EUSKADI with your dog

ROUTES, DOG-FRIENDLY PLACES AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF TWO-AND FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

EUSKADI BASQUE COUNTRY
Dogspitality!
Euskadi (The Basque Country) is the perfect destination for you and your dog, as long as you do so responsibly. The following pages include dozens of plans and hundreds of dog-friendly accommodation options, restaurants, shops and attractions that welcome you and your furry friend. We hope you enjoy the best doggy-plans, complying with the standards established by businesses and towns responsible for regulating the use of public spaces. You can obtain more information and details in the practical information in each area. We recommend you consult all the information on each location before visiting.
A PAWESOME destination to enjoy with your dog.

It is said that the Basque character is noble and of few words, but with a big heart. Just like our dogs. Perhaps this is why, if you travel to the Basque Country, you will notice the great love we profess for our “txikitxus”, our four-legged friends. Apart from the people, the Basque Country is PAWESOME for several reasons:

🔍 A complete destination
From the rural and green tradition of its mountains and valleys to the modernity of its walkable cities, strolling along the seashore with its beaches, cliffs and harbours... A perfect balance for all members of the family, whether two- or four-legged, to enjoy.

🌞 A gentle climate
The Basque Country is a perfect destination all year round, without extreme cold in winter or high temperatures in summer. Your pooch will appreciate it and you will be able to go for long walks at any time of the year. But of course, such green countryside has a price and you may have the odd rainy day. But that shouldn’t stop your adventures, right?
Before travelling to the Basque Country

Visit your vet for a general check-up; you don’t want any surprises on the trip. Always remember to take your veterinary card and have it up-to-date.

In the Basque Country the rabies vaccination is not mandatory, but if you come from outside Spain it is.

If you come from a country outside the European Union, you will need a Pet Passport updated with the latest vaccinations. In addition, for the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Finland and Norway you should have your dog treated against E. multiocularis within 24 to 120 hours before returning to your country.

When you plan your stay, think about your dog’s comfort. Locate a vet for emergencies and a doggy day-care centre where you can leave your dog for a few hours if you are planning an activity your cannot join in, or that would be stressful for him/her (evening concerts, museum visits…). You can use Dog Vivant for this.

You can also hire travel insurance for Pets, which often covers trip cancellations and veterinary care.

How to get to the Basque Country with your dog.

Plane - various airlines operate flights to the Basque Country, such as Vueling, Volotea, Brussels Airlines. They accept dogs in the cabin (up to 8/10 kg) or larger size in the hold.

Train - one dog per passenger is permitted on all Renfe trains, weighing up to 10 kg and in a carrier.

Boat - Brittany Ferries allow a maximum of 5 dogs per person. To do so, you must be travelling with a vehicle.

More details are available on the web page of the different means of transport operators.

The Basque Country is an ideal destination to travel around by car or caravan as the distances are short (approximately 1 hour between the 3 main cities) and so you can make the most of your time in this magical land.
When you travel with your dog, you leave your mark.

It is becoming increasingly more common to travel with our “best friend”, but we must always bear in mind our responsibilities.

Always keep your pet near, controlled and correctly groomed. Clean-up bags for your dog’s messes poops are your best ally. We also recommend you carry hygienic wet wipes for any eventuality.

In the following pages you will find many dog-friendly cafes, shops and accommodation options. If you are going to make a reservation, always give forewarning that you have company. This way you will receive better service and guarantee that there is space for you.

We recommend you travel with a waterproof coat for your dog. You may have rainy days. This way, you arrive clean and dry at the hotel and other dog-friendly establishments that are expecting you and your “best friend”.

Consult and comply with the access policy for customers with a dog for each establishment, and if you are not happy, choose another one. Only by being respectful in this regard will we gradually manage to demonstrate that coexistence is possible.

On rural and mountain outings, we recommend you have your dog on a long leash to avoid surprises with farmhouse dogs and property guard dogs you may encounter.

Think about the comfort and safety of your dog. Do not force him/her to participate in activities that are stressful for him/her, so you can all enjoy yourselves without any unpleasant surprises.

Be consistent and remember that improper conduct distances us from the integration and acceptance we all wish for. Thus, if the experience is positive, you are contributing towards increasingly greater acceptance.

We can prove that when everyone acts with common sense and a desire for coexistence, a more dog-friendly society is possible.

We leave our mark, but it’s a good one.
Doggy-walking along the Bilbao estuary

We suggest you discover Bilbao with your dog starting on one of the most emblematic walkways. Following the trail of the Nervión Estuary, the city’s industrial epicentre of yesteryear, you will find great open spaces, avenues filled with the smell of fresh grass and the sea. This will take you to the heart of the Old Quarter, where modernity and tradition come together, offering snacks, aperitifs and long chats by the banks of the Estuary.

We start our walk at Grua Carola (Carola Crane), a reminder of the city’s shipbuilding past.

Next, we stroll by the Palacio Euskalduna conference centre’s striking facade, made of sheets of rusted steel, inspired by the hull of a ship under construction.

We continue along the banks of the Estuary (beware if your dog likes to go for a splash, he/she might make a dash) and come across Iberdrola Tower, surrounded by green gardens and fields to delight your furry-friend.

On the other side of the Estuary, you will find the Deusto University campus’ stately buildings, declared a Historic Monument in 2002. And immediately, you will see one of the most spectacular views along the walkway: the Guggenheim Museum.

With large parks and paths, streets full of life, an exquisite gastronomic culture and a great love for dogs, Bilbao is the perfect setting for an urban adventure with your dog. Don’t forget to take a photo of Puppy, the largest dog in the country!
Doggy-advice: even if accompanied by your dog, don’t miss out on a visit to the Guggenheim. There are many doggy day-care centres that can look after your dog for a few hours.

If your dog is afraid of spiders, or is one of those that likes to eat them, we hope pooch doesn’t run off or try to get his/her teeth into “Mamá”, a 9-metre bronze sculpture by the French-American artist Louise Bourgeois.

Continuing our route we soon encounter the Zubizuri Bridge (in Basque White Bridge), the work of Santiago Calatrava. A good option is to cross it and continue the walk on the other side of the Estuary.

Little by little you will notice more hustle and bustle along route as we get closer to Bilbao Town Hall and Arriaga Theatre, built at the end of the 19th century by the architect Joaquin Rucoba.

Half way between both buildings are the Arenal Gardens, a space where you can see children playing, dogs walking and the locals enjoying some free time.

The hustle and bustle is unmistakable as we reach the entrance to the Old Quarter of Bilbao, also known as the “Seven Streets” where a large part of the city’s commercial, hotel and gastronomic activity in the city is concentrated.

Doggy-advice: A typical activity plan is to go out for snacks (pinchos) in the Old Quarter. Remember that on holidays, around lunch time and evenings a large number of people gather in this area; there are toothpicks on the ground etc. So try to enjoy this activity with your dog at a time when there are fewer people, in more open spaces etc. No one knows your dog better than you so don’t forget about his/her well-being.

Having wandered around the streets at your leisure, look for one of the streets leading back to the estuary .....WOW! You will see the attractive façade of La Ribera market (remodelled in 2013). You can cross one of the bridges and finish the excursion in Bilbao La Vieja (known as Bilbi), one of the more alternative cultural, musical and gastronomic areas in the city. Ideal to rest your legs and have a bite to eat in one of its numerous dog-friendly bars or cafés.

Bon appetit! You deserve it.

Estimated time: 2 hours (although we recommend you wander around the Old Quarter and let your pooch stop and greet other dogs). You will find various fountains along the route.

The perfect plan for: walkers, both dogs and humans, who want to enjoy open spaces in the centre of the city.

Bow-wow track: We recommend you complete this route on foot, but if you are in a hurry or get caught in a rain shower, you might be interested to know that along route there are Bilbao Tram stops, a city transport option that welcomes both you and your dog.
The capital of Biscay also has large central green spaces, ideal for your dog to make friends while you get your strength back with a more relaxed activity. Here, you will find two areas frequented by local dogs with a good nose for fun.

A break at Doña Casilda Park

More than 100,000 m² of green space and a tree-lined boulevard where your best friend will find the most illustrious local dogs running around the fields. What’s more, there is a leisure area set up where your dog will be able to run free at the following times:
- Winter (November to May): from 19:00 to 11:00 hours.
- Summer (June to October): from 20:00 to 11:00 hours.

**Estimated time: 30 mins/1 hour.** Always remember to keep your dog on a lead if not in indicated areas at the times established for free-running dogs, and to pick up their poops.

**Perfect plan for:** ending the day with a good release of doggy energy, so your best friend can sleep like an angel.

A walk with a view of Artxanda

This excursion is perfect for some fresh air and to capture a unique view of “El Botxo”. In the 100-year-old Artxanda cable car, you can travel with your dog in the last carriage. You can board at Funicular square, very near the Zubizuri bridge. After a few minutes’ climb, you reach Artxanda mountain, where you will find a park with dense forests, paths and unforgettable views.

**Estimated time: 1 hour.** (to leisurely enjoy the view and take a stroll, even have something to drink before going down again).

**Perfect plan for:** going up in the cable car after visiting the city to see if you can spot all the places you already visited.

**Note:** you can also travel the road by car, but from the centre of Bilbao this is the easiest (and most enjoyable) way to do so.
Bridge of Biscay and Getxó.

Less than half an hour from Bilbao, we find Portugalete, Santurce and Getxo, towns nestled around the unique spectacle offered by the mouth of the Nervión Estuary, where industrial activity on the left bank coexists with Getxo’s more leisurely activities, including the port of arrival for cruise liners.

We begin the route at the famous Biscay Bridge, World Heritage. A transporter bridge that has joined both banks since 1893.

Here you begin a long walk next to the sea, along the dockside Muelle de las Arenas, passing large Basque bourgeoisie mansions up to Ereaga Beach, where in the off-season you and your dog can enjoy a dip, from 18.00 hours in the evening to 11.00 hours in the morning.

If by now you are hungry, you can finish off with a dish of fresh fried squid or whitebait in one of the dog-friendly restaurants and terraces you will find in the area, at the Marina, in the charming Old Port and its famous steps, or even going up to the Algorta district.

For those of you who still have leftover energy and want to continue walking, by skirting the coast, you can reach Arrigunaga beach and continue along the cliffs of Galea as far as Azkorri, the last beach in the municipality of Getxo.

**How to get to Getxo in public transport with your dog.**

With Bilbao Metro, which has several stops in Getxo, only dogs up to 8 kg are allowed. If you want to go to Getxo by public transport with large dogs, we recommend you take the Renfe city train (one dog per passenger, with no size limit, but with a muzzle), which stops in Portugalete.

Consult the dog-friendly policy of Biscay Bridge in Practical Information.

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**Short Walk: Biscay Bridge - Old Port**

**Estimated time:** 1 hour. From Biscay Bridge to the Old Port of Getxo (outgoing trip only).

**Perfect plan for:** a relaxing walk along the seashore, discovering the Greater Bilbao and its privileged environment.

**Long Walk: Biscay Bridge - Azkorri**

**Estimated time:** 3 hours From Biscay Bridge to Azkorri Beach (outgoing trip only).

**Perfect plan for:** lovers of quick-paced coastal routes, sports footwear essential!
This is where you’ll find the best dog-friendly businesses, dog relaxation and forms of transport in which you and your dog are welcome. Always remember to consult the complete and up-to-date policy regarding access for dogs, as well as photos, opinions, exact location and other forms of contact on business websites or on websites specialising in tourism and leisure with dogs.

Bilbao: Practical Information

Bilbao: Bars/Restaurants

**ARRIGORRIAGA**
- Mendikosolo: +34 946 714 387
- Barakaldo:
  - Mandarin Garden: +34 644 530 331
  - Lula’s Bakery: +34 946 756 594
- Basauri:
  - Karma Basauri: +34 627 207 579
- Bilbao: Abando
  - Tegobi Bierhaus: +34 946 531 281

**BILBAO**
- Antigua Cigarrería: +34 944 248 973
- Basquery: +34 944 072 712
- Copper Deli Mazarredo: +34 946 570 899
- Coppola Bilbao: +34 944 249 463
- De Boca Madre: +34 944 103 552
- Gin Fizz Bilbao Cocktail Bar: +34 946 421 410
- La Camelia Vegan Bar: +34 946 112 612
- La Roca Bilbao: +34 944 255 009
- Morrocotuda: +34 671 765 241
- Mr. Marvelous: +34 944 249 479
- Promenade Bilbao: +34 944 070 429
- Residence: +34 944 052 666
- Porrue Restaurant: +34 944 677 924
- Sumerian Club: +34 946 531 281
- Terraza Quatre: +34 944 280 000
- Txocook: +34 944 005 567

**BILBAO: THE OLD BILBAO**
- Alpamayo Basque-Peruvian Bar Restaurant: +34 944 715 967
- Café Nervión: +34 944 169 189
- El Laterio: +34 665 94 86 96
- Happy River Bilbao: +34 946 112 317
- Txukrut Vegan Bar: +34 946 411 504

**BILBAO: OLD QUARTER**
- Plaza Unamuno Bar: +34 944 987 741
- Kebasque: +34 944 360 920
- La Ley Seca: +34 628 92 79 68
- Lurriana: +34 944 163 277
- Patri Gastrobar (Martín Berasategui): +34 944 652 069
- Soiz 3: +34 946 057 996
- The Beetle Bar: +34 944 009 872
- Restaurant Zubizuri: +34 944 057 752

**GREATER BILBAO+SURROUNDING KOSTA TOWNS**
- Getxo: +34 944 072 250
- Leioa: +34 944 072 250
- Sestao: +34 944 072 250
- Portugalete: +34 944 072 250
- Santurtzi: +34 944 072 250
- Barakaldo: +34 944 072 250
- Bilbao: +34 944 072 250

**BILBAO : DEUSTO**
- Eguzki Bar: +34 944 751 132
- Deustoarrak: +34 944 754 154

**BILBAO : INDASTRE**
- Casa Del Café Y Del Té: +34 944 416 669
- Garibolo: +34 944 223 255
- Le Club Rooftop Bar: +34 944 705 700
- Let’s Cereal By Tuinkis: +34 688 664 180
- Oker Bilbao: +34 944 025 250

**BILBAO : CASTAÑOS**
- Restaurant Zubizuri: +34 944 057 752

**BILBAO : MATIKO**
- Batzoki Matiko (El Rincón De Julius): +34 946 181 370

**BILBAO : MIRIBILLA**
- Clover House: +34 946 039 312

**BILBAO : MONTE COBETAS**
- Cobetas Beer Bar (Terrace): +34 944 271 002

**BILBAO : OLABEAGA**
- La Lonja De Olabeaga: +34 944 335 828

**BILBAO : SANTUTXU**
- Taberna Astuy: +34 944 051 363

**GALDAKAO**
- Zurrut Taberna: +34 688 630 214
**GETXO**
Aremuna
+34 655 119 644
Koiete Charcoal Grill
+34 944 912 593
Don Pepone
+34 944 644 330
El Laterio LA
+34 665 948 696
La Ola
+34 944 606 722
Fadura Restaurant
+34 946 569 755
Eka Bar
+34 944 607 275
Txinuk Beertoki
+34 605 701 979
Los Tamariases Bar with Terrace
+34 944 910 544
**POTUGALETE**
Cup Y Cake
+34 944 042 905
Casa Vicente
+34 944 961 448
**SANTURZI**
El Parque
+34 944 741 533
El Txoko
+34 946 057 653
La Estación
+34 944 057 653
**BILBAO : ARANGOITI**
Viewpoint Flat By Next Stop Bilbao
+34 670 783 940
**BILBAO : ATXURI**
Hotel Gran Bilbao****
+34 944 328 575
**BILBAO : BASAURI**
Bilbao Hostel
+34 944 270 054
**BILBAO : OLD QUARTER**
Casual Bilbao Gurea
+34 944 163 299
Hotel Nyx Bilbao
+34 946 790 279
Hotel Petit Palace Arana Bilbao ***
+34 944 156 411
Hotel Tayko Bilbao
+34 944 652 070
**BILBAO : INDAUTXU**
Hotel Ercilla ****
+34 944 705 700
**BILBAO : MONTE ARTXANDA**
Hotel Artexie
+34 944 747 780
**GETXO**
Getxo Tranquility Apartment
+34 660 282 944
Hotel Embarcadero
+34 944 803 100
Hotel Petit Palace Tamariases Bilbao***
+34 944 915 092
**SANTURZI**
Urh Palacio De Oriol
+34 944 934 100
**SESTAO**
Hotel Naval Sestao
+34 944 186 216
**Shops**
**BARAKALDO**
Bizislow
+34 946 125 235
**BARAKALDO**
Leroy Merlin
Barakaldo
+34 944 859 600
La Florida Chemist’s
+34 944 370 356
**BILBAO : ABANDO**
El Almacén Secreto 3.0
+34 944 742 484
La Barbería Del Norte
+34 944 740 128
Izan Tricotoki
+34 688 961 020
**BILBAO : INDAUTXU**
Avenue Hair Salon
+34 944 658 658
Cardenal Indautxu
+34 946 404 232
Koena Salud
+34 946 856 584
La Clé Fashion and Accessories
+34 944 106 991
Mil Rosas Bilbao
+34 944 152 791
Noname Bilbao
+34 944 423 927
Original Tea
+34 944 412 804
Pacas Interior Design
+34 944 013 032
Ricardo Upholstery
+34 944 214 437
BILBAO : MIRIBILLA Ametsak
+34 620 975 385
La Fabrique Hairdresser’s
+34 944 069 939
Maileodo Optika Atelier
+34 944 029 676
Muebles Padiber (furniture)
+34 944 160 370
Jesús Opticians
+34 944 792 110
Original Tea Casco Viejo
+34 944 412 804
**BILBAO : SAN MAMÉS**
Aloklub
+34 722 722 287
**Museums**
**BILBAO**
**BILBAO : SANTUTXU**
Flor de Hibisco Herbalist's Shop
+34 946 072 770
**ERANDIO**
Natalia Zubizarreta Interior Design
+34 627 534 847
 Txorierrri Kiolak Surf
+34 944 671 966
**GETXO**
Fincas Euskadi
+34 946 540 733
Korat
+34 944 649 070
Sofás Cama Galea
+34 944 302 870
Vito, 52 Shoeshop
+34 944 910 359
Arte Barria
+34 944 316 103
Alejo Uribe Sporting Goods
+34 944 637 662
Nui Style
+34 646 282 061
**LEIOA**
Oinazpi Children’s Shoe Shop
+34 605 709 815
Leroy Merlin Artea
+34 944 819 200
**PORTUGALETE**
Sportalandia Sporting Goods
+34 944 617 971
**LEIOA**
Soho Surfshop
+34 944 839 082
**BILBAO : CASCO viejo**
Bilbao Xperience
+34 688 608 184
Hire bicycles, paddle surf, Gymkhanas, etc.
All kinds of activities to enjoy Bilbao.
**BILBAO : INDAUTXU**
El Volante Driving School, Bilbao
+34 944 101 000
GETXO
El Bote Tours Getxo
+34 605 014 365
Guided tours by boat along Bilbao Estuary.
**Sailing And Wine**
+34 667 408 858
Sailing boat trips.
Getxo Tourist Information Office
+34 944 910 800
**GETXO with your dog - Bilbao**
**BILBAO : SAN MAMÉS**
Sailing And Wine
+34 944 651 327
Sailing boat trips along the Cantabrian Coast and the Bilbao River. Our dog and other friendly dogs will enjoy the deck of the yacht with us and it's always a pleasure to receive dogs and their owners on board.
**LEIOA**
Ekobideak
+34 666 857 761
Trips around Bizkaia Geo-tourism area.
**SANTURZI**
Santurtzi Tourist Information Office
+34 944 839 494
**Doggy businesses**
**BARAKALDO**
Txakur Eskola
+34 944 388 626
Dêjá Vu Pet Grooming
+34 687 127 221
**BASAURI**
Ori Basauri Feed, Shop for Dogs’ Requirements
+34 617 972 548
**BILBAO**
Belfos Y Trufas
+34 944 159 968
Facedog grooming
+34 636 620 796
Indomable
946 087 042
Reguapaos Dog Grooming
+34 657 134 024
Troylo Animal Health and Well-being
+34 680 283 045

Indartsu Txakur Taldea
+34 665 719 304

MESTIZAZA Photography for a Dog’s Life..
+34 645 734 952

P. Zabalburu Washing and Auto-Washing for Dogs
+34 695 787 510

Patrizia Zubieta Fotografía Canina
+34 686 142 529

Peluquería Canina Szenia
+34 944 105 697

Pet Nature
+34 944 395 130

Telepienso Bilbao
+34 944 457 737

BILBAO: AMETZOLA Kni2 Educación Canina
+34 659 320 653

BILBAO: INDAUTXU Mimos, Dog Grooming and Spa (Ozone Therapy)
+34 946 964 846

Txakur Etxea Dog Kennels
+34 615 705 653

BILBAO: MATIKO Zubizuri Dog Grooming
+34 946 126 531

ERANDIO
Guau Guau Dog Grooming
+34 946 557 460

GETXO
Txintxo Shop and Grooming for Dogs
+34 944 912 322

Animalex Animal Rights
+34 622 904 518

LEIOA
Katukan
+34 944 801 831

SESTAO
Zaunka Ladridos, Leisure Centre for Pets.
+34 946 520 673

Veterinary clinics

ARRIGORRIAGA
Arkakuxo Veterinarian Clinic
+34 946 712 726

BARAKALDO
Adel Veterinarian Centre
+34 946 121 453

BILBAO: ABANDO
Ensanche Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 246 826

BILBAO: AMETZOLA
Etxepet Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 10 12 12

BILBAO: THE OLD BILBAO
Saralegi Veterinarian Centre
+34 946 851 228

BILBAO: DEUSTO
Bidarte Veterinarian Clinic
+34 94 4750 224

BILBAO: LA PEÑA
Garay Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 164 070
Emergencies 24 h.

BILBAO: MATIKO
Campo Volantín Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 465 333

BILBAO: MIRIBILLA
Nuevo Ensanche Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 432 702

BILBAO: SAN MAMÉS
Garellano Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 742 188

Avenida Veterinarian Hospital
+34 944 424 040
Emergencies 24 h.

GETXO
Algorta Veterinarian Centre
+34 944 362 970

Bikelnor Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 303 226

Maidagan Veterinarian Medicine Centre
+34 944 913 256

LEIOA
Artaza Veterinarian Centre
+34 944 802 735

SANTURTZI
Santurtzi Veterinarian Clinic
+34 944 833 037

Tucan Veterinarian Hospital
+34 944 615 077

SESTAO
Clínica Veterinaria Sestao
+34 944 722 239

Transport

BILBAO
Taxi 021 Bilbao Aitziber
+34 665 703 751
Dog-friendly transport

**Bilbao tram**
www.euskotren.eus
Dogs of any size can travel on the Bilbao tram, provided they are on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

**Bilbobus**
www.bilbao.eus
They can travel, provided they are in a carrier.

**Euskotren**
www.euskotren.eus
On Euskotren lines, dogs of any size can travel provided they are on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

**Renfe (suburban rail)**
www.renfe.com
Dog allowed regardless of size. They must travel in a dog carrier or held with a lead and fitted with a muzzle. One dog only per traveller.

**Bilbao Metro**
www.metrobilbao.eus
**Líneas 1 y 2:** Lines 1 and 2: Dogs of up to 8kg may travel either on a leash or held in arms, or within a closed dog carrier. **Line 3:** Dogs of any size can travel, provided they are on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

**Taxis**
Call headquarters and mention you are travelling with a dog. They will look for a vehicle you can travel in.

- **Radio Taxi Bilbao:** 944 488 888
  www.taxibilbao.com
- **Teletaxi Bilbao:** 944 192 121
  www.teletaxibilbao.com
- **Radiotaxi Nervión:** 944 269 026
  www.radiotaxinervion.com

**Artxanda Cable car**
www.bilbao.eus
Dogs not considered PDD (potentially dangerous dog) may travel provided they are on a lead and wearing a muzzle. Dogs considered PDD are not admitted in the cable car.

**Bizkaibus**
www.bizkaia.eus
Dogs can travel, as long as their weight is lower than 8kg and they travel within a closed carrier.

**Biscay Bridge**
www.puente-colgante.com
Dogs weighing up to 40 kg can go in the passenger side compartment, provided they are on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs of any size can travel in the central barge, not on deck.
For the safety of the dogs, you are not permitted to go on the upper footbridge.
Dog recreation areas

The Town Council of Bilbao has created recreational areas for dogs in parks, indicated with established times, where dogs can be free (off the leash), heeding following criteria:

**Times:**

Winter (November to May):
- from 19:00 to 11:00 hours.

Summer (June to October):
- from 20:00 to 11:00hr.

- Dog owners or minders must comply with ordinances on animal ownership at all times, especially the points referring to collecting dog-poops and keeping the dogs permanently under control.

- Dogs catalogued as potentially dangerous may NOT use these areas.

- Each recreational area in the park is indicated with information panels.

The parks in Bilbao where dog recreation areas exist are:

- Parque Amézola
- Parque Azoka-Zorroza
- Parque Casilda Iturrizar
- Parque Encarnación
- Parque Eskurtze
- Parque Europa
- Parque Ibaieder
- Parque Miribilla
- Parque Sarriko

Information on Getxo’s beaches in the practical information on the Basque Coast (page 29).
San Sebastian

A seaside promenade...in the centre of the town

We begin discovering San Sebastian, accompanied by our dog, travelling along the 4-km maritime promenade, which ends at one of the most renowned and impressive sculptures in the Basque Country: el Peine del Viento (Comb of the Wind), by Eduardo Chillida.

We begin our doggy route on Zurriola Beach, 800m of paradise for surfers from all over the world. It is the “youngest” beach in the city. Next is the Kursaal Conference centre and Auditorium, right on the beach with its iconic cubes, the work of Rafael Moneo, and the headquarters of Zinemaldi (film festival) since its inauguration in 1999.

Bow-Wow Track! You mustn’t miss this view during your nighttime walk; the building’s lighting is impressive.

Leaving the Kursaal behind, you cross the majestic Zurriola Bridge, from whence you can admire the mouth of River Urumea, the city’s backbone.

On the other side the Victoria Eugenia Theatre welcomes us on a walk much loved by the people of San Sebastian: Alameda Boulevard, which separates the Old Port from the Centre of San Sebastian. It is a good idea to take it easy, enjoying

30 km from France many say that San Sebastian is worth a visit, at least, once in your life. It is a cosmopolitan city, open to the sea and full of life, surrounded by beaches and mountains where you can run with your dog, and with the most acclaimed gastronomy in the world.
an ice cream and sitting on one of the benches to admire the pace of the city.

At the end of the boulevard you will find the Town Hall, built in the gardens of Alderdi-Eider, and occupying the building which was once the headquarters to the Great Casino of San San Sebastian until 1943.

From here, you can enjoy views of Concha Bay, one of the most photographed sites in the city. Considered one of the best city beaches in Europe with its unmistakable white railing, it is not unusual to see the bravest Donostiarras (inhabitants of San Sebastian) going for a dip in winter, sharing the space with dozens of people strolling with their dogs.

From this part of the route you can also appreciate wonderful views of Santa Clara Isle.

After the 1.5 km of beach we cross the gardens of the Palacio de Miramar (Miramar Palace in true English style built in 1893) to Ondarreta beach, the smallest of the three city beaches in San Sebastian.

Sheltered by Mount Igeldo, this elegant stretch of sand marks our the route to the Comb of the Wind, a cluster of three steel sculptures weighing 10 tonnes each, incrusted in the rocks, the work of the well-known sculptor Eduardo Chillida.

If your dog does not scare too easily, it’s really something to get close when the sea is rough, watching the waves lash the sculptures. But be careful not to get soaked!

You passed! Your dog deserves a good drink of water while you get your strength back at one of the dog-friendly cafés or restaurants in the area.

**ACCESS POLICY TO SAN SEBASTIÁN BEACHES WITH YOUR DOG:**

You can take your dog on the three beaches (except PPPs) on a leash, outside the bathing season from 1 October to 31 May. During the bathing season, it is prohibited at all times. In this case, we recommend you take the maritime route.

Access with dogs to Santa Clara Isle is prohibited year-round.
Strolling around the streets

The beaches and seaside promenades are perhaps the best-known attraction in the Bella Easo. However, wandering the streets is essential to get the feel for this city open to the sea, to gastronomy and to culture. Here, there is something for everyone’s taste.

Old quarter: gastronomic temple

One of the most visited areas in the city, with hundreds of shops, restaurants, bars, making this district one of the liveliest.

🐶 Doggy-advice: Going out for “tapas” (snacks) in the Old Part can be complicated with a dog. At weekends and holidays, there are many people, hundreds of toothpicks on the ground, leftover food, etc. Enjoying an outing for “tapas” with your dog is possible, but look for a time when there are fewer people, in less frequented areas. No one knows your dog better than you, so don’t forget about his/her well-being.

Fishing port

Without missing out on the essence of the Old Part, we recommend you sit

on the terrace next to the Sailing Club, a quiet spot where you can watch the sunset while petting your dog and rewarding him/her for good behaviour during the day.

Gros: A bow-wow neighbourhood.

One of the youngest areas in the city, you can drink in the informal, relaxed atmosphere in its streets and cafes, perfect to enjoy a drink and snack with your dog.

Centre: shopping .... and ducks.

You will find broad pedestrian streets, dotted with hundreds of local shops with personality, coexisting alongside large multinational stores. After visiting some dog-friendly shops, you can enjoy a moment of relaxation in Guipuzcoa Square, where you will find a pond with ducks and swans. They will no doubt grab the attention of your 4-legged friend.

“El Antiguo”

Originally an industrial and working class neighbourhood, “El Antiguo” has reconverted itself over the past few years, all without losing its essence. Perfect to enjoy the real San Sebastian at a more relaxed pace.
Three green mountains... 

Three green mountains... 

...guard the city. Once military fortresses, aristocratic gardens or a fishermen’s watchtower for spotting whales, today they are recreational areas shared by visitors and inhabitants of the city. Your dog will enjoy the long green walks, while you enjoy the unforgettable panoramic views.

Mt. Igeldo

Very near the Comb of the Wind, you will find the cable car station, built in 1912. Purchase a ticket for you and your dog and enjoy an experience full of romanticism while visiting the fair ground. Finish off with a leisurely aerial view of La Concha Bay.

Mt. Urgull

Time to walk your dog: climb Mt. Urgull from the Old Part of San Sebastian. You can choose from numerous routes, all paved, with exotic vegetation and hidden lookout points. A route where you will discover 800 years of the city’s history, crowned by La Mota Castle and the sculpture of the Sacred Heart.

* In Urgull Park dogs can go up in winter from 18.00 to 12.00 hours and in summer from 19.00 to 10.00 (except PPPs)

Mt. Ulía

Zurriola beach is on the western end of the district of Gros, while Pasajes port is on the east end. An ancient watchtower for sighting whales and an aristocratic recreational park, now your dog can run free in the most important walking areas in the city. This is an ideal activity to burn off energy in an expansive green covering more than 300,000 m².

The coastal Road to Santiago goes through Mt. Ulía from east to west, so your dog will feel like an true PILGRIM.

* At Mt. Ulía, dogs can run free from 18.00 to 12.00 year-round (except PPPs)
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Bars/Restaurants

SAN SEBASTIÁN
1. Bar Amazonas  +34 943 428 760
2. Bar Garaitza  +34 947 472 227
3. Bar Monchi  +34 695 785 116
4. La Cepa Bar Restaurant  +34 943 426 394
5. Capricho Restaurant  +34 943 426 394
6. Garai Taberna  +34 943 214 991
7. Gerald’s Bar  +34 943 083 001
8. Goxo Poke Bar  +34 650 400 305
9. Kaxilda  +34 943 571 987
10. La Gaviota Beer Bar  +34 943 246 679
11. Mas Que Café Mqc  +34 943 848 257
12. Mil Catas  +34 943 025 604
13. Oquendo  +34 943 420 736
14. Panda Taberna  +34 943 093 507
15. Piker Taberna  +34 634 062 928
16. Pizzeria Paparazzi  +34 943 031 100
17. Kostalde Restaurant  +34 943 27 77 91
18. Sport K (El Tercer Tiempo)  +34 943 901 190
19. The Doger Donostia  +34 684 135 355
20. Trikua Gastro & Cafe  +34 943 217 539
21. Txangai Bar  +34 943 900 923
22. Xaroma Cook & Culture  +34 943 142 267

USURBIL
23. Zumeta Restaurant  +34 943 362 713

Accomodation

SAN SEBASTIÁN
24. Casual De Las Olas San Sebastián  +34 943 055 000
25. Casual Del Jazz San Sebastián  +34 943 054 055
26. Far Out Inn  +34 747 857 311
27. Hotel Avenida  +34 943 212 022
28. Hotel Gudamendi****  +34 943 214 000
29. Hotel La Galería  +34 943 317 559
30. Hotel Monte Ulía  +34 943 326 767
31. Hotel Record  +34 943 271 255
32. Irenaiz Resort Hotel Apartments  +34 943 308 149
33. Mar y Mar Rural Tourism Establishment  +34 943 317 377
34. Tryp San Sebastián Orly Hotel  +34 943 463 200

SAN SEBASTIÁN
35. Batlló Concept  +34 667 870 621
36. Mosaico  +34 943 293 309

Things to do

SAN SEBASTIÁN
37. Basque Destination  +34 943 326 306
Al tratarse de una agencia de viajes contamos con red de alojamientos, actividades y transportes que admiten el disfrute con perro.
38. Getari Charter  +34 600 521 822
Conoce el mar Cantábrico y date un chapuzón con tu perro.
39. Go Local San Sebastian  +34 688 958 118
Todo tipo de visitas guiadas.
40. San Sebastián Tourist Information Office  +34 943 481 166

Doggy businesses

SAN SEBASTIÁN
41. Etolcanin dog trainer  +34 687 030 583
42. Leorpe Txakur-Katu Egoitza  +34 669 468 553
43. Sit Can Dog Training  +34 626 537 214

Veterinary clinics

SAN SEBASTIÁN
44. Katamotz Holistic Centre  +34 943 107 849
Similarly, there are established recreational areas in all neighbourhoods.
You can see details on all these areas at https://www.donostia.eus/

- If your dog is considered a potentially dangerous breed, under no circumstances may it be off the leash and without a muzzle.
- In these recreational areas you must also control your dog and pick up its poops.

In the rest of the city your dog must always be on a leash.

Information on the beaches of San Sebastian in the practical information on the Basque Coast (page 29).
The green belt and the Salburua wetlands

If your dog could decide which city to live in, green Vitoria-Gasteiz would definitely be among his/her favourites. The Green Belt that surrounds the city is an urban commitment, internationally renowned for combining parks, forests and wetlands of great ecological and scenic value with areas for the enjoyment of the inhabitants. Along the entire route, you can find rivers, streams, wetlands, forest-islands amongst cultivated land, and small towns typical of the plains of Alava, a stone’s throw from the city.

In the Green Belt (Salburua, Zabalgana, Olárizu, Armentia and Zadorra), due to pets interfering with the wild species, dogs must be on a leash except in specifically-marked areas that are indicated in the attached map.

You will find hundreds of routes and walks to enjoy together. Here, we have included a few examples. You can find more at www.turismo.euskadi.eus

Capital of the Basque Country, founded in the 12th century, Vitoria-Gasteiz is today a comfortable, friendly city that offers impressive urban and suburban green areas, along with one of the most spectacular historic centres you could wish to visit.
Perfect plan for: relaxing in the evening after an intense day discovering the centre of Vitoria, the best reward for you and your dog.

If you like cycling, you can ride around the city of Vitoria, following the Green Belt route, 30.8 km that are 100% cyclable. It can be completed in under 2 hours at an easy pace.

Salburua, walk around Arcaute Pond. Salburua park houses one of the largest wetlands in Europe, just 3 km from the town centre. On this route, you can catch a close-up glimpse of a herd of deer and other species, such as European mink, eaglets, spatulas, etc. while you stroll through lush forests, wet marshmallow meadows, rushes...

Circular route of 4 km. Can be completed in approximately 1 hour along a paved road.

Armentia forest walk. Here, trees are king: your dog will discover the smell of maples, hawthorns, blackthorns and brambles, among others. This forest is also shelter to varied fauna: roebucks, boars, squirrels, birds of prey and small birds such as goldfinches, robins, etc.

A 4.5 km-route where you can also admire the Tower of Eskibel and the Basilica of St. Prudencio.
**The Mediaeval Kernel-shaped Centre and “Ensanche”**

This is the highest part of the city and largely pedestrian. We suggest a comfortable stroll for you and your dog, beginning in the streets of the the Ensanche and finishing in the historic quarter. All of this, dotted with parks and gardens, a must-see in one of the greenest cities in the European continent.

We begin the walk in **Florida Park**, strolling along the paths and skirting the **Cathedral of Maria Inmaculada**. Once your dog has had enough greenery, we begin to explore the **Ensanche**, with its wide pedestrian streets and lively window displays.

At the junction of two main streets, you will find Vitoria’s famous **bronze sculpture, The Walker**, three and a half metres high and the work of **Juan Jose Eguizabal**. A photo of your dog with this long and lanky man is a must.

Strolling around the lively streets we come to **Plaza España** and **Plaza de la Virgen Blanca**.

We are at the doors of the **Mediaeval Kernel** (shape of the old quarter). Take you time to take a photo with the famous living plant sculpture, a real symbol of the city.

Once inside the Mediaeval Kernel, you will be transported to another era. Stroll at your leisure around **Plaza del Machete** and the **Paseo de los Arquillos**, as any of its streets will lead you to the **Cathedral Santa Maria**. You can take the mechanical escalator to travel from district to district, and from there admire the impressive **Mediaeval Walls** of the **Cantón de las Carnicerías** (meat district). You can always get your strength back with some tapas in **Calle Cuchilleria**, one of the most lively tapas-bars streets in the city.

*Estimated time: more than 2 hours relaxed walking, stopping to take photos and enjoy the pace of the city.*

*The perfect plan to begin a morning energetically and end it having something to eat as you relax on one of the magical streets of the ‘Medieval Almond’. You can also do this route with your dog in Gasteiztxo. Active from July to October. See conditions at the tourist office (+34 945 161 598).*
Ullibarri/Gamboa Reservoir, ready for a splash, doggies

Just 20 minutes from the city you will find this natural paradise which supplies Vitoria and Bilbao with water, while also regulating the flow of the River Zadorra. If your pooch likes to go for a splash, then he/she will just love a visit to this reservoir.

Blue flag beaches

Álava has, as at summer 2019, 3 of the 5 blue flag statuses in the Basque Country.
- Garaio Norte
- Garario Sur
- Landa

It is totally prohibited to allow pets or domesticated animals into the water, and the “bathing area”, understood to be the stretch of water and the gravel surface alongside. In the rest of the Park area, animals must always be kept on a lead.

\[ \text{In the rest of the reservoir, which is not a provincial park, you can swim with your dog at any time of the year.} \]

Green itinerary

You pooch will adore you if you take him/her to get a good “leg” workout on this 45-km-itinerary, which can be completed on foot or by bike. You will find 2 circuits, one of 13 km and the other 32 km. This route which goes along the water’s edge, with wooden walkways, recreational and bathing areas – a BOW WOW plan for whole family!

\[ \text{Remember that on this itinerary, dogs are not allowed to run free. Otherwise, they can have a negative effect on the wild fauna, as well as disturb users along the route.} \]
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Dogs, except those catalogued as potentially dangerous, which must be on a leash at all times, may only run free in green areas, except:

- Cathedral Park
- Garden areas at the University Campus (except the Maria de Maeztu gardens)
- Prado Park
- Florida Park (including the “Jardín Secreto del Agua” Secret Water Garden)

City buses
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org
The transportation of animals is allowed, as long as they are small and travel in a closed carrier.

Radio Taxi Gasteiz: 945 273 500
www.rtaxigasteiz.com
Call headquarters and mention you are travelling with a dog. They will look for a vehicle you can travel in.

Vitoria-Gasteiz Tram
www.euskotren.eus
You are allowed to travel with your dog in the tram provided it is on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

Dog-friendly transport

Bars/Restaurants
1. Basque Vitoria
   +34 945 773 755
2. Big Ben
   +34 945 228 630
3. Dazz Gasteiz
   +34 634 411 410
4. Gilderia Gu-Ria
   +34 944 415 780
5. Triskari
   +34 606 453 887
6. Velvet Bakery
   +34 945 032 576

Accommodation
7. Hotel-Apartments Jardines de Aristi
   +34 945 205 478

Shops
8. Caessa, Creative Cakes and Pastries
   +34 945 03 58 14
9. Leroy Merlin Vitoria
   +34 945 129 900
10. Lux Optician’s
   +34 945 23 09 49
11. Summum Hairdresser’s
    +34 945 287 760
12. Wilco
    +34 945 131 367
13. Xtreme
    +34 945 134 573

Doggy businesses
14. La Caneskola Dog Training
    +34 607 822 825
15. Canine Grooming La Kontxas
    +34 945 010 223

Veterinary clinics
16. Ariznabarra Veterinarian Clinic
    +34 945 064 644

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Basque Coast

One of the best plans for dog adventures that brings together green fields, blue seas and golden sands. Discover the Basque Coast with your dog: endless walks over impossible cliffs, wild beaches and small fishing ports to leave you breathless.

Geopark on the Basque Coast

In a small piece of land nestled between the Cantabrian Sea and the Basque mountains, with the towns of MUTRIKU, DEBA and ZUMAIA, you can find 13 kilometres of Geopark cliffs on the Basque Coast. These cliffs are home to a spectacular formation of Flysch rock layers.

Bow-wow route: Georuta de Sakoneta.

The path goes along the edge of the cliffs and overlooks hidden coves, pinkish-white walls, rivulets that break into cascades and one of the greatest abrasion platforms in Cantabria. It is essential to plan your visit at low tide so you can enjoy it in all its splendour. We recommend you start this route at Itxaspe and end at Errotzberri.

Remember that the rules of the Geopark state that dogs must be on a leash at all times. Carry water for your dog and yourselves, as it may be a while before you find a fountain.

Estimated time: 2 hours. (4.7 km), out-going trip.

Perfect plan for: two- and four-legged adventurers, in good shape and looking to exercise those legs.
Biosphere reserve of Urdaibai

A natural area of great environmental and cultural interest, declared as such by UNESCO in 1984. It stretches along the hydrographical basin of the Oka River, covering 220 km². The estuary is the heart and backbone of the area: where the continental fresh water from the Oka River meets the salt water from the sea. Wetlands, cliffs, beaches and fishing villages await you and your dog with new adventures.

Urdaibai offers thousands of possibilities, walks and spots of spectacular beauty. We have highlighted a good walk to start discovering the area with your dog.

Bow-wow route: Kanala, Atxarre and its holm oaks.

The circular path of Atxarre gives us the chance to get to know one of the most impenetrable and attractive forests in Biscay, along a trail starting at Kanala and passing by the chapel of St. Martin. Shortly thereafter, you reach the Dantzaleku crossroads, and the diversion to the summit of Atxarre (312m), an accessible watchtower from whence you can take in most of Urdaibai’s landscape. After passing the villages of Akorda, Gometxo and Antzora, we start the final stretch, near the estuary, where you can find an astonishing view of the coast and its sandbanks.

Estimated time: 2 hours 45 minutes. (8.4 km)

Perfect plan for: getting to know Urdaibai enjoying general views of the area and finishing off with a walk with your dog along the beach of Kanala (outside the swimming season).
5 Bow-Wow points on the Basque Coast you cannot miss out on.

**Bermeo**
**San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**

A natural wonder, an islet joined to the mainland by 241 stone steps. At the top, a picturesque hermitage and incredible views of the Cantabrian Sea. Once there, don’t forget to touch the bell of the hermitage three times and make a wish.

**Sopelana**
**Cliffs of Uribe Kosta**

From Getxo to Plentzia, you will love the spectacular views. Along the road you will find paths down to the famous beaches of Sopelana and Barrika. You can end the excursion at the fishing port of Plentzia.

**Lekeitio**
**From Santa Catalina to the Lighthouse**

An attractive 20-minute walk from the fishing village of Lekeitio to the only lighthouse you can visit in the Basque Country (dogs are not allowed inside, but the walk is well worth completing). Lekeitio is also one of the main holiday destinations for people from Biscay, famous for its beaches.

**Walk**
**Zarautz-Getaria**

This is a 4-km walk along the coastal road joining these two beautiful towns, offering a view of the rough Cantabrian Sea along the route. Once at Getaria, you can finish at the fishing port with a good txakoli (white wine). You can also enjoy the circular route, returning via the mountain, following the route of the whale watchtowers.

Information about the beaches of San Sebastian in the practical information on the Basque Coast (page 29).
Hondarribia
Txingudi Bay

Hondarribia, Irun and Hendaia overlook the bay of Txingudi, at the mouth of the Bidasoa River. For the more experienced mountaineers, we suggest the route along the cliffs of Mount Jaizkibel, and for everyone a tour of the walled old quarter and a visit to one of the street cafés in the Harbour area of Hondarribia.
Access to beaches with your dog

La legislación autonómica y municipal en Euskadi prohíbe el acceso a las playas en temporada/horario de baño, pero puedes disfrutar de largos paseos con tu perro durante el resto del año o en las noches de verano en las siguientes playas. Consulta en los carteles de las playas si se permiten perros sueltos o es obligatorio el uso de correas.

**NO TIMETABLE RESTRICTIONS DURING THE OFF-SEASON:**

- **From 16 September to 14 June:**
  - Hondarribia Beach (Hondarribia)
  - Itzurun Beach (Zumaia)

- **From 1 October to 31 May:**
  - La Arena Beach and Ziérbana Beach (Ziérbana)
  - Górliz Beach (Górliz)
  - Bakio Beach (Bakio)
  - Laga and Laida Beach (Ibarrangelu)
  - Karraspio Beach (Mendexa)
  - Alkolea, Ondarbeltz, Mutriku and Saturraran Beaches (Mutriku)
  - Aritzatxu Beach (Bermeo)

- **From 1 October to 30 April:**
  - Santiago and Lapari Beach (Deba)
  - La Concha, Zurriola and Ondarreta Beaches (San Sebastián)

- **From 15 October to the beginning of Easter Week:**
  - Gaztetape and Maikorbe Beach (Getaria)

- **From 1 November to 30 April:**
  - Arriatera-Atxabiribil Beach and Barinatxe Beach (La Salvaje)
  - Ea Beach (Ea)
TIMETABLE RESTRICTIONS DURING THE OFF-SEASON:

From 1 October to 30 April from 18:00 to 11:00:
- Ereaga, Arrigunaga and Las Arenas Beach (Getxo)

From 1 October to 31 May from 22:00 to 09:00:
- Arrigorri Beach (Ondarroa)

From Easter Week to 1 October. From 21:00 to 06:00:
- Antilla Beach (Orio)

From Easter Week to 12 October from 21:00 to 06:00:
- Plentzia Beach (Plentzia)
- Zarautz Beach (Zarautz)
- Laidatxu and Hondartzape Beach (Mundaka)

TIMETABLE RESTRICTIONS DURING THE BATHING SEASON:

You can go on the following beaches during bathing season with your dog as long as it is on a lead and you heed the restrictions regarding dates and times shown.

From Easter Week to 14 October from 21:00 to 06:00:
- Gatzetape and Maikorbe Beach (Getaria)

From 1 June to 30 September from 20:00 to 11:00:
- Aritatxu Beach (Bermeo)
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Biscay

Bars/Restaurants

BARRIKA
Milagros Barrika
+34 946 770 235
BERMEO
Bar Etxepe
+34 946 087 196
BERRIATUA
Bar Zentrala
+34 946 139 286
GORLIZ
Tsunami Taberna
+34 946 773 038
MUNGIA
Fonda Larrauri
+34 946 744 641
MUSKIZ
Café Burduntzi Kafea
+34 946 707 529
ONDARROA
Arrigorri Restaurant
+34 946 830 047
SOPELA
Kafe Taberna Lurren
+34 652 764 632

Accommodation

AMOROTO
Altuena
+34 657 726 401
BERMEO
Mañuko Benta
+34 946 881 212

Guipuzcoa

Bars/Restaurants

DEBA
Txindurri Iturri Cider House
+34 699 684 490
GETARIA
Kabian Holiday Homes
+34 688 732 071
Hotel Saiaz
+34 943 140 143
Gure Amelsa
+34 676 547 067
HONDARRIBIA
Artizarra
+34 655 721 834
Hotel Palacete
+34 943 640 813
IRUN
Hotel Ibis Irun
+34 943 636 232
Hotel Alcázar
+34 943 620 900
Hotel Atalaia
+34 943 629 433
Hotel Ibis
+34 943 636 232
ITZIAR DEBA
Eleizondo Country Houses
+34 943 199 033
OAIRTZUN
Elizalde
+34 943 492 586
ORIO
Zingira
+34 682 261 287

Camping

MENTEKA
Zelaigane
+34 669 779 581
MURUETA
Hotel Ibaigune
+34 946 113 865

Things to do

BERMEO
Topabermeo Escape Village -Yinkana
+34 674 429 725
Get to know Bermeo in a way that is different and fun, playing and resolving various tests.

MUNDAKA
Izkira Urdaibai
+34 633 331 230
Sea transport between Mundaka, Sukarrieta and Laida Beach. Tourist trips to Gaztelugatxe and Etxanobe, as well as Mundaka-Gernika along the river.

PLENTZIA
Plasentia Museum of Butrón
+34 946 773 725
Museum to fully discover the history of Plentzia and its surrounding region.

Veterinary clinics

BERMEO
Mika Veterinarian Centre
+34 944 650 512
Emergencies 24h.
688 690 298
BERMEO
Veterinarian Clinic
+34 946 030 671
Emergencies 24h.
607 323 006
Barley
+34 943 134 786
Marina Txiki
+34 843 630 359
ZUMAIKA
Kraken
+34 685 711 665

Doggy businesses

BARRIKA
Kanoteka Dog Training
+34 657 89 43 71

Peña Txuri Surf Eskola
+34 600 300 244
Ika Hairdresser’s
+34 946 761 560

WrKafes Burduntzi Kafea
+34 946 881 242
IENAKI
Hotel Ibera
+34 946 762 802

Pet Shop. Mundo Verde,
Grooming, Training
and Canine Ethology,
Natural Nutrition
+34 946 551 151

Zelaigane
+34 609 414 441

Ika Hairdresser’s
+34 946 840 671
Belazahar
+34 605 708 511

Hotel Cuatro Patas Dog centre
+34 946 152 892

Bar Antilla
+34 943 832 309

PASAIKA
Cantina Alabortza
+34 943 64 70 75

Gran Sol
+34 946 847 70 75

BIOtxakur Surf Eskola
+34 946 761 560

Veterinarian Clinic
+34 943 140 143

Artizarra
+34 655 721 834

Hotel Palacete
+34 943 640 813

Hotel Ibis
+34 943 636 232

Hotel Atalaia
+34 943 629 433

Hotel Ibis
+34 943 636 232

ITZIAR DEBA
Eleizondo Country Houses
+34 943 199 033

OAIRTZUN
Elizalde
+34 943 492 586

ORIO
Zingira
+34 682 261 287
**Things to do**

**ERRENTERIA**
- Museum Fort of San Marcos
  +34 943 449 638
- Dogs on a lead are admitted throughout the fort. Possibility of doing routes on San Marcos mountain and surroundings.

**ZUMAIA**
- Begi Bistan
  +34 657 794 677
- Boat trips along the flysch, guided walking trips along the flysch, different trekking routes, kayak, SUP.

**OIARTZUN**
- Museum Soinuenea
  +34 943 493 578
- Folk Music Museum and Documentation Centre located in the neighbourhood of Oyarzun.

**PASAIA**
- Mater Museum
  +34 619 814 225
- Discover a fishing boat and its singular features, the chance to carry out trips, workshops and events. Dogs allowed.

**HAIR LATEGNE**
--endanea Garden Mascotas
  +34 943 641 710

**Veterinary clinics**
- HONDARRIBIA
  - Sokoa Veterinarian Clinic
    3494364657
  - Emergencies 24h.
    678 498 433
- Muxkilda veterinarian clinic
  +34 943 476 005
  - Emergencies 24h.
    611 404 966
- Dumboa Veterinarian Clinic
  +34 943 633 764
  - Emergencies 24h.
    678 498 433
- Elu Veterinarian Clinic
  +34 943 619 540
  - Emergencies 24h.
    (Monday to Friday).
    609 576 696
- ORIO
  - Katu Horia Veterenarian Clinic
    +34 943 116 699
  - Emergencies 24h.
    688 891 129
- ZARAUTZ
  - Zaunka Albaitaritza Veterinarian Clinic
    +34 943 835 460

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**Doggy businesses**

**AIA**
- Monterola Canine Residence
  +34 943 835 451

**HONDARRIBIA**
- Guauxua Dog Grooming
  +34 943 643 061
- Bi Lagun dog residence
  +34 943 645 279
- Endanea Garden Mascotas
  +34 943 641 710

**IRUN**
- Adizki Hairdresser’s
  +34 943 632 510
- Txingudi Bay Canine Residence
  +34 943 667 090
- Euskalmushing Shop
  +34 943 848 861
- Malas Pulgas Dog Grooming
  +34 943 667 090
- Mariano Amaro Dog Grooming
  +34 943 617 314
- Tumascota
  +34 943 848 024
- Uno Más Dog Grooming
  +34 943 013 303
- Euskalmushing Tienda
  +34 943 848 861

**Things to do**

**Campings**

**DEBA**
- Camping Itxspe
  +34 943 199 377

**ZARAUTZ**
- Olden Camp site
  +34 943 490 728
- Great Camp site
  +34 943 831 238
- Great Camp site
  +34 943 86 04 75

**Shops**

**HONDARRIBIA**
- Endanea Garden
  +34 943 641 710

**ZARAUTZ**
- Meitaimaitie
  +34 635 700 986

**ZUMAIA**
- Jesuskoa Rural Guest House
  +34 635 758 849

**ZARAUTZ**
- Sömn Hipsuites
  +34 943 22 91 41
- Berazadi Berri
  +34 667 750 213

**ZUMAIA**
- Josukoa Rural Guest House
  +34 635 758 849
Mountains and Valleys

Along with your dog, discover a green paradise with a difference. The Basque mountains and valleys hide sanctuaries, caves, legends and millennial traditions. Discover them along with your dog, visiting the 7 natural parks and the villages where life goes at the pace of nature, guarding ageless gastronomic secrets.

Nervión Waterfall

Here you find the largest waterfall on the Iberian Peninsula: more than 300 metres free fall between the provinces of Araba, Burgos and Biscay. We recommend you visit after a heavy storm, frequent rains or at snowmelt.

You can reach it from the Orduña mountain pass. Once at the top of the mountain, continue along the road until you find the entrance to Mount Santiago, to the left, next to a small hut, a trench drain and the first car park. The rest of the route is simple and easy to find, you only need to follow the forest trail until you come to the car park that best suits your needs.

Estimated time: 2 hours (round trip)

Perfect plan for: families with children and dogs of all ages and conditions, a very easy route.

Nearby you can also enjoy the Gujuli or Goiuri Cascade. If your dog is not afraid of heights, you can look out from the viewing bay, next to the cliff edge, which will make you feel like you are floating up next to this legendary waterfall. The panorama provides views of one of the most ecologically valuable beech woods in the area.
Atxondo Valley, where you can hear the silence.

About 35km from Bilbao is the idyllic valley of Atxondo, protected by the massif of Anboto (home of the goddess Mari).

Bow-wow route: Arrazola green trail.
10 kilometres (round trip), with an easy gravel path providing outstanding for its views of the massif of Anboto (Urkiola Natural Park) and the surrounding rural environment, dotted with farmhouses, hermitages and green pastures. Tranquillity reigns on this green trail, and you can only go on foot, with all other forms of transport, such as bicycles or skates, being prohibited. **Dogs must be on a leash at all times.**

Ibaieder Reservoir (Azpeitia)

The reservoir supplies water to 68,000 inhabitants of Azkoitia, Azpeitia, Zestoa, Zumaia, Getaria, Zarautz and Orio.

The road round the reservoir is flat and easy. The route is 6.8km, and 1.7km more if you start at Nuarbe. Along the way there are wooden benches and a fountain called Itauri, located on the bridge that separates the old road from the new.

Green trail of Urola

Between Azpeitia and Legazpi this green trail invites us to visit the villages and mountainous landscape of the districts in Guipuzcoa of Urola Medio and Alto Urola.

22.5 km make for a **spectacular** route with numerous points of interest. You can see at least 40 bridges and 19 tunnels, all lit. The points of greatest interest are in emblematic places, such as the Sanctuary of Loyola or the Basque Railway Museum.

The Basque sheepdog, a breed of dog autochthonous to the Basque Country. **The official name of the breed is Euskal Artzain Txakurra, and it has been used for centuries as a sheep dog and livestock guard dog. There are two varieties: Gorbeiakoa and Iletsua. It is an athletic, energetic and agile dog, very hard-working and committed to the task. Its average weight is 20 kilos.**
**Biscay**

**From Zalla to Balmaseda.**

An attractive, easy walk of 7.6 km (approx. 4 hours), dotted with historic houses and hermitages, ending in Balmaseda, capital of the Encartaciones district. The Camino Real (Royal Route) crossed the region, following the river Kadagua, joining Bilbao with Castile.

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**Biscay**

**Enchanted forest of Oma (Kortzubi)**

Located in the Biosphere Reserve of Urdaibai, and created in 1984 by sculptor and painter from Bilbao Agustin Ibarrola, this enchanted forest is a magical space that marks a new relation between nature and art.

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**Guipuzcoa**

**Megaliths of Aralar**

In the Natural Park of Aralar, in the midst of oak trees, beech trees and immense pastures, 80 megaliths have been catalogued. 30 of them are located in Guipuzcoa.

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**Guipuzcoa**

**Talaia Route Hondarribia-Pasaia**

21km route (approx. 7 hours) will take you from Hondarribia to Pasaia. Ideal to admire the Gipuzkoa coast on one side; from Higuer Cape, numerous coves and inlets, with Mount Jaizkibel on the other side. Take water for your dog, because you won’t find any sources of drinking water along the route.
**Araba**

**Route of Caicedo-Yuso or Arreho Lake (Salinas de Añana)**

This is the most important natural lake in the Basque Country. A circular 10.5 km-route to enjoy visiting Salinas de Añana and the Lake with your dog.

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**Green trails**

These are old trails of the unused railway lines, reused as non-motorised routes for travel on foot or by bicycle. 10 green trails for a 10-doggy plan!

- **ARDITURRI** - 11.2 KM. Between Pasai Anbo or Lezo and the Coto Minero of Arditurri (Oiartzun), Guipuzcoa.
- **ARRAZOLA** - 5 Km. Between Apatamasterio and the old station of Errotabarri-El Tope (Atxondo), Biscay.
- **ATXURI** - 3.8 KM. Between Mungia and the foothills of Mount Artebakarra. Biscay.
- **BIDASOA** - 44 Km. Between Behobia, Irún (Guipuzcoa) and Legasa Bertizarana (Navarre).
- **FC VASCO NAVARRO** - 85 Km. Between the mountain pass of Arlabán (Álava-Guipuzcoa border) and Estella (Navarre).
- **ITASLUR** - 3.5 Km. From Pobeña to Kobaron (Biscay).
- **MONTES DEL HIERRO** - 31 km. From Trasleviña to Gallarta (Biscay).
- **MUTILOA - ORMAIZTEGI** - 6.7 Km. Between the farmhouse Bamaola (Mutioa) and the slopes of Lointzi (Ormaiztegi), Guipuzcoa.
- **PLAZAOLA - LEIZARAN** - 45 Km. Between Andoain (Guipuzcoa) and Kaxarna (Navarre).
- **UROLA - 22.5 Km.** Between Azpeitia and Legazpi (Guipuzcoa).

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**Natural parks**

Discover the network of natural parks that extends throughout the territory, spaces where you can enjoy nature with all the amenities. Each natural park has its own personality: inhabitants and particular customs, changing flora and fauna that add a distinguishing richness. Enjoy them with your dog!

- **ARABA**
  - Izki Natural Park
  - Valderejo Natural Park
- **BISCAY**
  - Armanón Natural Park
  - Gorbeia
  - Natural Park Urkiola
- **GUIPUZCOA**
  - Aiako Harria Natural Park
  - Pagoeta Natural Park
- **GUIPUZCOA-ARABA**
  - AizkorriAratz Natural Park
- **GUIPUZCOA-NAVARRE**
  - Aralar Natural Park

More information and contact details in [www.turismo.euskadi.eus](http://www.turismo.euskadi.eus)
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Bars/Restaurants

**ALAVA : ARAMAIO**
Iturrieta Sagardotegia  
+34 689 721 993

**ALAVA : MURGIA**
La Casa dei Patrón Restaurant  
+34 945 462 528

**BISCAY : ABADIÑO**
Keiran Irish Pub Matiena  
+34 690 376 748

**BISCAY : AMOREBIETA-ETXANO**
Uxarte Sagardotegia  
+34 946 308 815

**BISCAY : BALMASEDA**
San Roque Convent Restaurant  
+34 690 376 408

**BISCAY : GERNIKA-LUMO**
Omago Txiki Ice Cream Parlour  
+34 946 253 200  
Musutruk Kafe Antzokia  
+34 946 702 370

**BISCAY : KARRANTZA**
Gailurretan Restaurant  
+34 946 806 667

**BISCAY : MARURI-JATABE**
Jatape Beer Bar and Restaurant  
+34 946 743 515

**BISCAY : MUNGIA**
Harria Restaurant (Urgoiti Palace)  
+34 94 674 68 68

**GUIPUZCOA : ERRENTERIA**
Gaztelu Ostatua  
+34 943 511 084  
Irrintzi  
+34 943 519 799

**GUIPUZCOA : ORDIZIA**
Gastrotexka 19190 Ordizia  
+34 943 88 40 79

Accommodation

**ALAVA : ACOSTA-OKOIZTA**
Izpiliku Rural Apartments  
+34 945 464 154

**ALAVA : AGURAIN**
Zadorra Etxea  
+34 656 716 126

**ALAVA : AÑANA**
Madera y Sal Rural Guest House  
+34 600 549 529

**ALAVA : ARAIA**
Legaire-Etxea  
+34 607 547 916

**ALAVA : BARRIO**
Tierra y Madera Rural Guest House  
+34 600 549 529

**ALAVA : ESPEJO**
Gaubeako Ekhiña  
+34 635 721 551

**ALAVA : LUNAONDO-AJARA**
Urdinetxe Landetxea  
+34 656 702 370

**ALAVA : MURGIA**
La Casa dei Patrón Hotel  
+34 945 462 528

**ALAVA : POBES**
Lagun Etxea Casa Rural  
+34 622 187 157

**ALAVA : SALVATIERRA-AGURAIN**
Zadorra Etxea  
+34 656 716 126

**ALAVA : SOBRON**
Natura Sobron  
+34 676 260 250

**ALAVA : VALDEGOBIA-GAUBEA**
Monte Hermoso Farmstead  
+34 607 383 747

**ALAVA : ZUGORRITZA**
Goikuri  
+34 945 464 084

**ALAVA : ZUA**
Hotel Altube  
+34 945 430 173

**BISCAY : ABADIÑO**
Murueta Baserria Rural Tourism Establishment  
+34 946 232 610

**BISCAY : AMOREBIETA-ETXANO**
Euba Hotel***  
+34 946 300 630  
Hotel Harrison  
+34 946 300 530

**BISCAY : BALTASAR**
San Roque Convent Hotel  
+34 619 322 252

**BISCAY : BALSASEDA**
San Roque Convent Hotel  
+34 946 203 368

**BISCAY : BUSTURIA**
Eco Hotel Rural Ángiz  
+34 946 871 041

**BISCAY : DERIO**
San Miguel DeTxorierri Rural Guest House  
+34 622 250 687

**BISCAY : DURANGO**
Dukebasa  
+34 675 706 055  
Juego Bolos  
+34 946 215 488

**BISCAY : ERMU**
Hotel Villa De Ermua *  
+34 943 170 860

**BISCAY : ERRENTERIA**
Hotel Ansotegi  
+34 946 169 100

**BISCAY : ETXEABARRIA**
Hotel Ansotegi  
+34 946 169 100

**BISCAY : KARRANTZA**
Gailurretan Rural Guest House  
+34 946 232 610

**BISCAY : KORTEZUBI**
Basondo  
+34 946 25 44 36

**BISCAY : MUNGIA**
Araize  
+34 620 053 396
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**BISCAY : GALLARTA**
Royo Gallarta
+34 946 36 22 95

**BISCAY : GERNIKA-LUMO**
Euskal Souvenirs
+34946251930

**GIPUZCOA : OIARTZUN**
Leroy Merlin Oiartzun
+34 943 418 900

**Things to do**

**ALAVA : MATURANA**

Ingravity Dreams
+34 945 402 834

A great variety of activities to do with your dog, scent games, disc dog, swimming-pool and massage sessions and injury recovery services.

**BISCAY : ABADIÑO**

Allutz Natura
+34 688 875 120

Shepherd for a day, soap-, wool- and natural modelling clay workshops in an idyllic setting in the company of your dog.

**BISCAY : BALTHASAR**

Balnasa Tourist Information Office
+34 946 802 976

**BISCAY : GALICIA**

Wakepark Galicia
+34658755097

Artificial lake with wide green areas and the chance to go paddle surfing with your dog.

**BISCAY : GERNIKA-LUMO**

Gernika Peace Museum
+34946270213

The memoritour guided tour around the streets of gernika can be done in the company of small dogs. For the second part of this package (guided tour + unguided visit to museum) the dog will not be able to go into the museum.

**BISCAY : MUXIKA**

Berroja winery
+34 944 106 254

Tastings activities, visits to vineyards, etc.

**BISCAY : OTXANDIO**

Hontza Extrem Adventure Park
+34 633 468 947

Adventure park with 5 circuits for all the family.

**Veterinary clinics**

**ALAVA : AMURRIO**

Medical Veterinary Institute of Alava
+34 945 028 910

Emergencies 24 h.
656 788 800

**BISCAY : ABADIÑO**

Don Rufo Veterinarian Clinic
34946201621

Emergencies 24 h.
607 323 006

**BISCAY : DURANGO**

Aki Durango
+34 946 216 300

**Shops**

**BISCAY : DURANGO**

Aki Durango
+34 946 216 300
Rioja Alavesa

Nothing like an evening enjoying a glass of good red wine in one hand, while you pet your dog with the other. The Rioja Alavesa, region or “square” separated from the rest of Alava by the Mountain Ranges of Cantabria and Toloño, and from La Rioja by the River Ebro, this unique experience awaits you.

Stroll among vineyards in Elciego

On your visit to La Rioja Alavesa, a stroll around some of their vineyards is a must in order to understand the whole process to make this millennial drink. Feel the earth it comes from before trying a glass. We recommend this easy walk around Elciego.

Depending on the time of the year you will find a different landscape: brown tones in winter and spring, intense greens in summer and spectacular red tones in autumn.

You will find dirt paths that are connected with wooden walkways to make it easier, enjoying the landscape and the company.

Obligatory stops: Viewing bay of the Hermitage of St Vicente and the viewing bay of St Roque. On the way you will also find a botanical garden dedicated to the Mediterranean plant life, named after historic apothecary and mayor in the 18th century, Xavier Arizaga.

Estimated time: 45 minutes, stopping to take photos, enjoy the countryside and the peace and quiet (2.5 km). Save a little more time if you want to visit the viewing bay “Hermitage of San Roque”.

Perfect plan for: a relaxed walk to work up an appetite before an aperitif, wine included, in the town of Elciego: clink your glass to your well-behaved pooch!

Be attentive that your “best friend” does not eat any grapes, as these are highly toxic for many dogs.
Discovering the towns of La Rioja Alavesa

When you visit the towns, you will better understand the long winemaking tradition in the area. Its mediaeval quarters and walls will transport you to another era.

Sitting in one of the street cafes, leisurely drinking a glass of wine with your dog is one of the pleasures awaiting you in the towns of La Rioja Alavesa.

**Laguardia** - Capital of this “square”, also known as the “capital of wine”. Enjoy the mediaeval layout of the narrow streets in the old quarter, the entrance gateways to the town and the remains of the walls. It is also worth visiting the Neolithic or Bronze Age ruins nearby, the oldest agricultural communities discovered in the Basque Country.

**Labastida** - after a walk around the Old Quarter and going up to the Hermitage of El Santo Cristo, don’t miss out on touring the Machimbrado, where stones have been worked into the shape of figures and symbols.

**Labraza** - walled town of mediaeval origin situated 677 metres above sea level, this is the smallest fortified town in the Basque Country, and obtained the World Walled Town of the year Award in 2008.

**Samaniego** - small town of just over 300 inhabitants, situated at the foot of the Cantabrian Mountains. A must is a stroll around the old quarter, to admire its fortress church and the beauty of the stately houses.

**Lapuebla de Labarca** - in the old part, you will discover a good concentration of Renaissance-style houses with perfectly-preserved coats of arms on their façades.
Laguardia Lagoon Complex Green Route

This route allows you to visit this Protected Biotype made up of 4 wetlands. The first, Prao de la Paul, is a basin, and the other 3, Carralogroño, Musco and Carravalseca, are natural seasonal lagoons.

These wetlands house an important biodiversity, especially migratory birds, that use the lakes as a resting spot.

Doggy-advice: The route passes far enough from the lagoons in order not to disturb the birds, but always keep your dog under control because you will most likely hear cawing and singing. A long leash will give your dog sufficient freedom and will help you to keep him/her well under control. Remember that birdwatchers from all over the world come here to observe the birds in their calm natural environment.

Stone winepresses of Labastida

A wine press is a structure on a bank of sandstone where the grape has been transformed into must by stepping and/or pressing.

The presses were frequently in places exposed to plunder and fires, since they were unbreakable, fireproof structures that could not be robbed. They were used between the 12th and 15th centuries in walled areas.

The town of Labastida preserves 12 such stone presses dedicated to pressing the grape. You can visit them in their natural environment.

This way, you can discover one of the most ancient ways of making wine, all while enjoying a walk around Labastida.

More information and a map of stone wine presses at www.alavaturismo.eus

Estimated time: 2.5 hours (10km circular route)

Perfect plan for: discovering that la Rioja Alavesa is much more than wine in the company of your dog.

There are no water stops, so carry sufficient water to keep you and your dog well-hydrated.
Rioja Alavesa: Practical information

Accomodation

LAGUARDIA
1. Sercotel Villa De Laguardia
   +34 945 600 560

Things to do

LABASTIDA
2. Cazaventuras
   +34 676 925 746
   À la carte tourism and outdoor leisure activities with your dog.

LAGUARDIA
3. Javier San Pedro Ortega Wineries
   +34 636 082 927
   Wine bar

LAPUEBLA DE LABARCA
4. Lapuebla Kayaks
   +34 646 588 525
   Rides on the River Ebro by kayak or Paddle Surf with your dog.

LEZA
5. Lozano Wineries
   +34 945 605 197
   The winery provides vineyard experiences, has a shop, restaurant and wine bar with terrace where clients are welcome. For legal reasons, they cannot access the handling and barrel area.

MÓREDA DE ÁLAVA
6. Enoaventura
   +34 636 379 877
   Strolls around vineyards, picnic and wine-tasting with dogs.
Many times, it is just as important to know where you are welcome with your dog as it is to know where you cannot go with him/her, either due to legal restrictions or the establishment management’s private policy.

Here we provide a review of the main tourist attractions that we have not mentioned in previous pages, and their dog-friendly policy.

If you would like to visit somewhere without your dog, we recommend you plan it with plenty of time, confirm if your dog can wait where you are staying, and if not, or if he/she gets nervous alone in a strange place, there are two options:

- If the visit is long, look for a dog day-care centre that can look after your dog for a few hours.
- If the visit is short and you are travelling with other people, you can take turns so that your dog is not left alone.

## MUSEUMS, CHURCHES AND CATHEDRALS

**Cristóbal Balenciaga Museum** (Getaria) ⏰ < 1 h.

All dogs are permitted in the gardens. In the halls, small dogs can be held in arms; large dogs must remain outside tethered on a leash. No one knows your dog better than you, and you know if he/she can wait for you outside or if he/she will fret. If your dog is afraid he/she might get nervous and bark and growl at people passing by.

**Rolls-Royce Museum. Tower House of Loizaga** (Galdames) ⏰ < 1 h.

**Fournier Card Museum** (Vitoria) ⏰ < 1 h.

**Casa de Juntas** (Guernica) ⏰ 1 - 2 h.

Dogs cannot go into the building, but they can enter the outside gardens, where the Tree of Gernika is located. If you are travelling in a group, you can take turns visiting.

**Albaola, the Basque Sea Factory** (Pasao Donibane) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Fine Arts Museum** (Bilbao) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Guggenheim Museum** (Bilbao) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Victoria Eugenia Theatre** (San Sebastián) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Teatro Principal Antzokia** (Vitoria) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Arriaga Theatre** (Bilbao) ⏰ 2 - 3 h.

**Chillida Leku Museum** (Hernani) ⏰ 1 - 2 h.

**Sanctuary of Arantzazu** (Oñati) ⏰ < 1 h. The surroundings are very attractive and your dog will really enjoy them, as there are various mountain paths leading from the Sanctuary to the grasslands of Urbia and, from there, to the magnificent limestone massif of Aizkorri, an exceptional natural environment in AizkorriAratz Natural Park. If you are travelling in a group, you can take turns visiting.

**Santa María de Vitoria Cathedral** (Vitoria) ⏰ < 1 h. Surrounding the cathedral, there are beautiful gardens where you can walk and admire the view from the outside while taking turns to go inside.

## WINERIES, CULINARY CENTRES AND FACTORIES

**Salt Valley-Salinas de Añana** (Añana). Dogs are not allowed, as this is a production facility. There is a snap hook outside for tethering dogs. Discover surrounding activities and a route to see the salt flats from the outside. See the practical information in the section on “Mountains and Valleys” in this leaflet.

- **Bodega Baigorri** (Samaniego)
- **Bodega El Fabulista** (Laguardia)
- **Bodega Ysios** (Laguardia)
- **Bodega Marqués de Riscal** (Elciego)
- **Basque Culinary Centre** (San Sebastián)

According to Spanish law, animals are not allowed into areas where foodstuffs are handled.

## CAVES, ROUTES AND GARDENS

**St Jacques’ Way** (the Basque Country)

This is an open-air route and there are no restrictions. St Jacques’ way is perfect for dogs accustomed to long walks. You can do different stages of the inland route or the coastal route of St Jacques’ Way with your dog.
Ignatian Way
This is an open-air route and there are no restrictions. It recreates the route that Ignacio de Loyola, a nobleman, took in 1522 from Loyola to Manresa. The route begins at the house where he was born in Azpeitia (Guipuzcoa) and is the perfect plan to do with your dog.

Santa Catalina Botanical Gardens (Iruña de Oca)
Together, you can admire more than 1000 species of plants from more than 5 continents. Also, the views of the Álava Plain are magnificent.

Pozalagua Cave (Karrantza)
< 1 h.

FESTIVALS AND MARKETS
Zinemaldia film festival (San Sebastian)
You cannot go into the cinema or the theatre with your dog, but of course you can stroll around the lively streets with your pet and, who knows? bump into a Hollywood star. But remember, during this period there will be many people and it may not be the best time to visit the city with nervous, anxious or fearful dogs.

Jazzaldia (San Sebastian) | Getxo Jazz | Festival de Jazz de Vitoria-Gasteiz
Dogs are not allowed onto premises where concerts are held, nor can they go on the beaches where there are concerts. If you wish, you can make the most of the open street terraces and small concerts and other activities where you can be with your dog, provided he/she is on a leash. You must remember that certain days and times, there may be many people. In addition to the volume of the music, it may be an uncomfortable setting for your dog.

Bilbao BBK Live (Bilbao)
> 5 h. Access is totally prohibited and even if you could, the volume of the live music is unbearable for the majority of dogs, not to mention the crowds of people.

Mundaka Fest: Basque Music&Cook festival (Mundaka)
> 5 h. Access is totally prohibited, and even if you could, the volume of the live music is unbearable for the majority of dogs, not to mention the crowds of people.

Ordizia Market (Ordizia)
< 2 h. Ordizia Market is an open-air market where you can go with your dog. It is held once a week, Wednesdays 9am to 1pm. This is an open market, so there is no inconvenience provided your dog is accustomed to being in places where there is food and lots of people moving about.

Dog-friendly transport

Renfe (suburban rail)
www.renfe.com
Dog allowed regardless of size. They must travel in a dog carrier or held with a lead and fitted with a muzzle. One dog only per traveller.

Renfe (medium and long distance)
www.renfe.com
Dogs of up to 10 kg can travel provided they are in a carrier measuring no more than 60x35x35cm. One dog only per traveller.

Euskotren
www.euskotren.eus
On Euskotren lines, dogs of any size can travel, provided they are on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

Bizkaibus
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Dogs can travel provided they weigh less than 8 kg and travel in a carrier.
Regulations regarding access and possession of dogs in the Basque Country

We will now provide a summary of the regulations you need to know about if you want to travel with your dog in the Basque Country. At the end of this section, you will find the detailed titles of the laws and decrees from where we have extracted this information, should you wish to consult them in greater detail.

General

The person responsible for the dog shall also be responsible for any damages, harm and disturbance caused by the dog, even if it escapes or is lost, in accordance with that established in Article 1905 of the Civil Code. When the animal crosses urban public ways and spaces, it must be held by a chain or lead with a maximum length of 2 metres.

Assistance Dogs

Guide dogs or assistance dogs are allowed access to all public spaces, such as schools, transports, etc., without being affected by the detailed policies and prohibitions in these pages, except food-handling spaces (wineries, kitchens, supermarkets, etc.)

For this reason, the person responsible for the dog must carry documents accrediting its condition as assistance dog at all times. And they should identify themselves as a “user” of the assistance dog.

Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous

The breeds or typologies of breeds considered potentially dangerous in the Basque Country, as of December 2019, are as follows:

- Pit Bull Terrier (including American Pit Bull Terrier)
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Rottweiler
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Tosa Inu
- Akita Inu

Also considered potentially dangerous are dogs who are cross-bred between breeds included in the previous section, and specifically: American Akita, American Bully and American Pitbull Terrier, as well as all those dogs whose characteristics correspond with all or the majority or those listed in annex II of Decree 101/2004.

To be in possession of one of these dogs it is essential to have accreditation that you are in possession of a valid administrative licence for the possession of potentially dangerous dogs, and that the animal is registered in the Registry of Potentially Dangerous Dogs of the town council where it is on the census. In a public space, a
person can only take a dog of these characteristics with the muzzle always fixed and held on a non-expandable chain or lead of less than two metres’ length. Harnesses cannot be used.

If you are travelling with a dog of these characteristics, it is possible that the dog-friendly policies of the various premises and spaces might be more restrictive for you.

Access for people with dogs in bars, restaurants and cafeterias:

They are expressly prohibited, in general, from entering and staying in premises or vehicles devoted to the manufacture, sale, storage, transport and handling of foodstuffs.

Owners of the remaining establishments open to the public can prohibit, according to their criteria, the entrance and presence of dogs in the same, visibly indicating such prohibition at the entrance.

In other words, in food storage and handling premises, it is prohibited to enter with any kind of animal (kitchens, supermarkets, etc.). In bars and restaurants, in the client access areas, or areas for eating or drinking, there is no impediment arising from the legislation of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. In same cases, municipal authorities have established stricter requirements than the regulations drawn up by the regional, national or autonomous legislation.

Access for people with dogs to wineries:

Access with dogs to the handling and barrel area of wineries is prohibited, because they are considered areas of storage and handling of foodstuffs. And, as we saw in the previous section, access to these spaces is prohibited in general.

Legislation and sources:

Decree 101/2004, of 1 June, regarding possession of animals or the canine species in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

(EC) Regulation no. 852/2004 regarding the hygiene of food products.

Royal Decree 3484/2000, of 29 December, which establishes the hygiene regulations for the preparation, distribution and trade of prepared meals.

LAW 10/2007, of 29 June, regarding Assistance Dogs for the Care of Persons with Disabilities.
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