

GOLFE DE GASCOGNE

BAY OF BISCAY

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Basque Country general road map
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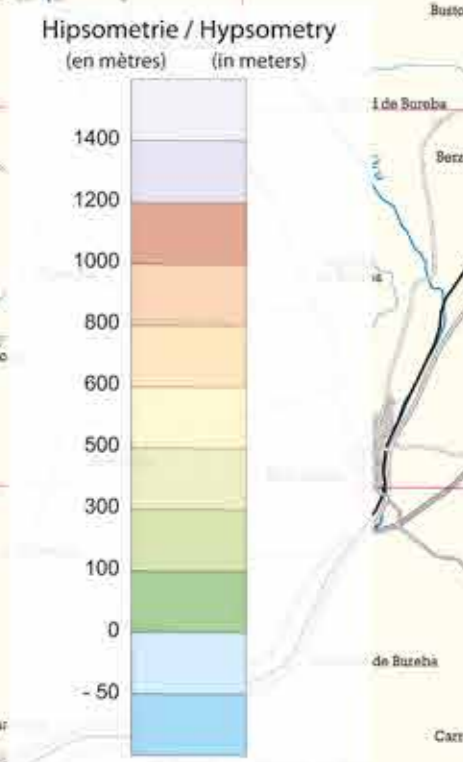
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Altitude par rapport au niveau moyen de la mer à Alicante
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Altitude above average sea level in Alicante

PICTOGRAMMES	SYMBOLS
	Autoroute
	Voie express
	Route à priorité
	Route secondaire double sens
	Route de liaison interrégionale
	Route départementale
	Route locale
	Route vicinale
	Piste goudronnée
	Piste non-goudronnée
	Autoroute (en travaux)
	Train à Grande Vitesse (en travaux)
	Ligne de chemin de fer à double voie
	Ligne de chemin de fer à voie étroite
	Tunnel
	Col de montagne
	Château, Palais
	Eglise, Ermitage
	Grotte
	Aéroport
	Gisement archéologique
	Terrain de golf
	Camping
	Phare
	Parc éolien
	Rétails hôtel
	Station thermique
	Sanctuaire, Monastère
	Parcs Naturels
	Chemin de Santiago
	Voies vertes
	Elevated area, mountain pass
	Castle, Palace
	Church, Hermitage
	Cave
	Airport
	Archaeological site
	Golf course
	Campsite
	Lighthouse
	Wind farm
	Tourist Hotel
	Spa
	Sanctuary, Monastery
	Natural Parks
	Road to Santiago
	Greenways

LIMITES ADMINISTRATIVES	ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES
	Limite de frontière
	Limite de la communauté autonome
	Limite de Territoire Historique
	Limite municipale
	International Border
	Autonomous Community Border
	Border of Historic Territory
	Municipal boundary

CARACTÈRES DE TITRES	SIGNS
Montagnes: Hautes montagnes	ELGEJA Mountain ranges, high mountains
Autres monts	Gibijo Other mountains
Sommets ou cimes de montagne	Mountain peaks and summits
Espaces Naturels Protégés	Protected Natural Spaces
Cols de montagne	AN de Salazar Elevated areas, mountain pass
Vallees	Leiztaran Valleys
Grottes	Urtebaita Caves
Ports	Puerto de Pasaia Ports
Eglises, ermitages	Sin Anitz Churches, chapels
Grands fleuves	EBRO Major rivers
Fleuves de taille moyenne	Urola Medium-sized rivers
Autres fleuves et rivières	Other rivers and streams
Étangs et grands barrages	URRUMAGA Large lakes and reservoirs
Autres étangs et barrages	Urdiale Other lakes and reservoirs
Risq, baires, plages	Mundaka Estuaries, bays and dams
Îles, îlots	Itzi Islands, islets
Caps et pointes	San Antxi Capes and points
Caps et pointes (secondaires)	Punta Gata Small capes and points

LOCALITÉS	TOWNS AND CITIES
Capitale de communauté autonome	VITORIA Capital of autonomous region
Capitale du Territoire Historique	BILBAO Capital of Historic Territory
Commune de plus de 25 000 habitants	Barakaldo Municipality with more than 25,000 inhabitants
Commune de 5 000 à 25 000 habitants	Getxo Municipality of 5,000 to 25,000 inhabitants
Commune de 1 000 à 5 000 habitants	Ormaiztegui Municipality of 1,000 to 5,000 inhabitants
Commune de moins de 1 000 habitants	Barreaga Municipality of less than 1,000 inhabitants
Quartier principal	Miñata Main suburbs
Hameau, ferme et autres lieux-dits	Irgan Small village, hamlet and other places
Zone industrielle	Urdax Industrial estate
Commune ayant un nom différent de celui de sa capitale	LANTARON Municipality with a name different to its capital
Enclaves, Parroquias	TREVIÑO Enclaves, parroquias (associations of municipal councils)



The **10** essentials

Ten, a hundred or a thousand... there are many reasons why Basque Country is a not-to-be-missed destination. You will discover this when you meet the warm and friendly people, find out about their history, their costumes and traditions, when you admire the art and architecture that fill the cities and even more so when you talk about it over a good meal.



Bilbao is a combination of the avant-garde, elegance and tradition. You will be surprised by the spectacular scenery in which the great names of global architecture are featured, designed around the **Guggenheim Bilbao Museum**. But Bilbao is much more: a charming old quarter filled with history, including the **Mercado de La Ribera**, one of the largest markets in Europe, **La Alhóndiga**, converted into a multi-purpose cultural centre, **La Ría**, perfect for strolling along the banks or for taking a boat trip, and when it comes to celebrations, the **Aste Nagusia**, Big Week, packed with entertainment for everyone... Whatever it is, you will be pleasantly surprised.



This is a city to fall in love with. Beautiful, elegant and stately, **San Sebastián** is a setting second to none, embellished by the sea. A stroll along **La Concha** is a must, contemplating the beautiful buildings surrounding the bay. From **Monte Igeldo**, which you can also reach by funicular, you have beautiful views of the city and the Basque coastline. Sample the exquisite cuisine, which has received a total of **16 Michelin stars**. **World Capital of the Pintxo**, **European Capital of Culture 2016**... the city is buzzing with events such as the **International Film and Jazz Festivals**.



Vitoria-Gasteiz brings together large natural spaces and wide pedestrian zones combined with an old quarter of great monumental interest. Proclaimed the **'European Green Capital'** in 2012, here you will discover a city designed for living. With 130,000 trees, it has one tree per every two inhabitants. And the Green Zone, about 40 m² per inhabitant. By bike you can reach the **Anillo Verde (Green Belt)**: 47 km of tracks and pathways in a beautiful natural setting. In the city, visit the **Almendra Medieval**, so-called because of its almond shape, and which dates back to the year 1000. The recently restored **Santa María Cathedral** nestles among beautiful renaissance palaces.



If you want to say that you really got to the soul of this town, visit the **Casa de Juntas de Gernika** (Assembly House of Gernika), which, next to the municipal oak tree, has been the meeting place for the territories of Euskal Herria for centuries. The members of the assembly would meet under the shade of the tree for the Assemblies of the Domain of Bizkaia, making it quite a symbol. This monumental complex of great political significance today celebrates events including the assumption of office and swearing in of the Lehendakari.



This was one of the most innovative constructions of its time, with a structure inspired by the Eiffel Tower. Today it continues to surprise as it joins the two banks of the estuary between Portugalete and Las Arenas, at the mouth of the river. In 2006 it was declared a **World Heritage Site** by UNESCO. A crossing in its gondola or a walk across the upper deck is a must.



When you see this large islet, between Bakio and Bermeo, don't stop to think about it but just climb up, because the scenery is well worth it. **San Juan de Gaztelugatxe** is deeply rooted among the *arrantzales* (fishermen); the hermitage contains votive offerings from sailors rescued from the sea, painting of vessels about to sink... Ring the bell three times to ward off evil spirits. And if drawn to the sea, there are trips available by boat. Find out more.

The Basque Route - En Route around the Basque Country

10 Stages

830 kms.

3 Cities

56 Towns

19 Regions

125 Tourist attractions

3 Resources declared world heritage sites by UNESCO

1 Biosphere reserve

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Thanks to its ecological value, this is a UNESCO **Biosphere Reserve** belonging to the Natura 2000 Network. The diverse scenery is made up of sea, mountains, sand dunes and marshes, not to mention the beautiful beaches and coves that can also be visited by boat. The zone is an important stopover for migrating birds which can be watched from the **Urdaibai Bird Centre**.



This is the first museum in the world exclusively devoted to a dress designer, and the international importance of **Cristóbal Balenciaga** certainly deserves it. On a rotating basis the museum exhibits much of the nearly 1500 pieces from its collection. You can understand why he is a legendary figure. The town of Getaria, Gipuzkoa, where the museum is located, is also known for being the birthplace of **Juan Sebastián Elcano**, the first man to successfully sail around the world.



When the tower-house in which Ignazio de Loyola was born was handed over to the Jesuits in the 17th century, they built a monumental complex around the tower. It is now a key part of religious tourism in the Basque Country. There are several buildings, including the **Basílica**, worth visiting, if you enjoy art or religious passion.



In the heart of Rioja Alavesa you will find Laguardia, one of the most beautiful spots in the area. Here you will find a unique medieval walled village where the absence of cars will take you back into the past. Of note in the enclosure is the **Church of Santa María de los Reyes**, with a magnificent polychrome portico from the 17th century. Underfoot, the village is riddled with cellars. Visitors are invited to experience the wine culture, the driving force behind the area's economy.

The Basque Route - En Route around the Basque Country

There are many ways to get to know and feel Euskadi. As many as landscapes hidden in its three historical territories. **The Basque Route** invites you to immerse yourself in the Basque land, to discover its secrets and most succulent dishes, pintxos and wines; the most sought-after viewpoints, charming villages, hidden beaches, a handful of amazing museums, three capital cities that will leave you breathless (and #hashtag-less to describe them), and a few genuine experiences that will make you feel as if you had eight (or more) Basque surnames. Hopefully you will grasp the essence of Euskadi in some parts of this route.

Each one of them has been designed to be travelled in one or more days, always depending on your pace and desires, and to learn in depth about as many aspects of Euskadi as possible. Some combine sea and mountain; forests and beaches; museums and fish grills. Others, lakes and cities, plains of dry land and wine-growing areas. All hide contrasts, and all come with some surprise that you did not expect to find in this corner next to the Cantabrian Sea. Fasten your seatbelt, drive carefully, and as we say here before enjoying a good meal: On egin! Enjoy your meal!

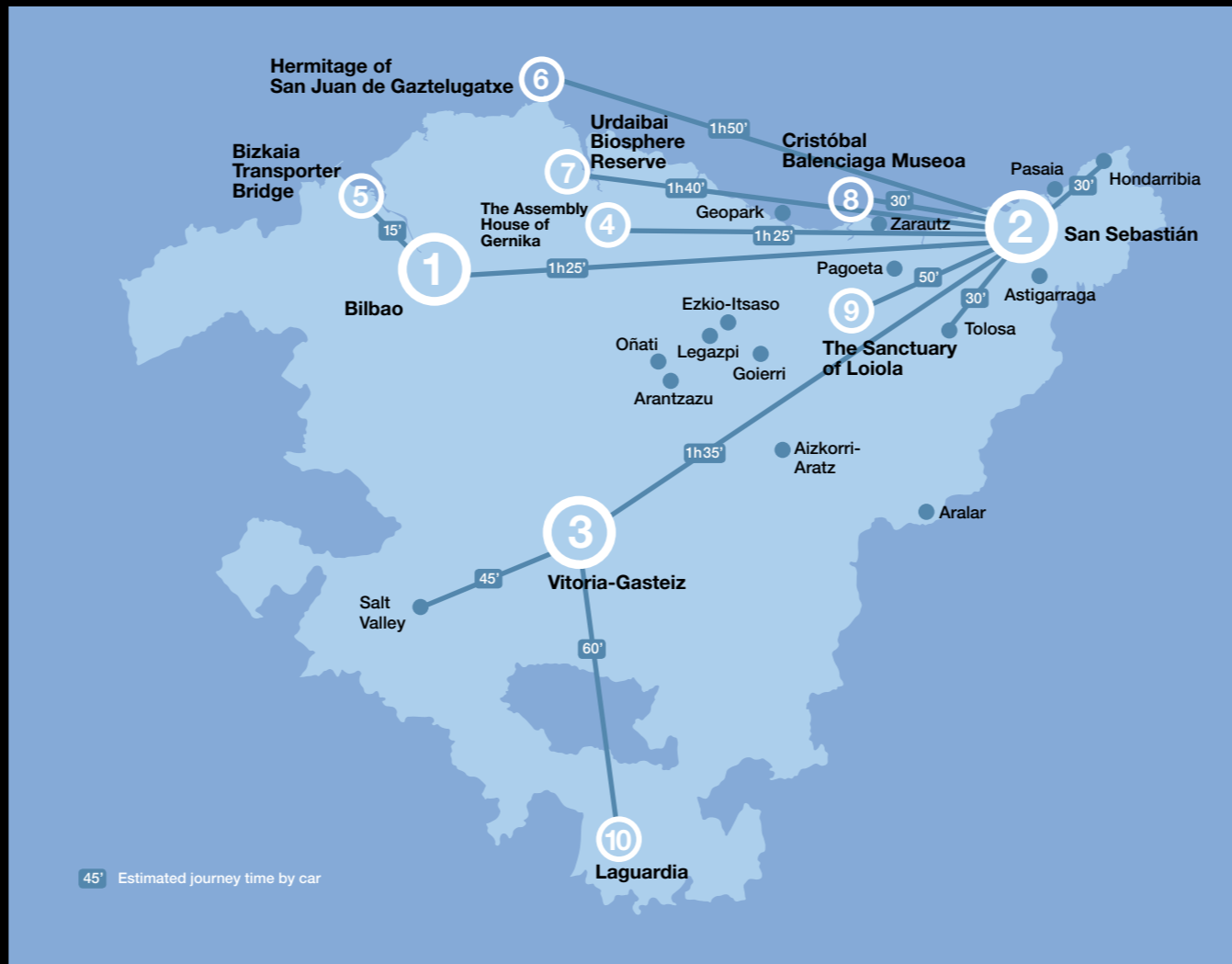
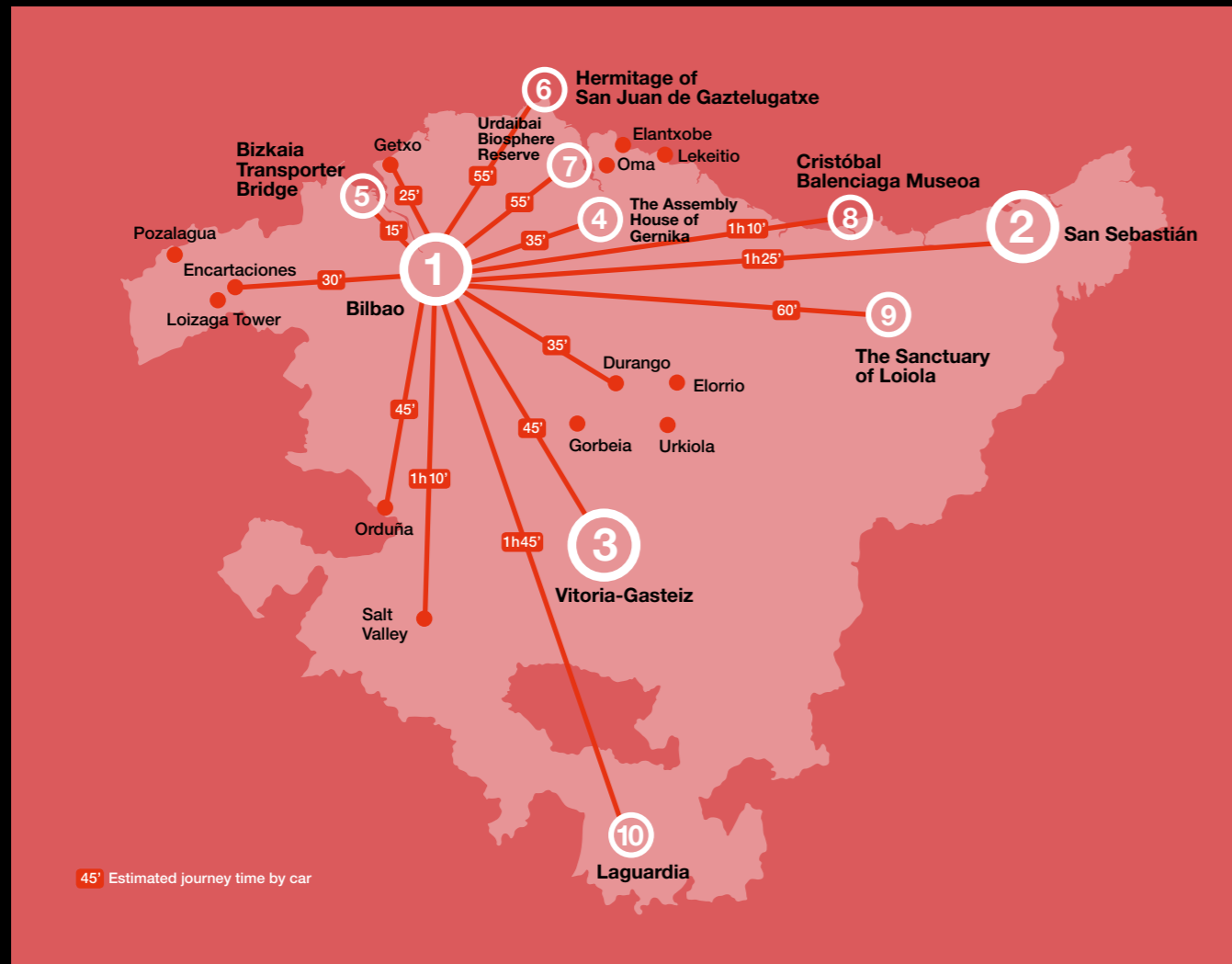
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Euskadi, a country to enjoy without going far

You will never find so many delightful wonders in such a small area. Here are some suggested routes to help you plan your trip better, depending on the length of your visit or the area in which you are staying. Try not to miss the countryside and inland heritage, enjoy the sea breezes, taste the well-known wines of Rioja Alavesa and the renowned txakoli. Enjoy avant-garde architecture or stroll down the medieval streets of our cities. If you have your own transport, that's great, but if not, the public transport system is perfectly structured to ensure you don't miss a thing.



You are in the country of a thousand attractions, a country full of nuances that you will enjoy discovering during your trip. You can start by the environment in beautiful green paradises, go surfing or study the history of the earth by visiting the singular nature of the three Basque capitals provide a broad range of experiences: the heritages hidden in the beautiful medieval old quarters, the glamour of avant-garde architecture, the excellent cuisine... A rich culture and deeply-rooted traditions offer you the opportunity to get to know the history and people of Euskadi, proud to show off their badges of identity.

TOP EXPERIENCES

These have been created to offer a unique experience specific to our region. There is a wide range on offer: rural, culinary, sporting, nature-based... One of them is bound to be right for you. Find out more and choose your experience.

TOP 1 Basque pelota and the sea

Enjoy a display and a competition of Basque pelota, a boat trip and a tasting of conserves and Txakoli.

TOP 2 Txakoli matched with Idiazabal cheese in Goierri

A wonderful combination of two exclusive products of the Basque Country made just 5 kilometres from one another: Txakoli wine and Idiazabal cheese.

TOP 3 Family tour of the Valdemar Wineries in Oyón

Enjoy the winery and wine tasting with an aperitif on a tour with your kids, while they help the young Count of Valdemar to find lost magic grapes.

TOP 4 Shepherd for a day in Urkiola

The shepherd Patxi Solana invites you to share his everyday life in one of the most stunning landscapes in the Basque Country, the Urkiola nature park.

TOP 5 Steak and Basque Pelota in Donostialdea

Enjoy two of the things the Basques are most passionate about, food and sport. This is an experience you are not likely to forget: a Basque pelota match and a visit to a traditional Basque cider house, or sagardotegi, to eat a delicious steak.

TOP 6 The Flysch route in Zumaia

Guided boat trip from Zumaia along the coast; see the spectacular Flysch cliffs and stop in the seaside town of Mutriku.

TOP 7 A pinch of salt in the Salt Valley

Visit a place unique in the world, a natural salt landscape for over 6,500 years, and find out all about what is one of the world's finest salts according to experts and top chefs.

TOP 8 Sailing on the Urdaibai estuary

Sail on the Urdaibai estuary in the Biosphere Reserve, accompanied by a guide who is also a storyteller, plus a snack and traditional Basque music live.

TOP 10 Traditional Basque cookery workshop in Pasai Donibane

Discover the secrets of the most famous dishes in Basque cuisine with top chefs and enjoy freshly prepared food on a terrace beside the sea.