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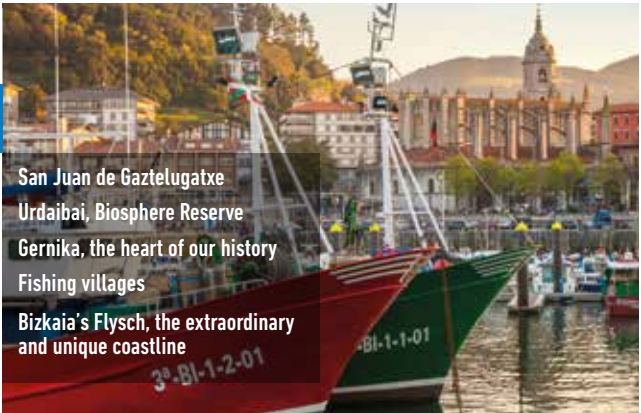
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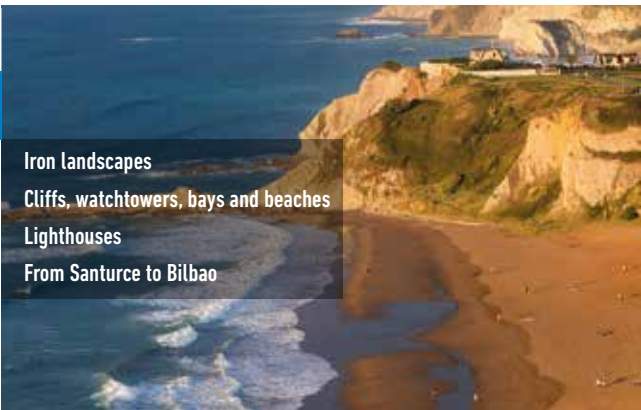


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## A Stunning Coast line

# Along the coast

The 150 kilometres of Bizkaia's coastline from Ondarroa to Muskiz offers an endless range of attractive options: **visit** the picturesque fishing villages, **stroll** along the spectacular coastline of the Bay of Biscay, **take part** in the traditions that are devotedly followed, **do** all kinds of sports, **buy** and **sample** the delicious delicacies that are so typical of this charming coast... A variety of stimulating, unique and seafaring experiences that will make your trip unforgettable.

# SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

## 241 steps to heaven

It's worth the effort. You will see one of the most impressive parts of this wild coastline.

### Protected Natural Biotope

This large islet is connected to the mainland by an isthmus formed by two large arches. San Juan de Gaztelugatxe has deeply rooted connections to the *arrantzales* (fishermen), and there are offerings from sailors saved from the sea inside the hermitage that bears his name, such as models of boats and paintings portraying vessels about to be shipwrecked. Legend has it that, on arriving in Bermeo, San Juan took three large steps before reaching the hermitage... the third of which was on the last step. Don't be lazy. Climb the stairs because the spectacular location makes it a place well worth visiting.

HOW  
TO VISIT

 **On foot**

 **From the sea** (it can be seen but not accessed)

 **Public transport**

**P** **Car Park**

Remember that it is a protected biotope so access is controlled and a prior reservation is required.



**Respect the natural environment and use appropriate footwear.**

The path is demanding, not suitable for people with disabilities, respiratory or heart problems, nor is it adapted for pushchairs.

### Matxitxako Lighthouse

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In the town of **Bermeo**, you will be able to see this lighthouse, whose first structure dating back to the 19th century is not used any more, whilst the 20th century one is still in use.

### Akatz and Izaro Islands



In the area around the Matxitxako headland, in addition to **San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**, there is also the islet of **Akatz** and the island of **Izaro**, which housed a Franciscan convent in ancient times and is the island that gave its name to the famous film production company, Izaro Films. They are both home to colonies of marine birds of great interest.



# URDAIBAI

## Natural Biosphere Reserve

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The Urdaibai estuary is a natural area formed at the mouth of the River Oka. Its great ecological value has led to its classification as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and it forms part of the Natura Network. It is an important resting area for migratory birds which can be observed from the Urdaibai Bird Centre.

The diversity of its landscape is made up of the sea, the low mountains, the sand banks and the marshes that appear at low tide, not forgetting the wonderful and beautiful beaches, such as Laga and Laida or the small bays, such as Antzoras, Lapatza or Aritzatxu.

<https://turismourdaibai.com/en/>



The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas is a EUROPARC Federation initiative to promote the development of sustainable tourism in Europe's protected natural areas. When visiting us, ensure that your stay in Urdaibai has a positive impact on the environment, society and the economy in general.

HOW TO  
VISIT

### From Gernika to Bermeo

#### By rail or enjoying its viewpoints

Sit next to a window on the right if you are heading towards **Bermeo** and take out your binoculars to enjoy a unique landscape between **Gernika-Lumo** and **Mundaka**: reed beds, marshes, the silt at low tide, the meandering River Oka...



... and flying overhead, an endless array of birds: mallards, Northern shovellers, grebes, grey herons, spoonbills, ospreys and even Scandinavian geese that come here in search of a milder climate.

#### or by boat

And if you prefer to enjoy the views from the sea, take a boat trip to admire the landscape from another perspective.

Find out more at  
[turismourdaibai.com/en/](https://turismourdaibai.com/en/)



# Urdaibai, historical and natural heritage



## Mundaka Wave

The wave at **Mundaka** is ridden by the best surfers. Not in vain does it boast a famous wave that is considered the best left wave in Europe, capable of forming tubes of up to 400m.



## Bosque de Oma (Oma Forest)

Although it is currently **undergoing a process of restoration**, it is a visual icon of artistic intervention in a natural environment. (Consult restoration process at: [bizkaia.eus/?idioma=IN](http://bizkaia.eus/?idioma=IN))



## Ogoño Viewpoint

On the way to La Talaia, you will find steep slopes, paths and rocky caves, as well as the Ogoño viewpoint, from where you can enjoy one of the most beautiful views of the Bay of Biscay.



## Sandindere and Txatxarramendi Islands

They belong to the town of **Busturia** and are located close to the coast, so close that it is possible to reach them on foot at low tide.

Txatxarramendi forms a sheltered inlet, which facilitates the mooring of boats.



## Santimamiñe

Located in the town of **Kortezubi**, it was declared a World Heritage Site in 2008. Remains and cave paintings dating back to the Upper Palaeolithic Age in the Magdalenian period, have been found here. It is the most important archaeological site in Bizkaia.

## Ekoetxea Urdaibai - Torre Madariaga (Madariaga Tower)

As a visit to the stunning landscape of Urdaibai is a must, enjoy a visit to **Madariaga Tower** in **Busturia** and take a guided tour on foot or by boat, organised by the **Basque Biodiversity Centre**.

It boasts a participation area focused on the knowledge of Biodiversity and on climbing its tower, you will have spectacular views over **Izaro Island**, **Laida beach** or the marshes.

[www.ekoetxea.eus](http://www.ekoetxea.eus)



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## Urdaibai Bird Center

If you decide to go bird watching, visit the **Urdaibai Bird Centre**, in **Gautegiz- Arteaga**. This research and Dissemination Centre studies birds and their habitats in order to find the best way to protect wildlife and nature in general. The centre's observatory enables you to follow the steps of the more than 200 species that pass through Urdaibai every year.

[www.birdcenter.org/en](http://www.birdcenter.org/en)



Peace Museum



Gernika Assembly House



Parque de los Pueblos de Europa  
(Park of the European Nations)



Gernika Market

## The Gernika Peace Museum, the Gernika Assembly Hall, the Euskal Herria Museum and Parque de los Pueblos de Europa (Park of the European Nations)

If there were a town that is a symbol of Bizkaia and all that is Basque, it would be **Gernika-Lumo**. Its history, tragically damaged by its bombing in April 1937 during the Civil War, has been the basis for the resurgence of strong people with their own identity, and a reference for Peace and Basque freedoms.

Its **Assembly Hall**, where the Bizkaia Assemblies are held, the **Peace Museum** or the **Euskal Herria Museum**, the **Church of Santa María** or the **Park of the European Nations** with sculptures by Chillida or Henry Moore, form part of a historical and artistic heritage that is hard to ignore.

It is famous for its **agricultural fair**, which is held every Monday, with the last Monday in October being the most impressive. There you will be able to see the agricultural and livestock products that are produced with the utmost care, and obviously with the highest quality, in the Basque Country first hand. You won't come away empty handed.

Another interesting idea is to visit the **Jai Alai**, the legendary court for "cesta punta" with a stone front, rebound wall and floor. This form of Basque **pelota** is practised there, which consists of throwing a ball with a wicker and chestnut basket, reaching speeds of up to 300 km/h.

# GERNIKA

## Heart of our history

Gernika Assembly House

# FISHING VILLAGES

## Picture postcard scenes

Another of the many attractions of the coast of Bizkaia are its fishing villages. Seafarers par excellence, they breathe the most authentic tradition reflected in unique picture postcard scenes and derived from an excellent and unrivalled gastronomy.

Lekeitio

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### Charming villages with an authentic seafaring atmosphere

Each of the villages along the coast has its own peculiarities, which makes them more authentic, enabling us to embark on a journey dotted with seaside scenes and the smell of salt and fish.



Ondarroa

**Portugalete**, famous for the Bizkaia Bridge (Suspension Bridge) and its deeply rooted fishing traditions.

**Ondarroa** is one of the ports with the highest volume of catches in the Bay of Biscay, with an eminently seafaring and Basque-speaking population and an industrial network made up of canning companies, many of which are renowned. If you can make a reservation, it is worth visiting the fish market to see how fishing is done today.

**Lekeitio** stands out as a tourist attraction with its promenade around the port, where the work of the fishing boats is combined with authentic seafood.

**Elantxobe** is a small village with impressive views thanks to its dizzying drop down to the sea.

**Mundaka** in the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, awaits you with its famous left wave, considered by all surf lovers to be the best in Europe and one of the best in the world.



Bermeo

**Bermeo** a fishing port par excellence, where you can visit the Fisherman's Museum located in the Torre Ercilla (Ercilla Tower) and take away products from the canning factories.

Other charming villages to visit with this seafaring characteristic are **Armintza, Ea, Plentzia, Getxo, Santurtzi, Zierbena...**



Armintza



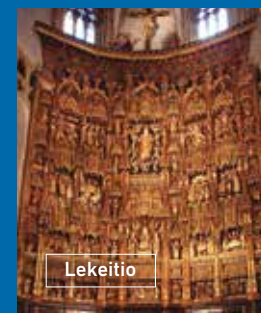
Bakio



Mundaka

**Mundaka.** Located at the mouth of the estuary that gives its name to the town, it is a quiet municipality, very popular with surfers from all over the world, especially since it is famous for its "left wave".

**Lekeitio.** In addition to its attractive port, the Santa. María de la Asunción altarpiece, dating back to the early 16th century, is also worth a visit. It is the third largest sculpted Gothic altarpiece in the peninsula, in the centre of which there is a 14th century Andra Mari (Virgin Mary).



Lekeitio

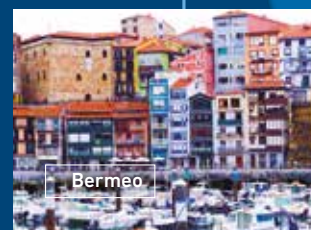
## ALONG THE COAST



Elantxobe

**Elantxobe.** A small village, formerly with a fishing port and now a marina, overlooking the sea from its steep, narrow streets where the houses seem to form a staircase of roofs leading down to the shore.

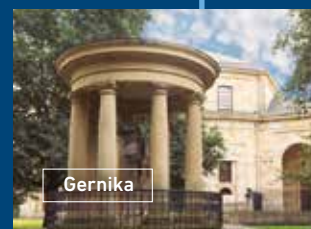
### BERMEO



Bermeo

**Bermeo.** Boasting the largest old quarter in Bizkaia and La Tala with magnificent views over the bay where a 60-metre mural portrays its whaling past.

### GERNIKA



Gernika

**Gernika.** A historic town, internationally known for the terrible bombing suffered during the Spanish Civil War in 1937 and for being a symbol of the Basque People and of democracy.

### EA



Ea

**Ea.** It is a small village with a special charm made up of its estuary and its seafaring constructions, which makes it a small jewel that is well worth a visit.

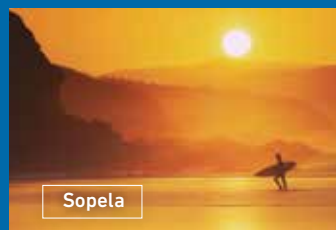
### LEKEITIO

### ONDARROA



Ondarroa

**Ondarroa.** The old bridge, the former Fishermen's Guild and the Church of Santa María, bestow a feeling of elegance on its old river port. Today it is one of the most important deep-sea fishing ports due to its large number of catches.



Sopela

**Sopela.** Excellent beach for surfing.



Barrika

**Barrika.** It is the village of cliffs and wild beaches.

### ARMINTZA

### BAKIO

**Armintza (Lemoiz).** Now more residential, it used to have an important fishing and canning industry and was a defence fort on the coast of Bizkaia.

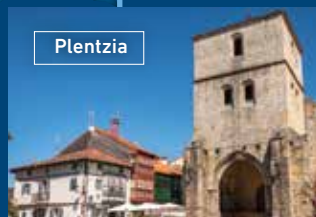
### GORLIZ

### PLENTZIA



Gorliz

**Gorliz.** A small corner of the coast that stands out for its great natural value, which gives us tranquil and sunny walks.



Plentzia

**Plentzia.** It is located in a beautiful bay where the estuary ends. Its origins date back to the 13th century and it boasts an interesting medieval quarter.

### BARRIKA

### SOPELA

### ZIERBENA

### SANTURTZI

**Santurtzi.** Its major fishing activity has left its mark on its famous port and on a town in which the sea is always a reference point.

### GETXO

### PORTUGALETE

**Portugalete.** An Old Town of steep slopes starting from the quay with its colourful houses and its famous Bizkaia Bridge, known as the Suspension Bridge, which links Portugalete and Getxo.



Getxo

**Getxo.** It awaits you with interesting options, such as a walk around Punta Galea, the atmosphere of the Old Port of Algorta, or the Punta Begoña Galleries, which have been recovered 100 years after their construction, to become a space for creation, exhibition, training and enjoyment.



Santurtzi



Portugalete

# FLYSCH OF BISCAY

## The extraordinary and unique coastline

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Take your camera and wait for the tide to go out... if you are in Barrika, you will be amazed by the natural treasure that unfolds before your eyes. In this geological formation, you will find an endless number of animal and plant species: it is the tidal flats.



Remember that before you is a surprisingly beautiful natural phenomenon that you must respect and take care of, thus preserving this unique environment.

Flysch in Barrika

The **flysch route of Biscay**, which runs through Getxo, Sopela, Barrika, Gorliz, Lemoiz and Bakio, offers curious phenomena of undeniable geological value. On Sopela's accessible beaches, you can see the K/T limit, which is marked by the disappearance of the dinosaurs. There is a programme of guided tours of the cliffs with guaranteed departures for 6 months of the year.

Another important phenomenon are the **Astondo Dunes** in Gorliz, a rampant sandy formation due to the combined action of the sea and the north winds. The variety of fossil dunes, rocks 6,000 years old in which the sand is petrifying, has increased the value of this area.

[www.flyschbizkaia.eus/en/](http://www.flyschbizkaia.eus/en/)



Sopela

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## Views from the sea

A different and adventurous way to visit the coast of Bizkaia and the Flysch of Biscay is by boat.

There are several companies that offer these services, so don't hesitate to take in the coast from a boat!



# IRON LANDSCAPES

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## Itsasur Greenway and Punta Lucero



Itsasur Greenway

How about two spectacular walks?

The **Itsasur Greenway**, hanging over cliffs, runs along what used to be the old railway line from El Cobarón to Campomar. You can discover the remains of the area's mining past and learn about its fauna and flora.

The summit of **Punta Lucero** (307 m.) is a privileged spot thanks to its views over the Bay of Biscay. It is reached after walking through tunnels and canyons.

## Museo Memorial del Cinturón de Hierro (Iron Belt Memorial Museum) in Berango

The Iron Belt was a large defensive line devised during the Spanish Civil War to defend Bilbao and its surroundings. Today, the Memorial Museum in Berango keeps its memory alive

## Mount Serantes in Santurtzi

Ideal for walking routes and enjoying the natural surroundings and views from this magnificent natural lookout point over the Abra.

## Rialia, Museo de la Industria (Museum of Industry)

Rialia, located in Portugalete, seeks to keep the memory of those who worked in the important iron industry alive, along with the estuary, as the main axis of wealth, from a historical, ethnographic and artistic perspective.

## Ferrería El Pobal (El Pobal Ironworks)

A hydraulic factory where iron ore was worked into metal. It is a living museum of two of the most important pre-industrial activities in Bizkaia: iron manufacturing and milling.



A symbol of the industrial era in which it was built, at the end of the 19th century, the Bizkaia Bridge is located at the end of the mouth of the estuary, linking Portugalete and Las Arenas (Getxo). Its construction, inspired by the Eiffel Tower, was precisely due to the needs of the new bourgeoisie and the incipient tourists of the time, visitors to the spas on both sides of the river. In 2006, it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

[www.puente-colgante.com/en](http://www.puente-colgante.com/en)



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## Walking up high

You will enjoy a unique view of the mouth of the estuary if you go up to the upper walkway of the Bizkaia Bridge, at a height of 45 m.

# VIEWS

*from firm ground*

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## Cliffs

Why don't you follow a route along the coast of Bizkaia, where the succession of cliffs will give you a majestic view of the Bay of Biscay. Some of them are of great beauty, such as Kobaron (Muskiz), La Galea or Azkorri (Getxo), Sopela, Barrika, Bakio or those in Lekeitio.

Azkorri Cliffs

We like to enjoy the sea all year round. We like to swim when the sun is shining but we also like to walk along the shore or on the rocky high ground with the horizon as the backdrop.

That's why we suggest taking a tour along Bizkaia's coastline. Cliffs, watchtowers, bays and beaches will give you a majestic view of a rough sea and abrupt but tremendously beautiful coastline, such as the Bay of Biscay.

## Watchtowers

Spectacular natural viewpoints that years ago were places that the arrantzales (fishermen) used as strategic points for whale watching. Well known are those of La Tala (Bermeo), Mundaka, San Pedro de Atxarre (Ibarrangelu), Ogoño (Elantxobe), Elantxobe, Ea, or the one near Lekeitio lighthouse.

The viewpoints from Armintza to Cape Matxitxako is an interesting route along the road to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe.

Ogoño Watchtower

Even though you are not visiting the coast of Bizkaia in summer, don't miss the chance to stroll around any of the towns that make up the coast and enjoy its sunsets, views and atmosphere.

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## Bays

Don't forget these names if you are looking for those hidden beaches or bays full of charm: Muriola or La Cantera (Barrika), El Castillo (Gorliz), Marabó and Armintza (Lemoiz), Senaia (Bakio), Antzoras (Ibarrangelu), Lapatza (Ea), Bainerea (Lekeitio), Endai (Mendexa), Arrikotartian or Moko (Berriatua).

Muriola Bay

# Here, they BEACHES are enjoyed all year round

Whenever you come, the beaches along the coast of Bizkaia always have something to offer. Sunny in summer, relaxing in spring, soft sunsets in autumn and as stormy as few others in winter. They add a unique beauty... Which is why they are so well-accepted.

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Isuntza Beach (Lekeitio)

In Bizkaia, there are all kinds of beaches: urban beaches, such as those in Gortiz and Plentzia, the one in Isuntza in Lekeitio, that of Karraspio in Mendexa or that of Laidatxu in Mundaka. Ereaga and Arrigunaga in Getxo and La Arena in Muskiz, or Ea and Arrigorri in Ondarroa are also very popular. Laida in Ibarrangelu is impressive for its dimensions at low tide and the beauty of its surroundings (Urdaibai Reserve).

If you are looking for a young atmosphere, even with the possibility of surfing or kayaking, head for Bakio or those of Gorrondatxe/Azkorri, Arriatera (Sopela), Laida or Laga in Ibarrangelu or Barinatxe, better known as La Salvaje, between Getxo and Sopela.

The secluded Armintza beach and Ogeia beach in Ispaster are spots of spectacular beauty.

Sopela



BILBAO  
BIZKAIA

**La Arena** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
MUSKIZ-ZIERBENA

**Zierbena** P ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
ZIERBENA

**Las Arenas** P WC  
GETXO

**Ereaga** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
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**Arrigunaga** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
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**Gorrondatxe/Azkorri** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
GETXO

**Barinatxe - La Salvaje** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
GETXO - SOPELA

**Arriatera-Atxabiribil** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
SOPELA

**Meñakotz** P WC  
BARRIKA/SOPELA

**Barrika** P WC  
BARRI

**Muriola** P WC  
BARRIKA

**Plentzia** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
PLENTZIA

**Gortiz** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
GORTIZ

**Armintza** P WC  
LEMOIZ

**Bakio** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
BAKIO

**Aritxatxu** P WC  
BERMEO

**Laidatxu** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
MUNDAKA

**Toña** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
SUKARRIETA

**San Antonio** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
SUKARRIETA

**Kanala** P WC  
GAUTEGIZ - ARTEAGA

**Laida** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
IBARRANGELUA

**Laga** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
IBARRANGELUA

**Ea** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
EA

**Ogeia** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
ISPASTER

**Isuntza** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
LEKEITIO

**Karraspio** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
MENDEXA

**Arrigorri** P WC ISO 14001 ISO 9001  
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Take care of your environment and  
keep beaches clean and litter-free

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# LIGHTHOUSES

the faithful guardians

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Santa Catalina Lighthouse



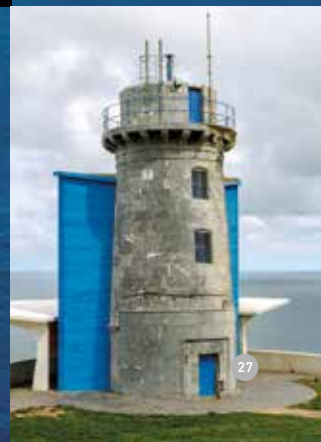
Artiluze (Getxo)



Punta Galea (Getxo)



Gorliz (Cape Billano)



Matxitxako (Urdaibai)

## Lookouts of our seafaring identity

*If you are travelling along our coast, don't miss a visit to the lighthouses, those romantic and stormy guardians.*

*Santa Catalina, in Lekeitio, is the only one that can be visited, but it is also a centre for the interpretation of navigation techniques. Through its technological resources, you can learn the basics of navigation since ancient times or put them into practice on a virtual boat trip from Elantxobe to Lekeitio. You will learn the maritime signals and will be able to delight in a spectacular sunset from its terrace.*

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# From SANTURCE to BILBAO

*This is the beginning of the popular song that can give us the title to the backbone that is the River, which links the capital, Bilbao, with the towns that open out to the sea.*

*There is also a metro network that takes you to the nearest beaches.*

[www.metrobilbao.eus/en](http://www.metrobilbao.eus/en)

Santurtzi Itsas Museoa

Talking about Bilbao is talking about **the River**... Since its origins, the city has been entwined with it and it is even on the coat of arms, with the **San Antón Bridge** crossing its waters. On its banks lies the **Old Town**, founded more than 700 years ago, with its **Siete Calles (Seven Streets)**, the **Catedral de Santiago (Cathedral of Santiago)**, **Plaza Nueva**, the **Arenal**... Thanks to its strategic location and navigability, La Ría (river estuary) can rightly claim to be one of the economic driving forces of the Basque Country. Today, it maintains its leading role in the transformation of the city and the territory, flowing freely through the totally regenerated urban development and avant-garde architecture, inviting you to go out for a stroll, do sports... It is an artery bursting with life for everyone.

Plentzia



Sopela



Getxo



Erandio



Santurtzi



Portugalete

Sestao

Barakaldo



Bilbao



## THE RIVER ESTUARY BACKBONE OF BILBAO

The Guggenheim Bilbao Museum is undoubtedly an icon that has been able to mark a before and after in the physiognomy of Bilbao.

It appears majestic, like a giant titanium ship sailing along the estuary to silhouette its shore.

It is a must on any visit to the city, both for its temporary and permanent exhibitions and for the architecture and art on display in its surroundings.

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# GUGGENHEIM Bilbao Museum

## Greeting La Ría

The river estuary as it passes by the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

## BOAT TRIPS FOR ALL TASTES

A boat trip along the river estuary to discover the backbone of Bilbao, or going out to sea, is undoubtedly an excellent idea.

### BOAT TRIPS ALONG LA RÍA

**BILBOATS.** Daily trips. [www.bilboats.com/en/](http://www.bilboats.com/en/)

**BILBAO AT SHIP.** River estuary tours in a luxury boat. [www.bilbaoenbarco.es](http://www.bilbaoenbarco.es)

**EL BOTE TOURS.** <http://elbotebilbao.com/en/>



### BOAT TRIPS OUT TO SEA

**HEGALUZE.** Boat trips along the Basque Coast (Bermeo, San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, Bilbao....) [hegaluze.com/en/](http://hegaluze.com/en/)

**OLATU.** Boat trips around Izaro, Ogoño, Elantxobe, Lekeitio, Armintza, San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, Akatz, Matxitxako and the Urdaibai estuary. [www.olatu.net](http://www.olatu.net)

**KARRASPIO ITSAS TURISMOA.** Maritime tourism: adventure and experiences. [www.karraspio.es](http://www.karraspio.es)

**THE WHALES OF SANTURTZI** [www.verballenas.com](http://www.verballenas.com)

**IZKIRA URDAIBAI** (Mundaka) Mundaka-Sukarrieta-Laida boat transport. Sightseeing boat trips.

[turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/](http://turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/)

**URDAIBAI ON** (Mundaka), Tourist and cultural boat trips [turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/](http://turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/)

**URDAIBAI BOAT** (Mundaka), Mundaka-Sukarrieta-Laida boat transport. Sightseeing boat trips.

[turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/](http://turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/)

**TAHO BOAT** (Mundaka), Rental of boats with and without licence, sightseeing tours and fishing trips.

[turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/](http://turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/)

**BAY OF BISCAY SAILING** (Bermeo) Catamaran trips.

[turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/](http://turismourdaibai.com/en/water-and-sports-activities/)

## ITSASMUSEUM

The close relationship of Bilbao Bizkaia and its people with the sea has forged a unique identity and traditions that made it essential to bring them together in a museum project.

In its exhibition spaces and programme, the Itsasmuseum includes this story of a seafaring culture.

It is a dynamic place, approachable and open to participation, which offers visitors a unique experience to discover the heritage and the seafaring past and present of Bilbao Bizkaia.

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## ARKEOLOGI MUSEOA

The **Archaeology Museum** brings together numerous and extremely interesting pieces that will help us to learn more about the history of Bizkaia.

In relation to the sea and the cabotage trade, it is home to a piece of special relevance at European level: the **Urbietia shipwreck**, a 15th century ship found in 1998 under the earth and mud of the **Gernika estuary**, which shows the seafaring and trading vocation of our people. This 12-metre-long, four-metre-wide vessel is the only one of its type and period found along the entire Bay of Biscay.

You will be fascinated **TO EXPERIENCE**

The *Kaxarranka*, which takes place in Lekeitio on the feast of St. Peter, is when the new members of the Brotherhood are sworn in. The celebration dates back to the 15th century, when two stewards were elected to collect the year's profits. These were kept in a chest that was moved from the house of the outgoing steward to that of the new steward.



Kaxarranka (Lekeitio)

## Dress in blue

Many coastal towns celebrate festivities whose origins were to honour their patron saint, even if they have subsequently evolved into a more pagan celebration. An example is "**La Madalena**" which Bermeo, Elantxobe, Plentzia and Mundaka all celebrate in their own way, although almost all of them involve the sea.

In Bermeo, the boats go to the island of Izaro, where the mayor throws a tile into the sea, signifying that the town's sovereignty reaches the island. This is how the dispute between Bermeo and Mundaka over the island is commemorated, celebrating the day it was annexed to Bermeo.

Other towns, such as Santurtzi, celebrate **THE "CÁRMENES"**. In this case, the *arrantzales* (fishermen) bring the Virgin out to the port to be taken in a boat, accompanied by other boats, to the Abra quay, where an offering is made in honour of the sailors lost at sea. Lekeitio celebrates its "**SAN PEDRO**" FESTIVITIES (ST. PETER'S DAY) with the *Kaxarranka*, which kicks off with a dance in the port and then goes to the Fishermen's Guild.



Izaro Island

the liveliest **PARTIES**

Elantxobe

## IF YOU'RE GOING TO PARTY...

Throughout the year, and especially in summer, as you travel along this coast you can enjoy numerous patron saint, traditional or gastronomic festivals in which you can take part as one more of the locals. Some of them are:

### February/March

Burial of the Sardine in Portugalete (end of Carnival)  
Mundakako Aratustea

### March/April

Presentation of Txakoli in Bakio  
Procession of Cornites in Monte Serantes (Easter Monday) in Santurtzi

### May

Antxoa Day in Ondarroa  
Fish Fair in Bermeo, Arrain Azoka

### June

Kaxarranka and Kilin-kala dance in Lekeitio  
Zapatu Azule in Ondarroa.  
Saint Peter in Mundaka

### July

Virgen de la Guía in Portugalete  
Our Lady of Carmen in Santurtzi  
Maritime Procession and Kaxarranka dance in Plentzia  
Maritime Pilgrimage to the Island of Izaro in Bermeo  
Sardine Day in Santurtzi  
International Folklore Festival of Portugalete  
Getxo International Jazz Festival  
International Street Theatre Festival "Kaleka" of Lekeitio  
"Txapel Reggae" Festival in Armintza  
Madalenas in Plentzia, Mutriku, Bermeo, Mundaka, Elantxobe.  
Dastatuarte Food & Art Festival in Gortiz

### August

Old Port Festivities in Getxo  
Virgin of the Port and maritime procession of Zierbena  
Arrantzale Day in Ondarroa  
International Folklore Festival of Bermeo  
Bermeo International Music Week  
Festivities of San Roque in Portugalete

### September

Geese Day in Lekeitio  
Arrantzale Eguna in Bermeo  
Getxo International Folk Festival  
Inkestas Rock in Sopela  
Sopela Kosta Fest

### October

Seafood Fair in Zierbena. Itsaski Azoka

### November

Santurtzi International Theatre Festival  
Santa Catalina in Mundaka

# TRADITIONS

that mark our identity

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Madalenas (Bermeo)



*Arrantzales* (fishermen), net menders, cannery workers, sailors, rowers or surfers, gastronomy professionals... all form the authentic seafaring physiognomy of a population like the Basque people, linked to the sea since its origins.

With the help of the wind

There is a great deal of interest in nautical activities related to sailing throughout Bizkaia. Sailing, in all its forms has seen an increase in popularity and participants, whereby the horizon is frequently dotted with brightly coloured sails battling against the wind. An important task of its marinas, Euskadiko Kirol Portuak, has been to bring them closer to the general public.

The marinas of **Bermeo**, **Lekeitio**, **Ondarroa** and **Getxo** are important, whereby the later even has a dock for cruise ships.

The regatta calendars change every year, so make sure to find out the exact dates and times.

At the stroke of the oar

Rowing boat

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## The BASQUE LANGUAGE of the sea

**AGUR:** goodbye

**ANTXOA:** anchovy

**ARRAINE:** fish

**ARRANTZALE:** fisherman

**BASERRITARRA:** from a farmhouse

**BOGA:** oar

**EGUZKI:** sun

**GILDA:** pintxo with chilli, olives and anchovies

**HAREA:** sand

**HARRAKILA:** anchor

**HEGALUZA:** tuna

**HONDARTZA:** beach

**ITSASGORA/ITSASBERA:** high/low tide

**ITSASO:** sea

**KAIXO:** hello!

**KARRAKELA/MAGURIO:** common periwinkle

**KARRAMARROA:** crab

**KOKOTXAK:** cod or hake stewed necks

**MARMITAKO:** potato and tuna stew

**MASKORRA:** shell

**MOJOJOIAK:** mussels

**PIPARRAK:** peppers

**SAREA:** net

**TXALUPA:** small boat

**TXANGURRO:** crab

**TXIPIROIAK:** squid

**TXIKIA:** small

**TXIRLA:** clam

**TXO:** boy who helps on the boat (in Bermeo)

**UHINAK/OLATUAK:** waves

A hobby that

INSPIRES PASSION

# SURFING



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Today, a huge number of surfers come here from all over the world but it was at the end of the 1950s when it first appeared in Biarritz, part of the Basque Coast. Having beaches with waves that are conducive to this activity is a must and Bizkaia has plenty of them. **Mundaka** is an example, with its waves that are 4 m high and 400 m long, considered to be among the best. **Bakio** is another beach outstanding waves. In general, the Bay of Biscay is generous with its waves, and some are considered World Class, which is why they attract so many followers who flood the water with their boards each year. This enables championships to be held, such as the Punta Galea Challenge championship, the big wave surfing championship in Getxo or in **Sopela** which is included on the world circuit.

These beaches are suitable for all ages and adapted surfing is also possible.

For other water sports, such as canoeing, paddle surfing, kayaking... Just check them out and go for it:

**AKTIBA Basque Association of Active and Adventure Tourism Companies**

<https://aktiba.eus/en>

[tourism.euskadi.eus/en/surf-euskadi/](https://tourism.euskadi.eus/en/surf-euskadi/)



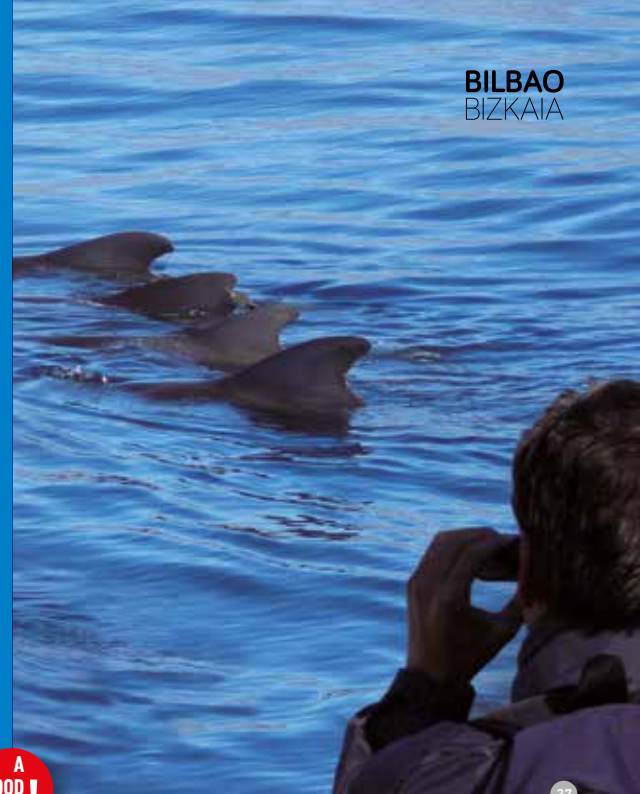
## Whale and dolphin WATCHING

The whole sea from  
*the deck of a boat*

Whale and dolphin watching from different points along the coast is easier than you might think. More specifically, there are 10-hour excursions departing from Santurtzi to see dolphins, pilot whales and other cetaceans, such as the fin whale, a whale species that is the second largest in the world. Bermeo is also another important place, with trips on which it is common to see sperm whales, killer whales and Cuvier's beaked whales, as well as many species of dolphins and the aforementioned pilot whales and fin whales.

[www.hegaluze.com/en](http://www.hegaluze.com/en)  
[www.verballenas.com](http://www.verballenas.com)

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## BIRD WATCHING A bird's eye view

Visiting Urdaibai is discovering a natural paradise where birdwatching is a luxury within the reach of your binoculars. For more in-depth knowledge of the area, visit the Urdaibai Bird Centre, in Gautegiz- Arteaga. This research and Dissemination Centre studies birds and their habitats in order to find the best way to protect wildlife and nature in general. The centre's observatory enables you to follow the steps of the more than 200 species that pass through Urdaibai every year.

Each autumn and winter, the Abra, in Getxo, becomes a refuge for migratory birds. Boat trips are organised from Santurtzi to see the birds.

[www.birdcenter.org/en](http://www.birdcenter.org/en)



# HIKING

## Following the sea

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Hiking is a highly recommended activity. If you hike along the coast of Bizkaia, you will enjoy beautiful landscapes by the sea, while discovering the history, cultural and natural heritage of this territory.

Elantxobe

Choose the **Urdaibai Node** to enjoy the well-preserved natural systems: holm oak forests, the River Oka, the Mundaka estuary and the coastline with beaches and cliffs overlooked by the island of Izaro.

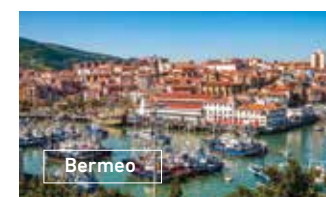


Ondarroa

The **GR123**, which goes around Bizkaia, has a stretch along the coast where you can see the beautiful landscapes of Lea-Artibai. It enters through Ispaster and passes through Lekeitio, Mendexa, Berriatua and Ondarroa, among other towns, where it turns inland.



**GR 123**  
**BIZKAIA TOUR**  
19 stages /408 km



Bermeo

Another interesting route is the one that starts in Oyón-Oion in the Rioja Alavesa region and ends in Bermeo, with exits to Lekeitio and Ondarroa from Gernika; which is known as the **Wine and Fish Route** thanks to its starting point and destination.

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**GR 38**  
**GR38-1**  
**GR38-2**

GR 38-1  
GR 38-2



**WINE AND FISH ROUTE**

9 stages/167 km



Lekeitio

The **Lea Ibilbidea route** is also very interesting. The River Lea rises in the Oiz mountain and extends to the marshland of the old sea mill called Maria Errota. On this route, along the River Lea, you will discover places full of history.



**GR 38-3**  
**LEA IBILBIDEA**

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## CYCLING

...landscapes on wheels

If you want to cycle along the coast of Bizkaia, the Busturialdea-Urdaibai area and its surroundings offer 18 different routes for all levels. They are designed for three types of profiles: Mountain biking, road routes and family routes.

Furthermore, many cycling races are organised throughout Bizkaia. Find out from the tourist offices and make your dates coincide.



[tourism.euskadi.eus/en/mtb/](http://tourism.euskadi.eus/en/mtb/)

[www.turismourdaibai.com/es/urdaibai-en-bici/](http://www.turismourdaibai.com/es/urdaibai-en-bici/)

The **Itsaslur Greenway** (the old Cobarón railway track) links the beach of La Arena with Pobeña along the spectacular cliffs.



It is one of the **Saint James Way** routes which runs along the coast of Bizkaia. If you follow it, you will enter the heart of the Urdaibai Reserve, be welcomed by the Catedral de Santiago (Cathedral of Santiago) in Bilbao, have the chance to climb the Bizkaia Bridge in Portugalete or cross the Muza Bridge in Balmaseda.

[tourism.euskadi.eus/en](http://tourism.euskadi.eus/en)

# Preserving seafood

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Taking home the taste of the sea and then enjoying it with your friends and family is a great idea. If you add a good txakoli, it will go down a treat.



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Market

Bermeo has always stood out for the quality of its fish and its preserves, especially those of bonito, tuna and anchovy. Speaking of canned fish, Ondarra is another reference on the coast of Bizkaia. If it is good to taste them there and then, it is a must to savour them in the form of preserves, once you get back home.

Don't forget that another of Bizkaia's canned specialities is anchovies in salt.



Bermeo

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Zallo is a canning factory in Bermeo that has specialised in the traditional production of white tuna and Cantabrian anchovies since 1926, offering tastings and guided tours of its factory, and allowing you to taste the best canned products and fresh fish.



The Campos canning factory dates back to 1920, when two pioneering families started out in the sector in Bermeo, becoming a leading company in the world of canning.

Conservas Ortiz is located in Ondarra, a pioneer in the traditional production of canned food, respecting traditional fishing methods. Other well-known canneries are Garavilla, Serrats, Arroyabe, Cusumano, Urdaibai, Olasagasti...



# TXAKOLI

*A coastal wine*

Bakio

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*It is so unique that you won't be able to enjoy it with the same intensity when you leave here. Included in the designations of origin, Txakoli is nowadays valued by the innovative international wine markets. The regions of Uribe and Urdaibai, among others, offer entertaining experiences that combine sightseeing tours with gastronomy and oenology. A pleasure for the palate*

Txakoli

## VISIT A WINERY AND BUY ON THE SPOT



Bodega Butroi (Butroi Winery) (Gatika)

A visit to a winery is an invitation to enjoy an experience that awakens all the senses.

There are many wineries that offer the option of a visit and tasting, some of which include the option of enjoying a delicious meal. Take note: **Itsasmendi** in Gernika-Lumo, **Berroja** in Muxika, **Amunategi** in Busturia, **Doniene Gorronzona** in Bakio, **Talleri Berria** in Morga, **Gorka Izagirre** in Larrabetzu, **Magalarte** in Zamudio and Lezama, **Mendibile** in Leioa, **Uriarte** in Gamiz-Fika, **Gure ahaleginak** in Orduña, **Virgin of Lorea** in Zalla and **Axpe** in Markina-Xemein.



Download the Txakoli of  
Bizkaia brochure

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## TXAKOLI MUSEUM TXAKOLINGUNEA

By means of audiovisual and interactive media, the **Txakolingunea in Bakio** offers us the chance to learn about the characteristics of Txakoli and its production process. We will learn about the history and evolution that have been transforming Txakoli and wineries in recent times, which, although clinging to traditional values, have introduced the latest technological advances into the artisan production process, achieving the deserved recognition and prestige through effort and dedication.

We will also see that, although White Txakoli is the best known and has the largest production, there are wineries that also produce Txakoli Beltza (red) or Rosé Txakoli or "ojo de gallo" which stands out for its uniqueness despite its reduced production.



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*Make the most of your visit to the museum and enjoy a tasting after an interesting guided tour.*

*You can book your visit at  
[txakolingunea@bizkaia.es](mailto:txakolingunea@bizkaia.es) or by  
calling +34 94 602 85 13.*

# Authentic delicacies which are culture



Cod in Pil-Pil sauce

Culinary competitions, exhibitions and product tastings... there are many culinary events held in the coastal towns of Bizkaia, and local Km.0 products are often the main feature.

The fields around **Aixerrota** in Getxo are packed with people in July competing to make the best **paella**. The first day of the festivities of Carmen in **Santurtzi** marks the celebration of the **Sardine Day**, distributing them among those present. **Ondarroa**, celebrates **Antxoa Eguna** (Day of the Anchovy) in May. Pepper Day is held in Gernika-Lumo in summer.

**Arrain Azoka** is the most important fish fair in the Basque Country and is held in May in Bermeo.

Now, go and enjoy them.

Aixerrota



One of the best things to do in a coastal town is to sit by the sea and enjoy a menu revolving around grilled fish. You'll find an *erretegi* (grill) in any port, where the irresistible aromas of sardines, sea bream or monkfish wafting up from the grills will have your mouth watering.

The atmosphere at these places adds to their charm. This is the best way to eat good fish: grilled to perfection and washed down with Txakoli, a sure-fire success.



Sardines

## Pintxos, sea bites

A love of small bites and social interaction have given rise to *Pintxo Routes* in various towns in Bizkaia. Gernika-Lumo, Portugalete, Santurtzi, and Bilbao all have set routes inviting you to savour them.

Be warned, you won't be able to resist.



**T**he hustle and bustle in the many fishing ports throughout the Basque Country keeps the kitchens supplied with all kinds of fish and seafood. If you have never tried freshly caught fish, now is your chance, because there's nothing like the real taste of the sea. The time of the year you visit will determine what type of fish you eat, but don't worry, each variety has its own taste and you'll be amazed at how the way of cooking them can vary so much. Don't hold back.



## ANCHOVIES

There is a host of ways in which they can be cooked, from simply **battered** and **fried** with oil and chilli pepper, or more elaborate ways, such as **stuffed** peppers, or **in papillote**... either way, you'll be licking your fingers.



## GRILLED SARDINES

The grill at the right point, sea salt and a quality product... Few recipes are as simple and as tasty as **grilled sardines**. A fishing port, a grill... you just need to be in the right place



## MARMITAKO - TUNA AND POTATO STEW

The dish comes from the recipe that fishermen used to prepare on boats and its name comes from the pot in which it was cooked. Based on **potatoes** and **tuna** the important thing is that the tuna is juicy and the stew is a little spicy. Success is guaranteed.



## COD BISCAY STYLE

It is one of the typical dishes of traditional Basque cuisine and one of the secrets lies in its sauce, which is based on chorizo peppers. Quality **cod**, a fine Txakoli and lots of bread for dipping... the recipe needs nothing else.



## ONDARRESA-STYLE HAKE

If you don't want other products to interfere in your recipe and you want the fish to taste like fish, the dish for you is **ondarresa-style hake**. A good sized steak is called for, but it will be so tender and juicy that it will melt in the mouth. Enjoy it.



## SQUID

Another traditional dish, a classic of Basque gastronomy that can be prepared in many different ways: **with onion, in black ink, grilled**... You're bound to be tempted by one of them.

## COD IN PIL PIL SAUCE

First of all, pil pil is the name given to the sauce because of the way the juices of the **cod** are mixed with the oil whilst it is gradually cooked. Garlic, chilli and "moving" the pot are the rest of the ingredients of this famous dish.



The **Club Ranero** variety of cod in Pil-Pil sauce includes the addition of baked vegetables.



*Savour the authentic flavour of the coast with local, km0 products. This is a guarantee of freshness and quality. You will also do your bit by contributing to local production.*



## Have a go at cooking!

In any traditional Basque recipe book, you will find seafood recipes that are still popular today.

The key, as you know, is to buy a quality product and the coastal markets or those in Bilbao are excellent. And, of course, try them prepared by professionals and then have a go at improving them.

# ON-LINE EXPERIENCES

Book  
your experience



*There are many options and it is fantastic that you will be able to discover them on your trip, but to make it easier, we have a series of scheduled and well-structured experiences that will increase your enjoyment by allowing you to get to know all the charms of the Coast of Bizkaia first-hand.*



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## Seafaring **Lekeitio**

A guided tour of the Santa Catalina lighthouse and an audio-guided tour of the old town and port of Lekeitio.

## Canoeing along the coast of Getxo

Go kayaking along the coast of Getxo to discover the calm waters at the mouth of the Bilbao estuary.

## Sailing **around the Abra**

You can enjoy a sailing trip around the mouth of the Bilbao estuary.

## **Bilbao** Classic and Modern in Boat

Visit the city's highlights and sail through Gran Bilbao. Sail along the Bilbao Estuary to the Old Town.

## **Full day** aboard a sailing boat from Getxo

Enjoy a full day of sailing: anchoring, swimming and much more.

## **Flysch** of Biscay

You will discover all the corners that do not appear on maps and routes, a kind of open book of the natural history of our coast.

## Tour **"Game of Thrones"**

On this Game of Thrones tour, you will enjoy the most spectacular locations from the acclaimed series. You will find out all about the locations and the filming. You will visit Barrika, Butrón and San Juan de Gaztelugatxe.

# TOP BIZKAIA COAST

They are called TOP because they are the best of the best, worthy of being visited, tasted, bought, enjoyed... a series of essential activities that are worth experiencing when you are here. Write them down in your schedule and tell all when you get home.

## BIZKAIA BRIDGE

Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, it joins the two banks of the estuary and is a symbol of what was the industrial boom in Bizkaia. Cross it in its hanging gondola or walk along its highest part on the pedestrian walkway.



## URDAIBAI Biosphere Reserve

Enjoy this place declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. It belongs to the European Europarc network and is one of the Basque Country's sustainable tourism destinations. We recommend seeing it at different times of the day to be able to appreciate it both at low tide and high tide.



## SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

Unique and spectacular... that is how to describe this spot nestled on the coast of Bizkaia, between Bermeo and Bakio. At the top, you will find the San Juan Hermitage.



## SANTA CATALINA LIGHTHOUSE

Santa Catalina Lighthouse in Lekeitio is home to the **Navigation Technology Interpretation Centre**, where you can see the living conditions of the Arrantzaes (fishermen) on the high seas.



## FLYSCH OF BISCAY

From Bakio, Lemoiz, Gorliz, Plentzia, Barrika, Sopela and as far as Getxo, a rugged coastline that draws a kind of open page from the book of natural history.



# BIZKAIA COAST MAP

This is Bilbao Bizkaia. Sea and mountains surround this historic territory, which is accompanied by the neighbouring territories of Gipuzkoa and Araba-Álava, making up what is the Basque Autonomous Community.



## PLACES OF INTEREST ON THE COAST

- |                              |                                                      |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Guggenheim Museum Bilbao   | 8 Marierrota Mill                                    |
| 2 Itsasmuseum Bilbao         | 9 Bizkaia Bridge                                     |
| 3 Fisherman's Museum         | 10 Santa Catalina Lighthouse                         |
| 4 Maritime Heritage Centre   | 11 San Juan de Gaztelugatxe                          |
| 5 Sea Interpretation Centre  | 12 Pesquero Agurtza, Fisheries Interpretation Centre |
| 6 Placentia de Butrón Museum | 13 Santurtzi Itsasoa Interpretation Centre           |
| 7 Rialia, Museum of Industry | 14 Txakolingunea                                     |
|                              | i Tourist Offices                                    |

## FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

It's that easy, visit, enjoy, share all in a responsible way, making your trip an experience that goes beyond your own enjoyment, knowing that you have contributed to protecting the environment and local sustainability.



- Visit the coast outside the high season:

Bizkaia is open all year round.



- Use public transport: you don't have to worry about parking and your CO2 emissions/carbon footprint will be reduced.
- Enjoying spaces responsibly.
- Use environmentally friendly packaging: reusable jars, water bottles....
- Use bins to dispose of the rubbish generated during your visit.



General waste



Organic



Glass



Plastics and metal packaging



Paper



- Become immersed in the local traditions and festivities.
- Say a few words in Basque.
- Taste local and Km0 products.
- Buy local products.



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www.visitbiscay.es  
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www.turismo.euskadi.es

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Gernika-Lumo - www.museodelapaz.org - 946 270 213  
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