo Balda (Anoeta)
The San Sebastian International Chess Open celebrates its 42 edition this year, an event that brings together national and international grandmasters.
+ info: www.fgajedrez.org
943 474 604

BOOK DAY
When: 23 April
Where: Plaza de Gipuzkoa
The Plaza de Gipuzkoa will once again host Book Day, the perfect opportunity to buy the latest bestsellers or all-time classics.
A number of authors will be on hand in to sign copies of their books.

XVI HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL
When: 5 to 12 April
Where: Victoria Eugenia Theatre and other locations
The Human Rights Film Festival is back to raise the public awareness and promote the values of solidarity, justice and equality, among others.
+ info: www.zinemaetagizaeskubideak.eus
943 481 975
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DANCE
When: 28 April
Where: Victoria Eugenia Theatre
True to its philosophy, the XXIII International Day of Dance Gala will showcase a wide range of dance styles, thanks to the altruistic collaboration of dancers and companies, with a special focus on the local performers and companies.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus

GDM SAN SEBASTIÁN FASHION FESTIVAL
When: 1 to 5 May
Where: Tabakalera, San Telmo Museum
San Sebastian fashion festival
+ info: www.donostiamoda.eus

XVIII TANGO FESTIVAL
When: 2 April to 5 May
Where: Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Kursaal Conference Centre
Inauguration: City Hall Assembly Room.
Tango returns to San Sebastian with live demos and free courses.
+ info: www.agatatango.es
652 755 707

OLATU TALKA
When: 31 May to 2 June
Where: Citywide
Theatre, music, and dance come together in this multidisciplinary festival designed by the people of San Sebastian themselves, who open up lines of collaboration between professional and amateur artists.
+ info: www.olatatalka.eus
943 481 666

SAINT JOHN’S EVE
When: 23 June
Where: Citywide
The summer solstice is celebrated on Saint John’s Eve.
Bonfires are lit across the city on this night to keep evil spirits at bay and bring good luck.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168
TXAKOLIN EVENT
When: 29 June
Where: Boulevard Donostia
+ info: www.getariakotxakolina.com 943 14 03 83

WOMEN TRIATHLON
When: 29 June
Where: Concha beach and city center
Swimming TM 300m, Cycling TM 8km, Running TM 2km
+ info: www.triatlonatleticoss.com 652 754 558

34. ONDITZ OROITUZ TRIATHLON
When: 30 June
Where: Concha beach and the city districts
Swimming 1500m, Cycling 38.5km, Running 10km
+ info: www.triatlonatleticoss.com 652 754 558

SUMMER COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY
When: June to September
Where: Miramar Palace
The Summer Courses at the University of the Basque Country offer an outstanding and extensive range of classes, seminars, workshops and conferences.
There will be a break during the second and third weeks of August.
+ info: www.uik.eus 943 219 511

HORSE RACES
When: June to September
Where: San Sebastian Racetrack
The summer horse-racing season kicks off in June with races on different dates through September.
+ info: www.hipodromoa.com 943 373 180
FOOTBALL: DONOSTI CUP
When: 7 to 13 July
Where: Anoeta Mini-Stadium and 15 other locations
Over 200 teams from around the world come together each year to play in one of the best youth football tournaments around. Six days of intense matches in which thousands of young players battle it out to reach the final in Anoeta Stadium.
+ info: www.donosticup.com
  943 467 954

XX SAN SEBASTIAN REGATTA
When: 13 - 14 July
Where: La Concha Bay
This international regatta features two races. The first covers 32 miles and starts in Hendaye and ends in San Sebastian. The second stays in the city and takes place entirely in La Concha Bay.
+ info: www.rcnss.com
  943 423 575

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+ info: www.hipodromoa.com
  943 373 180
54 HEINEKEN JAZZALDIA: JAZZ FESTIVAL
When: 24 to 28 July
Where: Plaza de la Trinidad, Kursaal Conference Centre, La Zurriola Beach and other locations
One of Europe’s biggest jazz festivals takes over San Sebastian with massive concerts, bands playing in the streets and outdoor performances.
+ info: www.heinekenjazzaldia.eus
943 481 900

SAN SEBASTIAN - SAN SEBASTIAN CYCLING CLASSIC
When: 3 August
Where: Boulevard (start and finish)
Cycling fans will have the chance to enjoy one of the city’s most legendary races.
Classic enthusiasts won’t want to miss this qualifying event on the international UCI World Tour calendar.
+ info: www.gtxe.eus
943 460 540

80 MUSICAL FORTNIGHT
When: 1 to 31 August
Where: Kursaal Conference Centre, Victoria Eugenia Theatre and other locations
This is the oldest festival in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe.
+ info: www.quincenamusical.eus
943 003 170

GLAD IS THE DAY
When: August
Where: Cristina Enea Park
Concerts, DJ’s and market. Cristina Enea park.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168
SEMANA GRANDE (BIG WEEK)

When: 10 to 17 August
Where: Citywide
San Sebastian’s Semana Grande (Big Week) will pack the city with concerts, rides for kids and countless activities scheduled throughout the week.

+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

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+ info: www.hipodromoa.com
943 373 180

SWIM AROUND THE ISLAND

When: 25 August
Where: La Concha Bay
Adults 3km swimming. Children, 600m. La Concha beach.

+ info: www.atleticosansebastian.com
Concha: 943 47 37 22
Bera-Bera: 943 21 53 54

INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION

When: 10 to 17 August
Where: La Concha Bay
This is one of the biggest events during Semana Grande (Big Week). Firework experts from around the world will compete each night to see who can offer the most spectacular show.

+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

EUSKAL JAIAK – BASQUE CELEBRATIONS

When: 31 August to 8 September
Where: Old Town
Cider Day will kick off this celebration of Basque culture. Musical and sports activities and the best Basque cuisine are the main attractions.

+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168
ZINEMALDIA - 67 INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
When: 21 to 29 September
Where: Kursaal Congress Centre, Príncipe and Antiguo Berri Cinemas, Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Principal Theatre and Velodrome
San Sebastian turns into the world capital of glamour during its International Film Festival. Outstanding films, exhibitions, and retrospectives share the spotlight with the famous film stars who visit the city for the event.
+ info: www.sansebastianfestival.com 943 481 212

REGATTAS: BANDERA DE LA CONCHA
When: 1 and 8 September
Where: La Concha Bay
La Concha Bay will host the final rounds of the Bandera de La Concha regatta over the last two Sundays in September. The qualifying rounds are celebrated on the Thursday before the first Sunday of the month.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus 943 481 168

DONOSTIA KUTXA KULTUR FESTIBALA
When: September
Where: San Sebastian Racetrack
Donostia Kutxa Kultur Festibala is a platform that showcases the work of young artists in the fields of music, film, comics and fashion.

SAN SEBASTIAN GASTRONOMIKA CONFERENCE
When: 6 to 9 October
Where: Centro Kursaal Elkargunea
San Sebastian becomes the culinary centre of Europe over this three-day event, which brings together hundreds of chefs and culinary experts from across the world to present their culinary innovations.
The public will also be able to sample exquisite products at the 200+ booths sets up for the event.
+ info: www.sansebastiangastronomika.com 943 410 857

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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER
THREE-BEACH RACE
When: 13 October
Where: Ondarreta Royal Tennis Club (start and finish)
San Sebastian’s three beaches are included in the course of this popular 10-km race that draws in almost 3,000 participating runners.
+ info: www.gafatletismo.com
943 451 757

XXIII POPULAR ROAD RACE CLASSIC
When: 20 October
Where: City centre
The streets of San Sebastian’s city centre will turn into the course of the 15-km Popular Road Race Classic.
+ info: www.15kmsansebastian.com
943 451 757

XXIX HORROR AND FANTASY FILM FESTIVAL WEEK
When: 26 to October to 1 November
Where: Principal Theatre, Victoria Eugenia Theatre and Kursaal Congress Centre
The Horror and Fantasy Film Festival Week will once again offer its unique perspective on cinema with movie marathons and parallel activities.
+ info: www.donostiaekultura.eus/terror
943 481 157

RUNNING: BEHOBIA - SAN SEBASTIAN
When: 11 November
Where: Behobia (start) / Boulevard (finish)
The route between Behobia and San Sebastian is the location of Gipuzkoa’s biggest running event of the year.
This 20-km race drew over 25,000 participants last year.
+ info: www.behobia-sansebastian.com
943 214 900
LITERAKTUM
When: 12 to 23 November
Where: Cultural centers, museums and theatres
Literaktum is a network festival. A combination of energies that spreads all over the city letters and languages.
+ info: www.literaktum.eus
943 48 11 52 / 943 48 28 18

UNDERWATER FILM SERIES
When: 14 to 16 November
Where: Principal Theatre (Calle Mayor)
The Underwater Film Series offers a free film series that showcases life in the depths of the sea.
+ info: www.ciclo.subacuaticasrealsociedad.com
943 395 476

GDM SAN SEBASTIAN FASHION FESTIVAL
When: 1 to 5 May
Where: Tabakalera, San Telmo Museum
San Sebastian fashion festival
+ info: www.donostiamoda.eus

RUNNING: MARATHON
When: 24 November
Where: Anoeta Mini-Stadium (start and finish)
This 42nd edition of this marathon is a classic race for running enthusiasts.
The 42.195 kilometre course crosses the city.
+ info: www.maratondonostia.com
943 451 757
EUSKERA’S DAY: BASQUE LANGUAGE
When: 3 and 4 December
Where: Citywide
Euskara, the Basque Language, is spoken everyday in Donostia, but December 3rd is a special day, it is The International Day of Basque Language, with a lot of different events are organized throughout the city.
+ info: www.sansebastianturismo.com

SAGARDO APURUA
When: 6 to 8 December
Where: Boulevard (Next to the kiosk)
The freshly made cider is transported through the Urumea river to Donostia. Afterwards, a party is celebrated on the culture and customs of the cider.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus

FEMINISTALDIA
When: December
Where: Tabakalera
Feministaldia is a feminist culture festival that pretends to draw attention to all those creative and activist women who work to tell new stories. Tabakalera.
+ info: www.feministaldia.org

SAINT THOMAS FAIR
When: 21 December
Where: Old Town, City Centre and Gros district
The smell of txistorra (Basque-style cured sausage) will once again waft through the streets of San Sebastian on 21 December.
This traditional fair will bring together thousands of locals and visitors alike in the city centre to taste txistorra and buy cheese, honey and vegetables.
As always, a pig will be presented in Plaza de la Constitución.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
43 481 168
CHRISTMAS MARKET
When: 1 December to 7 January
Where: The Buen Pastor Cathedral Square and the Urumea riverside walk
Inspired in Centraleurope Christmas Markets, this Gabonetako Azoka has a wide commercial offer, leisure space, its activities program...
+ info: www.donostiagabonetakoazoka.eus
  943 482 800

OLENTZERO
When: 24 December
Where: City centre
Olentzero, a character in Basque Christmas tradition, will greet the children of San Sebastian before visiting each home to drop off presents.
+ info: www.donostiakultura.eus
  943 481 168

Additional cultural activities at:
www.donostiakultura.eus
www.kursaal.eus
www.santelmomuseoa.eus
www.tabakalera.eu
www.victoriaeugenia.eus

SAN SILVESTRE RACE
When: 31 December
Where: Plaza Easo (start and finish)
The last race of the year celebrates its 33 edition this year with an 8,650-meter course that will run through Old Town, the Gros district, the city centre and the Amara district.
+ info: www.sansilvestredonostiarra.com
  634 592 614
**MUSIKA PARKEAN**
*When:* Spring and summer
*Where:* Different public parks across the city
Musika Parkean strives to make public use of the outdoor spaces around us, encouraging people to make alternative use of those spaces that they have never used before.
Eat, drink, have fun with friends and listen to a range of different music as a way to create new spaces and moments to enjoy ourselves.
*+ info:* www.musikaparkean.com

**GASTROPOTE**
*When:* Every Thursday
*Where:* San Martín Market
The San Martín Market in San Sebastian has turned into a unique space for enjoying outstanding cuisine and live performances.
Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.
*+ info:* www.gastropote.com

**PINTXOPOTE**
*When:* Every Thursday
*Where:* City’s districts
As the name itself suggests, this is an initiative promoted by the city’s restaurants and bars that offers a pintxo (tapa) and a pote (drink) at a discounted price for two or three hours on certain days of the week.
There are several Pintxopote locations across the city and the price depends on the area.

**DONOSTIKLUBA**
*When:* All year round
*Where:* City’s districts
Electronic Music Festival.
*+ info:* www.dkluba.eus
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