

# BASQUE COUNTRY

7 Days, 6 Nights



*“Staggering architecture, a venerable dining scene and stunning landscapes just outside the city centre: Bilbao is one of the great treasures of the Basque Country.”*

**Trip HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Day 2: BILBAO - VISCAY COAST - BILBAO
- Day 3: BILBAO - BIARRITZ - ST. JEAN DE LUZ - SAN SEBASTIAN
- Day 4: SAN SEBASTIAN (no tours)
- Day 5: SAN SEBASTIAN - BILBAO (no tours)
- Day 6: BILBAO - LA RIOJA - VITORIA

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES ON SATURDAYS APRIL 2025 - MARCH 2026			
April 2025:	05, 12, 19, 26	October 2025:	04, 11, 18, 25
May 2025:	03, 10, 17, 24	November 2025:	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
June 2025:	07, 14, 21, 28	December 2025:	06, 13
July 2025:	05, 12, 19, 26	January 2026:	03, 10, 17, 24
August 2025:	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	February 2026:	07, 14, 21
September 2025:	06, 13, 20, 27	March 2026:	07, 14, 21, 28

Package is quoted per person in **EURO** and Includes:

- ✈️ 03-Night accommodation in **BILBAO** at the selected hotel class
- 🍽️ Daily Buffet breakfast
- 🗺️ Guided visits and panoramic tours
  - Pintxos tasting in BERMEO (Basque version of tapas)
  - 🍷 Traditional sweets in St. Jean-de-Luz
  - 🍷 Wine tasting in Laguardia
- 🗺️ 02-Night accommodation in **SAN SEBASTIAN** at the selected hotel class
- 🍽️ Daily Buffet breakfast
- ✈️ 01-Night accommodation in **VITORIA** at the selected hotel class
- 🍽️ Daily Buffet breakfast
- 🗺️ English speaking Tour Director throughout the journey in Lisbon
- 🚗 Transportation by luxury coach, Transfers throughout the cities
- 🛡️ Travel insurance
- 🛡️ Travel insurance covering the trip
- 📱 Free E-sim Card
- 🗓️ Guaranteed Departure: on Saturdays as per table
- 🗓️ Program starts and ends in Bilbao
- 📅 Validity: From **April 2025** till **March 2026**
- 🚫 Package Excludes air ticket

Month/Year	SUPERIOR "T"		SUPERIOR PLUS "A"	
	Twin / Double	Single	Twin / Double	Single
April 2025 to October 2025	€ 1,859	€ 2,592	€ 1,905	€ 2,675
November 2025 to March 2026	€ 1,817	€ 2,514	€ 1,848	€ 2,592

No. Nights	City	SUPERIOR "T"	SUPERIOR PLUS "A"
3	Bilbao	Ilunion Bilbao / Sirimiri / NH Deusto / Petit Palace Arana or similar	Barceló Nervion / Ercilla / Occidental Bilbao / Sercotel Gran Bilbao / Silken Indautxu / Zenit Bilbao or similar
2	San Sebastián	Sercotel Europa / Sercotel Codina or similar	Barcelo Costa Vasca / Silken Amara Plaza / Astoria 7 or similar
1	Vitoria	Abba Jazz / AC General Alava or similar	Silken Ciudad de Vitoria / NH Canciller Ayala Vitoria / Sercotel Boulevard Vitoria or similar

**Important Notices & Price Validity:**

- ✈️ *Fares are subject to change according to Availability at the Date and Time of Booking.*
- ✈️ *Prices are valid all Year round.*
- ✈️ *Please check for random Promotions during specific dates.*
- ✈️ *The Itinerary or activities might be subject to change in light of logistic and/or technical issues.*
- ✈️ *In case a hotel is not available, then alternate hotel of similar category shall be provided.*
- ✈️ *Prices are not valid during fairs, congresses or special events.*
- ✈️ *For Christmas and New Year prices, please contact us.*
- ✈️ *City Tax is excluded and must be paid directly at the hotel.*
- ✈️ *Prices do not include Tips, Portorage ...*
- ✈️ *You can extend your stay, combine it with other programs in Portugal and/or Spain. Just email us.*
- ✈️ *For TOURS and EXCURSIONS' prices, please let us know.*
- ✈️ *No copyright infringement of pictures or details are intended.*

## ITINERARY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day (Sat.): BILBAO

Arrival to Bilbao and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day (Sun.): BILBAO - VISCAY COAST - BILBAO

- Breakfast at the hotel. We will tour the **Bilbao estuary** to discover the interesting industrial past of the city. Once on the coast, we will stop to see the **Bizkaia Bridge**, a *World Heritage Site*.



- Passing by the majestic **Butron Castle** we will arrive at the **Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve**. From the remote viewpoint, we will discover the secrets of **San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**, scene of the famous television series, *Game of Thrones*.



- Stop in **Bermeo** to discover the charm of this typical fishing village. Special *pintxo* tasting included.
- Finally, in **Gernika**, we will visit the interesting *Casa de Juntas* and the famous *Tree of Gernika*. Completion around 14:30 in Bilbao. Free time for lunch.



- In the afternoon, guided walking tour of Bilbao including the center with the most important areas and the old town. Overnight at the hotel in Bilbao. (B)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day (Mon.): BILBAO - BIARRITZ - ST. JEAN DE LUZ - SAN SEBASTIAN



- Breakfast at the hotel. Guided visit to Biarritz in the French Basque Country. Summer resort of European royalty, we will discover the best views of the city and its most famous corners.
- **St. Jean de Luz**, will be our second stop, where we will walk in this charming coastal town and taste a special typical sweet.
- Finally, we will arrive in **San Sebastián** for a walking tour and later some free time. Lunch not included.
- Afterwards, we will enjoy the spectacular views from **Mount Igueldo**. Overnight at the hotel in San Sebastian. (B)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Tue.): SAN SEBASTIAN

- Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Day (Wed.): SAN SEBASTIAN - BILBAO

- Breakfast then morning at leisure. In the afternoon departure towards Bilbao. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Day (Thu.): BILBAO - LA RIOJA - VITORIA



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- Breakfast at the hotel. Once we enter the **Rioja wine region**, we will enjoy magnificent views over a sea of vineyards. We will pass through typical small towns and countless wineries of all kinds.
- In **Laguardia**, we will take a walking tour of its historic center. It is one of the most beautiful and charming villages in Rioja. A guided visit to a traditional winery with a wine tasting is included. Free time in Laguardia. Lunch not included.



- In **Vitoria**, the capital of the Basque Country, we will take a panoramic tour and a walking tour through its fascinating city center and part of the historic district. A tasting of a typical sweet at a quality Basque artisan chocolatier is included. The rest of the day is free in Vitoria to enjoy the city. Accommodation at the hotel in Vitoria. (B)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Day (Fri.) VITORIA - BILBAO

- Breakfast at the hotel. Depending on the schedules, free time in the city. Transfer from the hotel to Bilbao. (B)

END OF OUR SERVICES

## BILBAO

Old Town: Casco Viejo
Nueva Plaza
Doña Casilda Park
Bilbao Estuary
Arriaga Theatre
Bilbao's Santiago Cathedral
Begoña Basilica
Church of San Antón
Bizkaia Bridge
The Artxanda Mirador
Plaza Moyúa
Urdaibai Biosphere (UNESCO) Reserve
The Seven Streets
Bilbao Gran Via
Mercado de la Ribera (largest covered food market in Europe)
City Hall
Guggenheim Museum
Boat ride down the Ría de Bilbao

- *Bilbao is a city hemmed in by hills and mountains, resting in a tight valley.*
- *Take the funicular railway up the steep slope to the summit of Artxanda ...*
- *Shimmering titanium Museo Guggenheim Bilbao is one of modern architecture's most iconic buildings*
- *Casco Viejo, Bilbao's atmospheric old quarter, is full of charming streets, boisterous bars and plenty of quirky and independent shops. At the heart of the Casco are Bilbao's original seven streets, Las Siete Calles, date back to 1400.*
- *The rocky isle of San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, one of the most photographed features of the Basque coast. Accessed from the mainland by climbing 241 steps via a stone footbridge, it's topped by a hermitage, Ermita de San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, built by the Knights Templar.*
- *Basilica de Begoña: an austere vaulted interior brightened by a gold altarpiece which contains a statue of the Virgin Begoña, the patron saint of Biscay who's venerated locally as Amatxu (Mother).*
- *Catedral de Santiago: Bilbao's oldest church. Above the main entrance, you'll spot scallop shells - symbols of Santiago (St James) and a reference for pilgrims on the northern route of the Camino de Santiago.*
- *Las Siete Calles: Forming the heart of Bilbao's Casco Viejo are seven streets known as the Siete Calles (Zazpi Kaleak in Basque). Barrenkale Barrena, Barrenkale, Carnicería Vieja, Belostikale, Tendería, Artekale and Somera originally constituted the city's commercial centre and river port; they teem with lively cafes, pintxo bars and boutiques.*



Zubizuri Bridge



Butron Castle

- *Zubizuri (Basque for 'White Bridge') is one of the modern bridges that span the Ría del Nervión. It has become an iconic feature of Bilbao's cityscape.*
- *The main square of the old town, Plaza Nueva is lined with pintxos bars tucked inside the arch-lined colonnades.*
- *Fuente del Perro has three taps protrude from lion heads that flows with spring waters.*
- *Plaza de Federico Moyúa with its fountains and spinning traffic, is the heart of the Ensanche. Home to the regal Hotel Carlton, once the hotel of choice for Einstein, Hemmingway and other luminaries.*
- *Parque de Doña Casilda de Iturrizar is planted with maples, lindens, cedars, palms and 70 other species of trees.*