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brief dictionary of the basque language

USE EUROPE'S OLDEST LANGUAGE TO ORDER A PINTXO. Basque is the oldest living language in Europe and one of the few non-Indo-European languages that has not only survived but is actually thriving in San Sebastian today. Half of the people in San Sebastian speak Basque. Join in and learn some expressions. Learn to say hello and order a pintxo in our language: "Egunon. Pintxo bat, mesedez". (Good morning. A pintxo please).

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL	EUSKERA
GREETINGS	SALUDOS	AGURRAK
I'm Miren	Me llamo Miren	Ni Miren naiz
Hello! Hi!	Hola	Kaixo
Good morning	Buenos días	Egun on
Good night	Buenas noches	Gabon
Bye	Adios	Agur
See you tomorrow	Hasta mañana	Bihar arte
See you later	Hasta luego	Gero arte
Please	Por favor	Mesedez
Excuse me / sorry	Perdón	Barkatu
Thank you /Thanks	Gracias	Eskerrik asko
Not at all	De nada	Ez horregatik
Yes	Sí	Bai
No	No	Ez
Welcome	Bienvenido(s)	Ongi etorri
Enjoy your meal	Buen provecho	On egin
PLACES	LUGARES	LEKUAK
Street	Calle	Kalea
Square	Plaza	Plaza
Tourism office	Oficina de turismo	Turismo bulegoa
Town / City Council / Hall	Ayuntamiento	Udaletxea
Bank	Banco	Banketxea
Library	Biblioteca	Liburutegia
Church	Iglesia	Eliza
Museum	Museo	Museoa
Cinema	Cine	Zinema
Exhibition	Exposición	Erakusketa
Hotel	Hotel	Hotela
Youth hostel	Albergue	Aterpetxea
Agroturism	Agroturismo	Landa etxea
Campsite	Camping	Kanpina
Parking	Aparcamiento	Aparkalekua
Bus Stop	Parada de autobús	Autobus geltokia
Train station	Estación de tren	Tren geltokia
Pub / Bar	Bar	Taberna
Restaurant	Restaurante	Jatetxea
Beach	Playa	Hondartza
Basque police	Policía Autónoma	Ertzaintza
Municipal police	Policía municipal	Udaltzaingoa
Chemist's	Farmacia	Botika
AT THE HOTEL, PUB OR RESTAURANT	EN EL HOTEL, BAR O RESTAURANTE	HOTELEAN, TABERNAN, JATETXEAN
Good morning, I'd like one room	Buenos días, quería una habitación	Egun on, gela bat nahi dut

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL	EUSKERA
Room	Habitación	Gela
Bed	Cama	Ohea
Toilet	Servicio	Komuna
Key	Llave	Giltza
Blanket	Manta	Estalkia
Breakfast	Desayuno	Gosaria
Lunch	Almuerzo	Bazkaria
Diner	Cena	Afaria
Card	Tarjeta	Txartela
Cider bar	Sidrería	Sagarotegia
Coffee	Café	Kafea
Milk	Leche	Esnea
White coffee	Café con leche	Kafesnea
Red wine	Vino tinto	Ardo beltza
White wine	Vino blanco	Ardo zuria
Beer	Cerveza	Garagardoa
Cider	Sidra	Sagardoa
Water	Agua	Ura
Sandwich	Bocadillo	Ogitartekoa
Dessert	Postre	Postrea
Food	Comida	Janaria
Drink	Bebida	Edaria
Tip	Propina	Eskupekoa
Waiter	Camarero	Zerbitzaria
Chef	Cocinero	Sukaldaria
Meat	Carne	Haragia
Fish	Pescado	Arraina
The bill, please	La cuenta, por favor	Kontua, mesedez
NUMBERS	NÚMEROS	ZENBAKIAK
1	Uno	Bat
2	Dos	Bi
3	Tres	Hiru
4	Cuatro	Lau
5	Cinco	Bost
6	Seis	Sei
7	Siete	Zazpi
8	Ocho	Zortzi
9	Nueve	Bederatzi
10	Diez	Hamar

do's and don'ts for the responsible tourist

We're here for a good time in Donostia.

Here are a few suggestions on how to immerse yourself in the local customs while showing respect and taking care of our city.



BASQUE CULTURE. OUR LANGUAGE, BASQUE, THE ESSENCE OF THE CITY

Try greeting people with “kaixo” and “agur”. You will find other simple handy terms in our dictionary.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY AND GET TO KNOW US PROPERLY

In Donostia/San Sebastian, we have really good tourist agents who will help you to discover the secrets of the city and its people. Authentic places and tours, away from the more popular tourist attractions...



HELP SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Explore the streets of the city and buy in traditional stores, like a local.



GET AROUND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Whenever possible, use public transport. We recommend using the Tourist Cards for this.

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You can also hire a bicycle and travel around the city on two wheels.

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RESPECT THE SLEEP OF LOCAL RESIDENTS...

If you go out to bars at night, remember that there are people sleeping right above where you are having fun. If you respect their sleep, they will be grateful.

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FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

If the planet is everyone's home, then the city is our bedroom, the place where care and respect need to begin. Let's enjoy San Sebastian today, but let's also preserve its authenticity so that we can continue to enjoy it tomorrow.

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asko!**
thank you!

Donostia/San Sebastian Tourist Office is committed to the sustainable and responsible development of tourism, seeking to ensure that local residents and our visitors enjoy the greatest benefits and wellbeing.

our essentials



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la Concha

the queen of all beaches

In its unbeatable setting, the quintessential gem of Donostia was named the best city beach in the world. / 1

Old Town treasures

which capture the essence of San Sebastian.

The Old Town

A Gothic church, a Baroque Basilica, a square which used to host bull fights, the lively atmosphere in the narrow streets and a promenade that looks out over the Bay of Biscay. / 2

pintxos

Tiny culinary delights await you in each of the city's bars. / 3

The port

A refuge throughout history for whalers, corsairs and "arrantzales" (fishermen). / 4

viewpoints

Igeldo

The look-out point provides a classic view of the city and over the bay. Take the funicular railway up from the Antiguo neighbourhood and enjoy its theme park. / 5

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The beaches and their neighbourhoods

Either side of La Concha, Ondarreta and Zurriola beaches complete a lovely 6km walk along the city's coastline. They are also the gateway to interesting neighbourhoods.

Ondarreta Antiguu

The family-friendly beach lying between the Wind Comb sculpture and the Miramar Palace, the city's original neighbourhood and a mountain with a hundred-year-old theme park. / 7

Zurriola Gros

The young, surfer vibe of Zurriola Beach is the outpost of the Gros neighbourhood (and its neighbour Egia), which boasts bars, stores and art galleries packed with creativity. / 8

Urgull

The mountain that used to be a military fort and now provides the best panoramic views. This is the only spot with a view of all three beaches, reached via the Old Town. / 6



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architecture, shopping and museums

traditional and cutting-edge, all made in Sanse.

Belle Époque

The walls around the Old Town were torn down in the mid-19th century and San Sebastian expanded according to the European urban development of the day. The Romantic Area in the city centre has a Parisian feel, and the elegance of its stores and buildings define the city. / 9



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shopping

High-quality local businesses and major international firms provide a sensational showcase, with the best gift ideas for your friends and family or even for yourself. / 10



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museums

Aquarium

Recognised as one of the best in the world, it contains over 200 species and is crossed by a tunnel with a 360° view. / 11

San Telmo

A 16th century convent which has been refurbished and extended, offering both a historical and modern take on the Basque people.



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The sea brought the first fishermen to San Sebastian, who were seeking refuge on Mount Urgull. It later attracted the interest of King Sancho of Navarre, who was its founder, and of all of the armies who have passed through here in the history of war. The sea also brought with it a queen with skin problems and the subsequent fashion of summering. And the sea also brought our current cultural, economic and tourist potential.



a little history

everything brought by the sea

King Sancho the Wise of Navarre's desire to have a route out to sea from his kingdom led to him granting San Sebastian a **charter** in 1180, and this event can be considered the moment when the town was officially founded. This then saw maritime trade being combined with traditional whaling and cod fishing.

Its proximity to France and its position on the Road to Santiago not only drove the development of this small coastal town, they also made it a strategic location during times of war. It therefore became a fortified town in the 12th century. Over the

The royal family chose to spend its summer holidays in San Sebastian. In the photo, Alfonso XIII and his sons Jaime and Alfonso, on a boat in La Concha Bay in 1920.

centuries it was subjected to numerous sieges, but the people of San Sebastian managed to defend it from their enemies until 1719, when the town surrendered for the first time and fell into the hands of France

chronology of major events



for two years. In 1794 the town succumbed again when besieged by the French, this time until 1813, when San Sebastian was liberated by Anglo-Portuguese soldiers, who burnt down and looted the town. Only a few houses were left standing, forcing the people of San Sebastian to rebuild it, almost from scratch, creating the Old Town that we know today.

Happier times were to follow when Queen Isabell II, whose doctors had recommended that she bathed in the sea to alleviate her skin problems, made summering in San Sebastian fashionable. This was in 1845 and, from then

on, her presence attracted the court and numerous aristocrats during the summer months. The town was becoming famous and needed to grow and expand. The walls were demolished in 1864, and the urban development that took place gave rise to **the Cortázar expansion** district, which is the current city centre.

At the start of the 20th century, San Sebastian experienced its **“Belle Époque”**, becoming the preferred tourist destination of the European upper classes. Queen María Cristina made the **Miramar Palace** the summer residence of her court, and the luxury hotels, casinos and theatres flourished.

During the **1st World War**, moneyed Europeans took refuge from the conflict here. Much of the French influence that is visible on the streets of the city is due to these visitors.

The heavy industrialisation in the years following the Civil War in 1936 resulted in a dark period during which certain poorly-judged urban development took place.

But in the second half of the 20th century, San Sebastian consolidated its economic, cultural and tourist potential, pushing forward new projects while at the same time preserving its natural and historical heritage, becoming, in the process, the stylish combination of tradition and modernity that we know today.

1180

King Sancho of Navarra granted a Charter to San Sebastian, considered the moment when the town was founded.

1450

The first trading port was constructed.

1597

The plague devastated the town. The infected were treated on Santa Clara Island.

1662

Felipe IV granted it City status.

1719-1721

San Sebastian surrendered for the first time to the French army.

1813

The Anglo-Portuguese troops “liberated” the city, burning it down and almost completely destroying it.

1845

Isabel II made La Concha Beach fashionable.

1863

The city walls were demolished.

1888

The first stone of Buen Pastor church was laid and it was finished in 1897. In 1953 it was classed as a cathedral.

1893

Queen María Cristina established the Miramar Palace the summer residence of her court.

1912

The Igelido funicular, the Victoria Eugenia Theatre and María Cristina Hotel were opened.

1953

First edition of the San Sebastian International Film Festival.

2016

It was named European Capital of Culture.

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San Sebastian is a diverse city with many neighbourhoods, each with its own identity and appeal. Ranging from pintxos and beaches to the cinema, modern architecture and nature, it offers a wide range of experiences to suit all tastes. You'll discover its different aspects as you explore.

San Sebastian district by district

SIX DISTRICTS
THAT MAKE A CITY



1

The Old Town

Preserving the essence of San Sebastian. When San Sebastian was still but an island connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land, there was a fisherman's quarter that was sheltered by Mount Urgull.

The Old Town is the direct descendent of that district, the beating heart of the city. Its streets are home to the city's oldest buildings, with their countless bars, restaurants and gastronomic societies.



Gastro
History
Nightlife

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The Constitución Square (3) is the epicentre of the Old Town.



tradition and gastronomy

The tour starts at **La Bretxa Market (1)** which takes its name (meaning “breach”) from the place where the English and Portuguese troops broke through the city wall in the siege of 1813, when the French army was stationed in the city. Its traditional street market is home to stalls with some of the most highly-rated products in San Sebastian and some of the most famous chefs visit it almost every day.

Although there are “pintxo” bars and restaurants tucked away in practically every street in the Old Town, **Fermín Calbeton (2)** undoubtedly takes first prize, because of the number and variety of establishments there. A few metres from that street is **Constitución Square (3)** the heart of the Old Town. It is an arcaded square, overlooked by the city’s old town hall, whose balconies still retain the numbering of the old stands from the bullring that it once was.

A bustling atmosphere, with people and tapas is also found on **Kale Nagusia (4)**. At the end of this street, overlooked by Mount Urgull, is the **Basilica of Santa María (5)**, a baroque church erected in the 18th century. The building impresses with its size and for being the home of a fascinating Diocesan museum with works by El Greco, Jorge Oteiza and Chillida.



If we turn right we enter **Abuztuaren 31 street (6)**, a road which, besides its gastronomic fame, has great significance for the people of San Sebastian: Their homes were the only ones to survive the devastating fire caused during the siege of 1813. Halfway down the street there is an open space that is used as a pelota court, playground and a stage for rural sports competitions and concerts: **Trinidad Square (7)**. ‘La Trini’ is the most popular spot during the Jazaldia jazz festival, an outdoor auditorium with perfect acoustics, which has seen some of the 20th century’s biggest names in blues, soul and jazz, e.g. B.B. King, James Brown and Ella Fitzgerald.



At the other end of Abuztuaren 31 Street stands **San Vicente Church (8)**, the city’s oldest building. It was built at the beginning of the 16th century, in the late Gothic style.

On the other side of the bustling Zuloaga Square that opens out to the north of the church is the **San Telmo Museum (9)**. of Basque Society and Citizenship. An exhibition space devoted to Basque history, which is housed in a former Dominican convent that was erected in the 16th century and extended in 2011 with a modern building.





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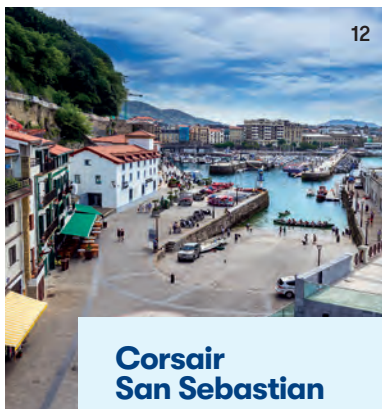
Monte Urgull (10) rises up opposite the square. It was owned for centuries by the army which fortified its slopes and summit to defend the city. Some of those walls still remain today, as a reminder of the city's military and defensive past. There are numerous tracks and roads: one route to explore starts at the stairway that is besides San Telmo. From here you go up to the romantic **English Cemetery**. Soon after you will reach the summit, where you will find the **Mota Castle** and the **Sagrado Corazón** (Sacred Heart) monument; here you can explore the **History House** (a museum where the city's 800-years history is recounted), admire the views from the only place in the city where you can see all three beaches, and go down to the port along the **Apaizen pasealekua** (Priest's Promenade).

The Old Town does not have a beach but it does have a route out to sea: the **Port (11)** which you get to from the Old Town via one of the gates of the ancient city wall. San Sebastian's dock has a life of its own, with its traditional seafood restaurants and the traditional houses of the families of former fishermen.

It ends at the **Naval Museum (12)** which preserves the seafaring history of San Sebastian and the **Aquarium (13)**.

In the summer season, motorboats leave the port for **Santa Clara Island (14)**, a favourite haven of the people of San Sebastian. This islet is away from the hustle and bustle of the city: there are no vehicles and there is only a tiny beach (one of the few on the Cantabrian Sea to face the south), footpaths, stairways, picnic benches, quiet spots and excellent views of the sea and the San Sebastian skyline. The spectacular "Hondalea" sculpture by Cristina Iglesias has been on display inside the lighthouse since 2021. And a tip if you want to swim there: the shortest route is from Ondarreta Beach: 400 m.

At the end of the port, the **Pasealeku Berria (15)** starts, the wildest and most beautiful in the city. Along its entire length it skirts around Mount Urgull, and it is where you can watch



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Corsair San Sebastian

Between the 17th and 18th centuries, the port of Donostia was the largest corsair port on the Iberian mainland and one of the most important in Europe, and the Old Town was its beating heart.

The privateers from Donostia attacked ships from Finisterre in Galicia to Brittany in France, particularly targeting French craft.

the spectacle of giant waves on stormy days. There, you will find the **Construcción Vacía (16)**. (Empty Construction), the large sculpture by Jorge Oteiza, defiantly facing the sea.

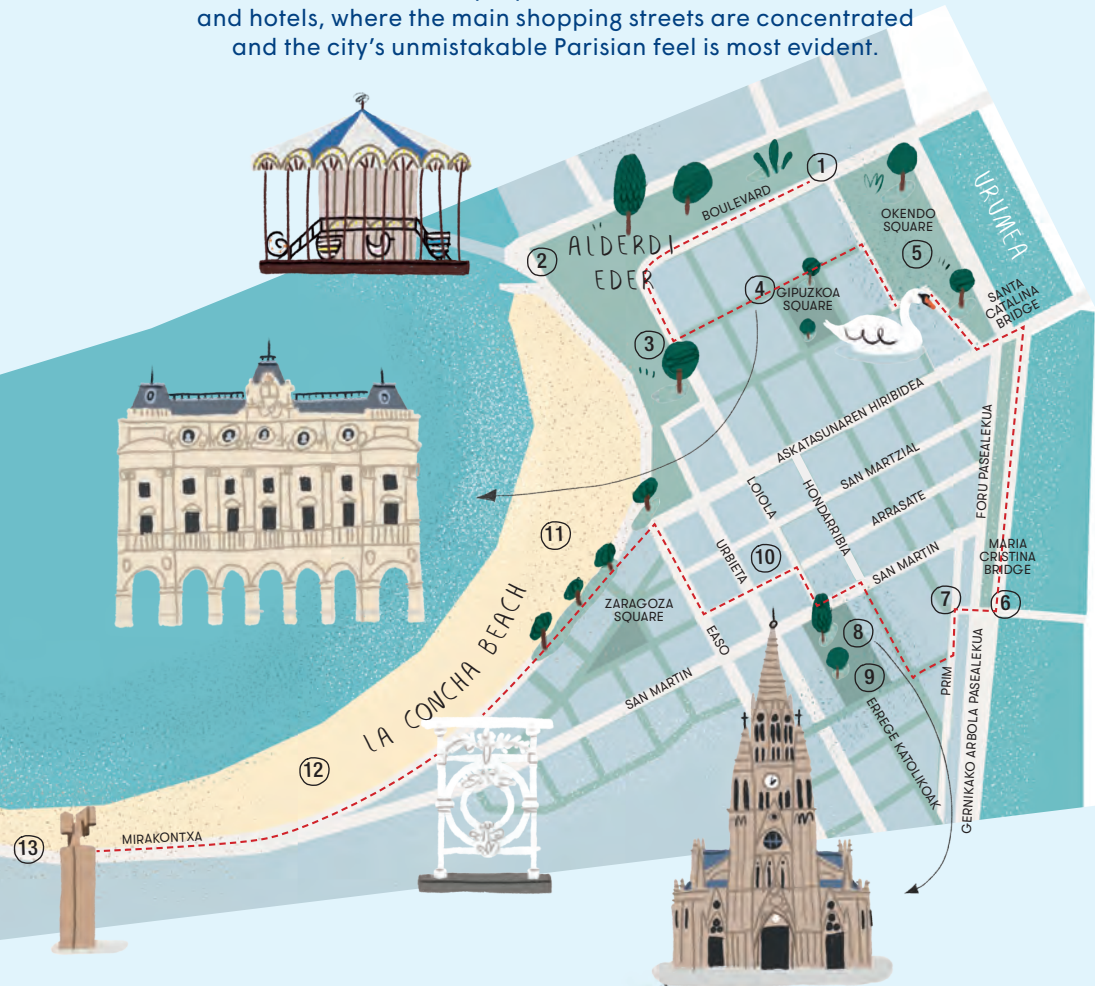
At sunset, the beautiful, Rationalist-style building of the **Real Club Náutico (17)**. (Royal Yacht Club - 1929) draws out the last rays of sunlight of the day. The platform that starts next to it and enters the sea is a favourite spot among locals to see out the day.



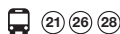
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2 centre and romantic area

San Sebastian's romantic area emerged in the mid-19th century, along the urban development that was planned after the demolition of the wall that had protected the town. This is where the charm of the Belle Époque is revealed in casinos, theatres and hotels, where the main shopping streets are concentrated and the city's unmistakable Parisian feel is most evident.



Art
Fashion outlets
Terraces



An urban hub with
all the attractions of
a large city and with
views of La Concha.



architecture, Belle Époque and shopping

The old walls that used to protect the Old Town extended as far as the **Boulevard (1)** area, which now serves as a borderline with the romantic area of San Sebastian, constructed in the mid-19th century. The old city walls of Donostia/San Sebastian were demolished in 1863, although you can still see remains on the ground floor of the Bretxa market. The Boulevard is the most bustling pedestrian thoroughfare in the entire city; a pleasant, tree-lined avenue with shops, ice cream parlours etc. On the west side there is a bandstand with delightful modernist touches. Next to this is the “reloj del Bule” (Boulevard clock) underneath which couples and “cuadrillas” (groups of friends) have been arranging to meet for generations. Further along is the **City Hall (2)** building, formerly the city’s casino, which was built in 1887 in the style of the gambling houses that were dotted along the French and Italian Riviera.

Opposite the city hall, the **Alderdi Eder Gardens (3)**: a green space that was meticulously planned at the end of the 19th century, with a carousel that enthral children and ever-present tamarisks or tamarind trees (as they



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despite being modest in nature, some of San Sebastian’s most beautiful and characteristic urban landscapes have been built on the final stretch of the river Urumea.

are commonly known), a tree that is present in all of San Sebastian’s marine areas.

A few blocks away is the first city park to be built in San Sebastian, **Gipuzkoa Square (4)**, a beautiful, French-style garden from the 19th century. The square is overlooked by the Provincial Council building. This part of the city is a neatly arranged grid of houses in the European new urbanist style, but with touches of San Sebastian: the characteristic yellowish stone with which these buildings were constructed came from the sandstone quarries that operated on mounts Igeldo and Ulia.

In the area closest to the river, two of San Sebastian’s landmarks from the Belle Époque immediately stand out: the **Victoria Eugenia Theatre and Hotel María Cristina (5)**, an inseparable duo, both initiatives of a city with the (successful) ambition of attracting European tourists during the interwar period.

The River Urumea runs alongside them and, at its mouth, stands the Zurriola Bridge, the bridge that is most exposed to the fury of the sea, recognisable by its large art deco-style lamp posts. The second bridge, with a more conventional style, Santa Catalina, is the oldest in the city. The third, half a kilometre upriver, is the **María Cristina Bridge (6)**, the most famous thanks to its fancy streetlights, inspired by the Alexander III Bridge in Paris.

This bridge connects directly to **Bilbao Square (7)**, which has a circular design and a beautiful fountain at its centre and was built at the start of the 20th century. The square is a gateway to the romantic area and to the main shopping streets, such as Hondarribia and Loiola. The latter of these, which is fully pedestrianised, is where you will find the **Buen Pastor Cathedral (8)**, a neo-gothic building that was inaugurated in 1897, a tribute to the



the promenade along La Concha Bay is perfect to enjoy sea views or to go for a run. The centre's pedestrianised streets are perfect for enjoying its attractive and varied range of shops.

large European medieval cathedrals. Its 75-metre steeple is still the highest building in San Sebastian.

The romantic area is also known for its pleasant streets and pedestrianised squares, with shopping areas and coffee terraces. Next to the bustling Reyes Católicos Street, with views of the back of the cathedral, stands the stately building of the **Koldo Mitxelena Cultural Centre (9)**.

On the way to La Concha Beach, we will come across another of the food markets that dates back over one hundred years, **San Martín (10)**, now rehoused in a modern building.

We continue along Easo Street until we reach the historic Hotel Londres, opposite the

city's biggest landmark: **La Concha (11)** and its iconic railings, designed by the then municipal architect, Juan Rafael Alday, in 1916. From these railings we gaze upon the beach

of all beaches. In 1845, Queen Isabel II came to La Concha after her doctors recommended that she bathe in the sea to alleviate her skin problems. After that, with the new fashion of going to the beach, high society aristocrats followed behind her, leading to San Sebastian becoming stylish and chic. And then came the rest: the nickname of the Pearl of the Cantabrian Sea, the tourists and the acclaim for being one of the most beautiful city beaches in the world.

There is a route with a distance of nearly two kilometres between the City Hall and the Antiguo tunnel. Soon we reach the famous 'clocks' and then the renovated building of **La Perla Talaso-Sport Centre (12)**, opened in 1912 and still retaining the attractive style of the Belle Époque.

There are no buildings along the final stretch of La Concha's promenade. Very near to the Miramar palace and the Antiguo district, on a balcony with splendid views of the bay and Santa Clara Island, is the sculpture **'Homenaje a Fleming' (13)** (Homage to Fleming) by the local artist Eduardo Chillida.



3 Gros and Egia

Gros starts on the other side of the River Urumea and, together with the neighbouring Egia district, is one of the city's most vibrant areas. A forward-looking area that overlooks the Cantabrian Sea through Zurriola Beach, where we will find surfers on the street, board in hand, bars with live music, a mountain and a park with numerous footpaths, innovative architecture and, a few streets away, a modern cultural centre where countless events are programmed.



Surfing
Local fashion
Gastro

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At the mouth of the Urumea River, next to Zurriola beach, the two beached stones by Rafael Moneo: the Kursaal Auditorium and Conference Centre. (1).



young, vibrant and bohemian

For decades, the Gros district was known for its workshops, factories, a bullring (El Chofre, demolished in 1973) and the fierce waves on its coastline. However, Gros is now one of the youngest, most dynamic and most invigorating areas in the city, with modern shops and bustling streets to go out for “pintxos” and a few drinks (locally known as ‘poteo’). With the improvement and expansion of the beach twenty years ago, and the subsequent construction of the Kursaal Congress Centre and Auditorium, the area started to undergo a metamorphosis that has made it what it is today.

The city’s first major contemporary building was also built in Gros: **The Kursaal**



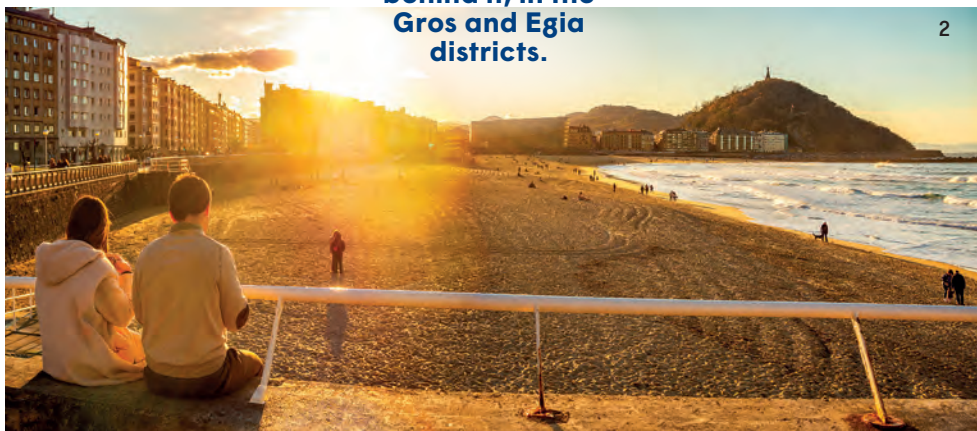
Palace (1), the work of Rafael Moneo, consists of two large buildings that mimic two stranded rocks facing the sea. These ‘cubes’ are the main headquarters of the Zinemaldia, the San Sebastian International Film Festival and an exciting programme of events is held here (concerts, classical music, exhibitions, etc.) which are worth checking out.

One of the drivers of this change is **Zurriola Beach (2)** and the promenade that runs alongside it. Unlike the

quiet and elegant character of the other beaches in San Sebastian, Zurriola reflects the more versatile and bohemian nature of the district and is favoured among young people. It is known for its surfing atmosphere. It is also perfect for surfing beginners, thanks to the numerous schools offering their services. In July, Zurriola hosts one of the most popular stages of the Jazz Festival. And it also has a specific area for nudists.

At the end of the promenade, on the eastern edge of the city, is **Sagüés (3)**, one of the best spots in the city for watching the sun set over the sea. For decades, its famous, popular ‘wall’ has been a meeting place for surfers, groups of friends and couples. The large white sculpture near

Zurriola beach is a prelude to everything that’s going on behind it, in the Gros and Egia districts.





to the end of the promenade is **La Paloma de la Paz (4)** (the Dove of Peace) by Nestor Basterretxea, a work that symbolises the power of words and dialogue over violence. This work concludes the Basque sculptural route, which also includes Chillida's Peine del Viento (Wind Comb, in Antiguu) and Oteiza's Construcción Vacía (Empty Construction, on the Paseo Nuevo).

The mountain that looms over the city from the east is **Ulía (5)**. At its summit there were once lookout points where people scanned the sea in search of whales. At the start of the 20th century, one of Donostia/San Sebastian's first amusement parks was built there. Ulía is now one of



the green lungs of Donostia/San Sebastian. With just a 20-minute climb we can reach its forests and cliffs, and admire a spectacular panoramic view of the city. It is through Mount Ulía where pilgrims come walking towards Santiago. One of the most popular paths leads from the Faro de la Plata lighthouse, in the neighbouring town of Pasaia, hugging the coastline.

Gros also has numerous establishments where they offer the best pintxos (tapas) in Donostia/San Sebastian. The pedestrianised **Peña y Goñi and Zabaleta streets** are where many of these trendy 'pintxeros' (tapas bars) are found.

The development of the Gros



that we now know started in the 1920s. Many of the buildings in the district reflect the architectural vanguards of the period, notably Rationalism. Another, more interesting example of the expressionist branch of this new trend is the **Equitativa (6)** building. Its curved façade welcomes everyone who enters Gros over the Santa Catalina Bridge.

To the south of Gros is **Egia**, San Sebastian's new trendy neighbourhood. Egia is the latest area to join the places you must visit in the city, largely thanks to the **Tabakalera (7)**, the International Contemporary Culture Centre. Opened in 2015, it is the city's old tobacco factory that was converted into a multipurpose venue. Plus, a panoramic terrace with excellent views over the River Uruea and the Romantic area of the city.

Egia has also become the new focus of the city's music offerings. In addition to the concerts scheduled in the Tabakalera, there are bars in the area with live music and shows.

Cristina Enea Park (8) is Egia's 'green' resident. It is the largest and most wooded urban park in the city. The park still retains the charm of yesteryear, with a full network of footpaths.



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Antiguo and Igeldo

Antiguo is where the city originally emerged, almost ten centuries ago, although it is slightly outside the centre of it. It has its own beach, a mountain with a retro amusement park, an English-style royal mansion and a bustling network of shops, hotels and dining establishments. It's time to go through the tunnel that leads to Antiguo...



Ondarreta Beach
Amusement Park
Art

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Where the city ends, where the waves break, the Peine del Viento (Wind Comb) is so adapted to its environment that it looks like an original part of the landscape (10).



palaces and art on the seafront

Antiguo is one of the city's most special neighbourhoods. It was here where the first population centre was established, around a monastery devoted to the French saint, Sebastian. The religious complex, of which nothing remains now, was where the Miramar Palace now stands. For centuries, Antiguo was a farming area located outside the city walls, almost two kilometres from the Old Town, so it developed its own character with its own customs.

There are several ways of getting to Antiguo from the city centre: one is along La Concha's promenade, going through the **Tunnel (1)** that is decorated with maritime motifs and one of the legacies of being the European Capital of Culture in 2016. Another is along Miraconcha Promenade, which ends at the very door of the Miramar Palace. And, of course, another route is along La Concha Beach itself; if the tide is low we will get to Ondarreta Beach by walking along the walkway from the **Pico del Loro (2)**.

If the sea is on our right, to the left we will never lose sight of the stately, British-style **Miramar Palace (3)**. This peculiar building from the end of the 19th century evokes the style of an English country



located between the Wind Comb and the Miramar Palace, Ondarreta is perfect for a family beach day.

mansion and from 1893 it was the summer residence of Queen María Cristina, Alfonso XIII and Juan Carlos de Borbón. The best thing about this complex are its beautifully maintained gardens, with views of the bay, perfect for lying down, reading or chatting. If we leave the park via **Matia Street (4)**, the main road in the district with its friendly bars and countless traditional stores, we will

find Antiguo's San Sebastian Church.

In the nearby **Sert Square (5)**, the palm trees and fountains form a relaxing oasis amid the hustle and bustle of the neighbourhood. Further along, is the start of the residential district of Benta Berri, where the headquarters of the **Musikene (6)** stand, the Basque Country's Higher School of Music. The building, the latest addition to San Sebastian's contemporary architecture, stands out for its geometric volumes and golden panels.

If we head back towards the beach, we will come to **Zubimusu Park (7)**, a charming natural space that is hidden away, which also serves as a





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small urban kitchen garden. It has a pond.

To the north of Matia Street are **the Ondarreta Villas (8)**, a quiet network of streets with hardly any traffic, where there are cosy residential and holiday villas from the 20th century. They come in all kinds of styles: Basque, Rationalist, adorned with Portuguese tiles or with a neoclassical look.

The villas are the perfect prelude before reaching the gardens (where there is a statue in honour of Queen María Cristina) and **Ondarreta Beach (9)**.

This is the preferred beach for families and groups: it is large, relaxed, with calm waters, with only a few, very small waves. In the summer it has beach bars and playgrounds. Ondarreta is also the point of departure for swimming the half-kilometre crossing to Santa Clara Island.

The mountain that seems to be swooping down on the 'Peine' and the sea is **Igeldo (11)**, the highest of all of the hills around the bay. At the start of the 20th century an **Amusement Park (13)** was built at its summit, and this still retains much of its original character today. This is

from Igeldo you get the most famous panoramic view of the city, with the bay and the island in the foreground.

partly thanks to the wooden **Funicular (12)** that takes you to the top, overcoming an impossible slope, the old tower that used to serve as a lighthouse and lookout point for whales and some vintage-style rides, like the Río Misterioso (Mysterious River) and Montaña Suiza (Rollercoaster).

Ondarreta beach stretches as far as the **Wind Comb sculpture (10)**, the city's main sculptural landmark. This space is the joint work of the local sculptor Eduardo Chillida –the steel 'combs' that look like they are swimming away from the rocks are by him– and the architect Luis Peña Ganchegui, who was responsible for the development of the area. This place has taken on an almost magical significance for the people of San Sebastian. The Wind Comb is one of the best places to take part in a traditional pastime among the locals: watching the waves on days with rough seas.



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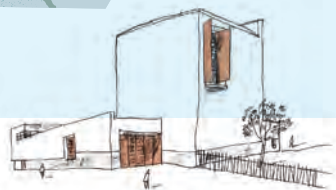
Amara and Riberas

It is time to go back to the River Urumea, through the city's most modern neighbourhoods, between parks and bars where they serve pintxos (tapas) and 'hamaietakos' (a local form of brunch). On the avenue that overlooks the river there are several sporting temples, some with façades more reminiscent of Paris than San Sebastian and feats of modern architecture.



Anoeta Stadium
Sports facilities
Architecture

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The lesu Church stands in the Riberas district and was designed by the architect Rafael Moneo (11).



sporty neighbourhoods on the Urumea river

A hundred years ago, when San Sebastian was already a top European summer destination, the Amara Berri district (Berri = new) did not even exist. Its land belonged to the marshes of the River Urumea, which had barely been channelled. There was Amara Zaharra (*Zaharra* = Old), which still exists now, a popular neighbourhood that emerged around **Easo Square (1)**, a perfect starting point for exploring the surroundings of the romantic area, where the area's liveliest pintxo bars are found.

Araba Park (2) is a leafy area where, in one of its



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corners, Queen María Cristina is remembered. Amara is arranged around three large avenues: **Antso Jakituna (3)**, **Madrid (4)**, and **Carlos I (5)**; and streets such as **Isabel II (6)** and **Balleneros (7)** and the **Squares to the left of Carlos I (8)**, which have a wide culinary selection.

The **Anoeta Stadium (9)** stands at the southern end of Amara and it is the stadium where Real Sociedad, the local First Division football team, plays its matches.

There is a large concentration of sporting facilities around Anoeta, e.g. swimming pools, sports centres, a pelota court, a skate park, a cycle track, the Illunbe bullring, a multipurpose facility where the Gipuzkoa basketball team also plays its First Division games. Want to take a close look at Basque pelota? Take a look at the season's schedule at the Atano III.

In the **Riberas (10)** district, which is also next to the river, stands the modern **Iesu Church (11)** and the Memorial Garden, which remembers all of the victims of violence, wars and terrorism. The church is the work of Rafael Moneo and its visual simplicity and minimalism are striking.

if your visit to Donostia/ San Sebastian coincides with a match day, it will be a great chance to discover the atmosphere created by the txuri-urdin fans (meaning blue and white, referring to the team's colours).

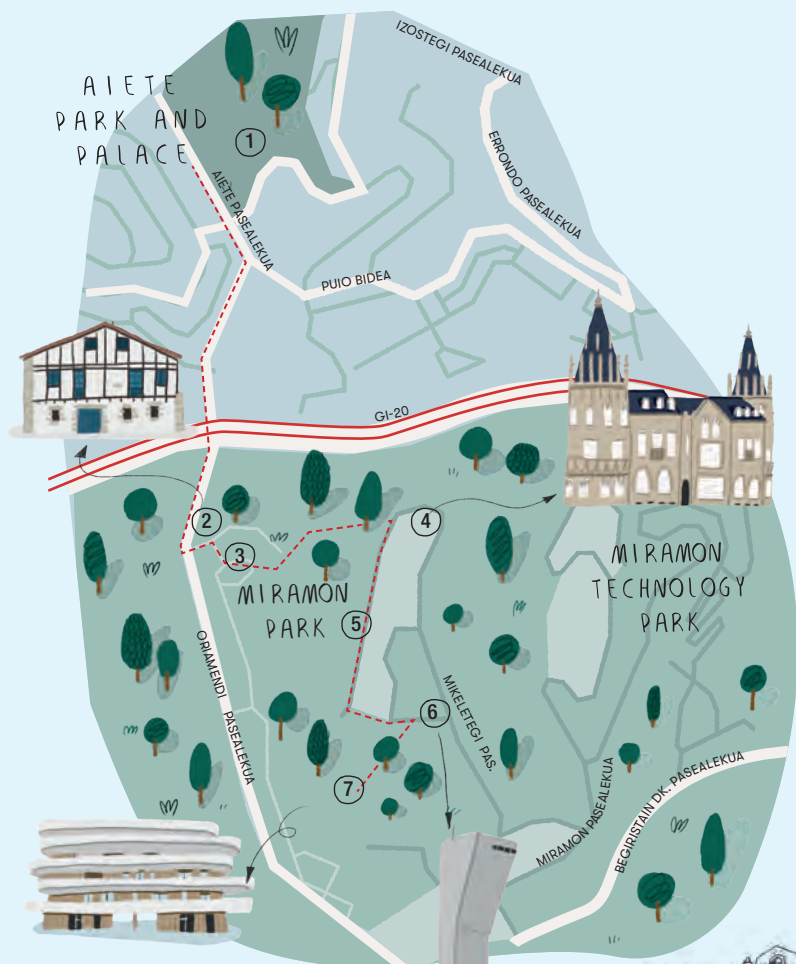
It is best to return to the city centre along the **Avenue alongside the Urumea (12)**, first along **Bizkaia** promenade, and then along **Gernikako Arbola** promenade, where you can appreciate the buildings on Prim Street, which overlooks the River Urumea. This route has a pronounced Parisian feel, with no shortage of modernist tiles and landscaped courtyards. It is also the perfect route if you like to go running.

Look at the different architectural styles of the six bridges until you reach the sea. A real journey through time!

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Aiete and Miramon

The Aiete and Miramon parks have very little in common besides their location: they are both on a hill at the southern end of the city. They are located in the city's hillside neighbourhoods, formerly dotted with homesteads and cider houses and now residential districts. As well as forests and gardens, they hold several surprises, like a summer palace from the 19th century with a history of colourful guests, some neo-gothic fortified towers, a Roman-style amphitheatre and the Science Museum.



Science and technology
Green Spaces
Architecture



The Aiete Palace, a neoclassical building dating from 1878 with a French-style garden, waterfall and rainforest. And library (1).



a green lung among science and innovation

San Sebastian is a city that is surrounded by hills and the Aiete district is located on one of them: a quiet residential area, the highest part of which is dominated by the **Aiete Palace and Park (1)**. Everything revolves around this neoclassical building whose construction was commissioned in 1878 by the Duke and Duchess of Bailén. It was the summer residence of the Spanish monarchs, from Isabel II to Alfonso XIII, and also the summer residence of the dictator Franco from 1941 to 1975.

The building is surrounded by a large, French-style monumental garden with a pond, swans and ducks, a cave and a waterfall made



from artificial rock and, on the north side, a rainforest with numerous ancient trees and even giant sequoia trees.

If we follow the old road towards Hernani, we will come to another large San Sebastian park, Miramon. This is a wilder area that has been adapted for walkers.

The restored **Katxola (2)** farmhouse is on its grounds and here they produce cider using traditional methods from centuries gone by, with the ingredients being provided by the two ancient apple trees found in the park.

Other interesting sights include the **Amphitheatre (3)**, a curious Roman-style stage area where they hold outdoor events; and the **Arbide Towers (4)**, two neo-gothic buildings erected in the city centre in 1904 (next to the River Urumea) and transferred, stone by stone, to their current location in 1979, to prevent them from disappearing. Between them, countless footpaths trail off through the **Miramon Forest (5)**, with numerous information panels on the fauna and flora found

there, which even suggest circuits for doing Nordic walking.

In the developed area near to the park, there is the **Eureka Science Museum (6)**. It has over 170 interactive modules encouraging participation and experimentation and there is also a room with 20 species of live animals. Next to the museum, the ‘Gipuzkoa in Miniature’ outdoor exhibition will catch your eye, with over thirty faithful small-scale reproductions of some of the region’s most iconic historical buildings.

The most modern building in the Miramon Technology Park is the **Basque Culinary Centre (7)**, the second gastronomic university in Europe and a state-of-the-art centre where skilled professionals are trained, research is performed on the culinary arts and culinary courses are taught in several languages. Try this game: identify the common thing in every kitchen that it resembles (*).



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In San Sebastian, the cooking expresses what we're perhaps unable to express with words. Every pintxo (tapa) and every dish contains the language through which we want to convey unique emotions that you won't be able to forget. There's a reason why it's been chosen as the world's Best Culinary Destination for 2024.



gastro

Condé Nast
Traveler

Best city in the world
to eat 2024



TripAdvisor

One of the best culinary
destinations in the world 2023

the best pintxos in each district

The “pintxo” (Basque “tapa”) was invented in San Sebastian in the 1930s., and originally it was a slice of bread with food on top held in place by a cocktail stick or “pintxo”, and hence the name.

There are simple versions such as potato tortilla, or Donostia’s ingenious “Gilda” creation, a spicy skewer of pepper, anchovy and olives which emerged by way of a tribute to Rita Hayworth. And then there are much more sophisticated pintxos, examples of miniature haute cuisine.



Amara sports district

You follow the river around to this district, which has all kinds of sports facilities, including the Anoeta Stadium. Fancy a pintxo in one of the typical bars before the match? Gora Real!




1_ Aukera

 Cod in “pil-pil” garlic and pepper sauce



Felipe IV.a hirib., 3
T: 943 45 91 38



 Sunday afternoon and Monday all day.

2_ Txirrita

 “Txalupa” and squid in tempura



Isabel II.a hirib., 4
T: 943 45 69 60
www.bartxirrita.com



 Thursday.

Interpretation
of pictograms:



Going out for pintxos is a social act, and a way of gaining an insight into our culture. Each district has its own identity, so make your choice!

going out for pintxos

1. Every bar has its star pintxo or pintxos. If you don't know what it is, order a drink and watch what the locals eat. Then order the same thing. The blackboards will show you the hot pintxos. And if not, we can help you.
2. We advise you to go to 4 or 5 bars and try 1 or 2 pintxos in each. A piece of advice: don't forget how many pintxos you've had. They'll ask you when you've finished.



Antiguo local atmosphere

You walk along the La Concha sea promenade to get to this district, which has a distinct local flavour and is brimming over with small shops and typical bars.



1_ Kiki

 Russian salad



Tolosa hirib., 79
T: 943 31 73 20
[restaurante.covermanager.com/
restaurante-kiki](http://restaurante.covermanager.com/restaurante-kiki)



 Sunday afternoon and Monday all day.

2_ La Cervcería del Antiguo

 Cod confit with pistachio emulsion



Gorgatxo plaza, 1
T: 943 47 73 63



 Doesn't close.

3_ La Rebotika

 Pintxo Arzak



Zarautz hirib., 6
T: 943 21 89 06
www.larebotika.es




 Doesn't close.

4_ Oliyos

 Fish pie with hake, red scorpionfish and anglerfish



Erregezainen kalea, 4
T: 943 21 49 89
www.oliyosdonostia.com

 Sunday afternoon and Monday all day.

Gros

young people's district

A neighbourhood of surfers and terraces with a young, informal atmosphere. One of the city's liveliest districts.



1_ Gure Txoko

🍷 Potato, fungi and yolk



Usandizaga, 5
T. 943 28 24 19



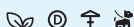
🔒 Sunday afternoon and Monday all day.

2_ Labrit Berri

🍷 Home-made mussel, fungi and ham croquettes



Zabaleta, 57
T. 943 32 70 30



🔒 Monday.

3_ Taquería Kursaal

🍷 "Cochinita Pibil" taco



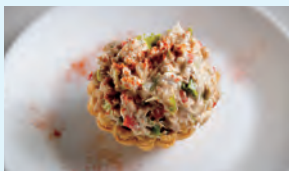
Ramón M^o Lili, 2
T. 943 35 93 21
www.taqueriakursaal.com



🔒 Monday.

4_ Urtxori Bi

🍷 "Picantillas": spicy mini-pie with tuna, mayonnaise, lettuce and onion



Bermingham 17
T. 943 27 73 95



🔒 Wednesday.

The Old Town

historical district

1_ Casa Bartolo Etxea

🍷 Grilled foie



Fermin Calbetón, 38
T. 943 42 02 79
www.casabartoloetxea.com



🔒 Thursday (except August)

2_ Casa Urola

🍷 "Txapela" roast mushroom with pine kernels and egg yolk



Fermin Calbetón, 20
T. 943 44 13 71
www.casaurolajatetxea.es



🔒 Tuesday and Wednesday.

3_ Casa Vergara 1948

🍷 Wrapped cod with pil-pil garlic emulsion



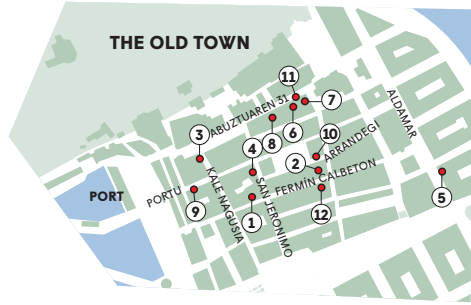
Kale Nagusia, 21
T. 943 43 10 73
www.grupogarrancho.com



🔒 Doesn't close.

Interpretation of pictograms:





Narrow, bustling streets next to Donostia's harbour, with some of the city's oldest bars and some cutting-edge establishments.

4_ Ganbara

Anglerfish/langostino prawn pintxo



San Jeronimo, 21
T. 943 42 25 75
www.ganbarajatetxea.com



Sunday and Monday

5_ Haizea

"Zamburiña" scallops au gratin



Aldamar, 8
T. 943 42 57 10
facebook.com/BarHaizea

Sundays and afternoons of public holidays.

6_ La Ceba de Bernardo

Mushroom pintxo



Abuztuaren 31 kalea, 7
T. 943 42 63 94
www.barlacepa.com



Doesn't close. Kitchen open all day.

7_ La Viña

Cheese and anchovy "canutillo" flute



Abuztuaren 31 kalea, 3
T. 943 42 74 95
www.lavinarestaurante.com



Monday.

8_ Martínez 1942

Red pepper with a filling of bonito with tartare sauce and Jerez vinaigrette



Abuztuaren 31 kalea, 13
T. 943 42 49 65
www.barmartinezdonostia.com



Winter: Wednesday afternoon and Thursday
Summer: Thursday and Friday morning.

9_ Muxumartin

Game carpaccio, "zamburiña" scallops, croquettes ...



Portu kalea, 17
T. 943 06 31 78
www.muxumartin.com

Doesn't close.

10_ Tamboril

Shrimp battered and mushrooms



Arrandegi kalea, 2
T. 943 42 35 07
restaurantecovermanager.com/el-tamboril/



Sunday and Monday

11_ Txakolina bodega & pintxoak

Red tuna cooked in onions



Abuztuaren 31 kalea, 22
T. 943 58 51 74
www.txakolinadonostia.com/es



Doesn't close.

12_ Zumeltzegi

Anglerfish skewer



Fermin Calbetón 15
T. 943 42 82 10
restaurantezumeltzegidonostia.com



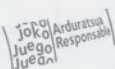
Thursday..

Casino Kursaal



C/ Mayor, 1 (Esquina Boulevard)
Donostia - San Sebastian
Tel: 943 429 214

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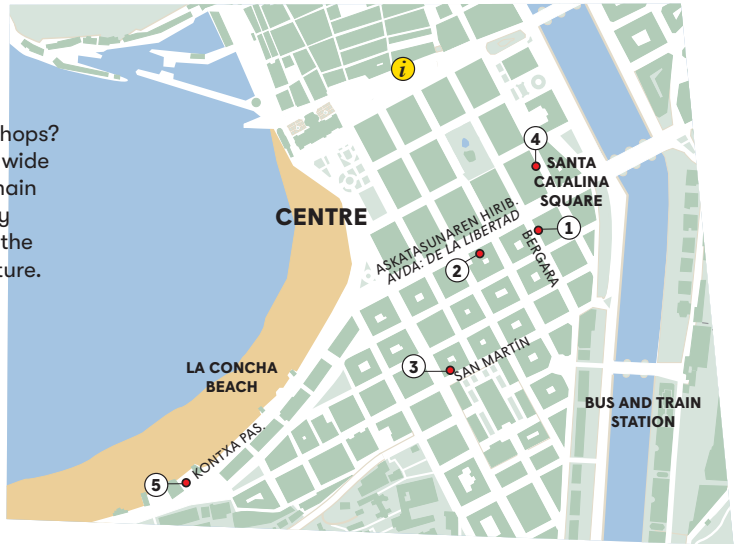


casinokursaal.com

centre

shopping

Need a rest between shops? Take a walk along the wide avenues in the city's main shopping area, and try these delicacies amid the Belle Époque architecture.




1_ Antonio Bar

 Langostino prawn ravioli with White Martini sauce



Bergara, 3
T. 943 42 98 15
www.antonioabar.com



 Sunday and public holidays.


2_ Avenida XXI

 Grilled squid with caramelised onion



Askatasunaren etorbidea / Avda. de la Libertad, 21
T. 943 42 60 54



 Sunday and public holidays.

3_ Iturrioz

 "Club Ranero" cod



San Martín, 30
T. 943 42 83 16



 Sunday.

4_ Kata 4 Oyster Bar

 Oysters



Santa Catalina Plaza, 4
T. 943 42 32 43
www.kata4.com



 Sunday.


5_ La Perla

 Portion of fresh calamari with aioli



Kontxa pasealekua, z/g
T. 943 46 24 84
www.la-perla.net



 Doesn't close.

restaurantes

to make your mouth water

Basque gastronomy is internationally renowned, and most especially the gastronomy of Donostia, thanks to the local chefs who modernised traditional Basque cookery and elevated it to the status of world cutting-edge cuisine.

The main feature of our gastronomy is the use of top-quality seasonal produce. There is a wide

variety of cuisine, using a range of ingredients from the Cantabrian Sea (fish and seafood), and also from the plantations and pastures of the hinterland (greens and vegetables, cereals, meat etc.).

If you want to test-drive it, here we offer you a selection of the best restaurants. Which is your favourite?

Antiguo, Igara and Igeldo

traditional cuisine

1_ Portuetxe

 Grilled fish and meat.
Seasonal produce

 €75-€85

Igara bidea, 71
T. 943 21 50 18
www.portuetxe.com



 Sunday nights, from 15 October – 15 June

2_ Rekondo

 Rice with clams, spider crab and grilled ox steak

 €95-€100

Igeldo pas., 57
T. 943 21 29 07
www.rekondo.com




 Tuesday and Wednesday.



3_ Tenis Ondarreta

 Fish and meat


 €25 no drinks included

 €32 no drinks included

 €50-€55

Eduardo Chillida pas., 9
T. 943 31 11 50 / 943 31 41 18
www.tenisondarreta.com



 Sunday evening, Monday all day and Tuesday evening.

4_ Txinparta


 "Txuleta" beef chop and fish

 €17,50 no drinks included

 €50

Illarra Berri, 2
T. 943 22 47 00
www.txinparta.com



 Sunday evening and Monday all day.

grilled market cuisine

5_ La Rebotika

 Grilled fare

 €15,50

 €35-€40

Zarautz hirib, 6
T. 943 21 89 06
www.larebotika.es



 Doesn't close.



Approximate restaurant opening times:
Lunch: 13:30 to 15:30h / Dinner: 20:00 to 22:30h

* Times and prices are approximate.

 House speciality

 Fixed price lunch menu

 Weekend fixed lunch menu

 À la carte menu

 Seasonal menu

 Tasting menu

 Vegetarians

 Celiacs

Centre, Gros and Egia

traditional cuisine


1_ Biarritz

 "Secreto ibérico" pork, mustard and local apple

 €50

Zubieta, 56
T. 943 42 33 49
www.restaurante-biarritz.com



 Doesn't close.

2_ Itsaspe Donosti

 "Txuleta" beef chop


 €20

 €25

 €30-€35

San Martzial, 8
T. 943 20 55 47
www.itsaspedonosti.com



 Doesn't close.

3_ La Perla

 Local cuisine, with Basque roots


 €46

 €50-€60

 €65

Kontxa pasealekua, z/g
T. 943 46 24 84
www.la-perla.net



 In winter, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesday nights.

4_ Okendo


 Bistro with a film industry atmosphere

 €21

 €30

 €30

Okendo, 8
T. 943 42 07 36
www.caforestauranteoquendo.com

 Doesn't close.



mediterranean cuisine

5_ Via Fora

 Catalan cuisine


 €18

 €38

 €45

Federico García Lorca pas., 10
T. 943 47 09 89
www.viaforadonostia.com



 Doesn't close.




grilled market cuisine

6_ Muka


 Grilled vegetables and fish

 €45-€50

 €56 no drinks included

Zurriola pas., 1(Kursaal building)
T. 943 00 31 62
www.muka.eus



 Monday (check summer opening times).



international cuisine


7_ Bidassoa Taproom

 Calamari with low-temperature eggs

 €18

Usandizaga, 23
T. 943 32 08 38
www.bidassootaproom.com



 Monday and Tuesday (winter)

8_ Doña Chepina

 Tacos and quesabirrias

 €10-€20

Ametzagaina, 51 / T. 611 71 96 06
www.donachepina.com



 Monday

9_ Mala Gissona Beer House

 Marinated Albacore tuna in various dishes

 approx. €20

Zabaleta, 53
T. 943 04 56 15
www.malagissona.beer



 No cierra.


10_ Topa Sukalderia

 Tacos, ceviches, "arepa" pasties ...

 €25

Agirre Miramón, 7 / T. 943 56 91 43
www.topasukalderia.com



 All-day Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime (check summer opening hours)



Weekly closure



Terrace



Dogs allowed



Donostia Green Destination



Tourism Quality Commitment



Euskadi Gastronomika

the Old Town

traditional cuisine



1_ Bodegón Alejandro

Local seasonal produce

€55

€58 no drinks included

Fermin Calbetón, 4
T. 943 42 71 58

www.bodegonalejandro.com



Monday and Tuesday (May to October, open every day for lunch and dinner).

2_ Gandarias

Artisan anchovies, "kokotxa" fish neck with pil-pil garlic sauce, "txuleta" beef chop

€65-€70

Abuztuaren 31 kalea, 23
T. 943 42 63 62

www.restaurantegandarias.com



Doesn't close. Kitchen open all day.

3_ Jose Mari Taberna

San Sebastián style spider crab au gratin

€18.50

€28

€20-€30

Fermin Calbetón, 5
T. 943 29 90 06

www.josemaritaberna.com



Doesn't close.

4_ Juanito Kojua

Grilled fish, shellfish and meat. Own fish farm. Seasonal produce

€42.90 no drinks included

€70

€69.90 no drinks included

Portu, 14
T. 943 42 01 80

www.grupogarrancho.com



Sunday evening.

5_ Kaskazuri

Vegetables and fish

€30

€35

€45

€55

Special menu: €42

Salamanca pasealekua, 14
T. 943 42 08 94

www.kaskazuri.com



Doesn't close.

6_ Txoko

Brothy rice with lobster / Fish

€40-€45

Mari, 12
T. 943 42 54 12

www.restaurantetxoko.com

Sunday evening and Monday all day.

7_ Txuleta

Beef croquettes, grilled "txuleta" beef chop and octopus

€29

€50-€60

€35

Trinitate plaza, 2
T. 943 44 10 07

www.txuletarestaurante.com



Winter: Monday nights and all-day Tuesday. Summer: Mondays

8_ Ubarrechena

Paellas and grilled meat

€40

€40

€40-€45

Portu, 16
T. 943 42 83 52

www.ubarrechena.es



Doesn't close. Kitchen open all day.

9_ Zumeltzegi

Grilled meat and fish

€29

€35

€40-€55

€42

Fermin Calbetón, 15
T. 943 42 82 10

www.restaurantezumeltzegi.com



Thursday.

modernised cuisine

10_ Astelena 1997

Fish and meat

€60

€60

Euskal Herria, 3
T. 943 42 58 67

www.restauranteastelena.com

Sunday and Wednesday evening. Monday all day.



neighbourhoods and nearby towns

traditional and grill cuisine


1_ Barkaiztegi

 Cod, fish and grilled meat

 since €40

Barkaiztegi Bidea, 42
T. 943 45 13 04
Loiola-Martutene
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIAN
www.barkaiztegi.com



 Sundays, bank holidays and Monday and Tuesday night

2_ Beko Errota

 Grilled fish


 €28

 €38

 €60

Jaitzubia Auzoa, 3
T. 943 64 31 94 / HONDARRIBIA
www.bekoerrota.com



 Sunday evening and Monday.

3_ Ziaboga Bistrot

 Squid

 €25

 €40-€50

Donibane, 91
T. 943 51 03 95
PASAJES SAN JUAN
www.ziabogabistrot.com



 Tuesday.



Weekly closure



Terrace



Dogs allowed



Donostia Green Destination



Tourism Quality Commitment



Euskadi Gastronomika

cider houses

from the apple to a self-service barrel

Cider has been produced here for centuries, from fermented apple juice using traditional techniques. From January until the end of April, the new cider is taken directly from the barrels on the call of “Txotx!”


Some cider houses are open all year round as restaurants, usually located at the farmhouses surrounded by apple orchards where the cider is made.



sagardoetxea. cider museum

The Cider Museum, located in Astigarraga and a short distance from San Sebastian, pays homage to the apple and its juice. The exhibition space is split into three areas: an enclosed centre which summarises the history of the apple and cider using display panels and photographs. An apple orchard that allows you to study the different cultivation systems and the large variety of apples that grow in our region. And a space devoted to cider tastings.

Kale Nagusia, 48 
Astigarraga
T. 943 55 05 75
www.sagardoarenlurraldea.es

 BU12 or BU13.
From Oquendo street, 14

cider house menu

Based on cod omelette, fried cod, beef chop, nuts, cheese and quince. And all the cider you want, of course.



did you know that until the 20th century the main beverage in Donostia was cider, and that there were 100 cider houses in the Old Town alone?

Aburuza

Goiburu auzoa, 8 · ADUNA
T. 943 69 24 52
www.bodegaaburuza.com




 All-day from Sunday to Tuesday, and Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime.

Altzueta

Osinaga 7 · HERNANI
T. 943 55 15 02
www.altzuetasagardotegia.com




 Sunday and Monday year round
January - April: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at midday
June - August: All day Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday at midday

Iretza

Troia Ibilbidea, 25 · ASTIGARRAGA
T. 943 33 00 30 / 636 49 92 22
www.iretza.eus



 Doesn't close.

Petritegi

Petritegi Bidea, 8 · ASTIGARRAGA
T. 943 45 71 88
www.petritegi.com



 Sunday evening and Monday.

Saizar

Kalezar Auzoa, 39 · USURBIL
T. 943 36 45 97
www.sidrassaizar.com




 Sunday evening and Monday.

Txirrita

San Bartolomé, 32
DONOSTIA / San Sebastian
T. 943 46 76 38
www.txirritasagardotegia.com



 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (all day).

cider experiences

SAGARDOAREN LURRALDEA

Kale Nagusia, 48
ASTIGARRAGA
T. 943 55 05 75
www.sagardoarenlurraldea.es

SAGARDOA ROUTE

Nabarra Oñatz, 7 - bajo
ASTIGARRAGA
T. 943 33 68 11 / 622 618 476
www.sagardoa.eus

txakolindegis

white wine producers



the spirit of youth

Txakoli has a huge personality, and must be drunk within one year, ice-cold. It goes well with any meal, particularly the famous “pintxos”.



Discover the marvellous environments of txakoli, a white wine made from the local grapes, *hondarrabi zuri*. A sophisticated white wine with irresistible freshness, and a huge personality. Txakoli must be drunk within the year, ice-cold.

A stroll through the wineries of Getaria, Zarautz, Aia, Orio and Hondarribia, where most txakoli is produced, will reveal the secrets of this wine, the ideal accompaniment to salted anchovies or bonito in olive oil.

local wine, since time immemorial

Txakoli (denomination of origin) has been rooted in the culture of the Basque people for centuries, and is an excellent companion to our cuisine.



txakoli wineries

Enjoy the charm of the local wineries with a guided tour.

Hiruzta



Jaizubia auzoa, 266
HONDARRIBIA
T. 943 10 40 60
www.hiruzta.com

Katxiña



Ortzaika auzoa, 20
ORIO
T. 943 58 01 66 / 606 367 693
www.bodegakatxiña.com


Rezabal



Itsas-Begi Etxea, 628 Asti Auzoa
ZARAUTZ
T. 943 58 08 99
www.txakolirezabal.com

Talai Berri



Talaimendi 728 (A côté du camping)
ZARAUTZ
T. 943 13 27 50
www.talaiberri.com 

18 Michelin stars

fancy treating yourself?

Donostia has 18 Michelin stars in a radius of 25 kilometres. San Sebastián has three restaurants with the highest award: Arzak, Akelarre and Martín Berasategui.

In Donostia we have turned the kitchen into a think tank, and a creativity workshop that has been acknowledged all over the world. We have turned gastronomy into an art, an engineering discipline, a hallmark. But enough talk. Let's eat.



Akelarre ***

Chef: **Pedro Subijana**
Aita Orkologa, 56 (Igeldo)
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 943 31 12 09
www.akelarre.net



🔒 November-May: Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday. June-October: Sunday and Monday all day.



Arzak ***

Chefs: **Juan Mari Arzak & Elena Arzak**
Alcalde J. Elosegi Hiribidea, 273
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 943 28 55 93
www.arzak.es



🔒 Sunday and Monday.



Martín Berasategui ***

Chef: **Martín Berasategui**
Loidi 4.
LASARTE-ORIA
T. 943 36 64 71
www.martinberasategui.com



🔒 March to June and October to December: Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday evening and Monday and Tuesday all day. July to September: Sunday and Wednesday evening and Monday and Tuesday all day. Closed: mid-December to mid-March.



Amelia **

Chef: **Paulo Airaud**
Zubieta, 26
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 943 84 56 47
www.ameliarestaurant.com

🔒 Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday lunch time.



Mugaritz **

Chef: **Andoni Luis Aduriz**
Otzazueta baserria
Aldura Aldea, 20. ERRETERIA
T. 943 52 24 55 / 943 51 83 43
www.mugaritz.com



🔒 Sunday evening, Monday all day and Tuesday lunch time. Closed: end of October to end of April.



Alameda *

Chef: **Gorka Txapartegi**
Mirasoqueta, 1
HONDARRIBIA
T. 943 64 27 89
www.restaurantéalameda.net

🔒 Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday.

Ibai *

Chef: **Paulo Airaud**
Getaria, 15
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 843 677 932
www.baribai.com

🔒 Every night and all day Saturday and Sunday



Ama*

Chefs: **Javi Rivero & Gorka Rico**
Martín Jose Iraola, 4
TOLOSA
T. 943 382 059
www.amatolosa.com

🔒 All day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday and Sunday night

other restaurants with Michelin stars

Elkano *

Herrerrieta, 2
GETARIA
T. 943 14 00 24 / 649 33 52 74
www.restauranteelkano.com

🔒 Sunday and Monday, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Kokotxa *

Kanpandegi, 11
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIÁN
T. 943 42 19 04
www.restaurantekokotxa.com

🔒 Sunday and Monday.

chef for a day

Put your apron on and get cooking!

Sign up for one of the cookery courses that will turn you into a genuine Donostia chef.



Basque Culinary Center

Juan A. Barriola pasealekua, 101
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIÁN
T. 943 57 45 00
www.bculinary.com



Mimo Bite the Experience

Okendo, 1 bajo
DONOSTIA / SAN SEBASTIÁN
T. 943 06 20 18
www.mimo.eu



markets and gourmet shops

A large part of our success in food is due to the seasonal products that small, local farmers and ranchers bring to the city year round. They've been doing it exactly the same for decades. The traditional markets of San Martin (in the city centre) and La Bretxa (in the old town), are the best places to see the local products.

also for gourmets

The city also has that chic and refined touch which is also reflected in its selection of stores, with specialised food shops where you can buy imported produce and culinary delicacies, for connoisseurs and gourmets.



AITOR LASA GAZTATEGIA
www.aitorlasa.com

ARAMENDIA PASTELERIA
www.aramendiapasteleria.com

BIOBIZI
Serrano Anguita, 5

BOMBONERIA MAITIANA
www.bomboneriamaitiana.com

CASA OTAEGUI
www.pasteleriaotaegui.com

GARRARTE
www.dulcesartesanosgarrarte.es

IZARBIDE
www.izarbide.com

LEONIDAS
www.leonidasdonostia.com

SAN MARTIN MERKATUA
www.sanmartinmerkatur.com

VIANDAS DONOSTIA
Urbieta, 19

ZAPORE JAI
www.zaporejai.com

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LA PEROLA
www.laperoladonostia.com

culture

San Sebastian,
permanent
exhibition



Chillida-leku



**EDUARDO
CHILLIDA
100 YEARS**

Jauragi Bailara, 66. Hernani
T: 943 33 59 63
www.museochillidaleku.com



Bus BU05.
From Okendo street.

Chillida-Leku is "Chillida's place", a space conceived by the artist as a living exhibition of his art. Outside the Zabalaga farmhouse there is an exhibition of over 40 large pieces, made from iron and granite. Inside, there are smaller pieces, drawings and the artist's early sculptures.

museums

for people who want to see
and be seen

San Sebastian boasts a full and varied selection of museums: history, science and technology, oceanography and other sources of knowledge are disseminated through exhibition rooms, saltwater tanks and modern audiovisual facilities. To satisfy people who want to know more about how things work. People who want to learn about the world and themselves.



San Telmo museum

Located at the heart of the Old Town, the museum has reopened its doors after major renovations. With the 16th century Dominican convent renovated and extended with a contemporary building, this space has now become the Museum of Basque Society and Citizenship and offers a new perspective of our society.

Zuloaga Plaza, 1
T. 943 48 15 80
www.santelmomuseoa.eus

 550 m

**don't miss
the Historic
House in
Urgull**

Free entry
Motako Gaztelua -
Mount Urgull
T. 943 48 15 47
www.santelmomuseoa.eus

 1,4 km



Distances and buses from the Tourist Office on the Boulevard.

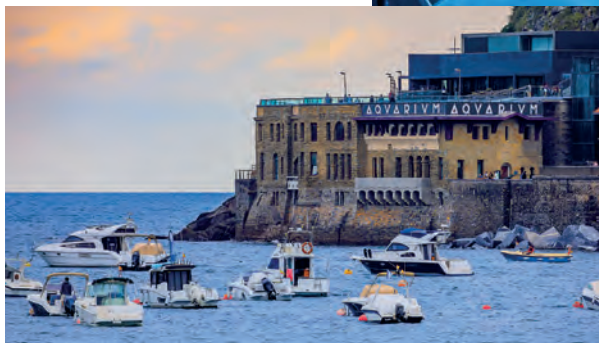
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Aquarium

The Palacio del Mar (Sea Palace) or Aquarium is one of the most modern in Europe. The building, the work of the architect Juan Carlos Guerra, stands on a rock and has just undergone extensive renovations to give it more of an educational focus. It has an oceanarium that is crossed by a 360° acrylic tunnel, where the visitors feel like they are a part of the marine life as they watch sharks and rays pass over them. Over 200 marine species live in the numerous tanks that the museum has, including a touch tank aquarium where you can touch living specimens.



the fish not only swim in the 360° tunnel they also seem to fly



Two bull sharks, TXURI and CONCHITA, are the stars of the oceanarium and one of the main reasons why the Aquarium is the city's most popular attraction. You can dive in and swim with them. If you dare, of course.

Carlos Blasco Imaz Plaza, 1
T. 943 44 00 99
www.aquariumss.com



 900 m

Basque Maritime museum

The Basque Maritime Museum (Euskal Itsas Museoa) works to preserve, study and disseminate Basque maritime history and heritage through temporary exhibitions. The museum is located in the former fish market at the Consulate of San Sebastian, a building constructed in the middle of the 18th century.



Kaiko pasealekua, 24
T. 943 43 00 51
www.itsasmuseoa.eus

 850 m



Hondalea

Excavated in the empty lighthouse building on the Island of Santa Clara, Hondalea ("marine abyss" in Basque) by Cristina Iglesias is an overwhelming sculptural landscape that draws you in with that irresistible force that the untamed sea has when you look down on it from the vantage point of a cliff. Access to the sculpture is by boat from the port. This journey to the island by boat and looking at the rocks and waves from the paths leading to the lighthouse is also part of seeing the installation.

Spring - Summer
Check opening times at
www.hondalea.eus



Cristobal Balenciaga museum

Aldamar Parkea, 6. GETARIA
T. 943 00 88 40
www.cristobalbalenciagamuseoa.com

 Bus UK9 - UK10 - UK11



**a haute couture
collection
spanning
the entire 20th
century**

Cristóbal Balenciaga Museum showcases the elegance and creative imagination that define the designs of the most sophisticated 20th-century haute couture couturier with its own extensive collection, which is supplemented by temporary exhibitions.



Albaola

In the Basque Maritime Factory, in a shipyard museum with exhibitions and craftsmen working before you, you can be part of the audience that witnesses the construction of a replica of the San Juan whaling ship, a 16th century galleon.

It's only 3 km from San Sebastian, in a secluded area that is sheltered by the cliffs, which you can access by boat or by walking along the coast.


Ondartxo pasealekua, 1
Pasai San Pedro
T. 943 39 24 26
www.albaola.org



Bus E09.
From Okendo street, 14

Eureka! Science Museum

This interactive museum perfectly combines learning about science with having fun. It has a permanent exhibition with over 172 interactive modules distributed in 8 different rooms, a digital Planetarium and a simulators room. It also has a restaurant-café, picnic area and free parking.

Mikeletegi pasealekua, 45 
T. 943 01 24 78
www.eurekamuseoa.eus



Bus 28.
From Boulevard 9



language tourism learn languages

Due to its history and geographical location, Donostia / San Sebastian, is a multilingual city. Learn Spanish or Basque during your stay in the city.

EL AULA AZUL
T. 943 45 29 81 -
www.elaulaazul.com

TANDEM SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 943 32 67 05
www.tandemsansebastian.com

LACUNZA IH SAN SEBASTIAN
T. 943 32 66 80
www.lacunza.com



exhibition venues

room for all culture

Besides the museums, San Sebastian also has other places devoted to art and culture, which are also seen as iconic in the city. Places where there's room for every kind of artistic expression, from cinema to architecture, design, illustration and new audiovisual trends. Tabakalera, the Kubo-Kutxa Gallery and the Kutxa kultur artegunea are places that bring together artists, experts and the public.



tabakalera

Free entry
 Andre zigarrögileak plaza, 1
 T. 943 11 88 55
www.tabakalera.eus



1,2 km

Kutxa kultur artegunea

Andre zigarrögileak plaza, 1
 (Tabakalera building)
 T. 943 25 19 37
www.kutxakulturartegunea.eus



1,2 km

sala Kubo-Kutxa

Zurriola, 1
 T. 943 25 19 39
www.sala-kubo-aretoa.eus



500 m

art galleries and artistic shops



Individual and group exhibitions, local, national and international artists, young creators and renowned figures, innovative expressions of the latest trends and examples of classical art sponsored by prestigious firms.

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ARTE U PARTE GALLERY
www.arteuarte.com

EKAIN ARTE LANAK
www.ekainartelanak.com

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 GALERIA DE ARTE**
www.inigomanterola.com

KOLOREKA
www.koloreka.com

LA CENTRAL ART GALLERY
www.lacentralartgallery.com

LANCE & MALONE
www.lanceandmalone.com

SILVIA & THE SPYGLASS
www.silviaandthespyglass.com



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amusement park Monte Igeldo

the mount of San Sebastian and the rollercoaster

An amusement park from the start of the 20th century sits on top of Mount Igeldo. It still has its “Belle Époque” charm, with its lookouts and its retro feel, so when you go up there you travel back in time. Its rides have such evocative names as the Río Misterioso (Mysterious River), the Casa del Terror (House of Horror) and the Montaña Suiza (Rollercoaster), whose train carries its brave passengers around the very edge of the cliff at dazzling speeds. It has the

most famous panoramic view of San Sebastian; the most widely-painted and iconic view. So you can enjoy the city with one eye and keep the other one on your kids.

**MOUNT IGUELDO
AMUSEMENT PARK** 
Igeldo pasealekua, 183
T. 943 21 35 25
www.monteigueldo.es



Bus 16. Departs from
Boulevard to Funikular plaza



all aboard the funicular

It's San Sebastián's most scenic form of transport and it's just as charming as it was a century ago. Sitting on its wooden seats and going up to the Mount Igeldo Amusement Park is a unique experience which no visitor should miss.

FUNICULAR MONTE IGUELDO

Funikular plaza, 4
T. 943 21 35 25
www.monteigueldo.es



Bus 16. Departs from Boulevard to Funikular plaza



adventure time!

An adventure park in the Monte Igeldo Theme Park. Enjoy the best panoramic view of San Sebastián as you work your way along our 30+ platforms, navigating obstacles and flying down our zip lines.

CANOPY DONOSTI AVENTURA

Igeldo Ibilbidea, 187,
(Amusement park Monte Igueldo)
T. 943 19 02 28
www.canopydonostiaventura.com



Bus 16. Departs from Boulevard to Funikular plaza

the races



The San Sebastián racecourse shines in summer with its thrilling season of horse races. The Copa de Oro, one of the most important events in the horse racing season nationwide, is held during San Sebastián's Semana Grande (Big Week). You can see the agenda and hours on the website.

RACECOURSE

Arrapide pasealekua, 11
ZUBIETA
T. 943 37 31 80
www.hipodromoa.com



Euskotren (TOPO)
From Easo plaza

basque pelota

fun and culture all year round

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HERNANI
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www.oriamendi.eus

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www.jaijai.eus



BU05 + BU11



there is only
one sea in San
Sebastian, but it
behaves in very
different ways



catamaran & island motorboats

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CATAMARÁN CIUDAD SAN SEBASTIÁN

Kaiko pasealekua, 14
(In the port, in the restaurant area)
T. 607 20 11 55
www.ciudadsansebastian.com



800 m

MOTORAS DE LA ISLA

Kaiko pasealekua, z/g
T. 943 00 04 50 / 653 72 09 21
www.motorasdelaisla.com



500 m

C.D. FORTUNA

Kontxa pasealekua, z/g
T. 943 21 49 00
www.cdfortunake.com

PUKAS SURF ESKOLA

Zurriola hiribidea, 24
T. 943 32 00 68
www.eskola.pukassurf.com



ROYAL TENNIS CLUB OF SAN SEBASTIAN

Eduardo Chillida, pas. 9
T. 943 21 59 81
www.rctss.com

surf and stand up paddle



In the east, on Zurriola Beach, it is an indomitable sea, with constant waves that are enjoyed by lovers of surfing. However, on La Concha, the bay protects its waters so that you can paddle a canoe or go stand-up paddle boarding or, if you prefer, enjoy the views of the city from a calm and swaying sea.

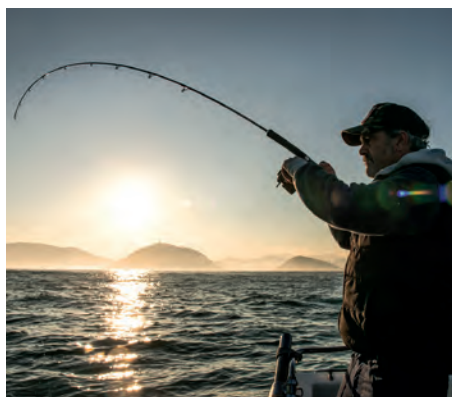


jet ski excursions

ITSASMOTO

Kaiko pasealekua, 32
T. 640 061 215
www.itsasmoto.com

seafront promenades



We are a seafaring people. Whale hunters, explorers and fishermen. If you have always thought of the sea as the start and never the end of the journey, you can enjoy short and long boat trips with us, fishing days or even get a boat for you and your companions, with or without a skipper.

coastal trips, slowfishing, ecotourism, rent with and without skipper

AMAINA

Mollaberria kalea
T. 678 21 37 36
www.amaina.eu

BOAT TRIPS SAN SEBASTIAN

T: 628 18 30 90
www.boattripssansebastian.com

BRAI KANTAURI

Portuko kaia, hegoaldeko pantalana
T. 658 723 194
www.brai.eus

NAVEGAVELA

Portuko Kaia, z/g
T. 648 183 037
www.navegavela.com

ORIBAY TOURS

Mollaerdia, 6
T. 666 293 057
www.oribay.tours

OSTARTE SAILING

Portuko kaia, z/g
T. 687 25 56 61
www.ostartesailing.com



city tour

You can go on the best routes around the city on a tourist bus or train. They both offer you panoramic routes with the best views of the city.

TOURIST BUS

Argentinako Errepublikaren pas.,1

TOURIST TRAIN

Miramar, 2

T. 943 48 11 66

www.sansebastianaturismoa.eus/en/shop



300 m



visit the Real Sociedad stadium

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Anoeta pasealekua, 1

T. 943 462 833

www.realsociedad.eus

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sport and leisure

bike routes in Donostia and Euskadi

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943 048 328

www.golocalsansebastian.com

LEITZARAN VISITORS' CENTRE

Experiences in nature

Leizotz auzoa, 48 - ANDOAIN

T. 943 30 09 29

www.leitzaran-andoain.eus





immerse yourself in seawater

**LA PERLA THALASSO
SPORTS CENTRE**
Kontxa pasealekua, z/g
(La Perla building)
T. 943 45 88 56
www.la-perla.net

The **Thalasso-Sports Centre** is the direct descendent of the first seawater spa opened when the “Belle Époque” was in full flow in San Sebastian. There are relaxation and hydrotherapy pools, a

panoramic jacuzzi, a dry sauna, an ice fountain and a whole maze of sensations. All of the therapeutic effects of seawater. All of the ways possible to immerse yourself, to envelop yourself, to make yourself feel better.

health and well-being connect with yourself

Enjoy the feeling of achieving a balance between body and spirit by doing yoga, in a city built for harmony.

CÁLMA YOGA STUDIO
María Dolores Agirre, 14
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www.calmayogastudio.com

YO SALUD ESTÉTICA
Bermingham, 8
T. 943 29 08 89
www.yosaludestetica.com

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INSPIRATION**
Ramón M^o Lili, 3
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www.massayinspires.com

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www.hegalak.com

...and if you want to keep going...

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T. 943 47 36 01
www.bataplandisco.com

LUCKIA CASINO KURSAAL 
Kale Nagusia, 1
T. 943 42 92 14
www.casinokursaal.com

PUB MUSEO DEL WHISKY
Boulevard, 5
T. 943 42 64 78
www.museodelwhisky.com





festival calendar

San Sebastian day: tamborrada

20 january

The Tamborrada is held in honour of the patron Saint of the city on January 20. It starts at midnight, when the city's flag is raised in Constitución Square, to the march of San Sebastian. The celebration goes on for a whole day.

St. Thomas Fair

21 december

It commemorates the old market that used to be held in San Sebastian, where farmers and cattle ranchers from the province would come to the capital city to pay their taxes and display their best produce.



Euskal Jaiak basque festival

september

The **Euskal Jaiak** submerges the city in an enormous festival celebrating Basque culture.



boat races: La Concha Flag

september

On the first two Sundays in September, the city is flooded with rowing fans who come from fishing villages from all over the Cantabrian. It's La Concha Flag, the top boat racing trophy. The Olympics of rowing.

running november

Behobia - San Sebastian
Zurich Maraton San Sebastian

San Sebastián is an important event on the athletics calendar, with events such as the Marathon and the Behobia-San Sebastián, one of the most popular races with nearly 30,000 runners.

Big Week

august

This is San Sebastián's biggest festival, held in honour of the feast of Our Lady of Assumption throughout the week that includes the 15th of August. It offers an extensive programme of concerts and cultural events with one star show: the International Fireworks Competition.



festivals

Jazzaldia

international jazz festival
july



During the second half of July, San Sebastián moves to the rhythm of the best international jazz. Auditoriums, theatres, plazas, and even beaches have hosted musical giants.

Music Fortnight

august

Concerts by internationally renowned figures and orchestras attract young and old people alike, and the "sold out" sign is almost always on show.



Zinemaldia

international film festival

september

One of the most important film events in Europe. The city's biggest cultural event. The whole domestic and international movie scene comes to San Sebastián to attend the most cosmopolitan event of the year.

horror and
fantasy film
festival

october -
november

Street theatre,
comic's workshops,
concerts,
exhibitions...

...and throughout the year...

concerts from the Orfeón Donostiarra

El Orfeón Donostiarra is one of the most important choirs in the world, boasting an extensive list of awards and prizes.
www.orfeondonostiarra.org

The **Euskadiko Orkestra**, one of the most prestigious symphony orchestras in the country, also schedules concerts all year round.



Culture!
Agenda 2025

There are paths that start at San Sebastian and take you to places that are so unlike one another that it doesn't seem possible that they're so close to each other. Behind every valley we cross there's a change in scenery and architecture, there's a different Basque language and a microclimate of its own. Here are some tips so you don't get lost in the surrounding areas. Or so that you do.

near San Sebastian



Basque Coast Geopark

The Basque Coast UNESCO global geopark is a small territory tucked between the Cantabrian sea and the mountains made up of the coastal towns of **Deba, Mutriku and Zumaia**. Its 13 kilometres of cliffs make a spectacular formation of layered rock (flysch) that shows more than 60 million years of the history of our land. You can walk around the cliffs and inland valleys, climb down to hidden coves, or admire the awe-inspiring coast from the sea on a boat trip.

BASQUE COAST GEOPARK

Ifar kalea, 4
T. 943 19 28 29
www.geoparkea.eus



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www.begi-bistan.com



Oarsoaldea sea and mountain

The region includes the towns of Pasaia, Lezo, Erreterria and Oiartzun.

San Pedro can be found on the **bay of Pasaia**, in its singular seagoing surroundings, home to the Albaola Basque maritime factory. You can cross the bay in the motorboat ferry as far as **Pasai Donibane**, a picturesque fishing village which is also famous for its cuisine.

Lezo and Erreterria have preserved their heritage and their historic town centres. Delving inland will take you to **Oiartzun**, under the watchful eye of the Aiako Harria Natural Park. It is worth taking a walk through the meadows and among the homesteads as far as the Roman mines of Arditurri.

Arditurri Mines (Oiartzun)

The Arditurri mines burrow deep inside the impressive granite block of Aiako Harria and the mining dates back to the time of the Roman Empire. The Large Mine can be visited and makes a great family excursion. You can get to the mines along the Arditurri greenway (for pedestrians and cyclists), just a short ride from Oiartzun, and enjoy the beautiful green landscape, its homesteads and museums.

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www.oarsoaldeaturismoa.eus



behind the green heart inland route



Gipuzkoa's heart isn't red, it's green and winding: deep valleys, curved roads, villages built next to the rivers that cross the region in an inevitably ornate style.

Every week, **Tolosa** and **Ordizia** hold their busy traditional markets selling local produce. Heading back up the River Oria, you'll come to **Beasain**, where you can visit the Igartza medieval ruins, and **Ataun**, home to the Barandiarán Museum on

Basque mythology. Nearby, there's **Idiazabal**, famous for its cheese with its own Protected Designation of Origin, and **Segura**, one of the most beautiful villages in the area, with narrow cobbled streets found nowhere else in Gipuzkoa, just like the Aizpea iron mines in **Zerain**. After passing through Mutiloa, you'll arrive in **Ormaiztegi**, where you can visit the museum devoted to the Carlist General Zumalakarregi.

mount Txindoki is the basque version of the Matterhorn

Goierri is overlooked by the always magical Aralar Mountains which are dominated by the Txindoki Peak, a symbol of the Basque mountains and landscape; our very own Matterhorn. To the south of the territory, there is another mountain range, Aizkorri. Zegama is one of its entrances, and it is here where the famous mountain marathon starts and ends.



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T. 943 16 18 23
www.goierriturismo.com

Urola Garaia hermitages and ironworks



The upper basin of the River Urola is also known as the **Iron Valley**. The inexhaustible kinetic force of the river led to the emergence of its old ironworks and the subsequent thriving metallurgical industry. As you travel through this province you can observe the relationship between humankind and the earth and how iron transformed society in the Basque Country.

More information about Gipuzkoa on p. 61

La Antigua

In Zumárraga you will find an architectural gem: The Antigua Hermitage, considered the Cathedral of Hermitages. Inside, an incredible timber frame supports the roof in such a way that it appears to be floating.

Mirandaola

And in Legazpi, the stunning spectacle of the Mirandaola Ironworks starts the journey through the Iron Valley: the Iron Museum, the Workers' Route and Chillida Lantokia, where the sculptor produced his most famous iron pieces.








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| <p> Winter:
Monday to Saturday:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sundays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> | <p> Summer:
Monday to Saturday:
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sundays: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> | <p> Public Holidays:
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> |
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transport

airports

-  **San Sebastian (EAS)**
22 km. (30 min)
-  **Bilbao (BIO)**
100 km (1h and 15 min. approx)
-  **Biarritz (BIO)**
48 km. (45 min)
-  **Vitoria-Gasteiz (VIT)**
100 km. (1h and 15 min. approx)



taxis

Unlike in other cities, taxis don't normally stop in the street, so it's advisable to go to a taxi rank or call the following numbers:

Taxi Donosti

T: 943 46 46 46
www.taxidonosti.com

Vallina Teletaxi

T: 943 40 40 40
www.vallinagrupo.com

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Rental Moto Donostia

T: 688 738 412
www.rentalmotodonostia.com

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www.sansebikes.es



useful telephone numbers

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| <p> - Policlínica Gipuzkoa Grupo Quiron Salud
943 00 28 00
24/7 hotline. First phone enquiry is free.</p> <p>- Emergency Services: 112</p> | <p>- Local Police-Lost property:
092</p> <p>- Regional Basque Police - Ertzaintza:
088 / 943 26 76 06</p> <p>- San Sebastian Car Pound & Tow
Truck: 943 32 06 58</p> | <p>- San Sebastian Tourist Office:
943 48 11 66</p> <p>- Taxis:
943 40 40 40 - 943 46 46 46</p> <p>* Area code for calls outside Spain (00) +34</p> |
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low emission zone (LEZ)



The city centre of Donostia/San Sebastián has become a low-emissions zone, so only vehicles that have an environmental label can enter. With this QR code you can see all the details for driving a car around the city.



Tourist card with discounts on urban transport.



P park in the city

explore Gipuzkoa

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www.oarsoaldeaturismoa.eu

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www.lurraldebus.eu
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plaza, z/g

euskotren

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T: 943 01 35 00
Easo Plaza, z/g.

opening hours and prices

of the city's major museums and tourist attractions

MUSEUMS

AQUARIUM

- ① **October - March:**
- From Tuesday to Friday:
10:00-19:00
- Weekends, public holidays and
long weekends: 10:00-20:00
Easter Week:
- Every day : 10:00-20:00
April, May, June and September
- From Monday to Friday:
10:00-19:00
- Weekends and public holidays:
10:00-20:00
July and August:
- Every day : 10:00-20:00
Closed: Mondays (from October
to March, except public holidays
and long weekends).
- € See here for groups and others
www.aquariumss.com
0-4 años: free
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CHILLIDA LEKU

- ① **January 2-31:** 10:00-17:00
April 3 - June 16: 10:00-18:00
June 19 - Sept. 22: 10:00-19:00
Sept. 25 - Oct. 27: 10:00-18:00
Oct. 30 - Dec. 29: 10:00-17:00
Closed: Tuesdays and
Wednesdays. Only on Tuesdays in
July and August.
- € General: €14
Students: €10
Seniors: €10
9-18 years: €7
0-8 years: free
Disabled persons: €7
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CRISTINA ENEA

- ① - From Monday to Friday:
9:30-18:00*
- Saturday: 10:00-14:00 /
15:00-19:00
- Sundays and holidays:
10:00-14:00
(* *An hour later in June, July,
August, and September*)
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EUREKA! ZIENTZIA MUSEOA

- ① - From Monday to Friday:
10:00-19:00
- Friday: 10:00-20:00
- Weekends and public holidays:
11:00-20:00
Summer and school holidays:
10:00-20:00
- € General: €10
Concessions: €7
For all other prices, visit:
www.eurekamuseoa.eus
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REZOLA CEMENT MUSEUM

- ① - From Tuesday to Friday:
10:00-14:00
- Saturday: 11:00-14:00
Closed: Mondays, Sundays and
holidays, Saturday in August and
10 - 17 August
- € Free entry

BASQUE MARITIME MUSEUM

- ① - From Tuesday to Saturday:
10:00-14:00 / 16:00-19:00
- Sunday and public holidays:
11:00-14:00
- 24 and 31 December: 10:00-14:00
Closed: Mondays (excluding bank
holidays, long weekends and 20
January)
- € General: €3
Concessions: €1.5
Groups (+5 people): €2
Free entry: Thursdays (excluding
public holidays)
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SAN TELMO MUSEUM

- ① - November - March 25: 10:00-19:00
- March 26 - October: 10:00-20:00
- December 24 and 31: 10:00-14:00
Closed: Mondays (excluding bank
holidays, long weekends and 20
January)
- € General: €10
Concessions: €4
Free Entrance: Under 25,
unemployed people, teachers,
people with reduced mobility
Free Entrance: Tuesday and 18 May

History house

- ① - **5 April-30 June:**
Weekends: 11:00-19:00
- **Easter Week (14-27 april):**
Every day: 11:00-19:00
- **1 July-31 August:**
Every day: 11:00-19:00 (closed
Tuesday)
- **1 Sep.-31 Oct.:**
Weekends: 11:00-19:00
Closed: from November to Easter
Week and on the first two Sundays
in September

- € Free entry
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TABAKALERA

- ① - From Tuesday to Sunday, including
holidays: 10:00-21:00
- Exhibitions: Artegunea (Kutxa)
12:00-14:00 / 16:00-20:00
- Other exhibitions: 11:00 - 13:00 /
16:00 - 20:00
Closed: Mondays
- € Free entry
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MUSEUMS NEAR TO SAN SEBASTIAN

ALBAOLA

- ① **1 October - third Friday in
June:**
- Tuesday and Sunday: 10:00-
14:00
- From Wednesday to Saturday:
10:00-14:00 / 15:00-18:00
**Third Saturday in June - 30
September:**
- From Tuesday to Sunday:
10:00-14:00 / 15:00-19:00
Easter Week:
10:00-14:00 / 15:00-19:00
Closed: Mondays (excluding
bank holidays and long
weekends)
- € General: €10
Concessions: €7
0-6 years: free
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CRISTOBAL BALENCIAGA MUSEUM

- November - January:**
- Tuesday to Sunday:
10:30-15:00
March: Tuesday to Sunday:
10:30-17:00
April - October:
- Tuesday to Sunday:
10:30-19:00
July - August:
- Monday to -Sunday:
10:30-20:00
- € General: €14
Concessions: €9
0-12 years: free
Guided tour: entry + €3.50
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SAGARDOETXEA- CIDER MUSEUM

- From Tuesday to Saturday:
11:00-13:30 / 16:00-19:30
- Sunday and public holidays:
11:00-13:30
Closed: Mondays (excluding
bank holidays, long weekends,
July and August)
- € General: €5
7 to 17 years: €3
0-6 years: free
Groups: €4.5
Schoolchildren: €3
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TOURIST TRANSPORT

TOURIST BUS

- Ⓒ Operates all year round.
Up-to-date timetable at:
www.sansebastianturismoa.es/es/shop
- € General: €16
5-12 years: €8
0-4 years: free
Concessions: €12.80
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TOURIST TRAIN

- Ⓒ Operates all year round.
Up-to-date timetable at:
www.sansebastianturismoa.es/es/shop
- € General: €7
5-12 years: €5
0-4 years: free
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CATAMARÁN

- Ⓒ Consultar web:
www.ciudadсанsebastian.com
- € General: €14
Over 65: €12
3-12 years: €7
0-2 years: free
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ISLAND MOTORBOATS

- Ⓒ **Blue line (ride + island):**
- **April and May:**
12:00 13:00, 14:00, 15:30 y 16:30
- **Easter Week:**
12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15h30, 16:30 y 17:30
- **June, July, August and September:**
12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:30, 16:30, 17:30, 18:30 y 19:30
Red line (direct):
- **June 1 – September 30:**
10:00 – 20:00 (departs every 30 min.)
Special days, consult service:
July 16, August 11, September 3, 4, 7 and 14
- € Red line: €5
Blue line: €8
0-4 years: free
Groups: see prices:
www.motorasdelaisla.com
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FUNICULAR

- Ⓒ **Winter:** 11:00-18:00 / 19:30
Rest of year:
10:30/11:00-20:00/21:30
Closed: : full month of January and Wednesdays November-February (excluding public holidays and school holidays)
Up-to-date timetable at:
www.monteigueldo.es
- € **Return ticket:**
Standard: €4,75 / 0-7 years: €2,50
One-way ticket:
Standard: €3,30 / 0-7 years: €1,50

Scenic Overlook:

By car or on foot: €2.50/person
Empty bus (for pick-up): 10€/vehicle
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TOURIST FACILITIES

GROUP BEACH HUTS

- Ⓒ **June-September:** 9:00-20:00
July-August: 9:00-20:30
April, May and October
10:00-18:00
Rest of year: 10:00-17:00 (Zurriola closed)
- € Showers: €1.60
Locker and showers: €2.50
Deposit and wristband: €6.50
Towel: €1

GALARRETA PELOTA COURT

- Ⓒ **July and August:** Thursday and Saturday
Rest of year: Saturday
Buy tickets for matches and guided tours:
www.oriamendi.eus
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HONDALEA

- Ⓒ **17-27 april:**
12:30 - 15:30 (every 30 min)
Summer: check opening times:
www.hondalea.eus
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LA PERLA THALASSOTHERAPY CENTRE

- Ⓒ - From Monday to Friday: 8:00-21:30
-Saturday and public holidays: 8:30-21:30
- Sunday: 8:30-20:30
www.la-perla.net/talassoterapia/
- € Entrada: €23-€50
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MONTE IGUELDO AMUSEMENT PARK

- Ⓒ - **May-October, long weekends, Easter:**11:00-14:00 / 15:30-20:30 approx.
- **November-April:** 11:00-14:00 / 15:30-19:30 approx.
Up-to-date opening hours at:
www.monteigueldo.es
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CHURCH

Basilica of Santa María and Diocesan Museum

T. 619 727 387

- Ⓒ - From Monday to Sunday: 10:30-19:00
- € Entry: €3
Groups (+10 people): €2
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Buen Pastor Cathedral

T. 943 464 516

- Ⓒ - Every day: 6:45-14:00/16:30-20:00
www.catedralbuenpastor.org
- € Free entry
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Iesu Church

T. 609 074 276

- Ⓒ - Monday to Saturday: 17:00-19:00
- Sunday: 10:00-13:00
Guided tours in Spanish and Basque are available, pre-book.
www.iesuparroquia.org
- € Free entry
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San Vicente Church

T. 943 433 596

- Ⓒ - Monday to Saturday:
10:00-13:30 / 17:00-20:30
- Sundays and holidays:
9:30-3:30
No visiting during Mass hours:
- Monday to Saturday: 19:30
- Sundays: 10:30 and 12:30
Information at:
www.san-vicente-parroquia.es
- € Free entry
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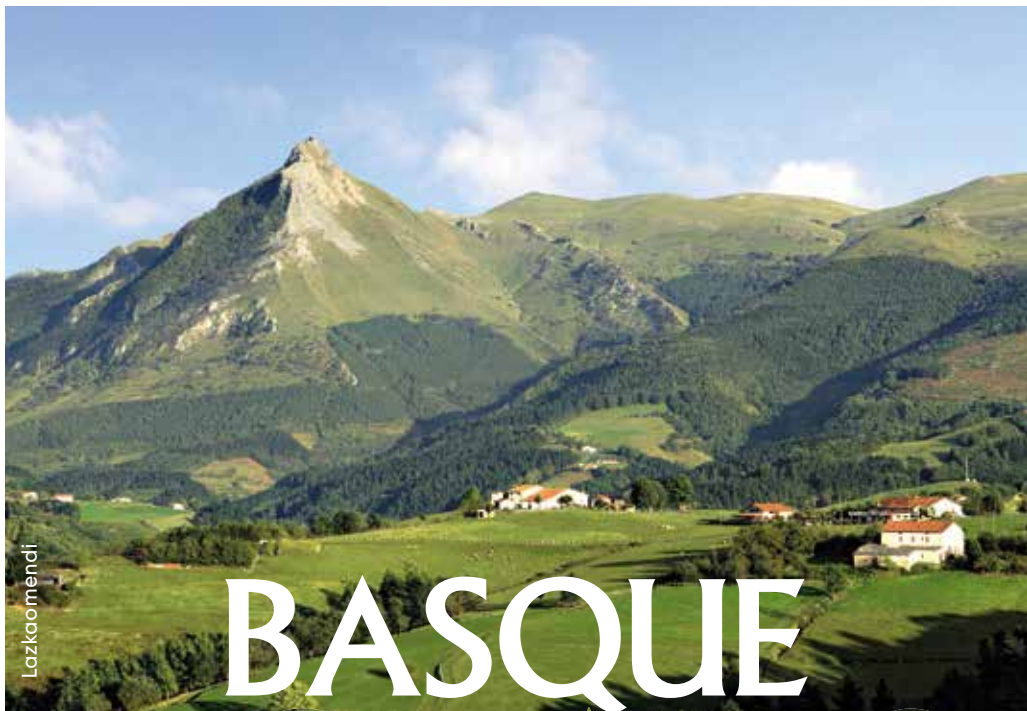
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