

BILBAO CITY BREAK



**GUGGENHEIM
MUSEUM**



BILBAO CITY CENTER



PINTXOS WORKSHOP

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bilbao
- Guggenheim Museum
- Pintxos Workshop
- Boat trip Bilbao-Portugalete
- San Mames
- San Juan de Gaztelugatxe
- Boat Ride
- Game of Thrones Tour
- Winery Visit



Itinerary

DAY 1 - BILBAO:

Arrival to **Bilbao** Airport and private transfer to the Hotel. Check in at the hotel. 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:

This day, you will join a pintxos workshop. We'll explore Basque gastronomy by using traditional and innovative techniques to create culinary delights. Enjoy this foodie experience, and feel like a real Basque chef by using the ingredients to create authentic culinary masterpieces. We'll delve into the tradition of Basque cuisine by taking the most traditional recipes, such as the gilda, pil pil cod, smoked veal, and gatzatua. We'll also delight in some local cheese and wine as we cook. Lastly, we'll get to taste our delicious creations.

DAY 4 - BILBAO:

In the morning, you will enjoy a boat trip. As we sail along, you'll be surrounded by wonderful century-old architecture, the university buildings, the Paseo de la Memoria and the stunning Guggenheim Museum. We'll get closer to the sea as we leave the centre of Bilbao and Barakaldo behind. We'll then pass by Portugalete and enjoy some of the monuments from the boat, such as the Evaristo de Churrua or the small Rialia Museum. Finally, we'll reach the end of the iron quay in Portugalete, between Getxo and Santurtzi. Prepare to see incredible views! After this journey, you'll have the rest of the day free. Take a walk through Bilbao city center or explore San Mamés, the local football team Stadium, Athletic de Bilbao

DAY 5 - BILBAO:

This entire day will be free. We can suggest so many things to explore the city on your own but you can also opt for a half-day trip to San Sebastian or La rioja, where you can visit many wineries there. You could also join a Game of Thrones Guided tour: did you know many episodes where filmed in Basque country? Enjoy every secret of those beautiful sceneries!

DAY 6 - BILBAO:

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

RECOMENDED HOTELS

4* HOTELS

- CATALONIA GRAN VIA BILBAO
- NH COLLECTION VILLA DE BILBAO
- VINCCI CONSULADO DE BILBAO
- SILKEN INDAUTXU
- ABANDO

5* HOTELS

- THE ARTIST
- CARLTON BILBAO
- RADISSON COLLECTION BILBAO
- THE ARTIST GRAND HOTEL OF ART