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WELCOME TO THE NORTH!

Welcome to the North! We're Ido and Su, two sisters from San Sebastián, and we'll be here to take you through this guide.

The first thing you should know is what you're going to find here. This guide is based on real life and just dripping with good times and happiness, as it only includes places that make us happy.

Welcome to a very special place, full of magic and surrounded by green mountains, home to hydrangeas that prefer shady places and are said to need a lot of water so it's just perfect for them here.

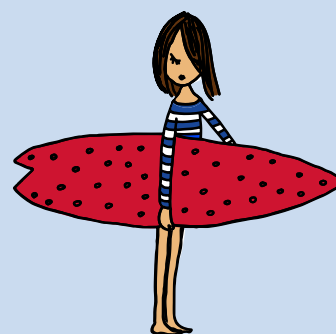
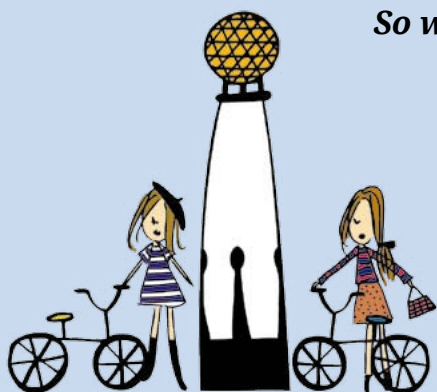
It rains in some way or another all year round here. Visitors always remark on what we call sirimiri, a thin drizzle that in theory doesn't really seem to get you wet and revitalises your skin like a celestial moisturiser, although it'll end up chilling you to the bone.

Our plans and our daily life revolve around the weather. Even if it looks warm and sunny in the morning, don't get over-confident because you could easily experience all four seasons in one day and end up longing for a pair of wellies.

We're also known for our passion for the ocean, waves and sailors' stripes on dresses and tee-shirts. Most of all, we love the furious sea in the Bay of Biscay that can give you a full body peel any given afternoon in September. You'll also be surprised by our ability to eat and drink as if there were no tomorrow. Our theory is that the Basques are genetically programmed to assimilate vast quantities of food in a special way without batting an eyelid, but if you are from out of town, take it easy and accept that you'll go home half a stone heavier after a week here.

Despite all this, when you do have to leave, we're sure you'll be dreaming of coming back because you can't help falling in love with San Sebastián and the Basque Country. This area gets you hooked, partly due to the people here who are proud to welcome any visitors or travellers from all over the world.

*So we won't say AGUR,
just gero arte!*



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To do List



If you come to Donostia and you want to feel like a real local, we suggest that you follow this list and start crossing things off:



- ☐ Brave the waves (as long as the authorities allow it) at the "Wind Comb" sculpture and along Paseo Nuevo.
- ☐ Eat an ice-cream whenever you feel like it, because rain or shine, no one is going to stop you.
- ☐ Step out for the day wearing sunglasses but carrying an umbrella. The weather can change in the blink of an eye.
- ☐ Keep your eye on the tides to know when there'll be space on the beach and when you can walk across the Pico del Loro joining La Concha and Ondarreta beaches.
- ☐ Drink a glass of txakoli and eat a gilda pintxo, because you can.
- ☐ Feel like Semana Grande is a bit of a low-key festival for you because you really seek the thrill of playing the drums on 20th January.
- ☐ Spend one September Sunday at a regatta and another at a football match in the Anoeta stadium, singing 'txuri urdin' to support Real Sociedad.
- ☐ Eat a cider menu and live to tell the tale.
- ☐ Sneak into a gastro-society.
- ☐ Live like there's no tomorrow on St Thomas's Day. A txistorra spicy sausage festival, and a tradition to kick off the Christmas season which, in Donostia, lasts until 20th January.
- ☐ Get all emotional watching the sun go down from the railings round La Concha beach and feel like you're in the best city in the world.
- ☐ Jump on a bike and explore the city's bidegorris (bike lanes), feeling the breeze on your face as you pedal along by the sea.
- ☐ Adore the hydrangeas, such typical flowers here that bloom in May and glow until October. They need a little sun and plenty of water and they are happy by the seaside.
- ☐ When you leave, bid us farewell with an **AGUR DONOSTIA**, because Donostia is the name that everyone from here uses for our beloved San Sebastián.

Sister tips

APPS

Life in Donostia revolves primarily around the weather.

We spend all our lives scanning the skies and talking about the weather, past, present and future. So it's fundamental to have an app to hand on your phone.

We check **Euskalmet** and **Windguru** more than three times a day because in Euskadi, the weather dictates our plans and we organise what we do around it.



UMBRELLAS AND FLIP FLOPS

You can never trust the weather to stay the same all day so we'd always recommend carrying a collapsible umbrella and flip flops in your back pack in case a summer's day turns to drizzle or vice versa. The weather changes all

the time in the North
and you really can
experience
four seasons
in one day.



BE THE FIRST ON THE BEACH

Be the first one down on the sand and use the Beach Hut service on our three beaches Zurriola, La Concha and Ondarreta.

If you want to keep your stuff safe, get changed and take a shower after a day on the beach, ([click here](#)) for all the info on opening hours and prices for lockers and services.

 *More information Summer 2020*



TIDE APPS

Always have an app on your phone to check the TIDES. You'll use it all the time to find out when it's high tide and the beach will be jam-packed or if it's low tide and there'll be plenty of sand for everyone.

At high tide in summer, we'd recommend that you forget La Concha as it practically disappears and pick Ondarreta in the Antiguo neighbourhood or Zurriola in the Gros neighbourhood.



ON YOUR BIKE!

The best way of getting around the city is, without a shadow of a doubt, by bike. If you've just arrived, find your nearest bike rental shop and pick one up for your entire stay. Bike rentals:

 **More information.**



SANTA CLARA

To see the city from another perspective, jump on the 'Ciudad San Sebastián' boat heading out to Santa Clara Island. You get the feeling that you're no longer walking on dry land but floating in the sea.

GABARRONEAR

If you hit on a scorching hot day, grab your swimsuit as the sun goes down and swim out to the "Gabarron" on La Concha beach (if the tide is low, you'll get there in no time). It's even more fun with friends - race out there but don't forget to pull down their swimsuits if they're getting too far ahead of you!

Make the most of it to see the sun go down from the sea, listening to the bells ring out from City Hall. Then swim back in the dark.



ZURRIOLA

A game of volleyball on Zurriola beach is another great way to finish off your day. You can see the sun go down from Sagües wall, a legendary spot among locals.

If you like a beach with big waves then Zurriola is the place for you. Rent a board and a wetsuit and get stuck in!



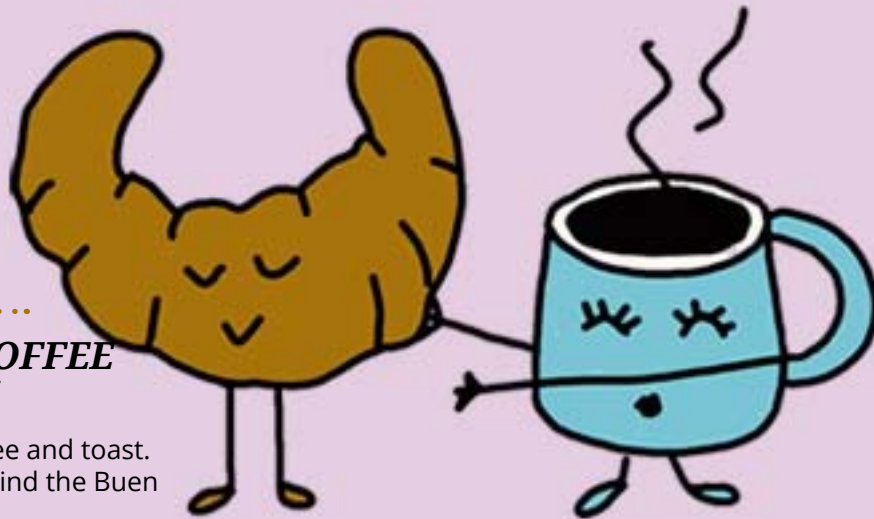
LA CONCHA & ONDARRETA

If you love the water but not the waves, rent a canoe or a paddle board on La Concha or Ondarreta beach to paddle off to Santa Clara Island. Once there, you can jump off on its tiny beach and have a drink at the island's bar.



BREAKFAST IN THE CITY

It is very, very important to start the day bursting with energy.
We just love eating out for breakfast.
Here are our favourite places in Donostia.



CENTRE

OLD TOWN COFFEE

Reyes Catolicos Kalea, 6

Highly addictive coffee and toast.
A fabulous place behind the Buen Pastor Cathedral.

IRUBI CAFÉ

Urdaneta kalea, 12

Opposite Koldo Mitxelena.

SWEET ROMA

Sánchez Toca, 3

An amazing spot to satisfy your sweet tooth although it should come with a warning that its sweet treats are simply irresistible.



BOTANIKA KAFE

Paseo Árbol de Gernika, 8

An oasis in the heart of the Romantic area of San Sebastián. 100% healthy, delicious breakfasts, using local produce.

Breakfast on their spectacular terrace, surrounded by beautiful plants and looking out over River Urumea, is a relaxing experience that you simply shouldn't miss. The café's look is just beautiful.

A plus: You can drink your coffee from our sister cups.

KATA 4

Santa Catalina, 4

Spectacular terrace.



OLD TOWN

MAIATZA

San Vicente kalea, 7

Opposite St Vincent's Church in the heart of the Old Town. Breakfast and **brunch from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm**, with a choice of delicious dishes such as chia pudding, toast with bacon, guacamole, eggs, sandwiches, juices and natural shakes. Vast variety of tarts, sponge cakes, biscuits, pastries and brownies.

Our favourite cakes include gluten free baked cheese cake and their lemon pie.

IJENTEA KAFE

Ijentea, 4

Its fruit kiosk at the entrance is an explosion of light and colour.

AMARA

DONOSTEA&COFFE

Parque de Araba, 1

GROS

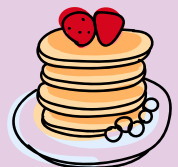
ALABAMA CAFÉ

San Francisco, 45

Specialising in 100% natural bowls.

ENXALAO

Ramón y Cajal, 3



ANTIGUO

BB KAFE

Avenida de Tolosa, 25 bajo 3

TRIKUA

Antonio Gaztañeta Kalea, 4

FUSIÓN BENTA BERRI

Resurrección Maria de Azkue, 4



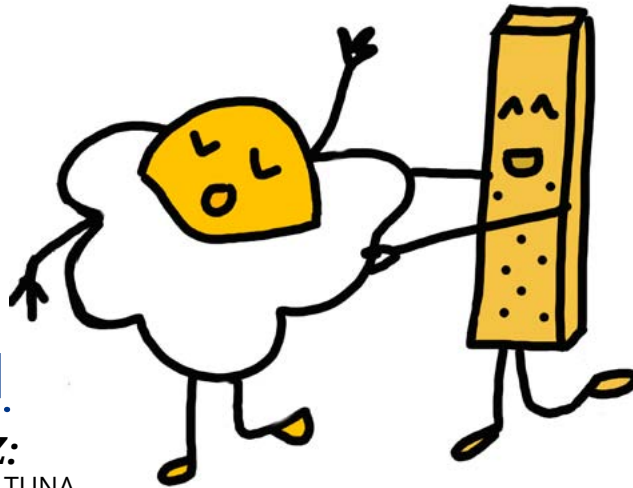
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PINTXO ROUTE



Bar hopping, tucking into a pintxo and a drink at each stop, is practically a religion in Donostia. Listen up! We're going out for pintxos.



OLD TOWN

BAR MARTÍNEZ:

RED PEPPER STUFFED WITH TUNA
WITH TARTAR SAUCE AND JEREZ
VINAIGRETTE

TXEPETXA:

ANCHOVY PINTXO

NÉSTOR:

POTATO OMELETTE

TXULETA:

STEAK PINTXO

PACO BUENO:

BATTERED PRAWN

LA VIÑA:

CHEESECAKE

GANBARA:

CRAB TARTLETTE

A FUEGO NEGRO:

MINI MAKUBE BURGER

LA CUCHARA DE SAN TELMO:

GRILLED FOIE

BORDA BERRI:

RISOTTO



CENTRE

ZAZPI:

STEWED PIG'S EAR

NARRU:

PORK BELLY

LA ESPIGA:

PIG'S SNOUT

ANTONIO:

IGELDO PINTXO

BIARRITZ:

RICE WITH SOCARRAT TOASTED
TOPPING

GROS

BODEGA DONOSTIARRA:

COMPLETO

ZABALETA:

POTATO OMELETTE

BERGARA:

LA TXALUPA

EZKURRA:

RUSSIAN SALAD

AMARA

TXIRRITA:

SQUID

AUKERA:

GRILLED VELVET CRAB

XANTI JATETXEA:

HAM CROQUETS

CAFÉ S7ETE:

SOUS VIDE FREE-RANGE EGG
WITH MASHED POTATO AND
LUMAGORRI CHICKEN

EGOKI:

PRAWN SKEWER

CAMPUS:

POTATO OMELETTE

ANTIGUO

LA REBOTIKA:

ARZAK PINTXO

ANTZARA:

MUSSELS

DRINKA:

COD FRITTER

LA MERA MERA:

PORK QUESADILLA

EL PESCAÍTO DE LA BAHÍA DE CADIZ:

ALMADRABA TUNA

EL OCHO:

GRILLED VEGETABLES WITH
MASHED POTATO AND IDIAZABAL
GRATIN



INSTAGRAM TOP 10 IN DONOSTIA



Interactive Map
Click each number

These are places where you can take the best photos of San Sebastián.

1 Santa Clara Island

Jump aboard and set sail to Santa Clara Island. Climb up to the lighthouse and then explore the island by roaming along its snaking paths.

2 From the sea

Make the most of the return trip to snap away as if there's no tomorrow. The city and life out at sea are particularly photogenic.

3 The dock

A picturesque spot with a life all its own. Txalupa rowing boats, ships, fishermen and cool terraces.

Favourite apps for photo editing:
SNAPSEED, MIRROR IMAGE.

4 Calle Campanario

Delve into the Old Town and look for this street so you can lean over its bridge overlooking Calle Puerto. This actually used to be a tunnel before the fire in 1813.

5 Alderdi Eder

Its gardens, the carousel and the City Hall building, a former Casino, with those lovely Concha beach railings in the background. Click away.

6 The Bridges and River Urumea

Hop from bridge to bridge, carried along by the current.

7 Tabakalera

Spectacular 100 % snappable building. You'll lose your mind on the fifth floor terrace.

8 Aldapeta hill

Drop down Aldapeta hill from the Palace and stop at our photo hotspot.

9 Aiete Palace

Its gardens, woods, swans, library and Story Tower are perfect photo spots all year round.

10 Miramar Palace Gardens

When the sun goes down and the lights come on across the bay, you simply can't go wrong. Look out over Ondarreta, the Pico del Loro and the Concha beach from the gardens. Polish it all off by looking back to where you started your day and take a fabulous shot of the majestic Santa Clara Island.

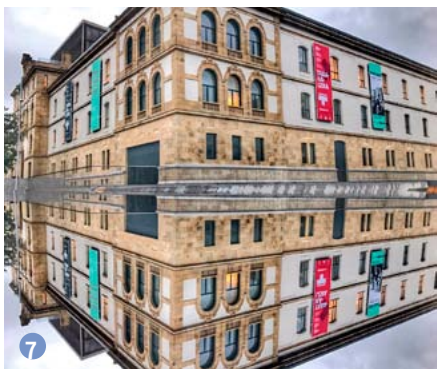
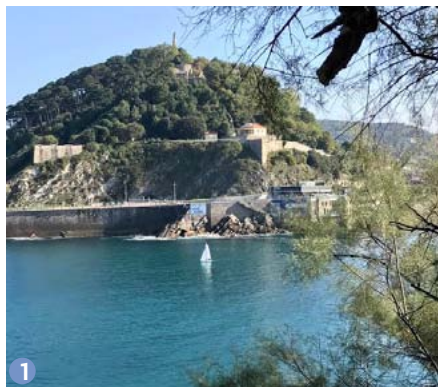


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REASONS *TO PEDAL HAPPILY* THROUGH LIFE




 The greenest of all green transport, no stinky fumes and it's as cheap as chips, you won't have to pay for parking, petrol, or insurance.

 You'll feel like you're flying, and this will make you smile because pedalling increases endorphin secretion, in other words: happiness hormones.

 You'll stay in shape and your legs and thighs will tone up almost effortlessly.

 It makes life so easy. You can lock up your bike almost anywhere, its much faster than walking plus you can wear heels. It's much easier to cycle in heels than walk in them, take our word for it.

 It's not just sport, it's my means of transport. This is our motto and we believe in it so firmly that one day we even made backpacks sporting this message to declare our LOVE for our BIKES as a means of transport.

ROUTE 25

As super-mega bike fans, we're delighted to share ROUTE 25 with you.

It's a 25 km route along the bike lanes throughout the city, just perfect to get to know Donostia from your bike.

It's a circular route devised by Kalapie and the San Sebastián City Council Mobility Department, so you can start wherever you fancy, and you'll end up with 25 reasons to get on your bike and happily cycle round San Sebastián - Donostia.



Grab a bike and come with us because today we're free-wheeling it, starting at point 1.

- 1.- Alderdi Eder
- 2.- Boulevard
- 3.- La Concha

STOP 1

- 4.- Miramar Palace
- 5.- Ondarreta
- 6.- *Wind Comb Sculpture* / Eduardo Chillida
- 7.- University of the Basque Country Campus

STOP 2

- 8.- Morlans Tunnel
- 9.- Real Sociedad Football Stadium
- 10.- River Urumea

STOP 3

- 11.- Cristina Enea
- 12.- Ametzagaina

STOP 4

- 13.- *Silhouettes*, Agustín Ibarrola
- 14.- Ategorrieta / *The Red Door* sculpture
- 15.- Zurriola

STOP 5

- 16.- *Peace Dove*, Néstor Basterretxea
- 17.- Kursaal
- 18.- Victoria Eugenia Theatre / Hotel María Cristina
- 19.- *Empty Construction*, Jorge Oteiza
- 20.- Aquarium





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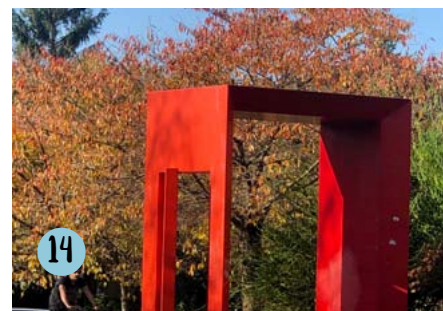
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12



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Top Stops

STOP 1
BIARRITZ RESTAURANT/ Zubieta, 56

STOP 2
LA REBOTIKA / Avenida de Zarautz, 6

STOP 3
VIA FORA / Paseo Federico García Lorca, 10

STOP 4
LA MOROTXITA / Plaza Sagastieder, 18

STOP 5
GATXUPA / Usandizaga, 17

STOP 6
ATARI / C/ Mayor, 18

Click the names of the bars for
more information

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More information






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Exploring the City



There are just so many things that make you fall in love with Donostia.

One of them is the city's beautiful architecture, so we've come up with **5 fabulous architectural routes**.

Pick any of them for a stroll and check out the heritage that gives this city its special character, packed with peculiar façades, colours and shapes just begging to be photographed.

Fall in love with all the little secrets and details that the buildings are hiding.



If we set out from the mouth of the River Urumea, we immediately spot two wonderful buildings, the **Maria Cristina Hotel(1)** and the **Victoria Eugenia Theatre(2)**. Crossing our favourite bridge (whose lampposts feature in our logo), there's the innovative **Kursaal** by Moneo. The past and the future stand either side of the river, joined by the Zurriola bridge. Following the river, we get to **La Equitativa** and the villas on the Paseo de Francia. We'd highly recommend this walk in the autumn to enjoy the amazing yellow and orange colours in the trees.

Ondarreta Antiguoa and Ibaeta



Right on the sea front at Ondarreta, we find the unusual villas that interweave different styles giving this area its particular charm. Carry on walking through Antiguoa and check out the new **Musikene building(4)** and the **Carlos Santamaria Centre(5)**. These two buildings are good examples of the city's most recent architecture.




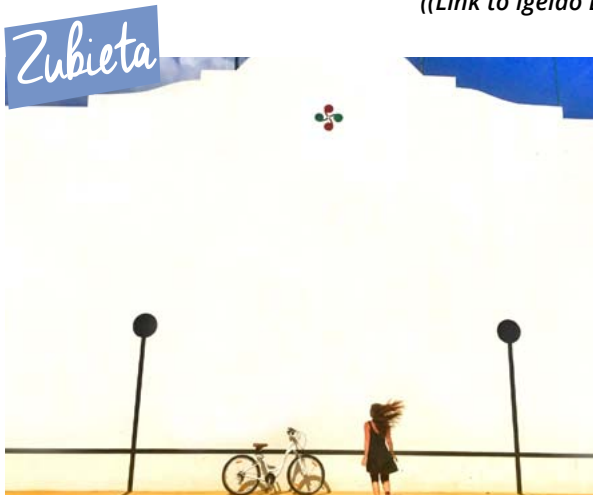


You're spoilt for choice here but you really should walk down **Calle 31 de agosto**. With the historic churches of, **St Mary's and St Vincent's**, at either end, as it turns into **Plaza Trinidad**, you'll spot one of the oldest wooden buildings in the city, which even maintains its original structure. If you stand in the doorway of the imposing St Mary's Church and look straight ahead, right at the other end you'll see the svelte Buen Pastor cathedral whose Neogothic tower stands over the entire city.



Walk up the road to the lighthouse or jump on the bus as far as the Igeldo neighbourhood to admire the old Igeldo school that dominates the local square. Once there, enjoy a stroll and the views.

(([Link to Igeldo Bus Timetable](#)) )



Although it is 10 km from San Sebastián, its historic 3-walled fronton court (one of only two in Gipuzkoa alongside Villabona) makes it well worth the walk here. If you like cycling, you can take the bidegorri from Donostia.



Running the City

3 running routes in Donostia



3 Sculptures

You'll love:

Taking in Donostia's three beaches, the Paseo Nuevo and the city's three artistic landmarks. What's more, run at sun set and you'll be amazed by the colours of the sky.

Recommendations:

In summer, we'd recommend running early or late in the day as the promenade attracts droves of locals and visitors.

Description:

This is a popular route among locals either when they just start out running or as a regular section in their personal daily routes because it is practically flat the whole way.

The route's universal appeal is obvious as it hugs the coastline - a major attraction in itself.

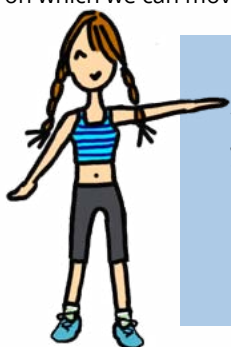
On the other hand, this route has a peculiar feature as it takes its bearings from 3 works of art or sculptures by three well-known local artists. The route starts at the Peine del Viento by Eduardo Chillida, passes by the Conjunto Vacio by Jorge Oteiza and ends up at the Paloma de la Paz by Nestor Basterretxea. You can start anywhere along the route, given that it is a line on which we can move forwards and backwards.

Route:

We start out from the Peine del Viento, the first artistic spot on this route. As you begin, you'll hug Ondarreta beach as far as the Antiguo tunnel. Cross under the Pico del Loro and begin the entire length of La Concha promenade. So, we'll run all along the famous handrail passing by the characteristic Concha Clocks, and heading for two very singular buildings: the City Hall and the Boat Club.

Once past these two buildings, we get to the port with its pleasant salty smell. You get as far as the Aquarium where the path opens up along the entire Paseo Nuevo. This path takes us round to the Kursaal Bridge, running past the Kursaal cubes. Following Zurriola beach, you finish the route in Sagües, home to the final work of art, the Paloma de la Paz (The Peace Dove).

So far, you'll have run 6 km and if you feel up to it, you can run all the way back again, making 12 km.



Route along the Donosti coast
- 3 sculptures

Distance:
→ 6.3 km

Round trip:
→ 12.6 km

Difficulty: Easy





You'll love:

Exploring new places going beyond the city centre. New Donostia is being planned along the major axis of the River Urumea so you can enjoy the river environment as you run. There's also a wide variety of bridges, reflecting all the city's architectural styles: from classic to modern.

Recommendations:

Take the route as a reference and adapt it to your ability. Change your route by cutting back across a bridge at any point. What's more, as it's a circuit, you can repeat it as often as you like.

Description:

This route runs along the main river giving the city its backbone, the Urumea, and the two banks of the river are joined by the bridges. What's more, the bridges come in all shapes and sizes, with a style to please everyone: from bridges that remind us of Romantic Donostia to more up-to-date bridges with a modern design.



The route gives us insight into the other side of Donostia as it reveals a whole host of options and spaces to discover. As we mentioned, this river and the bridges are the key to this circuit that you can adapt to your needs.

Route:

Let's start off from the Kursaal, look up-river and start running along calle Ramón María Lili, with the Victoria Eugenia Theatre and Hotel María Cristina on your right. Following the route, run inland along the Paseo de Francia, where you'll see the beautiful town houses camouflaged among the trees. Keep going straight on and you'll pass the bus station and the Maria Cristina Bridge, and then the Lehendakari Aguirre Bridge.

The next stop will be the old Iron Bridge, now known as the Real Sociedad Bridge. From here, take a turn into the Riberas de Loiola neighbourhood where you cross its main avenue and then get back to the riverside path. At this point, you'll have run half the route so you can start running back along the other side of the river. Follow Paseo Bizkaia and Paseo Gernika, admiring the modernist architecture of the houses. Keep going all along the river until you get back to the Kursaal Bridge.

This makes a complete circuit and if you want to carry on, you can go round again.

Discovering the River Urumea

Distance:
→ 6 km

Round trip:
→ 12km

Difficulty: Easy



You'll love:

Visiting the neighbouring town of Pasajes. A fishing environment that combines this work and the essence of the past with new ways of living.

Recommendations:

When you get to Pasajes, look out for the little boat that goes from one side of Pasajes to the other, in other words, from Pasai San Pedro to Pasai Donibane.

([Link to boat timetable](#))



Description:

This route gives us the option of being able to visit the town of Pasajes just by running a few kilometres. You'll mainly be running along the pavement, making the going a little easier. Take into account that the first part of this route is slightly uphill but it is not particularly difficult. You simply have to pace yourself. You might also bear in mind that part of this route represents the last few kilometres of the famous, popular Behobia-San Sebastián race.



Route:

Let's start at Zurriola Beach and head off for Pasajes. Cross the entire beach as far as the Church on the corner with Avenida de Navarra. Follow the path all the way until you get to Avenida de Ategorrieta. The actual path is intuitive as it is mainly straight and takes us past characteristic places such as Arzak or the La Asunción School. Then start heading down to Trintxerpe, marking the entrance to Pasajes. Along this path we can make out the port of Pasajes which is the busiest port in Gipuzkoa. If we continue the route, St Peter's Church will mark the turn to get to the end of the road. Here we can see Pasai San Pedro and Pasai Donibane standing opposite each other. And between the two, the little boat that has taken people from one side to the other for years.

On this route, you'll run a little over 5 km, plus the same route on the way back, making a 10 km run.



[Click here to see the route](#)



The Centre of the Donosti is brimming with life. It's such a luxury to be able to shop in **San Martin** or **Bretxa markets** that people who live in Donostia make the most of it whenever they can. Start the day with a coffee in any of the terrace cafés on **Reyes Católicos**, you'll find a bike hire shop right there: **La Bicicleta**, jump on a bike and get pedalling.

Visit the **Buen Pastor Cathedral** (our very own Empire State building). Looking across in a straight line, you'll see another of our favourite churches, **St Mary's Basilica**, in the Old Town, but for the time being, we're going to explore the Centre area because it's a treasure trove of interesting places.

Let's start with a spot of shopping in **Koko Deko**, a perfect shop full of pretty things, where you can pick up one of our tote bags, and then drop into **Maria Kala's**, that sells home accessories and our sister mugs and keyrings.

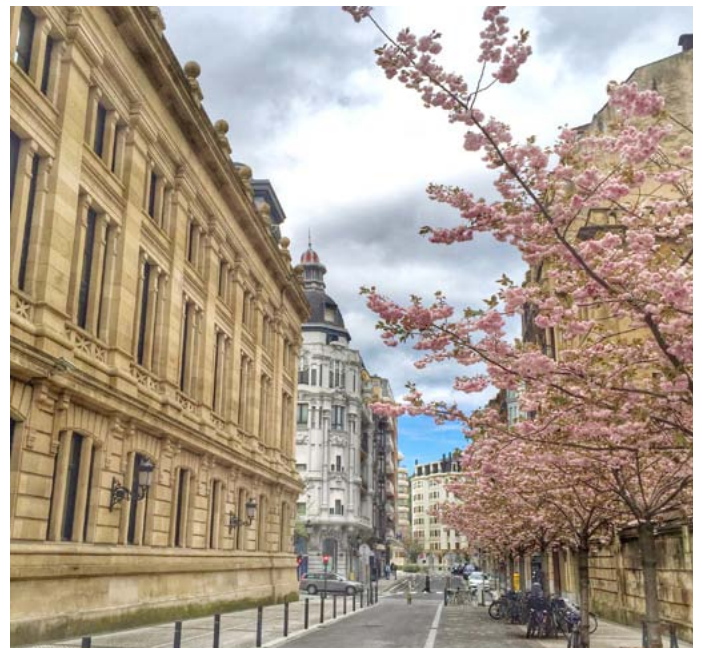
Then take a spin around **Calzados Tello, Zubiri, Berriz, Mónica Ochotorena, Minük, Domitila, Sketch, Life Concept, Kaotiko** and **Arbelaitz**.

Get your strength back with coffee and cake at **Sweet Roma**. If you're more of a savoury type, we'd recommend **Old Town Coffee. Kafe Botanika** and its wonderful terrace are hard-wired for happiness in a unique spot next to the river for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Tasty snacks are served up at el **Narru** opposite the Cathedral, La **Cochinita Pibil, Zazpi, Cortázar** and **Taberna de Blas. Kata 4** right next to the **Hotel María Cristina** and its terrace bar opposite the river are also not to be missed.

For lunch or dinner, there's **Bernardoetxea**, and **Restaurante Antonio**, informal snacking at **Ekeko** and the **Mamma Mía pizzeria**.

The Biarritz terrace bar opposite the Concha beach is a must. If you prefer homemade food to takeaway, there's **La Perola**.





OLD TOWN

In the **OLD TOWN**, you'll have a fabulous meal at **Polka, Atari, Urola**, or on the terrace of **148 gastroleku** in Plaza Constitución. If you're out for pintxos, don't miss **Bar Martínez, Ganbara, Txepetxa, Paco Bueno** and try the potato omelette pintxo at **Néstor**.

Sweet or savoury food awaits at **Maiatza** and later on you can trot up **Mount Urgull**, just as far as **Polvorín**, the strangest bar in Donostia with a laid-back terrace and views that will take your breath away.

Dinner or small plates at any of the picture postcard restaurants on the **DOCK: Itzalian, Sebastián, Igeldo**.

Don't miss the sunset from the **Gu** terrace. If you want to pick up any of our sister products with teleporting properties, pop into **Alderdi Zahar Lore** at Calle Mayor, 14.

Oh and remember that you really can't leave the city without your very own Donosti Bay, that will take you right back to Donostia just by touching it, so pop into Joyería **Casa Munoa** and pick up your own Donosti Bay necklace.



GU SANSEBASTIÁN





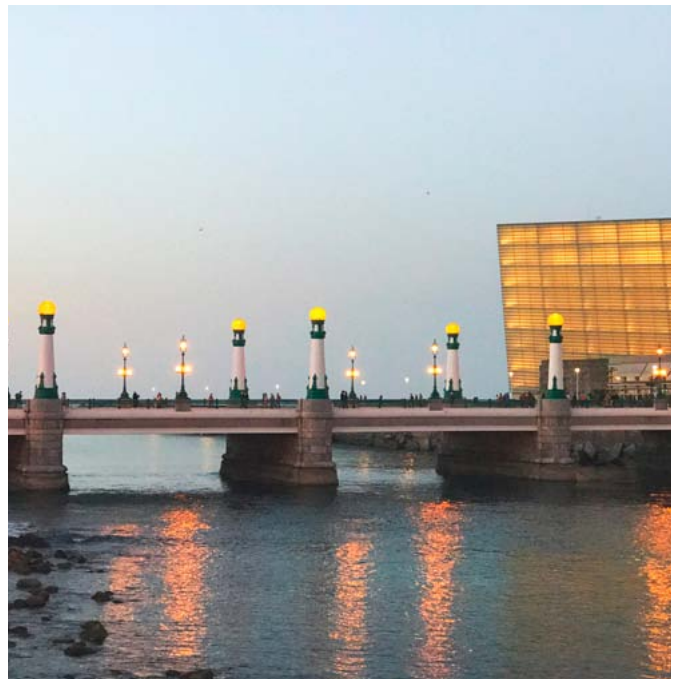
Gros is one of San Sebastián's most fashionable neighbourhoods thanks to its funky bars and restaurants, its amazing surf beach, its shops and its fabulous sunsets at the end of the beach in **Sagües**.

As you cross Zurriola bridge, you are greeted by two massive cubes or, in other words, the **Kursaal Conference Centre**, home of our favourite international film festival, **Zinemaldi**.

It is also home to the **ni neu** bar-restaurant whose terrace we would fervently recommend absolutely any time of day. **Zurriola** beach is ideal to jump in the water and catch a few waves. You'll find a bunch of surf schools that rent out equipment and provide instructors. **Hawaii** is a classic.

If you need a massage or a beauty treatment or just a place to disconnect from the world, look no further: **YO Salud Estética**. At the end of the beach, you'll find Sagües, the ideal place to enjoy a sunset Donosti-style, sitting on the wall, beer in hand, watching hundreds of surfers dance across the waves as the sun goes down.

It's an amazing show. You'll find it almost impossible not to take photos, but try to close your eyes, take a deep breath, absorb the salty air and store that moment in your memory for days when you really need some inspiration.





Nearby, you'll find the path leading up **Mount Ulia**, which is a lovely hike. The first section is the toughest, so keep the chat to a minimum and save your strength for finding your camera and taking thousands of photos when you reach one of the best views of the city. It'll literally make you weep with joy.

To start the day bursting with energy, we recommend **la Guinda, Norta Beach House and Alabama Café**.

For a tasty lunch in Gros, we suggest you try **Casa 887, Gatzupa and Galerna**.

In **Calle Zabaleta**, you can start in **Matalauva**, continue on to the mythical **Bar Bergara**, then grab a chunk of potato omelette in **Bar Zabaleta** and a craft beer at **Mala Gissona**. If you like a nice G&T, the **Gintoneria Donostiarra** and **Teorema** will make you very happy.

In the pedestrian street, **Peña y Goñi** right next to the Kursaal, you'll find one of our favourite bars **La Bodega Donostiarra**. As far as shops are concerned, you'll find bikes and accessories you'll fall in love with at **Miner** and clothing for men and women at **Central**, with brilliant brands on sale in their spectacular store.

Don't forget to check out **Pas si simple, Molupita and Carbonara**.

EGIA

The Gros neighbourhood borders with Egia, another bubbly neighbourhood where you'll find **Tabakalera**, the contemporary culture centre that hosts myriad activities.

Pop into Tabakalera to visit an Art Gallery and a Concept Store that we love: **Arteuparte**.

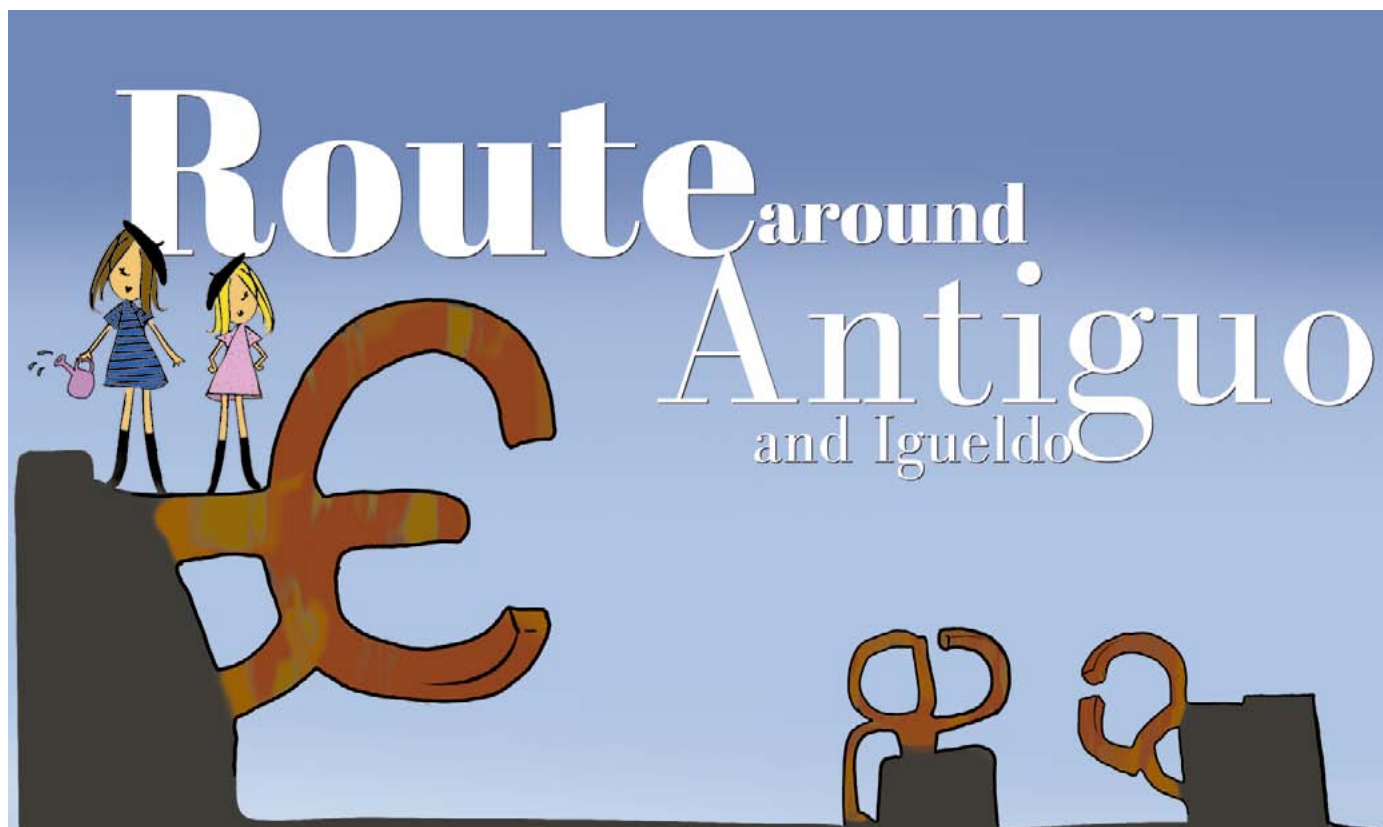
Then ride up to the **LABe** terrace bar for something to eat or drink.

As for lunch, we can highly recommend **Aho-mihi**. Don't leave Egia without taking a stroll around one of our favourite parks, **Cristina Enea**. Lose yourself in this park for a day. Soak up the nature, meet its peacocks, and if you take a tartan rug and some sandwiches, you can channel the picnic vibe.



CASA 887





Antiguo is one of the noblest neighbourhoods in Donostia. We'd recommend approaching through the **Miramar Palace** gardens because of the wonderful views and surroundings.

If the weather's nice, pop down for a dip on **Ondarreta beach**, the city's most majestic beach with its txuri urdin (blue and white) beach tents giving it a splash of colour and fun.

Visit a shop we love, **Anhelo**: high quality costume jewellery, accessories and fragrances.

Keep on shopping: **La Petite, Laukka, Petit Comité, Zapatería Kor'Est**

As far as bars and funky restaurants are concerned, we'd recommend two areas. Firstly, **Calle Matia**, ideal to roam around and enjoy its atmosphere, don't miss **Antzara** and the Mexican **Mera Mera**.

Another area, a little further on, is **Benta Berri**, where safe bets include la **Rebotika, Kukuarri**, and el **Pescaito de la bahía de Cádiz, Mogambo** and **Lobo** in **Plaza Jose Maria Sert**.

For a quick coffee or a great breakfast **BB Kafe, Fusión Benta Berri** and **Trikua**.

Now you've got this far, take a look at two amazing buildings: **MUSIKENE** and the **Carlos Santamaría Centre**.

At the westerly end of the beach, you'll come across a magical spot where the waves jump up and comb the wind.

Here, where the city ends and the sea begins, **Eduardo Chillida's** steel sculptures make this place a firm favourite among locals. **THE WIND COMB**.

Behind the tennis club, you'll find the **Funicular** railway station, a real icon of the city. Everyone visiting the city for the first time should be prescribed a trip on the Funicular. This 100-year-old vertical train takes you to another world with special rejuvenating powers, the **Igueldo Theme Park**.

Stop off at the **Wine Bistrot Belle Epoque** in the **Hotel Monte Igueldo** which boasts the best views in the world.





GRILL, BAR AND SHOP

We adore this place for its char-grilled specialities: omelettes, rice dishes, vegetables, octopus plus 100% Asteasu steak and burgers, among many other marvels.

When the sun comes out, you can eat on their divine terrace.

Its menu and fixed price lunches are top quality.

La Rebotika takes good care of you, serving high quality, healthy food, with no additives, no added sauces, gluten-free options, vegan dishes, local produce...

*Coeliac-friendly, with EZE certification from the Euskadi Coeliac Association.

*Winners of the Arzak pintxo in the traditional category (also gluten-free).

*Edenred restaurant vouchers.

*Vegan options



DAILY MENU

Choose between the Full menu for €15
or a Half Menu for €11.50
One dish + dessert €8.50

And if what you really fancy is to kick back and enjoy a meal at home or on the beach, they also offer **takeaway food**.

TO TAKE AWAY



CHECK THE WEBSITE



****A plus: The interior design
and our sister-products.***



THE STORE

Most of their dishes can also be bought at their store such as char-grilled chicken, pork ribs, many other char-grilled specialities, cheese and homemade desserts.

You can also purchase other products such as our *Sisters and the city* keyrings and notebooks.



LA REBOTIKA
BRASA BAR&DENDA

BOOKINGS ONLINE



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La Perola, homemade food to take away

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From our home, ready to take away to yours...

Don't worry about cooking for yourself but eat well.

Healthy, tasty, natural food with a concern for nutrients, quality, the origin of the ingredients and their proximity to our stoves.

Because the key to the continued success of these heart-warming dishes lies in this meticulous selection, and this mixture of care, patience and time.

La Perola is full of flavours ready for you to take away with you, bound to memories that you were just about to forget. We'll help you remember great, tasty, real food... home cooking. Just like always.

Enjoy!



LA PEROLA

San Marcial, 52



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Bar Martínez since 1942

Located in calle 31 de agosto, one of the most popular streets in San Sebastián's Old Town to go out for a few pintxos, Bar Martínez is a classic - at your service for over 78 years.

It's one of those great bars, a long-running family business that pioneered local pintxos, from a classic "Gilda" that was first served in the 1940s to the *red pepper stuffed with tuna, served with tartar sauce and Jerez sherry vinaigrette*, probably the best pintxo in the city.

An exquisite example of fusion between tradition and new ideas.

Snacks, pintxos, skewers, sandwiches and a wide-ranging wine list will delight your palate.

Its 9-metre counter is a show all in itself, making it one of the pintxo and snack bars that you really must visit in Donostia.

Loyal to their "homemade" philosophy.

Their secret lies in good raw material, tasty fare, and a good dose of genuine affection.



Book your spot and time and make sure you get to visit this bar.

 **BOOKINGS ONLINE**

BAR MARTINEZ
C/ 31 de Agosto, 13



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POLKA. TASKA & COCKTAILS

Polka is a modern tavern with a funky, fresh feel, where you'll come across typical recipes from home and abroad but with a twist.

We love their alternative cocktails dreamed up for all tastes and palates such as Aguas Donostiaras (Donosti Waters) that contains cider and txakoli, just perfect to share with friends.

Our favourites include their *"Pelatinta"* squid, stewed in their own ink, and *Polka Rusa*, their Russian salad using sweet potato and tuna belly that is one of the best in the city.

We're big fans of their *"Batzuk"* nachos, their version of the Mexican dish that is served with Vizcaina sauce, ajoarriero, piparra peppers and Tolosa beans.

Don't leave without trying their *T-bone steak*, a kilo cut of entrecôte and sirloin steak, served with potatoes and salad.

Our friends at Polka just love to organise a happening. They just want people to have a great time so heed our cry and don't miss any of their events: *the paella aperitif on Sundays, the Polkero dish on weekdays and, from time to time, concerts on their lovely terrace with heaters.*

Long live POLKA!



AVERAGE PRICE: €25



POLKA. TASKA & COCKTAILS

Plaza Sarriegi, 8



BOOKINGS ONLINE



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GASTROLEKU



Find out more: gastroleku.com

 BOOKINGS ONLINE

The Gastroleku Group is an innovative hospitality group that sprang up in Donostia's Old Town, defending traditions with a deep respect for Basque culture and our gastro-legacy.

Gastrolekus are a safe bet and you'll always find them among our recommendations. They are easy to spot thanks to their top-quality raw material, seasonal and local produce, excellent service, constant innovation and funky premises.

*Just one visit to any of these places is enough to turn you into a real
GASTROLEKU LOVER.*

ATARI

The Group's big brother is one of our favourite places. We love going there for an aperitif or those first few beers of an afternoon.

Grabbing a spot on its terraces with views of the Santa Maria Basilica is one of those simple pleasures that you can enjoy all year round thanks to its outdoor heaters.

Top quality material, great service and an excellent pintxo bar.

We are besotted with their striped fabric serviettes.



SISTIP

Don't leave without sharing a portion of octopus or salmon, snacking on any of the pintxos from their amazing bar or polishing it off with their famous French toast (torrija), washed down with a sweet dessert wine.



atari

BOOKINGS ONLINE

C/ Mayor, 18



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@atarigastroleku



148gastroleku

Table linen has been one of the mainstays of our economy and a feature of our gastro-culture, so it's no surprise that it is the main "ingredient" in aste148's interior design, paying homage to Basque culture.

Gastronomically-speaking, this place has developed a dual role, taking risks with some recipes (tuna with foie) while remaining tremendously traditional and conservative in others (fish cakes).

Let's give a shout out for their Josper oven, the fabulous team of staff and the music (80s rockabilly, Spanish and international). We have declared ourselves unconditional fans of their exceptional terrace, right in the Plaza de la Constitución.

Excellent value for money.

SISTIP

Book a table on their terrace, order fish cakes, a plate of octopus and a steak to share. Wash it down with a great wine. Maximum happiness.



148
gastroleku

BOOKINGS ONLINE

Iñigo kalea, 1



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TXALUPA

Basque whalers fished for cod and hunted whales in txalupas.

This bar pays homage to those fishermen and their boats.

Txalupa Gastroleku reworks classic recipes, adapting them to current Basque tastes.

Music is an essential part of their concept: two DJ cabins, one on each floor, provide the tunes for aperitifs and late-night drinks.

Through a door on the main floor, there's a modern speakeasy for after-dinner drinks, a must-visit nightclub on our night's out.

You can book in either of its two spaces.



SISTIP

Char-grilled king prawns, vegetable croquettes, char-grilled little gem lettuces au gratin with cod, the txotx! cider house dessert and drinks in the Tx Klub.



BOOKINGS ONLINE

Fermín Calbetón, 3



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GU SAN SEBASTIÁN

Our favourite place to organise events.

Everything we've ever worked on here has been a roaring success. The whole GU team's personal touch and professionalism really makes it easy for you.

Get in touch with them if you're thinking about organising a celebration.

On the terrace built into the stern of this boat, you can sit back and enjoy one of the best shows our city has to offer: an incredible sunset paired with a GU cocktail, both a real "must-in-the-city".

Extensive and varied cocktail menu.

SISTIP

If you've got your dancing shoes on, nights at Gu are the real place to be in Donostia.



BOOKINGS ONLINE

Alderdi Eder Parkea, 1



@gusansebastian



@gusansebastian

Right in the centre of Donostia, calle Arrasate 27, you'll find a mind-blowing store that you just have to visit.

With more than 50 years of experience and a team of 800 people,

they make 1,000,000 pairs of shoes every year. All the shoes are made of leather and are manufactured in La Rioja.

This incredible brand started up without a physical store twenty years ago.

They currently have three very different brands. ART, EL NATURALISTA and NEOSENS.. You can also purchase really funky accessories such as backpacks sporting very cool, colourful designs.



ART

This is the pioneering brand, the most alternative, it uses a full colour palette and it is definitely the most modern.

EL NATURALISTA

Footwear inspired by nature for environmentally-friendly people. A really innovative, different brand. They also sell vegan shoes.

The soles are very special and we love them. They are made of rubber using remains of molluscs and they are made to look like nests, volcanoes, tree bark, leaves...

NEOSENS

The house's most indulgent brand. We'd say it's the most Donosti-style. Design, craftsmanship and comfort come together in the same brand. This brand is made entirely by hand, using premium leather and oak heels.



*Make your feet happy
and pop into this
spectacular shoe shop
where you'll find
footwear for men,
women and children.*



LIFE CONCEPT LIVING SHOE STORE
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KAOTIKO

A new store in Donostia has caused quite a stir in Avenida de la Libertad with an explosion of authenticity and joy.

Kaotiko was set up in Barcelona in 1999 with one clear mission - to bring fashion into the streets, creating a community of people with a fresh lifestyle that is authentic yet personal.

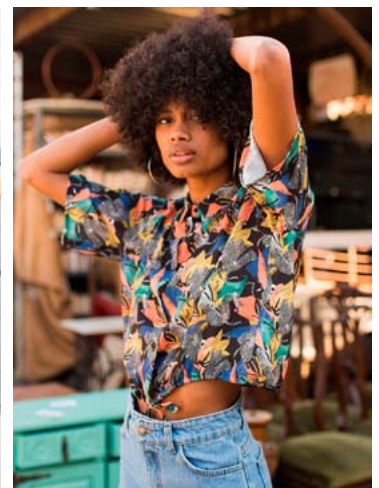
Ever since, it has backed local production with workshops in Mataró, Granada, Elche, etc. following its fair trade and local industry philosophy.

As well as its own brand, you'll also find clothes from brands such as *Patagonia, Thrasher, Carhartt, The North Face, HUF, Dickies...*

Sweatshirts, t-shirts, trousers, jackets, backpacks, watches, etc.

Collections for men and women that follow all the latest trends. **Genderless:** gender-free clothing, so that everyone can wear what they like and what feels good.

Footwear by *Teva, Adidas, CAT, Vans, Converse.*



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KAOTIKO

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helmet house

CONCEPT STORE

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From *Helmet House*, we offer two personalised services:
Yoga + Corporeal Intelligence and *Events Organisation*.

Two experiences and services delivered with passion, straight from the heart, so that you feel right at home and your stay in the Basque Country is an unforgettable journey.

👉 *But Helmet House is so much more. Would you like to find out more?*

Yoga + Corporeal Intelligence

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We're there for you.



Events

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ARTEUPARTE, SO MUCH MORE THAN AN ART GALLERY

ARTEUPARTE is an independent space/ platform for creating and curating art projects, an art gallery, and a graphic design studio.

In their own words, they just feel free to do things that they love.

You can find them in Tabakalera and their space comprises the graphic design studio, an art gallery and a textile 'txoko' each separate from each other, although all united by the same *passion and love for art.*

They also make, create and curate art projects.

In their CONCEPT STORE (el Txoko de Concepto), you'll find a hand-picked clothing range, featuring wonderful shirts, jumpers, raincoats, funky tee-shirts... Sustainable and local products, organic materials and limited editions.

From Getaria to Iparaldea, from Donostia to Barcelona, from Paris to Birmingham, from Copenhagen to Madrid.

At ARTEUPARTE they work mainly with originals, limited editions signed by each local artist and artists whose work they have been following for a while.

Art collecting for all tastes and budgets.

Special items from local and national artists.

One of Paul and Iñaki's missions in life is to emphasise the value and work of emerging graphic and pictorial artists on the local, national and international scene. They choose artists that they like and that move them and so develop projects with them and synergies between different artistic disciplines.

If you wish to visit their exhibitions, check out their wonderful 'txoko de concepto' store, or take a stroll through their space, you can find them in:



ARTEUPARTE.
STUDIO | STORE | GALLERY | MAGAZINE

ARTEUPARTE
in the CICC Patio at Tabakalera-
Plaza de las Cigarreras, 1



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C/ Elcano 7
Donosti- San Sebastian

Minük is a unique store, located right in the centre of San Sebastián, that sells a meticulous selection of international fashion brands.

Specialists in combining the latest Nordic trends and French fashions to create a style of their very own.

High quality fabric, timeless looks, sophisticated clothing for special occasions and more casual gear for every day.

Sessùn, Samsoe Samsoe, Leon & Harper, Maison Anje, 6ème galerie, Love Stories (it's impossible not to fall in love with this lingerie brand) and **Vagabond** (footwear) are firms that really stand out for their originality and quality.



A PLUS: PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONALISED SERVICE.

In addition, if you are planning your wedding, Minük is working with the **Sessùn Oui** bridal range again this season; it's just perfect for unconventional brides looking for something exclusive and romantic for their big day.



MINÜK
C/ Elcano, 7



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YO. SALUD ESTÉTICA

If you are hankering for a massage and beauty centre that is something a bit different, a professional place where they treat you with genuine affection, that gets you coming back time and again, and where you feel right at home, then look no further. Because we've found it for you.

Pop down the steps at number 8, Calle Bermingham, right in the heart of the Gros neighbourhood, and you'll find yourself in a real paradise of relaxation, health and well-being.

Every last detail is taken care of by its team of Masseuses, Beauticians, Osteopaths and Physiotherapists.

TOP TREATMENTS



1. YOUR CHOICE OF MASSAGE

Foot reflexology and full body massage with relaxing synergy and your pick from our essential oil menu (balsamic, relaxing, moisturising, detox, orange and lemon).

RELAXING

Relaxing technique using slow, gentle movements

(1h 30min)

LOOSENING

Releases tension, relaxes the body and recovers joint movement.

(1h 15min)

SPORTS

Relieves muscle spasms, breaks down adhesions and accelerates muscle recovery

(30min)

2. BACK, NECK AND HEAD.

Specific massage for a healthy back to relieve pain, tension and spasms in your back, neck and head.

(1h)

3. PREMIUM FACIAL

Your best defence against stress and damage from the outside world. Personalised facial treatment.

(1h 15min)

4. SILKY SKIN RITUAL

Renews and deeply hydrates skin on your face and body. Exfoliation with green tea salts, wrapping and deep moisturising.

(1h 15min)

5. ME TIME

Silky Skin Ritual + Head and Face Massage. (2h)

* CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR PRICES



What makes them special?

**Their experts hands.*

**In the business for over 30 years*

**Extended opening hours:
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** In the Gros neighbourhood
in San Sebastián*

**Top of the range natural
cosmetics: Massada, Jeevan
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**Pioneers in new health and
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*"Take a deep breath and
enjoy some me-time."*



 **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

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Bermingham, 8 - bajo



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ARRUABARRENA CLÍNICA

A HAPPY PLACE FOR YOUR SKIN AND BODY IN SAN SEBASTIÁN.

Our skin had been looking dull and lacklustre for a while. We needed a shot of vitality, but we were wary about having treatments on our face. We asked around among our girlfriends if anyone knew a place to get our glow back and... Do you what know? Everyone came up with the same name: ARRUABARRENA. It took us a few months to pluck up the courage and we eventually rang for an appointment... "We'll just make some enquiries and then we'll see", we said to each other...

It has to be said that ever since that first consultation, the Arruabarrena sisters have turned our world around. We put ourselves in their hands and the results have been amazing.

There are two sisters behind the Clínica Arruabarrena, Cristina and Silvia Arruabarrena.

They offer face and body treatments in their Clinic in the Antiguo neighbourhood.

The body treatments include **VelaShappe III** to improve the look of cellulite and reduce body contours, or their latest innovation, Coolsculpting, the first alternative to liposuction to remove localised fat that is hard to shift with diet and exercise.

No surgery required. It just feels a bit cold and is not even very uncomfortable. After the session, you don't need a recovery period, you can get straight on with your life as soon as you step out of the clinic.

As far as facials are concerned, in addition to peeling, they offer different lasers that remove stains, needle veins and red patches, improving the quality of your skin and wrinkles.

They also perform infiltrations *with hyaluronic acid, facial mesotherapy and botox.*



"Beauty is an art, we turn it into science"



Their latest treatment is **Ultherapy**, the only non-surgical, non-invasive FDA-cleared procedure that uses ultrasound and the natural process of collagen regeneration to raise and tighten loose skin around your eyebrows, eyelids, neck, under your chin and around your cleavage.

It's newly available in Spain after outstanding success in the United States, where it has become the must-have non-invasive treatment. We can ensure you it's a real wonder, just one session is enough to get spectacular results, lasting around 12 months.

At Clínica Arruabarrena, you are going to find all the latest progress in beauty.

So, stop thinking about it and make an appointment now!

A plus: if you have an important event on the horizon, ask about their amazing flash treatments.



Antonio Arzak, 3 - bajo

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CIUDAD SAN SEBASTIÁN

KATAMARANA CATAMARÁN CATAMARAN



Enjoy a unique trip along the coast and round the bay of San Sebastián, ploughing through the seas on board the beautiful, modern and spacious catamaran *"Ciudad San Sebastián"*.

This unique experience lets you admire the city from the sea, taking a completely different perspective that you won't forget in a hurry.

Relax and enjoy some incredible views of the bay and the coast. Get your camera or phone ready because you won't stop snapping photos of all this beauty.



Route: Departing from our beautiful fishing port, we leave the Concha Bay to sail up the coast of San Sebastián, taking in the following points of interest:

Oteiza Sculpture/Paseo Nuevo Breakwater/Mouth of the River Urumea

Kursaal/Zurriola Beach/Mount Ulia

Mount Igeldo/Wind Comb/Santa Clara Island



A PLUS:

Rent the Ciudad San Sebastián to organise an exclusive event in a doubtlessly extraordinary spot where you are bound to blow your guests' minds.

Why don't you hold a business meeting or celebrate your birthday on board?

Haven't you ever dreamt of getting married at sea?

The Ciudad San Sebastián makes it all easy for you. It's the ideal spot to say "I do"



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SUMMER OPENING HOURS

15th June to 15th September, inclusive.

Every day: 12 noon to 8 pm

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From 15th September to 20th October, inclusive.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays:
4 to 7 pm

CIUDAD SAN SEBASTIÁN
KATAMARANA CATAMARÁN

CIUDAD SAN SEBASTIÁN
Paseo del Muelle, 14 San Sebastián



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means "As far as the eye can see" in the Basque language



Begi Bistan represents freedom, exploration and adventure.

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Don't miss these excursions this summer - ***Visit the Flysch and enjoy it like never before! Become a rower for a day in Orio!***



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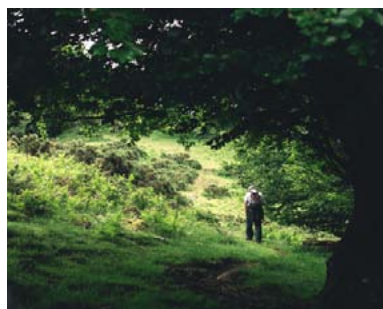
The History of the Earth from the sea
Discover the great enigmas hiding in the Flysch!

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Get the full Flysch experience with a specialised guide.

***Join in and take part in our
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Open all year round!



*Multi-rowing activities in Orio:
The Arrauntxe water sports centre is the perfect setting to try
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*Paddle the Oria River in a kayak or
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The perfect activity to soak up the peace and quiet in natural beauty spots.

Trainera boats

Become a rower for a day! An unforgettable experience on one of Orio's emblematic trainera boats.

Arraunpote

If you're looking for fun, this is your activity - rowing, pintxos and laughs guaranteed!

Kayak/SUP/BIG SUP rental

Choose your activity depending on whether you are on your own, in a group, with a school or a company

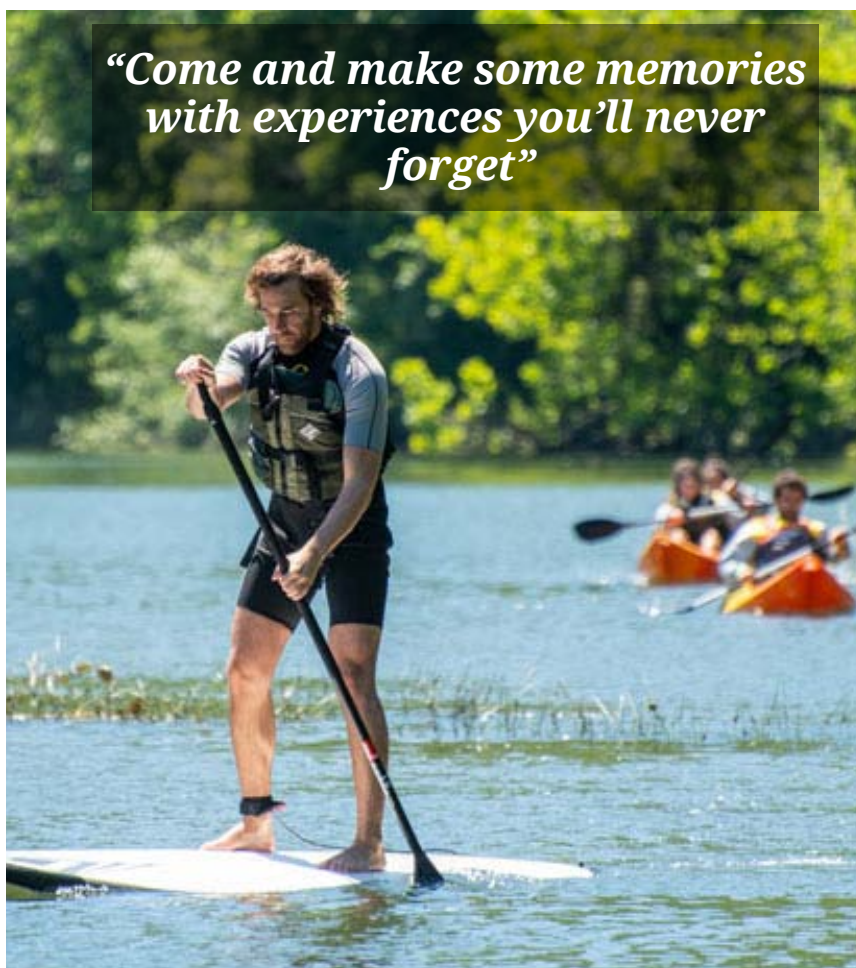


BOOKING

Sustainable activities in the Geopark both on foot and by boat or rowing, kayak and SUP activities in Orio.

We've got it all covered regardless of whether you come on your own, in company, with a group of friends or as part of a business or school trip.

 **ONLINE BOOKING**



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Meeting point Flysch: Pantalan Txomin Aguirre s/n
ORIO
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Today, we're going to climb Mount Igeldo and then skip merrily along to Orio.



This is a classic route. It's popular among pilgrims as it's part of the Way of St James, and you really can't go wrong.

The yellow arrow will help you every step of the way



We've got two options for you:

1. More laid-back walkers can jump on the no. **bus 16**, that will drop you off at Igeldo Campsite (saving you the climb).



DBus timetable



2. Keen hikers can leave from Ondarreta and go up the Paseo de Igeldo.

As we go along, we'll pass **Lurdes Txiki and Leku Eder**.

At that point, veer off towards Kristobal Balenziaga, heading right into the centre of Igeldo. You'll spot the old school - it's a classic white building presiding over the village square, a real gem.



Let's carry on along Paseo de Padre Orkolaga to our first gastro-stop, **Ekaitz Erretegia**. Although it's called Ekaitz Erretegia (meaning 'grill'), one of its greatest treasures is its cheesecake. This is an excellent choice for anyone with a sweet tooth, thought to be the best cold cheesecake for miles around.

Let's keep going, although it's worth looking back from time to time to get an alternative panoramic view of Igeldo and the side of the mountain that drops down to the sea.

Next stop is the **Orio-Igeldo Park-Picnic** spot, a great spot for a rest, to fill your water bottles at the water fountain and carry on.

A few metres later, there's a crossroads giving us two choices: follow the main road or continue up the mountain along a path that goes up to your right.

We'd recommend taking the mountain path for its great sea views. Even though it's a little longer, it's totally worth it. You'll be at the top in a jiffy, reaching **Kukuarri** and from there, you start to drop down.

The walk down to Orio beach is amazing. You'll pass the **Hotel Itxaspe** with its gorgeous pool.

Once on the sand, check out a beach bar for an aperitif.



→ 15 km ⌚ 1h 20 min

Difficulty: Moderate



Getting back:
on the Euskotren from
Orio/Zarautz



Euskotren timetable



*a*s self-confessed TXAKOLI super-fans, we're very excited about writing this article.

Txakoli is a slightly sparkling wine. More than 2 million bottles are produced every year and it is exported to the finest restaurants on the planet. It is going from strength to strength these days but that wasn't always the case. In the early 19th century, txakoli was made and drunk exclusively in rural homesteads.

Right now, geographically, the Getariako Txakolina Protected Designation of Origin covers the province of Gipuzkoa, boasting 402 hectares of vineyards, mainly trained vines, 91% of which grow in coastal areas.

The Hondarrabi Zuri white grape is the main variety used to make **TXAKOLI from GETARIA.**

👉 To find out more, click on the names of each of the txakoli wineries in the article.



Photo: Rezabal



Getaria

ELKANO:

Eitzaga Auzoa, 24 +34 600 80 02 59

The Elkano winery makes txakoli following an age-old process whilst incorporating new techniques.

Each and every bunch is pampered, paying attention to every little detail which really shines through in their two txakolis, Elkano and Juan Sebastián.

TXOMIN ETXANIZ:

Barrio Eitzaga, 21 +34 943 14 07 02

They grow the Hondarribi Zuri and Beltza varieties, traditional vines for making txakoli. A guided tour is available, including a tasting session.

AKARREGI TXIKI:

Txakoli Akarregi Txiki +34 635 73 70 79

A family winery that has been putting all their passion into running these vineyards for several generations. They make Olatu Txakoli. Guided tours available.



Zarautz

REZABAL:

Itsas-Begi etxea, 628 - Asti Auzoa - Zarautz. +34 943 58 08 99

A spectacular place in Zarautz, with sea views. The day we discovered it, we immediately fell in love with this place. Covering 22 hectares with a traditional system of high trained vines, they grow two native grape varieties that define this txakoli, Hondarribi Zuri and Hondarribi Beltza.

TALAI BERRI:

Barrio Talai Mendi, 728 - Zarautz. +34 943 13 27 50

A family winery on the slopes above Zarautz. Talai Berri organises guided tours around its vineyard, including a tasting session.



Photo: Rezabal



Aia-Orio

K5 TXAKOLINA:

Andatza Diseminado Barreiatua, 16 – Aia. +34 943 24 00 05

K5 stands 300 m above the Bay of Biscay, bringing you just that little bit closer to heaven, surrounded by 15 hectares of spectacular vineyard slopes and a forest of chestnut, oak and beech trees. 100 % Hondarribi Zuri vineyard.

This winery is not open to the public right now.

But we'd truly recommend its txakoli, we really are big, big fans.

Bring some K5 into your world and you'll see life differently.

KATXIÑA TXAKOLINA:

Barrio Ortzaiika, Orio +34 943 58 01 66

This is also a magical place where you can not only taste their txakoli, but also eat in their restaurant. They organise spectacular events, so if you're planning something special, Bodega Katxiña seems like the perfect spot.

Bodega Katxiña was founded in 2014 and stands in the midst of 8 hectares of vines, facing south, exposed on one slope that leads down to the River Oria.



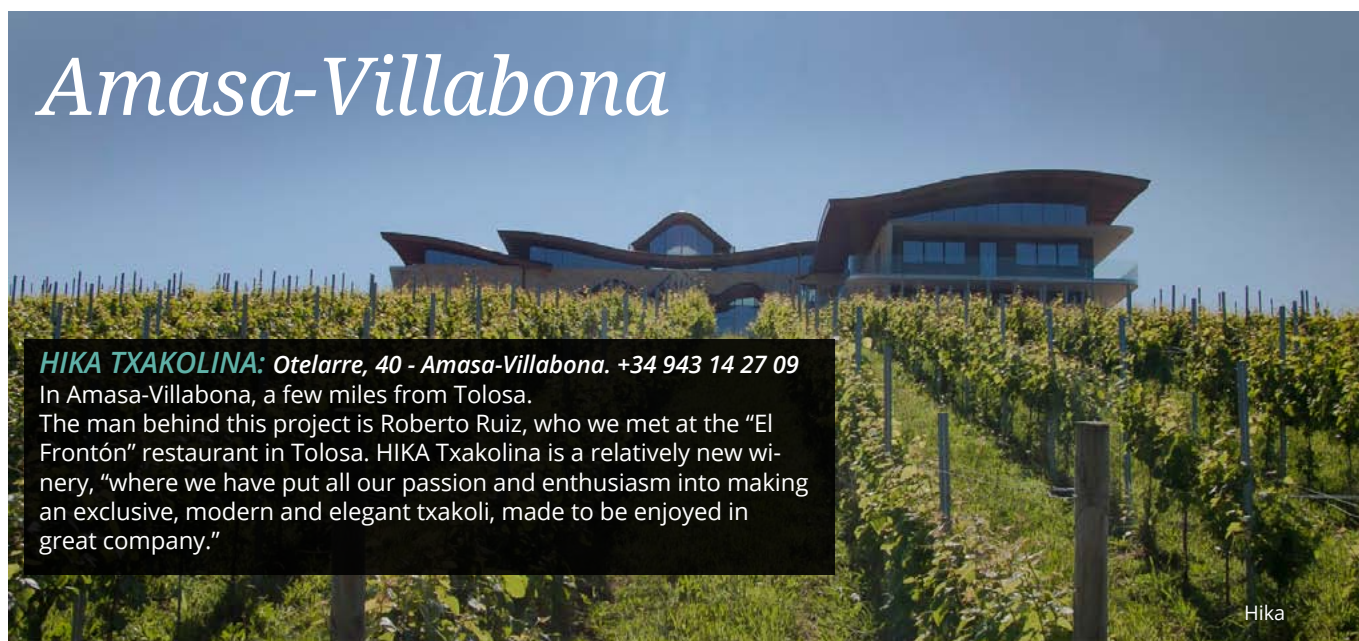
Katxiña

Amasa-Villabona

HIKA TXAKOLINA: Otelarre, 40 - Amasa-Villabona. +34 943 14 27 09

In Amasa-Villabona, a few miles from Tolosa.

The man behind this project is Roberto Ruiz, who we met at the "El Frontón" restaurant in Tolosa. HIKA Txakolina is a relatively new winery, "where we have put all our passion and enthusiasm into making an exclusive, modern and elegant txakoli, made to be enjoyed in great company."



Hika

Hondarribia



Hiruzta

HIRUZTA:

Bº Jaizubia, 266 – Hondarribia. +34 943 10 40 60

In addition to visiting the winery, you can enjoy a snack on its terrace or eat in the restaurant, known for its grill and seasonal produce.

CIDER COUNTRY

A long, long time ago, natural cider was really important in our area's economy, so almost all homesteads had a cider press. Cider was used for bartering; it conditioned local laws and was a loyal companion for Basque fishermen and sailors during their long trips across the North Atlantic searching for cod and whales. Sailors' fondness for cider, in addition to giving them a little buzz and putting a smile of their faces, helped them fend off scurvy and so it became an essential drink for them, practically giving them superpowers. Each crew members drank two or three litres of cider a day.

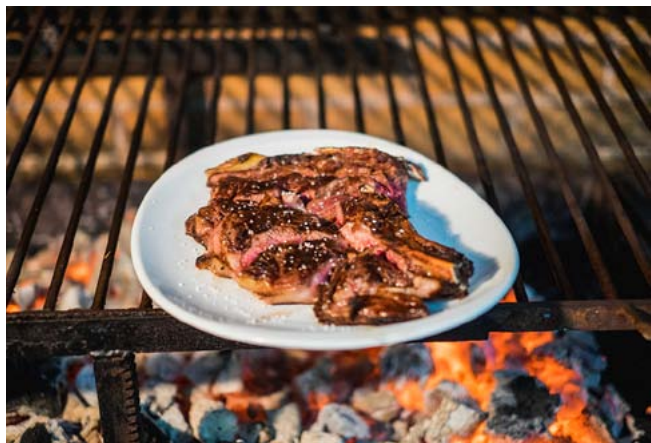


A hundred years later, one experience we'd strongly recommend if you spend a few days in the North is to go to a cider house because it's a delicious gastro tradition and the atmosphere is really unique.

There are more than 70 cider houses throughout the area. Some are more modern and up to date whilst others are older and have been kept just the same as in yesteryear. Cider and the cider houses are a sign of our identity, a tradition and an unmissable annual event for locals that tourists shouldn't miss out on either.

The cider season begins in January to the shout of "txotx" and lasts until April, and cider houses are packed out around this time. If you come at another time of year, don't worry, luckily some cider houses remain open all year round.





CIDER HOUSE MENU

The cider house menu consists of cod omelette, cod with green peppers and steak followed by cheese with quince jelly and walnuts for dessert, all washed down with lashings of cider.

Normally everyone eats together on long wooden tables although there are still some cider houses where people eat standing up, like in the olden days.

If you go in season, be prepared for the sagardozale ritual. The cider is always poured from the kupela (barrel). Shouting "txotx", the person in charge opens the kupela by removing the little stick (txotx) that acts as a stopper (although nowadays most have taps) and you line up to fill your glass.

Don't get over-excited and fill it to the brim, just give yourself a taste so that you can try the cider from different kupelas and still remember where you are sitting to carry on eating.

The cider menu includes all the cider you can drink.

Sister-Cider route

Donostialdea, made up of the towns of Andoain, Astigarraga, Hernani, Lasarte-Oria, Urnieta and Usurbil, is the area with the greatest concentration of cider houses, almost 70%, and it is known as "Cider Country" although cider houses can be found all over the province:

Top Cider Houses

ASTIGARRAGA

MENDIZABAL

PETRITEGI

IRETZA

SARASOLA

HERNANI

IPARRAGIRRE

URNIETA

ELUTXETA

USURBIL

AIALDE BERRI

LASARTE-ORIA

ARAETA

SAN SEBASTIÁN

LIZEAGA

CALOGNE

BASQUE COAST

SIDRERÍA IZETA

SIDRERÍA OLA

SIDRERÍA ORDO-ZELAI



Click the names of the cider houses for more information

ZARAUTZ



The ideal place to chill out in flip flops, admiring the coast and the surfers as they do their acrobatic thing among the waves. Take a walk, watch the sun rise, eat an ice cream, enjoy the beach, eat out-of-this-world food and get away from it all.

TOP 10

1- Walk to its campsite up the steps at the end of the walkway to Mollarri. If the tide is really low, you can see the remains of Gustav, a galleon that sank on Zarautz beach in 1874. On the campsite terrace, order the steak pintxo and cook it yourself.

2- Take a swim in a secret cove, that you can only reach at low tide from the Mollarri loading dock.

3- Go out for a drink in plaza del Pilar and calle San Francisco.

4- Have a sundowner beer in **Shelter**, admiring the sea views.

5- Take a walk to the new "Torreón" viewpoint, Zarautz's white diamond.

6- If you've got a sweet tooth, drop into **Ja**, Joseba Arguiñano's sweet shop.

7- Tidore Foods is the place for you if you love tasty, healthy food in a pretty spot.

8- The best pintxos and fixed price lunch menus are to be found in **Iruña**, where Marijo provides service with a smile.

9- Enjoy any of their grills.


10- Pop into **Zarautz Tourist Office**. In summer, you can stroll along the prom, where they set up their mobile office, and buy one of our lovely souvenirs that will always remind you of Zarautz.

Our surfer girl/boy keyrings, bags, notebooks or our Zarautz-aroma candle, only suitable for real **ZARAUTZ LOVERS**.



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 Iruña



One of our favourite places on the planet. Birthplace of illustrious figures such as Juan Sebastián Elcano, the first person to travel around the world, and the fashion designer Cristóbal Balenciaga.

Getaria is doubtlessly the perfect place to be happy.

Beach, great food, parasols in the street, sea bream, turbot, txakoli, fabulous people and it even has a mouse, in the form of Mount St Anton.



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Cristobal BalenciagaMuseum



Txoko Getaria



Maruka Gastro

TOP 10+1

- 1- Visit the **Cristóbal Balenciaga Museum**, where you'll find our special edition "sister products" on sale.
- 2- Cross the **Katrapona passageway**, that joins the old town with the port, toss a coin over the side and make a wish.
- 3- Admire the **Church of St Salvador**, a real gem.
- 4- Climb the mouse-shaped **Mount St Anton** and enjoy mind-blowing views.
- 5- Take a swim on its peaceful **Malkorbe beach** and grab a drink at either of its two beach bars.
- 6- Go out for pintxos, washed down with txakoli, following this pub crawl: **Elkano txiki, Maruka Gastro, Itxaspe, Xagu, Politena...**
- 7- Be happy at one of its grills: **Elkano, Txoko, Kaia, Iribar, Mayflower, Astillero...**
- 8- G&Ts and delicatessen on the **Amona María** terrace looking over the port.
- 9- German beers at the **Aldibier beer** hall, with stunning views.
- 10- Watch the sun go down from the terrace at **Ketarri**.
- 11- And then take a stroll from Getaria to Zarautz along the coastal route, 4 km of pure Bay of Biscay.

HONDARRIBIA

Hondarribia is one of the loveliest villages in our region. From Donostia, you can jump on the E21 bus that goes to the airport and in 30 minutes you'll be in Hondarribia without having to worry about where to park.



Once there, we'd recommend you take to the sea as you can catch the little boat that crosses over to Hendaye and live it up in La France.

Walk down the Butrón promenade, as far as the marina. We're going to recommend three unmissable spots here.

We love **El Curry Verde**, our favourite vegetarian place. A great place that's not just for veggies. (Average price €20).



Basque Taberna, a funky spot for a sandwich or some snacks. We love their checked table clothes and the décor (average price €15).

Rodeo Burguer, if burgers are your thing, drop in here (average price €15).

If you're after pintxos, Calle San Pedro is quite literally right up your street. One of the funkiest streets in the world, the beautiful coloured houses are just begging to be photographed.

First stop, **Gran Sol**. Go in and let your instincts guide you.

Very close by, you'll find Bar Restaurante **Itsaspe**, also ideal for lunch with a wonderful little terrace presided over by an olive tree.

Be sure to stop off at our favourite slow bakery, **Amona Margarita**, the ideal spot to take it easy with a good cup of coffee and one of their delicious pastries or their incredible bread.

Follow the route to the old town and here our first stop, opposite the hotel Obispo, is **Bar Etxeberria**. If you get the chance, try their piparrak in tempura.

Gastroteka Danontzat, we love their little terrace between streets. If you like cheese, you'll feel right at home, although it's worth trying all the other exquisite deliciousness they sell here.

If you fancy eating in a restaurant, we would heartily recommend **Restaurante Alameda** (see unmissable restaurants section). One of our favourites. (Average price €75)

Arroka Berri: High recommendable value for money. A safe bet. (Average price €40)

If you're feeling intrepid and fancy a trip in a glider, call **flydonosti**: 633 04 55 60, and you'll be the envy of Instagram, if you're more of a water-baby the **HS2 surf center** awaits.

And to finish off, don't leave Hondarribia without dropping into our favourite place where it is always springtime: **Endanea**. This garden centre is a little piece of heaven on Earth, unmissable!!



Hang on to these addresses



- * El Curry Verde
- * Basque Taberna
- * Rodeo Burger
- * Gran Sol
- * Bar Restaurante Itsaspe
- * Amona Margarita
- * Bar Etxeberria
- * Gastroteka Danontzat
- * Restaurante Alameda
- * Arroka Berri
- * Endanea Garden



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HS2 Surf Escuela




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BILBAO ROCKS...

and i can prove it

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here's only one thing akin to the pleasure of being in Bilbao - that *frisson* that runs down your spine when you realise it's Friday and you've got the whole weekend ahead of you. What if we combined those two amazing feelings?

Get ready because you're about to experience the natural high of exquisite taste, good times and utter gluttony. Let's not pretend otherwise.

You've already heard that Bilbao is famous for the Guggenheim, the Isozaki Towers, San Mamés stadium, the Arriaga Theatre and all that stuff you read in the guidebooks.

So, I'm not going to tell you what you already know.

But who am I to talk like this?

I'm Esti Santamaría, creator of **bilbaomola.com** out of devotion and copywriter by profession.

Maybe copywriting sounds like a lot of double Dutch to you but I wouldn't be surprised if you were an undying fan of Mad Men. Remember how the main character played with words so that an everyday brand would start selling like hot cakes? Well, in a nutshell, that's my job. Like Don Draper but luckier.

At the end of the day, he's not from Bilbao and I am. And our pal Don can't fix that with his persuasive charm. Checkmate. Bilbao wins.

So, are you ready to come with me and see why Bilbao really rocks?

“I want you to come with me to take a big bite out of Bilbao and drink in its very essence just like a true local would plan their perfect weekend. You and the city, just the two of you.”



Let's start on a Friday evening

Drop your travel bag off at the hotel, we're going out for a beer, in style.

I'll wait for you in the Bar Singular because we're going to take a foam bath.

At **the Bar Singular**, Sabino and Lide really know how to put a smile on the face of anyone who loves craft beer and fine wine. What's more, they've also managed something strange - this bar serves some of the best food in Bilbao despite its lack of kitchen.

But don't dawdle at the bar. Mosey on down to the back where there are high-backed sofas in front of a roaring fire, like those British pubs that become second homes for their regulars.

You'll be feeling peckish, so let's go for dinner. We're off to a restaurant that has more than proven that Japanese cooking is not at all what we've grown used to.

We've booked a table at Kuma. Seriously, book in advance or you'll go hungry.

Kuma run by Daniel Lomana is more than just a Japanese restaurant. It's a culinary experience, another story, another level entirely.

Lomana worked at Kabuki in Madrid and at Nobu in London. Then, he spent considerable time in Japan really getting to grips with its cuisine and its thousand-year-old culture.

The pleasure starts as you watch how they slice the fish at the bar and ends when you leave the restaurant unable to believe the mixture of flavours that have just exploded in your mouth.

So, you'll want to polish off this Friday with a proper drink and just nearby, there's a dream trio of bars:

1. Residence, run by Manu Iturregui, serving the most incredible selection of whiskeys for miles around.

2. La Mula de Moscú with signature cocktails from the Mind Shakers team.

3. And the latest: Sumerian Club.

We'll call it a day on this fun Friday in Bilbao's 'ensanche' area and we'll begin again on Saturday back at the same bar.



Warning! Don't eat breakfast. Today we are going to pay tribute to Bilbao's finest.

We have a brunch booking at the **Hotel Miró**, opposite the Guggenheim.

The All-Day Breakfast at the Miró is the mother of breakfasts in Bilbao. In fact, it's practically breakfast, lunch and dinner all rolled into one.

You'd better come with an empty stomach because not clearing your plate should be declared a mortal sin at the very least. All homemade. Most of the food is produced locally.

Craft jams, organic coffee, homemade cakes, free-range eggs, fresh fruit, natural juices.... and the real joy of this breakfast is the silence and the background music.

I can assure you that after this, you'll want to walk it off, so you have the ideal option right in front of you. Let's take a long stroll from the Guggenheim to the Old Town.



Along the way, we'll see all of Abandoibarra, the Isozaki towers, City Hall, El Arenal, the Arriaga theatre and then we'll delve into the Old Town.

Let's pass on a sit-down lunch for the time being as today's breakfast was heavy-going. However, a vermouth and the odd pintxo will go down a treat.

And NO. We're not going to the tourist bars. We're going to some real bars. Bars that make us smile at the very first sip:

The vermouth in **Ander Etxea** with its obligatory 3 olives.

On in **Taberna Basaras**, which is more than just a bar and more like a temple to worship hot, peppered anchovies.

And **Baster**, that, as well as serving a delightful vermouth, will also whip up a Spanish omelette to take your breath away.

You won't have room for anything else, so let's take another walk. This time along Gran Vía.

Feel free to roam along this great boulevard. We'll pass historic bakeries such as Arrese and outstanding architecture. Because before Frank Ghery came along, Bilbao already boasted the Beaux Arts style on the Bank of Bilbao, eclecticism on the Palacio Foral, the neoflamenco style of the Palacio Chávarri, the Modernism of the Montero building...

What's more, there's the thrill of trying the famous Crab pintxo at **El Globo**, next to the Government Building.

You might be getting weary, so I'll offer you a truce - we'll walk along Gran Vía as far as the Doña Casilda park. Breathe it all in and soak it up. Then, when you get to the Palacio Euskalduna (the living image of the Bilbao's gobsmacking transformation over the last quarter of a century), you can take the tram.

You'll ride through all Abandoibarra as far as the **Mercado de la Ribera** (Riverbank Market) because I've got a brilliant plan there for what's left of Saturday.



It's Bilbao La Vieja.

A glass of wine on the terrace at **Txinpum**. A coffee or a beer at **Bihotz**. Whatever you fancy at the **Marzana 16** tavern.

This is the neighbourhood I call home and it's impossible to describe its transformation over the last few years in just a few lines. You'll be wanting some dinner and luckily, you're in just the right place:

* Refined cuisine at **Mina**.

* Simple innovation at **Al Margen**.

* Unruly recipes at **Dando la Brasa**.

* Even Calabrese pizza from the **Demaio brothers**.

It's up to you to decide how much you want to spend. You'll have a great time wherever you choose.

Having got this far, it'd be best to turn in before we start our final fling.



100% Bilbao Sunday

I'll make it crystal clear - you can't leave Bilbao without trying the mille-feuille pastry from **Charamel Gozotegia**. So, let's have breakfast there.

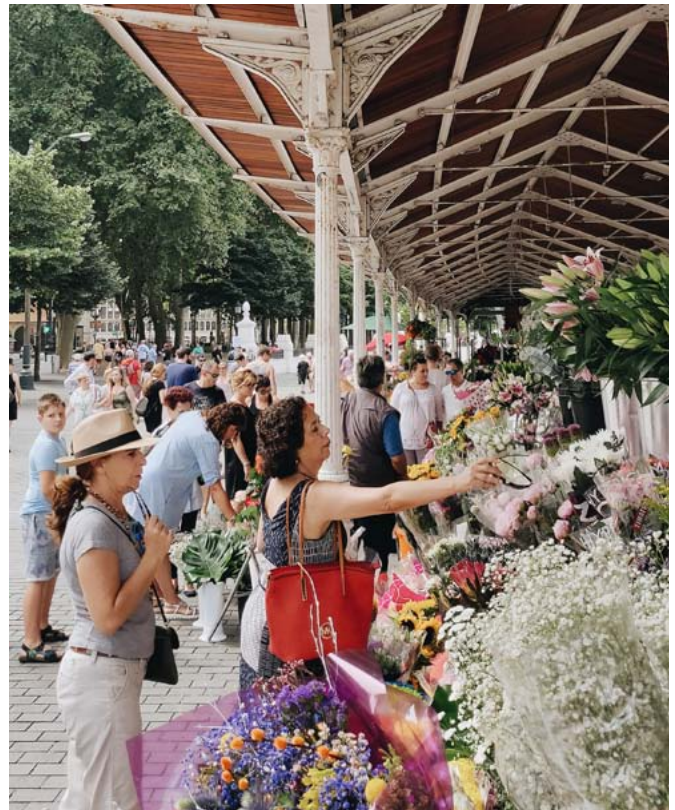
Then, our plan is a real institution for any local worth their salt - a visit to the flower market in El Arenal and the antiques market in Plaza Nueva.

Once there, you really have to try a crab waffle at **Gure Toki**, pop into Plaza Unamuno for a mushroom pintxo from **Bacaicoa**, a gilda (green pepper/olive on a stick) at **Fermín** or some 'tigres' (mussels with tomato) at **Baste**.

Don't overdo it though, because we're going to have a slap-up lunch today.

The cherry on the cake for this weekend in Bilbao is a table at **Los Fueros**.

It's the oldest bar in Bilbao. It's been open in the Old Town since 1878. A few years ago, it was bought out by Fernando Canales who put Paul Ibarra in charge of the kitchen, following his previous job running the R&D department at the Etxanobe restaurant.



What happened? Bilbao's classic recipes were taken apart and then put back together in surprising ways.

My recommendation is the 'De Bilbao de toda la vida' (Born and bred in Bilbao) menu. It's a celebration of simple recipes, paying tribute to Bilbao's most typical cuisine.

And what better to finish off this weekend in Bilbao in style?

Now it's time to go home and think about all the pintxos you didn't try, all the fascinating spots that remain undiscovered and miss the people who are both boastful and friendly and who never tire of lauding their city. **Bilbao.**

They say that you should always have an excuse to go back, so there you have it. I'm pretty sure you'll be back and so are you. Aren't you?



Charamel Gozotegia



Los Fueros

Hang on to these **24** addresses

- * **Bar Singular:** Lersundi 2.
- * **Restaurante Kuma:** Ercilla 8.
- * **Residence:** Barraincúa 1.
- * **La Mula de Moscu:** Alameda de Recalde 15.
- * **Sumerian Club:** Lersundi 9.
- * **Hotel Miró:** Alameda Mazarredo 77.
- * **Ander Etxea:** Barrenkale 21.
- * **Taberna Basaras:** Pelota 2.
- * **Baster:** Correo 22.
- * **El Globo:** Diputación 8.
- * **Txinpum:** Muelle de Marzana 14.
- * **Bihotz:** Arechaga 6,
- * **Marzana 16:** Marzana 16.
- * **Mina:** Muelle de Marzana s/n
- * **Dando La Brasa:** Aretxaga 7.
- * **Al Margen:** Dos de Mayo 18.
- * **Demaio:** San Francisco 10.
- * **Charamel Gozotegia:** Jardines 2.
- * **Gure Toki:** Plaza Nueva 12.
- * **Bacaicoa:** Plaza Unamuno 2.
- * **Bar Fermín:** Iturrubide 6.
- * **Baste:** María Muñoz 6.
- * **Los Fueros:** Fueros 6.

👉 Click the names of the bars for more information



Biarritz

Just half an hour from San Sebastián, there is a city where good taste and elegance carved out its reputation as a cherished place for the aristocracy to spend their summers.



The person responsible for turning this tiny fishing village into the very pinnacle of chic was actually Spanish, Eugenia de Montijo. She was certainly not just a pretty face as she persuaded her husband, Napoleon III, to build a palace on the "grand plage" at Biarritz, making this beautiful city eternally fashionable.

Biarritz is also the historic surfing capital of Europe thanks to Peter Viertel, husband of Deborah Kerr. When she was shooting in Biarritz in 1957, he brought his boards over from California and became the first person to ride the Côte des Basques waves, in a town where surfing is practically a religion these days.

It's impossible not to fall in love with Biarritz, its 6 km of fine sandy beaches and therapeutic waters, its stately homes, its chocolates, its cheerful market, its surfers, its shops, its walks, streets and that special atmosphere that lights up this impressive city at every step.

We'll start the day in **LES HALLES**, a happy hunting ground for foodies.

Exquisite products that you can taste as well as buy: cheese, seafood, oysters, truffles, etc. It's a fine gastronomic spread. Open every day until 2 pm.

Afterwards, you can enjoy one of the bars around the market. **Le Comptoir du Foie Gras**, **Le Bar Jean**, **Les Contrebandiers**, **Café du Commerce...**

Les Halles



Le Comptoir du Foie Gras



Le Bar Jean



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Les Halles

Then we're off on a stroll from one end of Biarritz to the other.

LIGHTHOUSE

Biarritz lighthouse was built in 1834 and stands 73 metres above sea level.

Climb its 248 steps and admire its panoramic view over Biarritz

Then, relax with a drink in the bar next to the lighthouse **Pavillon du Phare**.

GRANDE PLAGE

Now, let's cross Miramar beach as far as, **Grande Plage**, a picture-postcard beach with its stripy beach huts, plus the imperial palace that is now the fabulous **Hôtel du Palais**.

This is Biarritz's central beach, right next to the **Casino** and the Bellevue conference centre.

FISHING PORT AND VIRGIN OF THE ROCK

The Fishing Port is a real delight. Its late 19th century fishermen's cottages have been turned into restaurants such as **Chez Albert** where you can feast on excellent fresh fish and seafood.

After lunch, take a stroll up to the **Virgin of the Rock**.

Legend tells that a terrible storm stopped a boat from reaching port one night, but a miraculous light shone out through the darkness, guiding the fishermen to the coast. To show their thanks, the fishermen built the statue to the virgin on an islet which you can currently visit by crossing a bridge. The **Aquarium** is our next suggestion followed by a refreshing beer or **G&T** at **Olatua** with wonderful views.

THE IMPERIAL CHAPEL

The Imperial Chapel was built in 1864 on Empress Eugenia's request. This charming construction of **Roman-Byzantine and Hispanic-Moorish style**, has been dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe (also known as Our Lady of Guadalupe), the Mexican black virgin. It was listed as a **historical monument in 1981**.

OLD PORT BEACH

One of our favourite places is this tiny beach slotted among the rocks, sheltered from the wind and waves. This was Biarritz's former whaling port, hence its name.

We suggest eating at **L'Arena**, **les Baigneuses** followed by an ice cream at **Eden Rock Café** hanging over the sea.

VILLA BELZA

Built in 1889, stands mysteriously on a rock facing the ocean. It features in many legends, appears as the backdrop for several movies, and also welcomes you to a great beach:

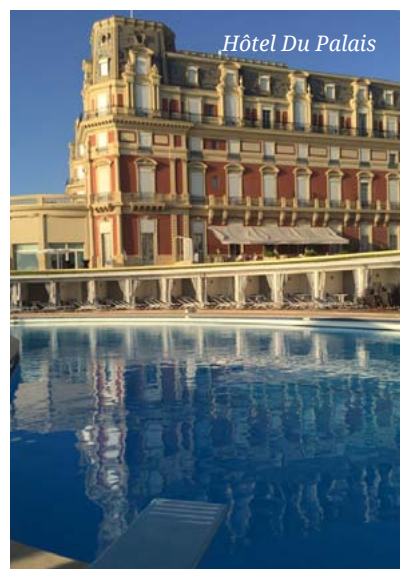
CÔTE DES BASQUES

If you want to start surfing, this is your beach. You can rent equipment there, with or without an instructor.

Before or after getting in the water, **Le surfing** is a funky restaurant to help you top up your energy levels. The bar next door has great views and comfy sofas to take it easy watching the surfers, **Bar de la Côte**.



Pavillon du Phare



Hôtel Du Palais



Villa Belza



Virgin of the Rock



Fishing Port





As the sun goes down, **Etxola Bibi** is a wonderful beach bar with music and snacks to cheerfully bid the day farewell.

One last sister tip before leaving the coast, at low tide you can walk right round to one of our favourite beach clubs that is every bit as good as anything Ibiza has to offer: **Blue Cargo**, with hammocks and parasols on Ibarritz beach, where you can eat right on the sand because it always feels like summer.

If it's souvenirs you're after, take a stroll down rue **Gambetta** and rue **Mazagran** and check out their fun shops where you can buy espadrilles from les sandales d'Eugénie and wear them straight away to stroll around the terraces on Sainte Eugénie square and visit the crypt with the same name. Carry on as far as **Café Miremont**, a delicious tearoom from 1872 with all the essence of yesteryear.

Buy chocolates at **Pariès** and macaroons in **Maison Adam**, and finish your day at **Chez Coco** a pizzeria right in the centre of Biarritz that owes its name to mademoiselle Coco Chanel as this was a place where she used to sew.

Blue Cargo



Côte des Basques



L'Amiral



Milwaukee Cafe



Hang on to these addresses

👉 Click the names of the bars for more information

CHEZ COCO, 5 Rue Gardères

MILWAUKEE CAFE, 2 Rue du Helder

CAFE MIREMONT, 1 bis Place Georges Clemenceau

LE SURFING, 9 Boulevard du Prince de Galles

ETXOLA BIBI, Square Jean Baptiste Lassalle

ARENA BIARRITZ, Place du Port Vieux

L'ALMIRAL, 9 Rue des Halles

CHISTERA & COQUILLAGE, 13 Rue des Halles

LES BAIGNEUSES, 14 Rue du Port-Vieux

CAFE EDEN ROCK, 2-4 Espl. du Port Vieux

OLATUA, Jardins de l'Atalaye

PAVILLON DU PHARE, 60 B Espl. Elisabeth II

MILADY BEACH by BOKADO, Rue du Moulin de Chabiague

BAR DE LA CÔTE, 10 Boulevard du Prince de Galles

BAR JEAN, 5 Rue des Halles

LES CONTREBANDIERS, 20 Avenue Victor Hugo

LE COMPTOIR DU FOIE GRAS, 1 Rue du Ctr

CAFÉ DU COMMERCE, 1 Rue des Halles

MAISON ADAM, 27 Place Georges Clemenceau

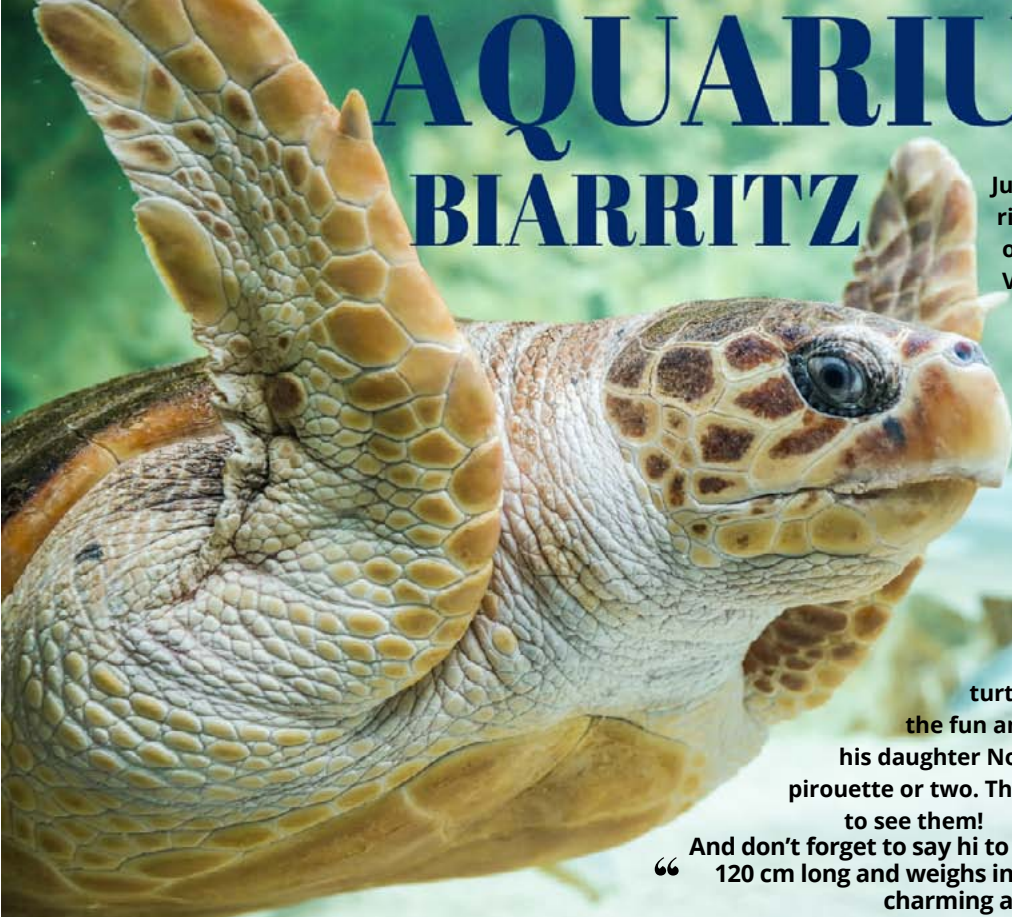
PARIÈS, 1 Place Bellevue

BLUE CARGO, 2 Avenue du Lac Bidart

SOBILO, 24 Rue Peyroloubilh (Bicis y Scooters)



BIARRITZ TOURISME Tourist Office and Convention Bureau 1 square d'Ixelles Javalquinto 64200 Biarritz



AQUARIUM BIARRITZ

Just a few miles from Donostia, right in the heart of Biarritz, opposite the Rock of the Blessed Virgin, you'll find the Aquarium, home to over 8000 fish and living organisms from over 600 species. Get ready for a fascinating underwater adventure, travelling from the Bay of Biscay to the Indian and Pacific Oceans, not forgetting the Caribbean...

In this spectacular 1930s building, you'll find out about Atlantic coast species such as octopus, sea horses, turtles and, our firm favourites, the fun and friendly seals. Charlie and his daughter Noëlla will welcome you with a pirouette or two. They love it when people stop by to see them!

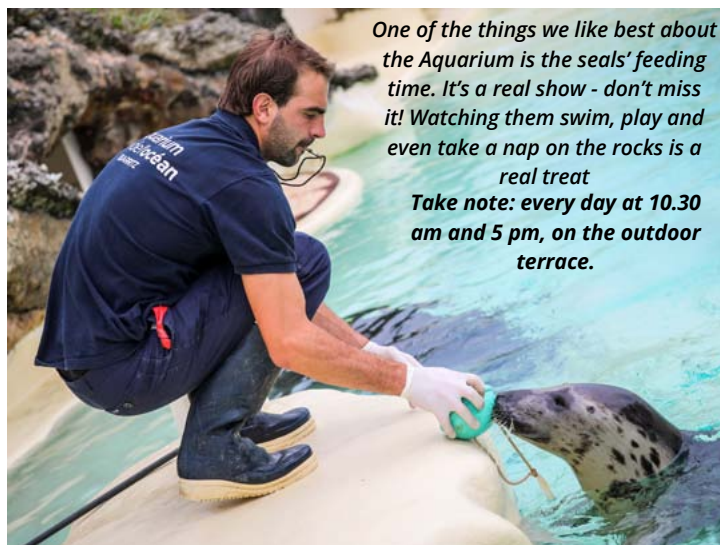
“ And don't forget to say hi to Alicia the turtle who is around 120 cm long and weighs in at 100 kg. Alicia is laid-back, charming and attractive. ”

At the tropical lagoon, among the mangrove roots, you can admire the moonfish, parrotfish and guitarfish. At the coral reef, you'll be wowed by the fabulously coloured fish with their incredible shapes. Copperband butterflyfish, red scorpionfish, angelfish, blue damselfish... Poetic names for a ballet of majestic fish!

The giant tank holds 1,500,000 litres of water offering panoramic views. You're going to be blown away by the barracudas, the funny humphead wrasse, the leopard skate or the eagle rays... and 7 different species of shark, it's all so impressive!





Take a seat in their cinema and find out about the most emblematic marine species from the Pacific in the documentary "The secret life of atolls."
A truly unique experience.





They organise a range of activities over the year, such as the chance to spend the night in the Aquarium, admiring the sharks' beauty. It's bound to be an unforgettable experience. Follow them on social media to keep up to date on what's going on at this brilliant **Biarritz Aquarium.**

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Cité de l'Océan

Right next to Milady beach in Biarritz, you'll find the Cité de l'Océan.

It's a museum all about the ocean that we came across last year and just loved. At the Cité de l'Océan, we were thrilled by their virtual sessions and amazing underwater experiences. It's an original way of finding out more about the sea and bags of fun.

Here's the stuff you really can't miss...

Surf Sensation 5D, dare to jump on a dynamic surf board wearing a virtual reality mask, surfing the turquoise waves of Tahiti. You'll feel the wind from the southern seas, the water splashing your face and you'll bend your body gleefully whilst watching a 360° video and really feel like you're surfing. It's an amazing simulator experience and the very best way of travelling to Polynesia without leaving Biarritz.

Virtual Surf, surf some of the best-known waves such as Mundaka, Belharra, Teahupoo...

Become a professional surfer for a day! You'll love it so much that you'll end up eyeing up surf boards...

Virtual Trip 360°, scuba dive around the Australian Barrier Reef, greeting the turtles, dolphins and a whole host of fish. You'll feel like a real diver in these warm waters, thanks to virtual reality. Totally recommendable.

The Bathyscaphe, this is 4D dynamic cinema that uses incredibly real special effects that will take you on an AMAZING experience. Ready for an impressive journey? Buckle up, we're about to set off!

700 sharks at night, it feels like you're really underwater. Dive in for 12 minutes with a 360° view submerged in the Polynesian reserve of Fakarava... with a school of 700 sharks!

This documentary was directed by the famous biologist and underwater photographer. An amazing study that helps us understand hunting techniques used by one of the greatest marine predators.

Enjoy a unique experience by joining the crew of this incredible expedition. Share the team's stress, emotion, worries, laughs and fears. (In French)

Minimum age for these attractions: 6 years old.

Seaborg. Are you ready to feel the wind in your hair? Would you like to defy the laws of gravity and test your limits on board Seaborg? Thanks to virtual reality glasses, you can go on a 4-minute 360° underwater trip. It's the only attraction of its kind in Europe that turns 360°. You'll be face down before you know it! Swinging between hilarious fun and stomach-churning vertigo. Pure adrenaline on board the Seaborg! **Minimum height for Seaborg: 142 cm**

THE OCEAN EXPLAINED

Where does the water come from in oceans? How do waves appear? Why is the sea salty? Why is the sea blue?

Where do storms come from?

You'll find all the answers at the Cité de l'Océan.



Sistips

Don't miss the 40-minute 3D film:

Until the end of June, you can enjoy "Turtle Odyssey", giving you a taste of life in the ocean through the eyes of a turtle and in July, a different film will focus on sealions.

These 3D films are a real hit for all ages.



CITÉ DE L'OCEAN

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There is a super cool place that not everyone knows about, slightly hidden away in a beautiful garden to watch the sun go down and grin at to sea. It's our duty to share magical spots with our readers, so take note because this place rocks!

Its impressive sea views make its sunsets the very best in Biarritz.

At lunchtime, we'd recommend a light snack such as their vegetarian quinoa bowls, burrata with fresh salmon, Asian bowls... Wash your lunch down with their local beer "La Superbe", draft or bottled, made especially for Olatua.

As the sun goes down, get comfy on the terrace, savouring a tasty wine (they have an extensive wine list selected by Vincent Damestoy) accompanied by one of their platters of delicious cheese, cold meat, Barthouil salmon, tuna or their exquisite mixed platter with Balme truffles.

Enjoy the views and get your camera ready, you're guaranteed a great show.



~~~~~ Sistips ~~~~~

Don't leave Olatua without trying one of their super-famous G&Ts from the comfort of their ROOF TOP.

A plus: Fresh ingredients plus local and seasonal produce.



Follow them on social media to find out about all their events.

In summer, don't miss their DJ sessions from 6 pm to 2 am. You won't be disappointed.

OLATUA BIARRITZ

Jardins de l'Atalaye, 64200 Biarritz

 **BOOKING ONLINE**



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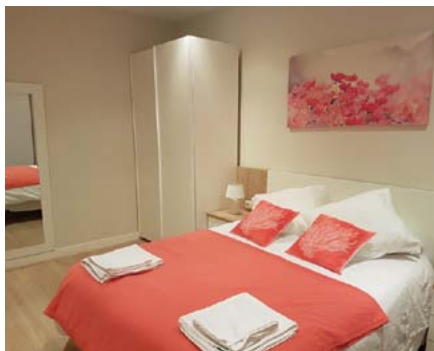
APARTURE - EUSKADI TOURIST RENTAL PROPERTY
ASSOCIATION



Aperture has more than 700 rental properties offering tourist accommodation, involving around twenty companies throughout Gipuzkoa and the Basque Country (Euskadi).

The Euskadi Tourist Rental Property Association (**APARTURE**) brings together tourist rental property management companies working tirelessly to offer high quality accommodation in Euskadi.

 www.aperture.com



AIZLUR

AIZLUR has a proven track record in this sector, backed by over 15 years' experience, making it one of the most specialised companies in Property transactions, Management and Consultancy on leasing in Gipuzkoa, as well as holiday rentals.



ASTON&WOLF BILBAO

We are experts in managing top-of-the-range tourist properties. Thanks to our experience, we can boost property owners' income by between 25% and 50%. However, it's not just about the extra revenue - the main advantage is that we manage everything so that property owners can sit back and relax, knowing they are in safe hands from the very start.



BASQUENJOY HONDARRIBIA

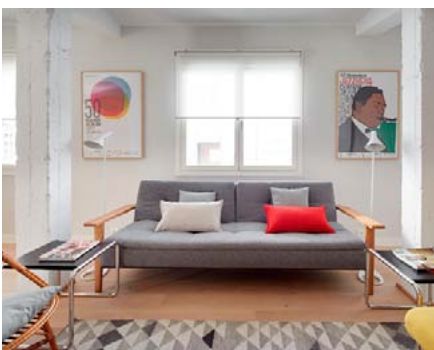
At Basquenjoy Hondarribia, we manage holiday rentals for short and medium stays in Hondarribia. We have a wide variety of flats to meet any client need.

We offer our clients personalised service as we are Hondarribia locals and so on-hand to answer any queries or provide a wide range of recommendations or services, as required.



ALWAYS EASY

Always Easy is a new company in San Sebastian offering charming apartments that have been rigorously selected following strict quality criteria. We hope that guests will feel at home and enjoy their stay as much as possible. We're always keen to get to know our guests and help them out with a few personal recommendations on places to visit, top spots for lunch or dinner, and activities....in short, top tips for unforgettable holidays.



ATERIAN

The sea takes centre stage in our landscape and our history. Get a taste for the fishing villages that are home to amazing food, txakoli wine and the best fresh grilled fish. Zarautz beach is watched over by green mountains and runs the length of this seaside town with its eye-catching beach tents, known all over the world for its waves and the surfing vibe. We offer premium holiday rentals to help you really make the most of all these experiences and more, with personalised service from before you even arrive so that you can embrace our Basque traditions and culture like a local.



BASQUE STAY

Basque Stay is a local company that offers travellers from all over the world all types of accommodation along the coast. Our staff comprises a local team with vast knowledge of the area so we can offer an excellent personalised service, adapted to each traveller's needs. This makes us a great option for apartment owners to rent out their homes.



Click on each company's icon for more information.



BASKEY RENTALS

From BasKey Rentals, we want to offer you the best services for your stay in the Basque Country. We would love to be your host and can show you all the best places and hidden secrets of our region.

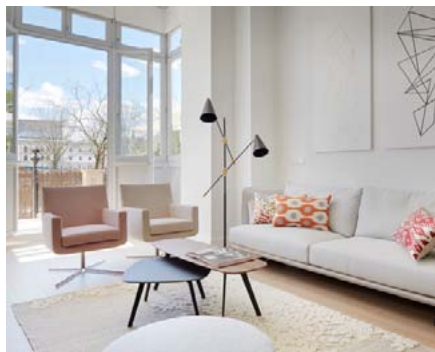
The accommodation that we offer you at BasKey Rentals has been picked for you to enjoy, with every comfort you might need during your stay. We provide the perfect mixture between tradition and modern, so that you feel right at home.



DONOSTIRENTALS

We are a tight-knit family business based in Donostia, with a clear vocation for tourism and our team can boast over 6 years' experience managing Tourist Rental Properties.

This company was set up to help owners rent out their property with no hitches. We offer rental property owners a wide range of services to guarantee maximum peace of mind and optimum return. This might include managing licences and permits, interior design, renovations or even full management of short and medium stay accommodation businesses plus, of course, an in-person check-in service (we greet the guests at the accommodation), cleaning, sheets and towels, amenities, management, etc.



FELLFREE

The holiday flats and houses managed by FeelFree were selected in situ based on strict criteria for quality, design, location and facilities. We strive to make our clients feel at home during their holiday or business trip.



FRIENDLY RENTALS

At Friendly Rentals, we offer a meticulous selection of holiday flats in San Sebastián: spacious and with balconies, central and close to the Concha Bay, luminous and with a great view, ideal for families or a break just for the two of you... Whatever type of holiday flat you're after, you'll find it at Friendly Rentals! All our flats are well equipped so that you feel right at home, leaving you ready to explore the city your own way.



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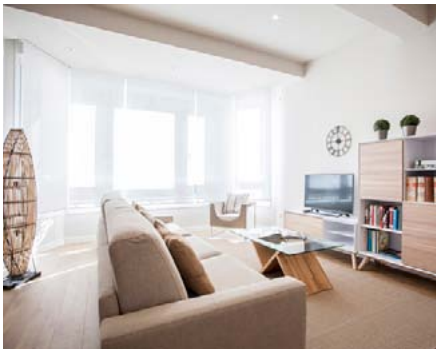
At Forever Rentals, we offer a wide range of holiday flats and houses with one to four bedrooms. We manage rentals in San Sebastián, Madrid and Bilbao, always in central areas of the cities. Our accommodation is fully fitted for an unforgettable stay, decorated with exquisite taste, making our guests feel right at home during their holiday or business trips. Our website makes it possible to see our rental availability in the three cities and make a booking easily and simply.



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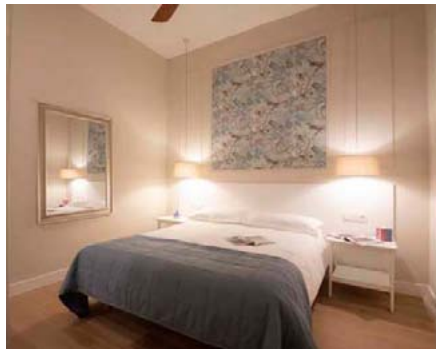
Properties managed by Galarent are selected according to strict quality checks that guarantee our clients an unforgettable stay. Whether you prefer to stay in a quiet area, in the city centre or by the beach, we can offer you a range of alternatives to ensure a wonderful holiday.





IBERORENT

We are an agency based in San Sebastián specialising in short and medium stay holiday apartment rentals since 2007. We offer a wide variety of properties in the best areas of the city, fully-fitted and at competitive rates.



OLDTOWN

OldTown has five apartments in the Old Town of San Sebastián. This is a family project that has helped us change direction to work in a job that we love. The names of our apartments reflect our Hmong family from the north of Vietnam.

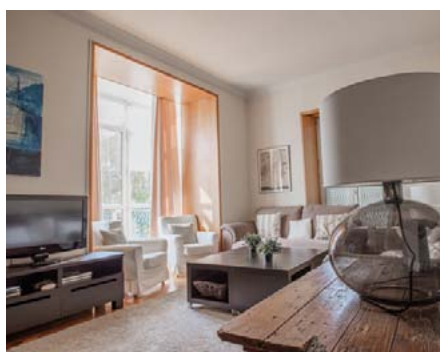
Oldtown is part of a training and construction project involving a small hotel in Laochi, close to Sa Pa. This hotel will provide a few Hmong girls with decent training and work in the tourism sector



SWEET HOME

We offer a completely new focus for your holidays: combining the comfort of a 4-star hotel with a real local experience so you can discover San Sebastián's best kept secrets.

When you reserve a SWEET HOME holiday rental, rest assured that we'll take care of everything. Our personalised service will make your stay unique and unforgettable.



LOCAL RENTSS

Local Rentss is a company run by locals who are passionate about our region and our culture. All the holiday rental apartments we offer along the Donostia - San Sebastián coast and in the surrounding area are fully-fitted and enjoy the best services. We try to take holiday accommodation to the next level and, if you wish, our personalised service can help you feel just like a local.



SANSEBASTIAN FOR YOU

At Sansebastianforyou, we provide you with a charming place for a fantastic stay and the best information on the city, particularly the cuisine.

Our real passion is to see you enjoying yourselves.



Click on each company's icon for more information.



SMILING RENTALS

Smiling Rentals was set up in Hondarribia in 2016 as modern travellers began to seek out closer contact with local people. Smiling Rentals provides a rental service featuring fully fitted, furnished accommodation and a wide range of extra services to make you really feel at home.

We prepare the accommodation with plenty of TLC, we can give you the best local recommendations and we are always available to answer your questions. We want you to enjoy your stay as much as possible.

Welcome, bienvenido, ongi etorri!





THE RENTALS COLLECTION

We prioritise your peace of mind during your stay. When you book one of our flats, rest assured that you are booking with a company that is a benchmark in the area and the sector. At The Rentals Collection, we follow the highest standards. Transparency is our watchword and we work hand in hand with the public administration to maximise the positive impact of our business on society. We can offer you a selection of flats and villas so you can explore the culture, cuisine and every last corner of the city from your 'home' in San Sebastián.



***AT APARTURE, WE HOPE YOU FEEL
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