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PLAN YOUR TRIP?



Welcome to the Basque Country!

Even Gipuzkoa is an small territory, a huge variety of surprises await you: natural landscapes, an ancient culture, a famous gastronomy, beautifull cities ...

We want you to enjoy your visit to our hotel and the Basque Country as much as possible.

Here are some suggestions and recommendations.

Do not hesitate to contact us for any information you need, we are happy to help you!



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EKAINBERRI CAVE

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SANCTUARY OF LOYOLA

15 minutes from the hotel

In the village of **Azpeitia** you will find **The Loyola Sanctuary**, our “Little Vatican”. A place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world.

It is an architectural complex where the impressive dome stands out, inspired by the roman architecture and the birthplace of **St**



Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Company of Jesus.

It's worth it: take a walk through the extensive gardens, visit The Santa Casa Museum and The Sanctuary; a magnificent baroque temple from the 17th century designed by a disciple of Bernini.

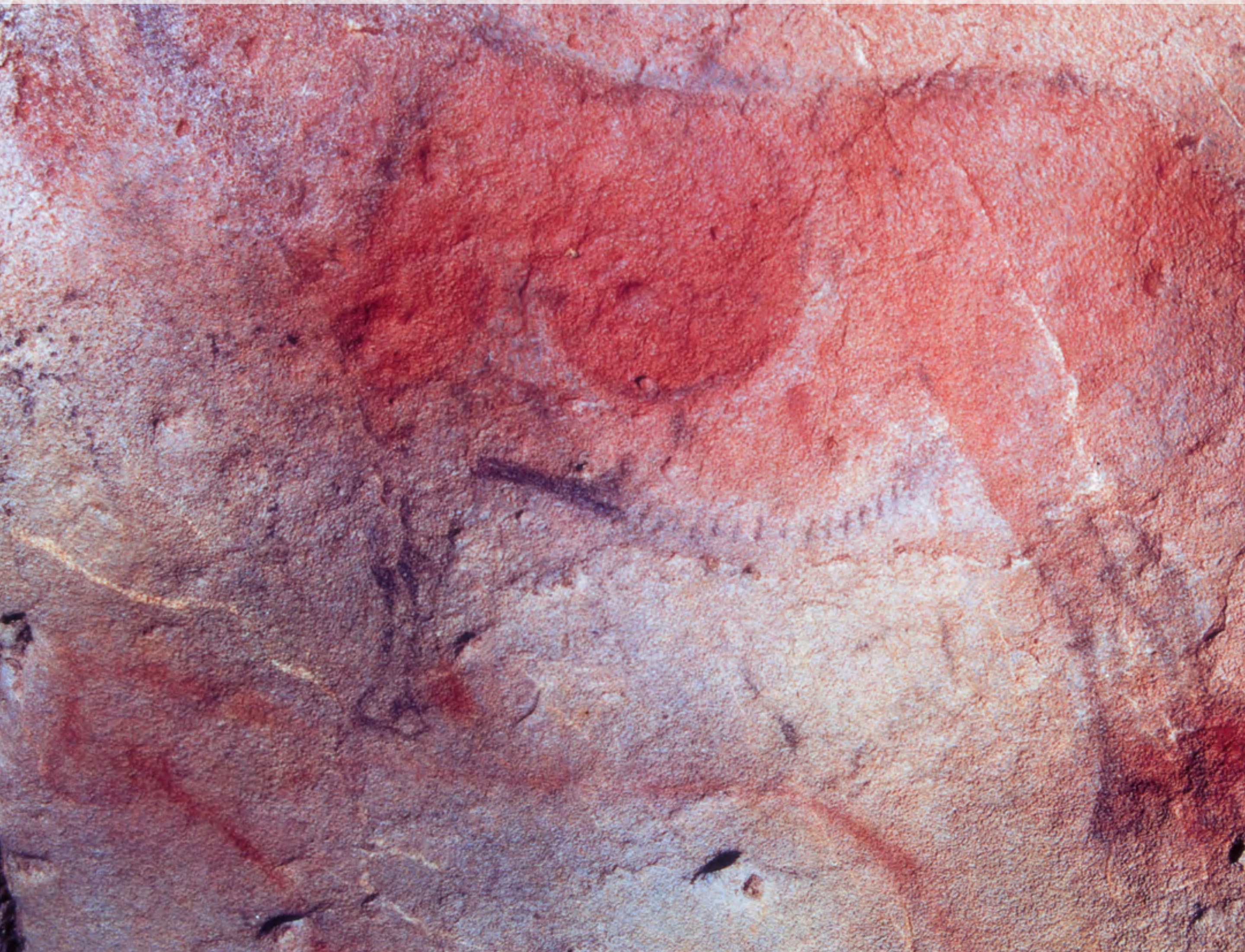
Family plan: enjoy a sensational 10 km journey alongside the river in an old wooden train pulled by a locomotive at **The Basque Railway Museum**. (See schedules).





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EKAINBERRI CAVE

25 minutes from the hotel

In the village of **Zestoa** you will find **Ekainberri**, the exact replica of the Ekain cave, a jewel of Palaeolithic art whose cave paintings have been declared a World Heritage Site.

The replica is more than a true representation, is perfectly set with lighting, sound, and



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temperature so you can enjoy a real sensation.
(Only guided tours with prior reservation).

A nice way to end the visit is to take a walk to the mouth of the original cave, located 500 meters away.

Family plan: reserve your ticket for some of the fun experimental archeology workshops for children. (Prior reservation).





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BASQUE COAST GEOPARK, THE FLYSCH

35 minutes from the hotel

In the village of **Zumaia** you will see a natural jewel; **The Flysch Cliffs**, a UNESCO natural heritage site.

A diary of more than 60 million years of the history of the earth written in stone that have served to understand the reason for the extinction of the dinosaurs

You will can enjoy the Flysch from the sea through a guided boat tour (prior reservation),



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or walking along an easy path that starts from the hermitage of San Telmo.

For photography lovers: at low tide you can walk along the rock strata and take impressive photos. The sunsets are spectacular.



A curiosity: it is one of the locations where Roccadragón was brought to life in the Game of Thrones series.

Active Plan: if you like hiking, you cannot miss **The Flysch route**, which joins the villages of Zumaia and Deba along an impressive 14 km path where you will enjoy the best views of the Flysch cliff, forests, meadows and farmhouses. In Deba you will can take the train, and in 20 minutes you are back in Zumaia.

Our gastronomic recommendation: if you like octopus, you are in the right place, since it is one of the main ingredients of the traditional cuisine of Zumaia.





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GETARIA

ZARAUTZ

HONDARRIBIA

PASAI DONIBANE / PASAI SAN PEDRO

DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIÁN



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GETARIA

40 minutes from the hotel

Getaria is a small and charismatic fishing village, renowned for its seafood and fish restaurants and for its illustrious sons: Juan Sebastián Elcano (the first man to circumnavigate the world) and the fashion designer Cristóbal Balenciaga.



Stroll through the streets of the old town, enjoy the salty air and the succulent smell of grilled fish, buy delicious artisanal canned fish, visit the Gothic church of San Salvador, stroll through the port to see the activity of the fishing boats, climb the small mountain of San Antón (known as Getaria's mouse), and of course taste a grilled fish accompanied by a glass of Txakoli, a sparkling white wine of the Basque Country.

We recommend you the restaurants: Elkano, Kaia and Txoko. (Essential prior reservation).

If you have time: visit the **Cristóbal Balenciaga Museum**, where you can see an exceptional



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collection of featuring of the amazing creations of the designer.

Family plan: we suggest you live a different experience in the Maisor artisanal canning workshop where you will can learn how to make the authentic Cantabrian anchovies and taste local products (Prior reservation).

A visit to a Txakoli winery with tasting is also an authentic experience (Prior reservation).



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ZARAUTZ / PAGOETA NATURAL PARK

40 minutes from the hotel

Zarautz has one of the longest beaches of Cantabrian coastline, world-renowned for surfing.

Although in winter it is a quiet town, in summer it becomes one of the favorite destinations on the coast, both for its beach and for its atmosphere.



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Enjoy a day at the beach, stroll along the beach promenade full of terraces where you can have your favorite drink while watching the surfers, visit the old town and enjoy its squares and taverns full of delicious “pintxos” (basque tapas).

Active Plan:

- Enjoy the 4 km pedestrian promenade parallel to **The coastal road** that connects Zarautz and Getaria. A pleasant walk with no slope to enjoy the sea breeze. Also, if you feel tired you can choose to return by bus.
- Discover the watchtowers used by the



ancient whalers on The Watchtower Route between Zarautz and Getaria. A 7 km path between Txakoli vineyards and an impressive panoramic view of the coast. The path begins with a slope until reaching the Hermitage of Santa Bárbara, but then it becomes easier and more effortless.

Family plan: book some surf classes taught by qualified professionals adapted for all ages. (Prior reservation).

Where will you see the best sunset?

Undoubtedly from **Mount Talaimendi** (191 m) and from the old mineral loading area of **Mollarri**, an islet hidden behind Mount Talaimendi.



You will can go in two ways: walking to the end of the beach you will come across Mount Talaimendi. If you climb all the stairs, the reward will be incredible views.

By car, go to Gran Camping Zarautz, located at the top of the mountain. Leave the car in the parking and follow the signs to Mollarri.

Near Zarautz, in the town of **Aia**, you will find the **Pagoeta Natural Park**, whose name comes from its beech forests. Here you will can take a

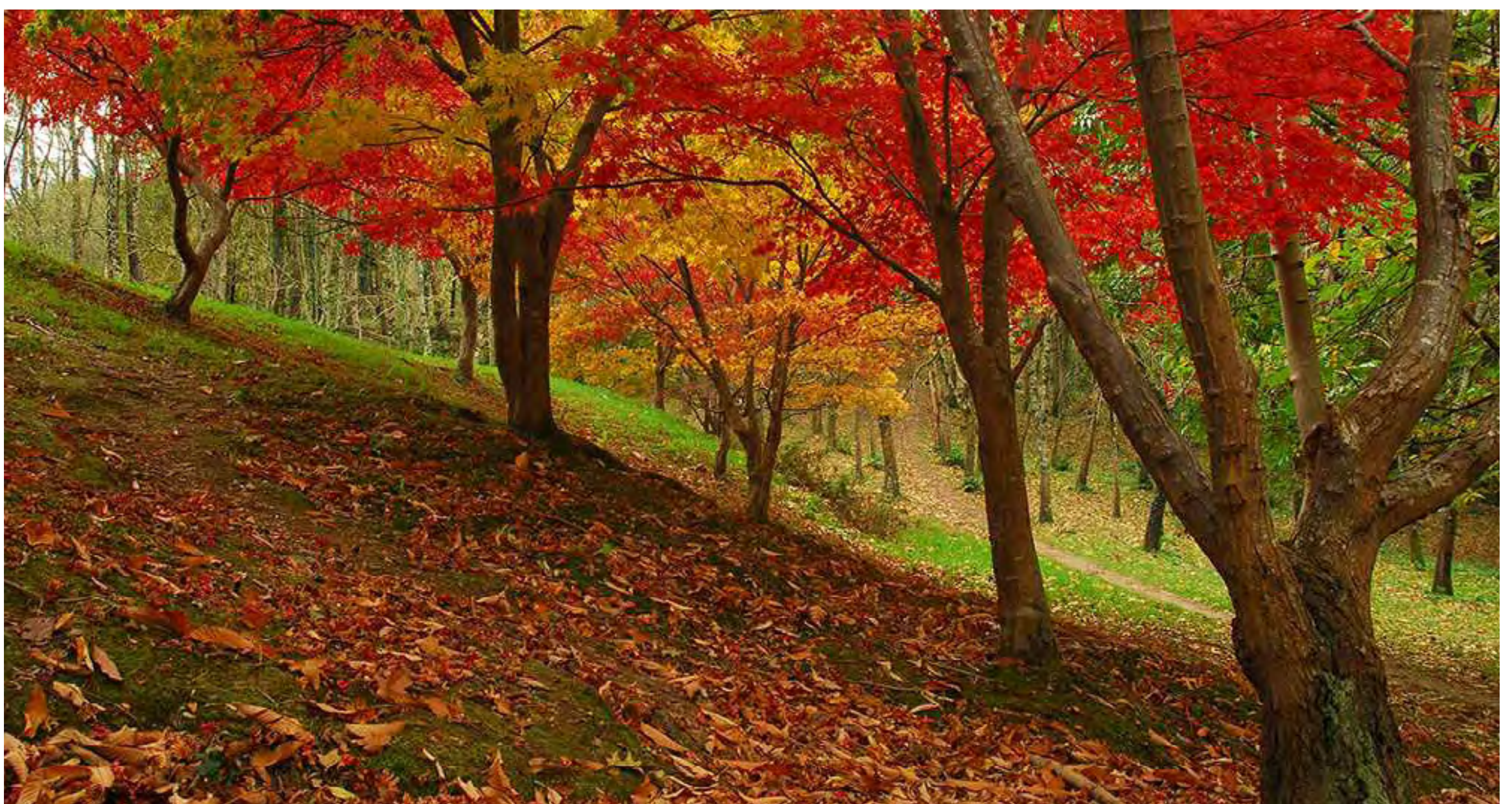




quiet walk through the Great Botanical Garden or climb to the Pagoeta Cross.

The path of the **Iturraran Botanical Garden** will take you through a forest with more than 6,000 different plants from all over the world. A hidden treasure in the thickness of the impressive forests that surround it. It is a perfect plan for the whole family.

To climb the **Pagoeta Cross** (676 m) you must leave from the car park located in the center of the town of Aia, cross the road towards Asteasu and continue along the white and yellow markings (PR GI-35) until you reach a track. Here you will see a sign indicating Pagoeta.





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HONDARRIBIA

40 minutes from the hotel

The best preserved medieval walled city in Gipuzkoa is an essential visit.

It is a real pleasure to walk through the narrow medieval streets of the old town, declared historical and artistic heritage and admire the historic buildings and beautiful squares.

Essential: visit the colourful neighbourhood of **La Marina** (the heart of its fishing district)



to enjoy the marine atmosphere and taste the typical “pintxos” (basque tapas) and fish dishes.

Family plan: take a small boat and visit the town of Hendaia in the Basque-French area. The boats depart every 15 minutes from Paseo Butrón and only take 7 minutes.

Active Plan: enjoy beautiful views on the 9 km route from **The Cabo de Higer Lighthouse** along the GR that runs along the coastine until you will take the detour that leads to The Guadalupe Sanctuary.





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PASAI DONIBANE / PASAI SAN PEDRO

35 min from the hotel

The most comfortable way to visit **Pasai Donibane** is to head in the direction of “Casco Histórico” and continue to the esplanade that overlooks the port, park your car and from here walk to the old town.

Pasai Donibane is a seaside town with strong character. It only has a single but curious street that crosses the entire historic center,



with ups and downs, passageways under the houses and hidden corners until you reach The Santiago Square, where you will find the typical photo of the colorful fishing houses.

Not to be missed: walking from Santiago Square towards the sea, leaving the church behind, begins a beautiful and easy walk of about 20 minutes that will take you to the mouth of the port where you will be surprised by a landscape similar to a fjord.



From this same square, at the pier, you can take a small boat to cross to Pasai San Pedro.

Pasai San Pedro was once the main whaling port in Europe, from where the great Basque expeditions to Newfoundland sailed.



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Here you can visit **The Albaola factory**, a museum where you will learn about basque maritime history and you will be able to see live how the replica of a 16th century whaling ship called San Juan is built.





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DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIÁN

30 minutes from the hotel

It is easy to guess why many consider it one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

You could say that it has it all; nature, beaches, tradition, gastronomy, cultural activity and a fantastic atmosphere.



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What can be done in Donostia-San Sebastián?

- * Stroll along La Concha Bay until you reach Eduardo Chillida's "**El peine del viento**" (The wind comb).
- * Ride the funicular to **Igeldo Mountain** to enjoy the panoramic view.
- * Stroll through the streets of the **old town**, and practice one of the most deeply-rooted customs of the basque people, "Ir de Pintxos" (eat basque tapas). You will find from the most traditional to true miniature haute cuisine bites. The best known streets are August 31 and Fermín Calbetón and some of the places that we recommend are: Gandarias, Gambara, Zeruko, Urola, La cuchara del San Telmo. Essential: ask about the specialties of each restaurant.



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* Go to the La Constitución Square and look at the balconies. Why are they numbered? Formerly bullfights took place in the square and the balconies were used as boxes!

A curiosity: the architect of this square is Pedro Manuel de Ugartemendia, the same architect of our hotel and who was part of the reconstruction of Donostia-San Sebastian after being burned by the allied forces in 1813.

* Stroll through the port and visit the aquarium.

* Relax in the La Perla thalassotherapy center. Its thalasso seawater circuit with direct access to the beach is perfect.



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- * Enjoy the young and surfer atmosphere on **Zurriola beach**.
- * Visit The **San Telmo Museum**.
- * Stroll through the city and discover the most iconic buildings of the **Belle Epoque**.
- * Sail in a small boat to **The Santa Clara island**.
- * Buy local products at La Bretxa Market.
- * Climb **Urgull mountain** and discover curious places such as the "Cemetery of the english sordiers".



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* Essential: contemplate the beautiful sunsets. You can enjoy it from different points of the city, but we love it from the footbridge of the nautical or from the terrace of the Aquarium.

* See a show at the Victoria Eugenia Theater, listen live music at the Jazz Festival and enjoy cinema at the **San Sebastián Film Festival**.



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ASTIGARRAGA, HERNANI &
USURBIL / CHILLIDA MUSEUM

A small territory where culture, customs
and history are linked to cider.



ASTIGARRAGA, HERNANI & USURBIL / CHILLIDA MUSEUM

30 minutes from the hotel

Most of the most important cider houses in Gipuzkoa are concentrated in these towns.

The popular tradition is to enjoy the atmosphere of the cider house during the season (from January to the end of April), but there are some cider houses that are open all year round.

It is an experience that we definitely recommend.



The tradition of the cider house comes from the ritual to taste the cider that was chosen to be bottled. The cider was tasted standing up accompanied by some simple dishes.

Today it has become a whole menu made up of cod omelette, fried cod with peppers, riveye steak and cheese with quince and walnuts.

During the meal, a person is in charge of opening the different “Kupelas” (cider barrels) and shouts ¡Txotx! to encourage diners to get up from the table and taste the cider straight from the barrel.

In **Astigarraga** you can visit Sagardoetxea, The Cider Museum, where you will discover all the secrets of cider.



The Chillida-Leku Museum is located in the town of Hernani, where you can enjoy the work of the sculptor Eduardo Chillida.

It is impressive to walk through the gardens and admire the large sculptures; a perfect place for photography lovers.



Active plan: **The Leitzaran Greenway** begins in the town of **Andoain**. It was a mining railway but today it is a 22 km route that crosses beautiful forests and an incredible natural landscape. Along the way you will go through many tunnels, which makes it suitable for very hot days. It is perfect for walking or cycling.



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TOLOSA - TRADITIONAL MARKET

LARRAITZ - ARALAR NATURAL PARK

ORDIZIA TRADITIONAL MARKET

SEGURA / ZERAIN

THE ARDITURRI MINE

IGARTUBEITI MUSEUM FARMHOUSE

HERNIO MOUNTAIN / ILLAUN /
MENDIKUTE

OÑATI/ ARANTZAZU SANCTUARY /
ARRIKUTZ CAVE



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TOLOSA - TRADITIONAL MARKET

10 minutes from the hotel

Tolosa was a very important walled town as a place of passage for travelers and a commercial route.

Visit the old town by entering through the old door that travelers passed through on their way to France or Castile and visit “El Tingla-



do", **the traditional market** that has been held every Saturday for centuries.

At the market, you will have the opportunity to buy the best products of the region directly from the farmers; Tolosa beans, Ibarra chillies, Idiazabal cheese, cider, honey, organic bread...

Tolosa sweets are well known. You will can buy some of its most typical desserts such as



“Las tejas y cigarrillos” (tiles and cigarettes) and “Xaxus”.

Cross The Navarra Bridge to take the most typical photo of Tolosa, visit the church of Santa María, and stroll through the streets of the old town and enjoy beautiful streets and squares with a great atmosphere.

For meat lovers: taste the famous Tolosa rive-eye steak in one of its well-known meat grill restaurants. We recommend you Casa Nicolás and Casa Julián grill restaurants.

Family plan: visit Topic, **The Puppet Museum of Tolosa.**

Would you like to see a game of basque pelota? Check the schedule of activities of Frontón Beotibar.

A curiosity: inside the bar Frontón, through a small window you will see what happens at all times in Frontón Beotibar while you enjoy your favorite drink.



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LARRAITZ - ARALAR NATURAL PARK

20 minutes from the hotel

To get to the natural park you must take the N-1 towards Vitoria. After a few minutes, take exit 431 near the municipality of Alegia and continue along the GI 2133 road towards Amezketeta and then Abaltzizketeta to reach **Larraitz**.

Leave your car in the parking near the hermitage. You are in one of the main entrances to **The Aralar Natural Park**.



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You will enjoy a wonderful natural environment and a fantastic view of **Txindoki Mountain**.

The park offers all kinds of activities related to nature; an easy walk along a path for people with disabilities or climb to the top of Txindoki Mountain (1331 m).



We recommend you: enjoy the surroundings, take a walk and take the “Hamaiketako” (a mid-morning snack) in any of the restaurants or picnic areas that you will find.

The most typical hamaiketako is: “Salda” (traditional meat broth), txistorra (basque sausage) or cooked meat.

Family plan: very close to the car park and surrounded by nature, you will find **Txindokiko Itzala**. An adventure park with zip lines between trees where you can do activities guided by monitors suitable for different ages. (Prior reservation).





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ORDIZIA TRADITIONAL MARKET

20 minutes from the hotel

If you cannot visit the Tolosa market on Saturday, on Wednesday you have another opportunity to visit a traditional market.

The **Ordizia** market has been held every **Wednesday** since the XI-XII century.

You will be able to experience an authentic atmosphere and buy healthy organic products.



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SEGURA / ZERAIN

25 minutes from the hotel

Segura is a charming village whose medieval old town is very well preserved.

In the old town you will can still guess where the old wall was located or the importance of its main street, used by merchants and pilgrims.

We recommend you stroll through the streets and squares and enjoy the palaces and manor houses.

Essential: visit the tourist office, located in The Ar-dixarra House, one of the oldest medieval urban construction buildings in the Basque Country.



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To get to the village of **Zerain** you have to turn off the main road and climb a hill.

It is a small village with a mining tradition that offers several activities to learn a little more about basque history and customs. You will have beautiful views of **Aizkorri Mountain** (1528 m).

We recommend you: visit the tourist information center, where they will inform you about the different activities depending on the time of year, such as the visit to **The Iron Lands and The Aizpea Mines**.



Active Plan: near Segura village, in **Zegama** you will can enjoy a path that will take you to **The San Adrián Tunnel** (part of St James's way through the inland route).

Park the car in San Adrián parking and go up until you reach the mountain refuge. From the refuge you will clearly see the direction to the tunnel. The tunnel crosses a mountain of rock and inside you will find the small Hermitage of San Adrián. A place full of symbolism, since the medieval it was a fortress and inn where pilgrims rested along the way, got food or changed exhausted horses.

Once you cross the tunnel you will find a spectacular setting and the old medieval road used by pilgrims and merchants.





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THE ARDITURRI MINE

40 minutes from the hotel

In **Oiartzun** village, at one of the entrances to **The Aiako Harria Natural Park**, you will find The Arditurri Mine.

Through a guided tour (previous reservation) you will be able to contemplate one of the few mining galleries that have been exploited for 2,000 years without interruption (since before the arrival of the Roman Empire).



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Inside the gallery you will experience a magical atmosphere, where lighting and sound will take you back to the different periods in the history of these galleries.

You will discover old mineral loading docks, wells, mineral seams or an impressive landscape of underground lakes...

Active Plan: stroll along **The Arditurri Greenway** 12 km. An exclusive path for pedestrians and cyclists that crosses the town of Oiartzun and runs along the old railway line that linked the Arditurri mines with the port of Pasaia.





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IGARTUBEITI MUSEUM FARMHOUSE

20 minutes from the hotel

Located in the village of **Ezkio** you will find The **Igartubeiti Farmhouse Museum**.

One of the most interesting farmhouses in the Basque country due to its wooden architecture from the 16th and 17th centuries and with an old large cider press inside that works perfectly.

Inside the farmhouse is recreated the real life of a Basque farmhouse from four centuries ago, with lighting, furniture and original tools...

We recommend: visit the museum with a guided tour (prior reservation).



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HERNIO MOUNTAIN / ILLAUN / MENDIKUTE

From the hotel

Just by walking out the door of our hotel you can enjoy trails that will take you to discover this beautiful valley.

You can climb to the top of **Hernio Mountain** (1078 meters) in a round trip of approximate-



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ly 3h 40m or take a short walk in the surroundings to enjoy nature.

Highly recommended: every Sunday in September in Zelatun (an esplanade before the top) traditional pilgrimages with music and dances are held.

In this same place, in the old shepherds' huts, there are now two mountain restaurants with pintxos (basque tapas) and traditional food where you can rest and recharge your batteries before continuing on your way.



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Other active plans: in addition to Hernio Mountain, from the hotel you can walk other trails that are easier and will take you less time to reach to the top.

1 hour walking from the hotel you can enjoy beautiful views from the top of **Illaun Mountain or Mendikute Mountain.**

How to get there? Visit our instagram account and you will find the instructions to get to these mountains. Of course at reception we will be happy to help you.





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OÑATI / ARANTZAZU SANCTUARY / ARRIKUTZ CAVE

35/40 minutes from the hotel

Oñati was land of Lords and Counts and it is clearly reflected when you contemplate its old town.

Stroll through the streets to discover impressive palaces, churches, and tower houses, enter inside the University of Sancti



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Spiritus to contemplate the cloister and the altarpiece, visit the 15th-century San Miguel Church or enjoy the atmosphere on a terrace in Los fueros Square.

9 km from Oñati you will find **The Sanctuary of Arantzazu.**

A building that surprises, both for its location (it seems to be hanging from a cliff) as for the modern architectural style, exponent of contemporary basque art.

Its peculiar facade draws attention, but you should not miss visiting its interior where you can admire its imposing main altarpiece, the stained glass windows or the crypt.



In addition to the basilica, you can enjoy an impressive natural environment under the side of **Aizkorri Mountain**, where you can walk and enjoy nature.

Also in the area there are several proposals for restaurants and taverns where you can take a break.

Active Plan: climb **Aizkorri Mountain** (1,528 m). It is one of the highest mountains in the Basque Country. From the top you will have exceptional views.

In Oñati village you will find The Arrikrutz cave.





Through a 60-minute guided tour and thanks to a 500-meter walkway you will can discover this geological wonder located inside the Aizkorri Mountain range. (Prior reservation).

A cave sculpted by water in the rock over the centuries, with spectacular phenomena such as an underground river and galleries adorned by gigantic stalactites.

This cave is also special for the discoveries of prehistoric animals, such as woolly rhinoceros tracks, cave hyenas and cave bears. Although the most important find is the complete skeleton of a cave lion.

Family plan: near Oñati, in Aretxabaleta village, you will find **The Urkulu water reservoir**.





A very quiet place surrounded by mountains and forests where you will can walk around the entire perimeter of the reservoir (6.4 km – 1 hour and a half walk).

It has no slope, and is well paved, so it is suitable for the whole family. It has a bike lane and several platforms for bird watching.

Our recommendation: don't park your car immediately when you reach the water reservoir, continue along the road parallel to the reservoir until you reach an area with a designated car park and start walking counterclockwise.





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BILBAO

URDAIBAI NATURE RESERVE /
SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

SAINT JEAN DE LUZ / BIARRITZ

SARA, AINHOA & EZPELETA

ZUGARRAMURDI, THE CAVE
OF THE WITCHES

VITORIA

LAGUARDIA / VISIT TO WINERIES



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BILBAO

1 hour and 15 minutes from the hotel

Bilbao was a gray city dedicated to industry, but today it is a cosmopolitan city with a lot of cultural activity.

We recommend you visit the **Guggenheim Museum**, walk through “The Seven Streets” of the old town and try the delicious pintxos (basque tapas), enter inside The Gothic Cathedral of Santiago, enjoy the atmosphere of “Pla-



za Nueva" square and La Rivera Market, stroll through Doña Casilda Park and visit The Bilbao Fine Arts Museum, enjoy the sunset along The estuary promenade or take the funicular up to The Artxanda viewpoint to have the best views of Bilbao.

Our recommendation: it is very convenient to visit the city using the tram, since it has stops at the most touristic points of the city.

Family plan: visit the city comfortably from a boat sailing along the estuary with routes lasting 1 or 2 hours. These boats leave from Pío Baroja pier.





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URDAIBAI NATURE RESERVE / SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

1 hour and 30 minutes from the hotel

Urdaibai Reserve is composed of a series of ecosystems, including beaches, cliffs and maeshes along with forest and meadows farther inland.



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You will find the most important marshes in the Basque Country; home to thousands of birds.

Stroll along **Laida** beach and enjoy the beautiful views or visit the coastal towns of **Elantxobe, Ea or Lekeitio**.

Active plan: book a kayak tour through the marsh to enjoy the sighting of migratory birds.

In **Bermeo** village you will find San Juan de **Gaztelugatxe**, one of the most famous encla-



ves on the basque coast.

Climb the 241 steps that lead to the top of this islet because it is worth it. Once you reach the hermitage the landscape is extraordinarily beautiful. Don't forget to ring the bell and make a wish.

A curiosity: he has become famous for being Dragonstone in the Game of Thrones series.

Our recommendation: watch the sunset from **The Matxitxako Cape**, which is halfway between San Juan de Gaztelugatxe and Bermeo. Access is very good, it is practically reached by car and you will enjoy a very different and curious view of San Juan de Gaztelugatxe.





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SAINT JEAN DE LUZ / BIARRITZ

50 min from the hotel

San Juan de Luz is one of the most beautiful and visited towns on the Basque-French coast, with its typical white houses with colored shutters.

We recommend you walk along the port and the promenade along the beach, stroll through the pedestrian streets of the historic center, and take the opportunity to buy typical products of the area in Rue Gambetta, visit San Juan Bautista Church and have a rest on a terrace in Place Louis XIV.



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Not to be missed: taste the delicious Maison Adam's Macarons, made daily using the family recipe for more than three centuries, and visit Les Halles market, which is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you like cheese you cannot miss this opportunity.

Biarritz was a summer resort for the European Bourgeoisie, which is why the city maintains the romantic spirit of the Belle Époque.

In addition to having an important historical architecture, full of imperial villas and great palaces from the 19th century, it stands out for its natural beauty, with its beautiful sea viewpoints.

Today this elegant city continues to be one of the favorite summer cities.



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Enjoy the beach with its typical candy-striped beach huts, walk along the promenade and see some of its great buildings such as the art deco-style Casino.

Very close to the casino you will find Rocher du Basta, a beautiful rock linked to the coast by a walkway with beautiful views.

Take a delicious fish in The fishermen's port and cross the "Rocher de la Vierge" bridge built by Gustave Eiffel. From here you can admire a magnificent panoramic view, the beach on one side and the entire Basque coast up to the Pyrenees on the other.

Enjoy the good atmosphere on Rue des Halles, where you will find bars and restaurants with



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terraces to snack and have your favorite drink. Do not forget to visit the market and taste the oysters, a very typical product.

Stroll through the most famous shopping streets such as Rue Mazagran and Rue Gambetta and take the opportunity to do some shopping.

Family plan: see the sea lions at the **Ocean Museum**.

If you like sweets: it is essential to taste a delicious cake in Pâtisserie Miremont, one of the oldest buildings in the city and a favorite place to have tea for the kings and queens who visited Biarritz.





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SARA, AINHOA & EZPELETA

1 hour and 20 minutes from the hotel

They are without a doubt the most photogenic towns in the interior of the Basque-French area.

They are small and very quiet towns whose streets seem to be taken from a canvas, with their characteristic white houses with colored shutters, small churches and typical Basque pelota courts.

We recommend you: in Ezpeleta village visit **San Esteban Church**, a fortress-shaped temple considered one of the most beautiful in the Basque-French area.



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ZUGARRAMURDI, THE CAVE OF THE WITCHES

1 hour and 30 minutes from the hotel

Very close to **Zugarramurdi** village, you will find these prehistoric caves, located in a beautiful natural environment; the vegetation, the whispers of the water, the echo of the walls... makes this place have a magical and mysterious atmosphere.

When you visit this cave you will understand why this place was chosen for the celebration of ancient pagan rites.



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The name of the cave of the witches comes from the historical process in which the Holy Inquisition burned alive people accused of witchcraft. If you are interested in this issue we recommend you visit **The Museum of Witches.**

If you have time: near Zugarramurdi you will can visit Elizondo village, one of the most authentic and charming towns in Navarra.





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VITORIA

1 hour from the hotel

Vitoria is a friendly and comfortable city that stands out for having many green spaces.

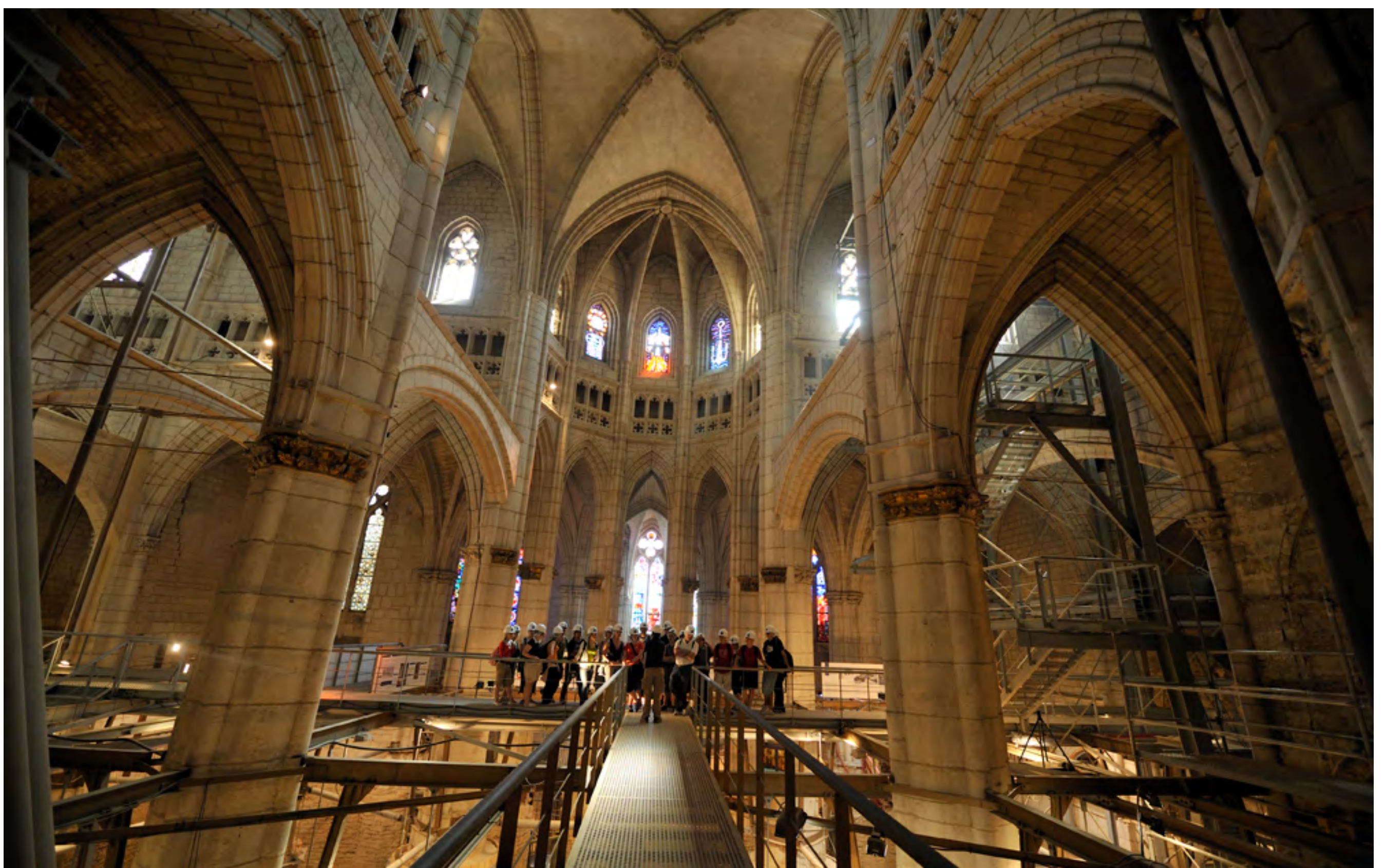
Its old quarter, called The Almond due to its oval shape, is one of the most emblematic in the Basque Country, since it conserves a large part of its medieval layout intact.



Stroll through the streets full of historic buildings and visit beautiful squares such as La Virgen Blanca, have some pintxos in Cuchillería Street, and take a break in La Florida Park, inspired by French romantic gardens.

Highly recommended: take a guided tour to the restoration works of **The Santa María cathedral**, which served as source of inspiration for the writer Ken Follett in his book “World without end”. (Prior reservation).

A curiosity: if you like urban art, you cannot miss The Route of the Murals, with urban paints scattered through the streets of the historic center and Zaramaga neighborhood.





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LAGUARDIA, VISIT TO WINERIES

1 hour and 40 minutes from the hotel

This beautiful walled town preserves its medieval origins intact with streets full of splendid buildings.

Wine is the product that has marked the life and history of this town, which is full of tunnels and “cave-cellars”.

You must contemplate the polychrome portico of the **Santa María de los Reyes** church; a real wonder.



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We recommend: near Laguardia, in **Elvillar**, village visit “**La Chabola de La Hechicera**” Dolmen, a very interesting megalithic monument due to its size and perfect conservation.

Essential: visit one of its many well-known **wineries** such as: Ysios, El Fabulista, Solar de Samaniego, Marqués de Riscal... (prior reservation).



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