

BASQUE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE



**BILBAO - GUGGENHEIM
MUSEUM**



**SAN JUAN DE
GAZTELUGATXE**



PINTXOS TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bilbao
- Pintxos Tour
- Guggenheim Museum
- Guetaria
- Zarautz
- Zumaia
- San Juan de Gaztelugatxe
- Boat Ride
- Hondarribia
- San Juan de Luz
- Biarritz
- Winery Visit



Itinerary

DAY 1 - BILBAO:

Arrival to **Bilbao** Airport and private transfer to the Hotel. Check in at the hotel and enjoy a Pintxos Tour. Night in Bilbao.

DAY 2 - BILBAO:

In the morning, you will meet with your guide at your Hotel to start a 5-Hour Tour of Bilbao City and Guggenheim Museum. You will walk through Arriaga Theatre, dedicated to a local composer known as the 'Spanish Mozart'. Just a few steps away, you'll find the San Nicolás Church and the famous Plaza Nueva. Continuing on, Mallona stairs: 316 steps - don't worry, you don't have to climb them - with a peculiar history. The stairs start in Plaza de Miguel de Unamuno, a square named after the Bilbao-born writer who famously defended the Basque country in a confrontation with a group of Falangists in 1936. You will continue discovering Bilbao and to finalise the Tour, you will enter the Guggenheim, an impressive architectural work by Frank Gehry, inaugurated in 1997.

Inside the Guggenheim Bilbao, we'll take a tour of its main works of contemporary art. The museum offers great artistic potential: the "Crucifixion" by Antonio Saura, "The Great Blue Anthropometry" by Yves Klein, the famous "Tulips" by Jeff Koons located on the outside... Here, we'll also learn about the curiosities of 2 mythical works within the museum: the spider-shaped sculpture entitled "Mama", by Louise Bourgeois and, of course, the iconic puppy "Puppy" by Jeff Koons, which over the years has become a symbol of Bilbao. Night in Bilbao

DAY 3 - BILBAO/SAN SEBASTIÁN:

In the morning, you will meet your driver at the hotel lobby to go to San Sebastian. On your way, you will be stopping in beautiful villages all along the basque coast, such as San Juan de Gaztelugatxe (Game of Thrones filming location), Guetaria, Zumaia and Zarautz. Once you arrive to San Sebastian, you will have the evening free. Night in San Sebastian.

DAY 4 - SAN SEBASTIÁN:

In the morning, you will meet your guide at the Hotel to start a 2-Hour Tour of San Sebastián city. You will go through emblematic places such as Plaza Cervantes, Plaza Guipúzcoa, the Boulevard, etc. You will continue your way visiting the old town, where most of the pintxo tours take place.

In the evening, you will have the opportunity to do a Boat Tour along the Concha Bay (it will always be subjected to meteorological conditions).

Night in San Sebastián.

DAY 5 - HONDARRIBIA/SAN JUAN DE LUZ/BIARRITZ:

In the morning, you will meet your driver at a established meeting point to start your daytrip to Hondarribia, San Juan de Luz and Biarritz.

Hondarribia is a fishing village located in the northeast of Guipúzcoa. On our walk through town, we'll enjoy the colorful façades of San Nikolas Kalea, pass through the Puerta de Santa María de Atea in the historic center and pose next to the well-known sculpture of "Hatxero". Do you know what it represents? We'll also visit the Town Hall, the Casadevante Palace and the Zuloaga Palace. We'll then hit the road to San Juan, located at the foot of Mount Jaizkibel. We'll stroll along the old pier and the fishermen's houses hanging from the mountains, and see some of the palaces and churches that fill this historic town. We'll also have the opportunity to visit a typical 17th-century house with direct access to the bay - French poet Victor Hugo stayed here in 1843! The next stop will be Biarritz.

Night in San Sebastián

DAY 6 - SAN SEBASTIÁN/BILBAO:

In the morning, you will meet with your driver to be driven to Bilbao.

On your way to Bilbao, you will have the possibility to stop at a winery to do a guided visit and a wine tasting.

You will have the rest of the day free to explore Bilbao on your own.

DAY 7 - BILBAO:

You will meet with the driver at your hotel lobby and he will drive you to Bilbao Airport.

RECOMENDED HOTELS

4* HOTELS

- BILBAO: CATALONIA GRAN VIA BILBAO
- BILBAO: NH COLLECTION VILLA DE BILBAO
- SAN SEBASTIÁN: NH COLLECTION SAN SEBASTIÁN ARANZAZU
- SAN SEBASTIÁN: HOTEL DE LONDRES Y DE INGLATERRA

5* HOTELS

- BILBAO: GRAN HOTEL DOMINE
- BILBAO: CARLTON BILBAO
- SAN SEBASTIÁN: HOTEL MARIA CRISTINA