**From Bilbao to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**

- **Tourist information**
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  - ARMATZA 946 177 230 · www.armatza.org
  - SAINZ DE ALAVA 946 644 517 · www.sainzdealuva.es
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**By public transport:**

- Metro Bilbao Line 1 takes you to Plentzia stopping at all the coastal towns in between, and Line 2 takes you through Portugalete and ends at San Saturn, www.metrobilbao.es.

**By private vehicle:**

- From Bilbao you can get to the coast along bike routes or along the road that follows the estuary which allows you to observe the sea’s industrial heritage. Once on the coast, you have to travel along secondary roads which cut through mountains and cliffs, offering views of the sea, like the one前往 Gaztelugatxe.

**By public transport:**


**To see/visit:**

- **Sail in Mundaka, one of the best waves in the world, and Laga**
- **Travel along the Mundaka basin, by train, canoe or public sea**
- **Elantxobe and its rotating square**
- **Walk with Arrieta at the Lurra Bridge**
- **See the fish being unloaded at the port of Ondarroa**

**Plans:**

- **Routes on foot or by foot along the Geopark**
- **Privileged view of the coast from the Embarcadero of San Telmo in Zumaia**
- **Eat grilled fish accompanied by txakoli**
- **Privileged view of the sunset from the Ermita de San Telmo in Zumaia**
- **Get Married accompanied by txakoli**
- **With family, your partner, or alone. Surf in Zarautz**
- **Row along the Oria estuary**

**To see/visit:**

- **Urban palaces, Nautilus Geological Centre and Geopark**
- **Zumaia Beach, Church of Santa María and Geopark**
- **Euskaltel Euskal Herriko Interpretation Centre**
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- **Meeting House and Museum of Peace**
- **Ibaizabal De Airela lookout**
- **Village and fishing port**
- **Beach and seaport**
- **Santa Claus Larribe, historic quarter overlooking the sea, Balenciaga Museum**
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**San Sebastián to “La Côte Basque”**

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  - GETARIA 943 143 396 · www.zumaia.eus

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- **Getzarra**
- **The three beaches and the Palace of the Winds, the fishing port, Aquarius, The Naval Museum and the San Telmo Museum, and the Cathedral**
- **Albula, The Sea Factory of the Basques, the Euskaltel Euskal Herriko Interpretation Centre, the Museum of the Sea and the Euskaltel Euskal Herriko Interpretation Centre**
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- **From See to visit:**
  - **Rio de Bilbao Maritime Museum**
  - **Historic quarter, seafront promenade and Bilbao Bridge**
  - **Llano de la Pintada and El Pobil Smithy**
  - **Old port, Aquarium and Bixka Bridge**
  - **Beach, surfing and cliffs**

**Plans:**

- **Explore the city by foot**
- **Explore the city by bike**
- **Explore the city by bus**
- **Explore the city by private vehicle**

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- **From Bilbao to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**
- **From the geopark to Getaria and Zarautz**
- **To see/visit:**
  - **From Bilbao to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**
  - **To Lekeitio and Ondarroa via Urdaibai**
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**From Bilbao to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**

- **Aprox. road distance in km: 28 km**
- **Aprox. driving time: 25’**

**To Lekeitio and Ondarroa via Urdaibai**

- **Aprox. road distance in km: 18 km**
- **Aprox. driving time: 15’**

**From the geopark to Getaria and Zarautz**

- **Aprox. road distance in km: 30 km**
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En route

222 kilometres from Muskiet, bordering Cantabria, to Hondarribia, on the border with France. Routes along coastal roads between Bilbao and San Sebastián, or for excursions from your accommodation to some of the must-see places. Along the way, lookout s on cliffs, exceptional natural spaces, villages with whitewashed houses, beaches... Around every bend, a reason to stop: a lighthouse, a viewpoint...

So many options and surprises that will tempt your planned route.

Tips: if you’re in a rush to get to the restaurant or the hotel, you can take a shortcut via the AP-8 motorway, which crosses the entire coast, though this may mean missing some of the most beautiful places in the world. Would you dare miss out?!

Coastal gastronomy

Seafood dishes which have become emblematic of Basque cuisine: cod, hake, merluza, lubina, king crab in its own shell... The best fish, grilled turbot, sole, sea bass, monkfish.

Sailing specialists in paragliding, flying over the sea and restaurants located on a man-made island.

And of course, canned goods: length tuna belly and fish, anchovies, marinated white anchovies, packed in a glass of brandy, the unique Basque white wine made with local grapes.

The Euskadi Gastronomika seal guarantees the quality of the establishment and the food and wine activities.

Activities on land and sea

The sort of places that remain in your mind forever and on your map: Lush valleys, watchtowers, lighthouses and hermitages at high winds, reconstructed biosphere reserves, national parks, bird paradises and cliffs.

Over a hundred companies of active and nautical tourism with a varied and full range of activities: boat trips to sea San Sebastian or the flysch between Zumaia, Deba and Mutriku, or to visit picturesque ports, nestled past the Basque Coast, in San Juan de Gasteiz in or in Mutriku, dip into whaling etc.

And in addition, Surtur Euskal www.surtur@euskal.net, with 10 activities, accommodation and institutions committed to offering the best surfng custom experiences.

Santa Catalina Lighthouse

It is one of the coastal “sentinels” with the best views. It houses an interpretation centre where you can make an exciting virtual boat voyage and learn the secrets of navigation.

To round off this “seafaring” plan: the ports of Lekeitio and Ondarroa.

The sailors climbed to the chapel to ask for protection before setting sail, a tradition that is still maintained today. The bell also has its own history...

Seaing people and towns

Fine cultures have a relationship as special, lasting and committed to the sea as the Basque. Village with a whaling past that tells stories of brave and daring women and men. People with a special way of understanding life who transmit the irresistible rhythm of living with the sea to everyone who visits the Basque coast.

And museums that care for and display the legacy of the Basque coast www.esculturasdelcostadeeuropa.eu

There are romantics who rebuild old ships, houses that keep the memory of fishermen alive. A World Heritage “hanging” bridge. Lighthouses that shed light on history from inside. Museums that make you feel good.

There are many reasons that make the Basque Coast an extensive maritime history.

San Juan de Gasteiz Chapel

The most emblematic place on the Basque Coast. Number 1 on the list of natural wonders of Spain. The sailors climbed to the chapel to ask for protection before setting sail, a tradition that is still maintained today. The bell also has its own history...

The most important natural environment on the coast, together with the nature reserves of Askoko Hamis and Pagania. Biosphere Reserve since 1984.

The area with the greatest landscape and ecological diversity of the Basque Coast and which brings together some of the most visited places in the Basque Country.

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