

Biosphere Reserve





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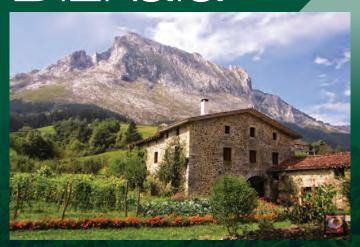
Bilbao



Bilbao is the heart of a metropolis where more than a million people live. It is the centre of the economic-social development and the main factor of the modernisation of the Bay of Biscay. The great architectural and infrastructure projects have been the driving force of the urban and economic regeneration of the city. The Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, the Euskalduna Conference and Music Centre, Norman Foster's Underground, Calatrava's airport, the towers designed by the architects Arata Isozaki and César Pelli... are all examples of the dynamism that exists in Bilbao.

The city is situated in the area of Bizkaia and is surrounded by a fertile landscape with forests, mountains, beaches and steep coasts. All this makes Bilbao a privileged destination for visitors. The modern transport and network of roads run to locations nearby such as the other capitals of the Basque Country - Vitoria and San Sebastián.

Bizkaia



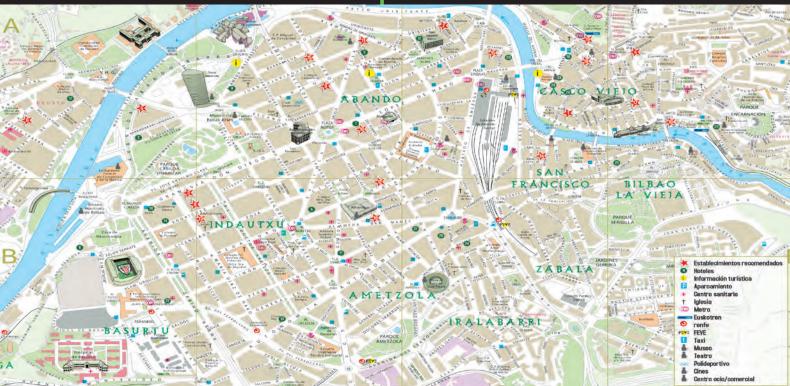
It is located in the Basque Country in northern Spain. Its capital, Bilbao, has become a symbol of modern architecture thanks to its avant-garde buildings such as the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum. Bizkaia is the most densely populated province in the Basque Country, and has both cities and rural areas which conserve the full flavour of country living. There are also towns in the interior which are well worth visiting, such as Durango, Elorrio, Otxandio, Orduña and Balsameda. Its 150 kilometres of coastline have everything from beaches with golden sand, to cliffs and charming fishing villages.

The coast is also where visitors will find the Hanging Bridge of Bizkaia, awarded the World Heritage designation by the UNESCO, as well as idyllic spaces such as San Juan de Gaztelugatxe and the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve. The local gastronomy is strongly influenced by its proximity to the sea. Particular delicacies include the "pintxos" (delicious miniature dishes) and recipes such as cod à la vizcaína or grilled butterflied sea bream.

The City of Bilbao

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Calendar Of Rural Markets & Local Fairs

The City of Bilbao Area			
25 January	BARAKALDO	Agricultural fair	
8 March	UGAO-MIRABALLES	Agricultural fair	
27 March	BILBA0	Spring food craft fair	
3 May	BERANGO	Agricultural & Craft fair + Basque Cake championship	
16-17 May	DERIO DERIO	Agricultural & food fair	
31 May	ERANDIO	Agricultural & livestock fair	
6 June	BARAKALD0	Cherry fair	
7 June	LEZAMA	Day of the Txakoli wine	
13 June	BILBA0	Basque Sheppard Idiazabal cheese cham- pionship of Bilbao	
16 July	SANTURTZI	Gastronomic fair	
5 July	ABANTO-ZIERBENA	Rural craft & food fair	
10 August	GETX0	Agricultural fair	
11-13 September	GETX0	Sea fair (part of a Singing festival)	
13 September	ERANDIO	Agricultural, ecological & livestock	
19-20 September	DERIO DERIO	Food & handcraft fair	
20 September	MUSKIZ	Agricultural & livestock. Txakoli champion-ship & horse show.	
2-4 October	ABANO-ZIERBENA	Sea food fair	
10 October	ABANO-ZIERBENA	Cider day	
1 November	TRAPAGARAN	Agricultural, hand craft & livestock	
7-8 November	ZAMUDIO	Agricultural, food & livestock	
8 November	DERIO DERIO	Mycological fair	





Inand Villages & Natural Park Area

21 December

Santo Tomas rural fair

18 January	BERRIZ	Agricultural & hand craft fair
3 February	ABADIÑO	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair
7 February	MARKINA-XEMEIN	Plants & gardening fair
7 March	AMOREBIETA-ETXANO	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair
26 April	DIMA	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair
9 May	ZEANURI	Livestock fair + Lumberjacks champion- ship
24 May	MAÑARIA	Agricultural & livestock fair
7 June	MALLABIA	Agricultural & hand craft fair
13 June	ETXEBARRIA	Livestock fair
13 June	ABADIÑO	Agricultural & livestock fair
5 July	ELORRIO	Ecological products fair
25 July	AMOREBIETA-ETXANO	Farmers fair
12 September	DURANG0	Ecological products fair
19 Septiembre	ARTEA	Mercartea hand craft and food fair
26 September	ATXONDO	Day of the Sheppard. Championship of Biscay
11 October	IGORRE	Agricultural & hand craft fair
22 November	ZALDIBAR	Agricultural
22 November	DURANG0	Euskal Denda, food traditional products
6 December	IZURTZA	Gaztardogi, tasting of cheese, bread, chicken and wine
6-8 December	ELORRIO	Buzkantza jaia, championship of black sausages and pintxos







Calendar Of Rural Markets & Local Fairs

Coastal Villages & Biosphere Reserve Area

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Every Friday	MUNGIA	Farmers Market
Every first Sunday of each month	ARRIETA	Agricultural and hand craft fair
18 January	MUNGIA	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair + Basque country championship of red & black sausages
1 & 15 February	MUNGIA	Livestock fair
12 April	GORLIZ	Flowers & Plants
18 April	MUNGIA	Local plants and landscape
19 April	GATIKA	Agricultural, Craft & livestock fair
26 April	MORGA	Agricultural & livestock fair
1 May	IBARRANGELU	Agricultural fair
1-3 May	GERNIKA	Medieval fair
2 May	BERRIATUA	Agricultural & Fish fair
17 May	MENDEXA	Craft & Plants fair
Pending date in May	BERME0	Fish fair
16 May	LEKEITIO	Iparraldearen Haizea: French Basque country products
23 May	ONDARROA	Day of the anchovie
6 June	GERNIKA	Txakoli day in Urdaibai
4 July	GERNIKA	Day of the pepper of Gernika
24-26 July	LEKEITIO	Fishing fair
1 August	GERNIKA	Day of Rioja Alavesa wine & Cod
8 August	BAKIO	Gastronomic fair. Marmitako championship.
16 August	PLENTZIA	Idiazabal cheese championship of Plentzia
22 August	EA	Agricultural fair
23 August	BAKI0	Agricultural fair
3 October	GERNIKA	Sukalki eguna, (Basque stew meat ragu)
7 November	GERNIKA	Day of the bean of Gernika
20 December	GERNIKA	Snails cooking championship of the Basque country





Inland Villages Area

1 February	SOPUERTA	Chacineria Fair + championship of red and black sausages
15 February	GUEÑES	Poultry & Gastronomy fair
19 April	ORTUELLA	Agricultural and livestock fair
9-10 May	BALMASEDA	Medieval market
17 May	ZALLA	Day of the wine of Zalla
7 June	ALONSOTEGI	Agricultural & livestock fair
21 June	ORDUÑA	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair
26 September	ARTZENTALES	Agricultural & craft fair
27 September	SOPUERTA	Agricultural & livestock fair
24 October	LANESTOSA	Food and agricultural fair
1 November	TURTZIOZ	Cheese fair
6 December	GORDEXOLA	Agricultural, craft & livestock fair
24 December	GALDAMES	Day of the bread with championship









Bilbao Basic

A perfect introduction package to the city of Bilbao.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Entrance to the Guggenheim Museum
- Bicycle guided visit to Bilbao including a tasting of a pintxo & a drink.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 185€



Bilbao Gourmet

Discover the secrets of the famous Pintxos, traditional & modern.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Molecular cuisine cooking lessons at a restaurant in Bilbao with a top level Chef
- Pintxos tour including tasting of 4 special pintxos + 4 drinks & roadbook

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 335€



Bilbao Complete

This is a more complete package with more services, to discover the city and for your comfort. INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Entrance to the Guggenheim Museum
- Arrival/departure private transfers
- Pintxos tour including tasting of 4 special pintxos + 4 drinks & roadbook

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 240€



Bilbao Art & Culture

Enjoy the best cultural and artistic highlights of the city.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Entrance to the Guggenheim Museum
- Entrance Tickets to the Opera in Bilbao with quality grandstand seats at the Euskalduna Palace.

PRICE PER PERSON DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 350€



Bilbao Full Experience

This is the perfect package to make the best of your time in Bilbao.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Entrance to the Guggenheim Museum
- Arrival/departure private transfers
- City Tour with Hop on/off Bus
- Pintxos tour including tasting of 4 special pintxos + 4 drinks & roadbook

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 255€



River Fun in Bilbao

Discover the Guggenheim & the center of the city from a totally different angle

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a centrally located quality 4* Hotel.
- Entrance to the Guggenheim Museum
- Guided kayak route into the river of Bilbao.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 180€



The City of Bilbao

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN BILBAO

This is just an example list of possibilities. We can offer more options; please let us know of any other particular activity that might be of your interest. You can choose any of these options to create your own personal package. Please let us know your preferences.











Basque Coast half day excursion Biarritz & San Sebastian full day excursion

Vitoria & Rioja wine region full day excursion

Elorrio & Oñati half day excursion

Sailing tours - River from Bilbao and coast

Aerial tours – Bilbao from the sky

4x4 car coastal tours

Bilbao river boat tours

Txakoli winery visits

Guided visits to Museums

Cooking interactive lessons

Pintxos tours

Bicycle tours

Kayak & Stand up paddle activities

Private guided visits to the Guggenheim

Private guided visit to Bilbao

Guided visit to the Transporter Bridge of Biscay

Selected restaurant options

Jai Alai show and interactive experience

Personal shopper services

Concerts and live music shows

Bilbao hop on/off Bus city tour

Entrances and guided visits to the Belle Arts & Maritime museums of Bilbao

TAILOR MADE BILBAO

The programs on the previous page are just some example possibilities. But we can offer you many more possibilities. Total flexibility, adapted to your exact needs.

Please let us know your budget, hotel category, services that you like, number of people, dates or any other information that you think is important......and we will prepare and propose for you the best possible program without any compromise.



Lekeitio

One of the most beautiful & charming coastal villages in Biscay.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or Rural house
- Guide visit with audio guide to the old quarter of Lekeitio.
- Guided visit to the interesting Lighthouse of Santa Katalina.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 95€



Getxo

A lordly elegant village with fishermen origins INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a selected Hotel.
- Visit with Audio guides to the Transporter Bridge of Biscay (Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO)
- Private Taxi Tour of 1 hour into the most interesting corners of the village.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 165€



Plentzia

The summer beach Basque experience. Enjoy the water!

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel, guest house or rural house.
- Surf lesson for beginners with local Surf school
- Stand up Paddle lesson for beginners with local stand up paddle school.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 250€



Portugalete & Santurtzi

From fishermen tradition to heavy industry. A different angle of the left bank of the river. INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a Hotel, guest house or rural house.
- Visit with Audio guides to the Transporter Bridge of Biscay (Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO)
- Guided canoe route into the outer river of Bilbao.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 175€



Bermeo

A traditional fishermen village with lots of character and tradition.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel, guest house or rural house.
- Guided visit to a local canning of anchovies and tuna traditional factory.
- Boat trip to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM: 190€







Coastal Villages

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COASTAL VILLAGES

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Jai Alai show and interactive experience Coastal trekking tours

Thematic guided visits

Guided visits to Museums

Entrance and guided visit to Rialia Museum of Industry of Portugalete

Sea Museum of Santurtzi

Agurtza fishing boat of Santurtzi

Underwater bottle aging winery visit

Varied multi adventure options

Kite surf lessons

Scuba diving tours

Flyboard activity

Bungee jumping from the Transporter bridge of Biscay

Electrical vehicle tour

Paragliding the cliffs

Land sailing

Skate activity

Visit to sosoaga old press

Visit to a canned goods traditional factory





TAILOR MADE COASTAL VILLAGES

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Inland Villages



Orduña

The historical village of Biscay that keeps the charming medieval atmosphere.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or Rural house
- Audio guided visit to the old historical quarter of Orduña
- Guided visit to a traditional Txakoli winery with wine tasting.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 115€



Enkarterri

Unspoiled nature, a region full of surprises & unique visits.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a selected Hotel or rural house.
- Audio guided visit to the greatest collection of Rolls Royce and luxury cars of the Loizaga Tower.
- Guided visit to the unique eccentric stalactite caves of Pozalagua.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 110€



Durango

Located next to the natural park of Urkiola, a very lively and charming village full of heritage and interesting visits.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or rural house.
- Audio guided visit to the old historical quarter of Durango
- Shepherd for a day. Guided visit to a traditional rural farm with dog exhibition and tasting of Idiazabal cheese.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 115€



Mungia

A very interesting historical village located near the coast and Bilbao, full of Basque heritage, tradition & cultural visits.

INCLUDES

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a Hotel or rural house.
- Audio guided visit to the old historical quarter of Mungia
- Txakolinbus including guided panoramic tour, guided walking tour to different villages and visit to a Txakoli winery with tasting.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 120€



Gernika

This is a historical village in Biscay, a reference for the famous Picasso painting and a great location full of interesting possibilities.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or rural house.
- Unique special introduction to Jai Alai experience with interaction.
- Visit to the Law house and Tree of Gernika
- Guided visit to the Peace Museum

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 125€





Inland Villages

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE INLAND VILLAGES

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Guided visit to the waterfall and birth place of the





Visit to the Encartada basque beret museum

Speleology activities

Visit to the Pobal museum

Rural world, shepherd special visits and activity

TAILOR MADE INLAND VILLAGES

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Gorbeia Pure Nature

The natural park of Gorbeia is one of the most beautiful mountain areas of the whole Basque country.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or Rural house
- Electric, Tandem or Mountain Bike bicycle route into the Natural Park with pic-nic lunch.
- Guided walking visit into the forest to discover the medicinal secrets of the local plants.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 140€





Enjoy a unique natural space full of surprises and possibilities. Nature, Culture, Gastronomy, Leisure, all in one place.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a Hotel or rural house.
- Traditional Basque wood carving workshop.
- Guided visit to a traditional cheese local producer with interesting explanations and tasting of Basque cheese.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 105€



Urdaibai River & Sea Experience

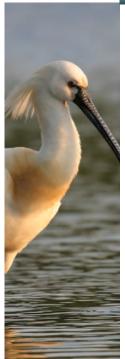
This Biosphere Reserve declared by UNESCO, it is the perfect location to enjoy in harmony nature, relax & the beach. Ideal for spring and summer seasons.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included at a selected Hotel or rural house.
- Audio guided visit to Bird Center of Urdaibai.
 Located in the heart of the Biosphere, the technical staff will guide you with telescopes and latest technology cameras.
- Panoramic boat trip into a coastal route and charming corners of the Bisphere.

PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 110€





Urdaibai Nature Experience

The heart of the Biosphere is a beautiful natural spot and plenty of charming villages compose the area, each one with a different character. A great wide range of possibilities.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights, Buffet Breakfast included, at a Hotel or rural house.
- Kayak route into the heart of the Biosphere.
- Visit to a Txakoli winery into the Biosphere with tasting of wine.

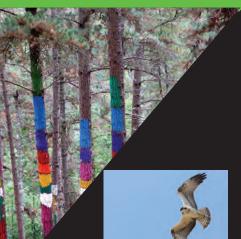
PRICE PER PERSON - DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM FROM: 145€



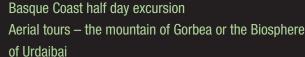
Natural park & biosphere reserve

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NATURAL PARK & BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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4x4 car tours into the Biosphere

Txakoli winery visits

Private guided visits to the villages

Selected restaurant options

Jai Alai show and interactive experience

Natural Park and Biosphere trekking tours

Thematic guided visits

Guided visits to Museums

Varied multi adventure options

Surf lessons for beginners and amateurs

Horse riding activities

Mountain bicycle routes

Visit to the Forest of Oma

Visit the Santimamiñe Caves

Sailing routes

Speleology activities

Rural world, shepherd special visits and activity

Bird watching activities

Free climbing

Golf options

Pic nik on kayaks, special routes

Farm house visits

Stone or wood handcraft workshops







TAILOR MADE NATURAL PARK & BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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SELECTION OF HOTELS

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The City of Bilbao

HOTEL BARCELÓ NERVIÓN



HOTEL HOLIDAY INN BILBAO



HOTEL HESPERIA BILBAO



HOTEL SILKEN GRAN DOMINE



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HOTEL ZUBIETA



HOTEL EMBARCADERO



KAIAN



HOTEL PUENTE COLGANTE



Inland Villages

HOTEL SAN ROQUE



GRAN HOTEL DURANGO



PALACIO URGOITI



NATURAL PARKS & BIOSPHERE RESERVE

CASTILLO DE ARTEAGA



ZUHAITZ ETXEAK



MORE HOTEL OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

We have many more options available all over Biscay, please let us know if you have any specific hotel requirements.

Some more hotel possibilities:





APARTMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

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