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# WELCOME TO Bilbao

A TRAVEL GUIDE

2023

# DIRECTORY OF RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

## Rest & Relax

Best relax in Bilbao

## Cocktails

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Pre-dinner fun  
Post-dinner fun

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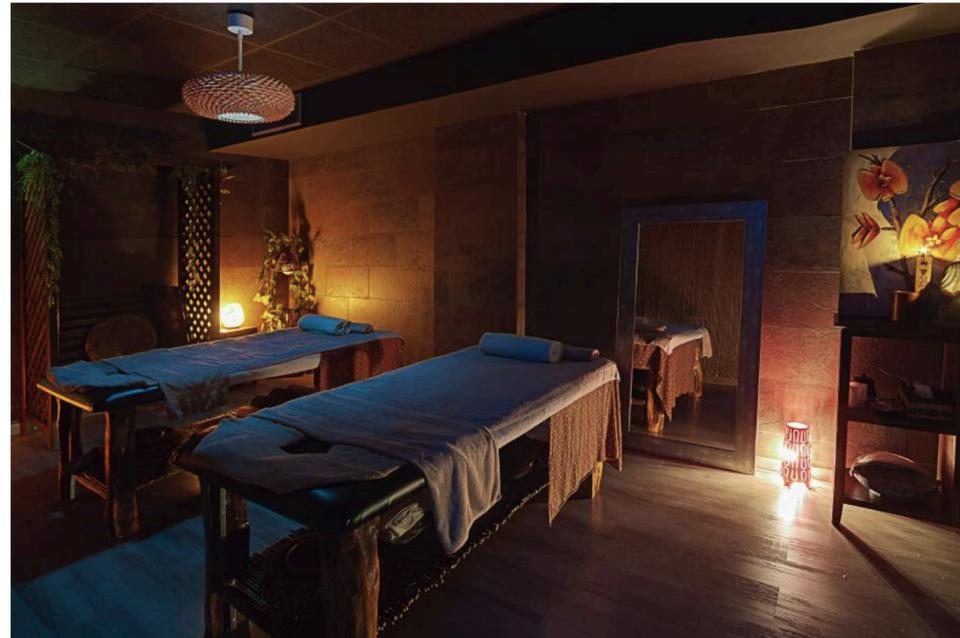
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A serene spa-themed still life. In the foreground, two lit white candles with bright yellow flames stand on a woven bamboo mat. To the right, a stack of four smooth, dark grey stones is balanced. In the background, several green bamboo stalks are visible. The entire scene is set against a dark wood panel background. The text "Rest & Relax" is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

Rest & Relax



## Okane Spa

- Aesthetic and beauty treatments
- Acupuncture
- Oriental massages
- Website: <http://www.okanespa.es/>
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 238 138
- **Advanced reservation required**



## S'Thai Spa

- Aesthetic and beauty treatments
- Oriental massages
- Relaxing Treatments
- Website: <https://www.sthai.es/>
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 247 772
- **Advanced reservation required**



## The Wellness Suite

- Facial treatments
- Body treatments
- Relaxing massages
- Website: <https://www.mirohotelbilbao.com/>
- Located in Hotel Miró
- T: +34 946 611 880
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Wellness Domine

- Facial treatments
- Body treatments
- Turkish Bath, Sauna & Yoga
- Website: <https://www.hoteldominebilbao.com/>
- Located in Gran Hotel Domine
- T: +34 944 253 300
- **Advanced reservation required**



# A Taste of Bilbao



## Azurmendi\*\*\*\*

*Signature Cuisine*

- Price: €€€€
- Website: [www.azurmendi.restaurant](http://www.azurmendi.restaurant)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 558 359
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Ola Martin Berasategui\*

*Signature Cuisine*

- Price: €€€€
- Website: [olamartinberasategui.com/](http://olamartinberasategui.com/)
- Located in Tayko Hotel
- T: + 34 944 652 066
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Restaurante Garena\*

*Traditional Cuisine*

- Price: €€€€
- Website: [www.garena.restaurant/](http://www.garena.restaurant/)
- Located in Lamindao
- T: +34 946 317 215
- **Advanced reservation required**



## San Mamés Jatetxea

- Price: €€€€
- Website: [www.sanmamesjatetxea.com/](http://www.sanmamesjatetxea.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 674 831 798
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Le Café

- Price: €€€
- Website: [hoteldominebilbao.com/le-cafe/](http://hoteldominebilbao.com/le-cafe/)
- Located in Gran Hotel Domine
- T: +34 944 253 300
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Bascook

- Price: €€€
- Website: [www.bascook.com/](http://www.bascook.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 009 977
- **Advanced reservation required**



## La Alhóndiga

- Price: €€
- Website: [www.laalhondiga.es/](http://www.laalhondiga.es/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 105 764
- **Advanced reservation required**



## Bistró Guggenheim

- Price: €€
- Website: [bistroguggenheimbilbao.com](http://bistroguggenheimbilbao.com)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 239 333
- **Advanced reservation required**

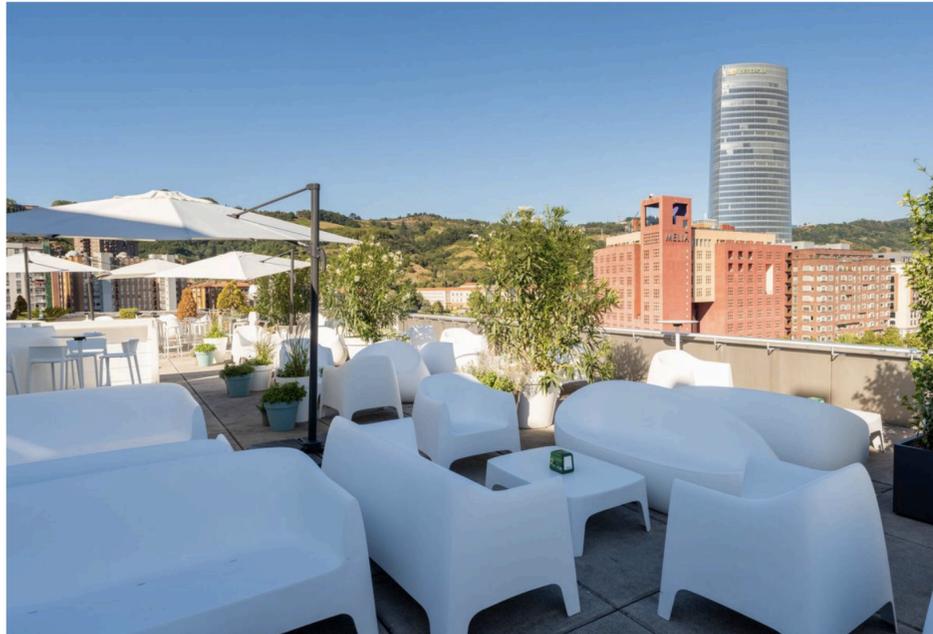


## Mercado de la Ribera

- Price: €€
- Website: [mercado-de-la-ribera/](http://mercado-de-la-ribera/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 231 019
- **Advanced reservation required**

# Cocktails





## Euskalduna Terraza

- Stylish rooftop in Euskalduna Palace
- Price: €€
- Website: [roofeuskalduna.eus](http://roofeuskalduna.eus)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 035 000



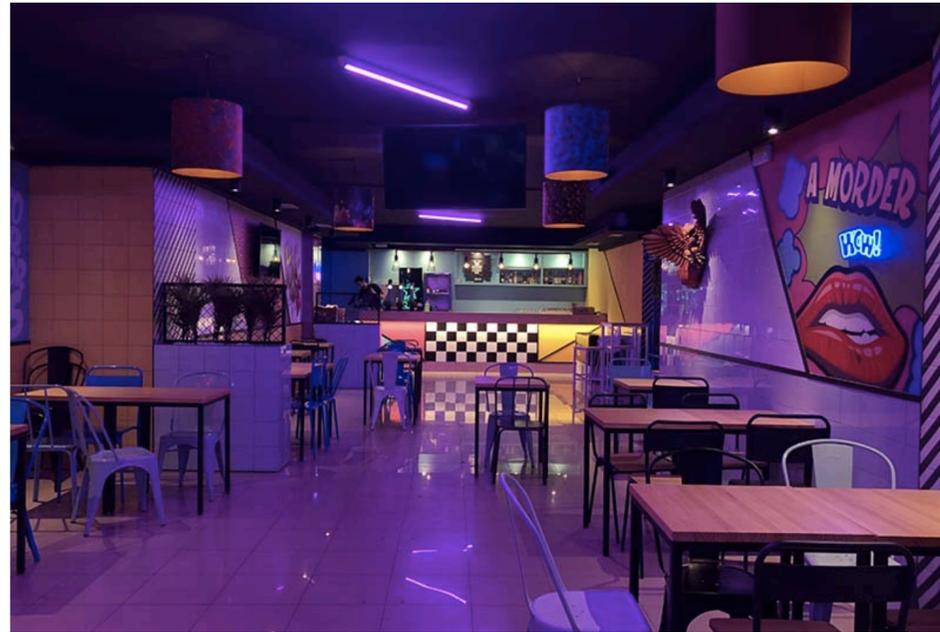
## Le Club Rooftop

- Stylish terrace in a hotel rooftop
- Price: €€
- Website: [ercilladebilbao.com/food-drinks/](http://ercilladebilbao.com/food-drinks/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 705 700



## NKO Rooftop Bar

- Exclusive terrace in a hotel rooftop
- Price: €€
- Website: [www.radissonhotels.com](http://www.radissonhotels.com)
- Located in Radisson Hotel
- T: +34 946 056 753



## Búho Rojo

- Special burgers & Cocktails
- Price: €€
- Website: [elbuhorojo.com/](http://elbuhorojo.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 688 898 360



## Gin Fizz

- Author Cocktails
- Price: €
- Website: [ginfizzbilbaocktail.com/](http://ginfizzbilbaocktail.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 617 338 345



## La Mula de Moscú

- Stylish Cocktails & Tapas
- Price: €€
- Website: [www.lamulademoscú.com/](http://www.lamulademoscú.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 946 077 190



## Pub Sir Winston Churchill

- English style Cocktail Pub
- Price: €€
- Website: [www.sirwinstonchurchill.es/](http://www.sirwinstonchurchill.es/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 277 873

An aerial photograph of Bilbao, Spain, featuring the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and the Guggenheim Bridge. The museum's facade is a complex, undulating structure of polished, reflective metal panels that catch the light. The bridge is a cable-stayed structure with two prominent red towers and white cables. The surrounding city includes a mix of traditional brick buildings and modern high-rise structures. The text "Experience Bilbao" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Experience Bilbao



## Plaza Nueva

- Plaza Nueva is one of the nerve centers of social life in the city, full of bars and restaurants, One of the best areas to eat pinchos.
- Built in 1815 in neoclassical style, has kept its original structure and has become the main setting for the celebrations of the citizens.
- Located in Bilbao



## Mirador de Artxanda

- Beautiful viewpoint that is becoming the photocall of Bilbao, The funicular is the best option to go up to Artxanda for the experience of traveling in this little piece of Bilbao.
- It has spectacular views, where the Guggenheim can be seen almost on the front line, and a balcony with red letters of Bilbo Bilbao run through the viewpoint. There are interesting restaurants a few meters away to taste Basque gastronomy.
- Located in Bilbao



## Parque Casilda Iturrizar

- Until a few years ago, it was the only green space in the city. It features an English-style garden created more than 100 years ago, which highlights the perfectly preserved examples of many centenary tree species.
- There is also a cybernetic fountain that offers sound and light shows during holidays, surrounded by a shaded walkway as well as a large space where concerts can be held.
- Located in Bilbao



## Gran Vía de Bilbao

- The Gran Vía de Don Diego López de Haro is one of the main streets of the town. It is the commercial and financial center of the capital, headquarters of numerous shops, public institutions and banking entities.
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## Bilboats

- Bilboats offers you the chance to get to know Bilbao through a fluvial-cultural walk along its estuary. In this way, from a privileged perspective and a foot from the water, you can enjoy its buildings, history, anecdotes, landscapes and experiences.
- Website: [www.bilboats.com/](http://www.bilboats.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 946 424 157

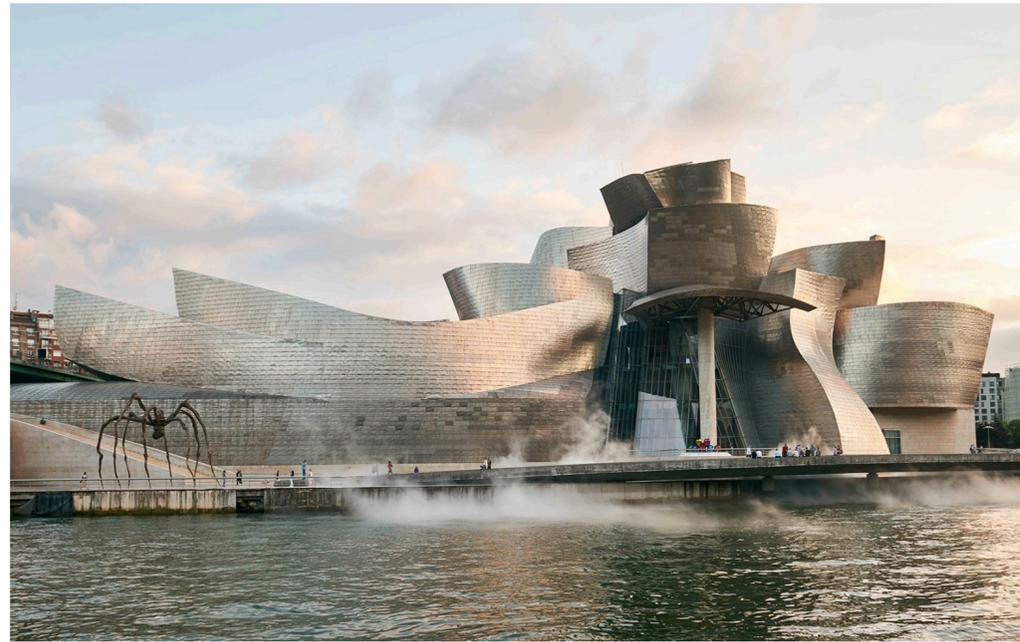


## Catedral de Santiago

- The Basilica Cathedral of Santiago in Bilbao is the Catholic temple that since 1949 houses the headquarters of the diocese of Bilbao. It was built between the 14th century and the beginning of the 16th in the Gothic style.
- General entrance: 6€
- Website: [catedralbilbao.com/](http://catedralbilbao.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 153 627



# Art & Culture



## Museo Guggenheim

- It is a large sculpture of titanium, stone and glass designed by the American architect Frank Gehry, which today houses works of art from the 20th and 21st century.
- General entrance: €18
- Website: [www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/](http://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 359 080



## Arkeologi Museoa

- Small archaeological museum that documents the history of Biscay and the Basque Country.
- General entrance: €3,50
- Website: [www.bizkaikoa.bizkaia.net](http://www.bizkaikoa.bizkaia.net)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 040 990



## Museo de Reproducciones Artísticas

- It has replicas of classical masterpieces, and statues, such as the Victory of Samothrace, the Venus de Milo, the Laocoonte, or Michelangelo's Moses.
- General entrance: €3
- Website: [www.bilbokoberreginenmuseoa.eus](http://www.bilbokoberreginenmuseoa.eus)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 946 790 255



## Puppy

- Jeff Koons sculpture of a 13 meter West Highland terrier covered in flowers, built in 1992.
- Located next to Guggenheim



## Las Sirgueras

- These sculptures pay homage to a group of two to four women who, with the only help of a rope and their own physical strength, dragged barges and large-tonnage vessels upstream in Bilbao at the end of the 19th century.
- Located in Bilbao



## Museo de Bellas Artes

- Art center with paintings by Velázquez, Goya and Picasso, also known for having works by Basque artists.
- General entrance: Free
- Website: [www.bilbaomuseoa.eus/](http://www.bilbaomuseoa.eus/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: +34 944 396 060

# Shopping





## Centro Comercial Zubiarte

- A variety of shops, restaurants and a cinema in a covered and elegant shopping center with a design that provides a feeling of spaciousness.
- Website: [www.zubiarte.com/](http://www.zubiarte.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: + 34 944 277 380



## Centro Comercial Bidarte

- Modern shopping center with shops, restaurants, supermarket and children's entertainment area.
- Website: [bidarte.com/](http://bidarte.com/)
- Located in Bilbao
- T: + 34 944 752 121

An aerial photograph of Bilbao, Spain, showcasing the city's diverse architecture. The central focus is the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, a tall, cylindrical skyscraper with a blue-tinted glass facade. Surrounding it are various other buildings, including modern structures with curved facades and traditional brick buildings. The city is situated along the Nervión river, with a bridge visible in the foreground. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The text "About Bilbao" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# About Bilbao

Bilbao is a city in northern Spain, the tenth largest city in Spain. In the late 13th century it was one of the commercial hubs of the Basque Country that enjoyed significant importance in the Crown of Castile. This was due to its thriving port activity based on the export of wool and iron extracted from the Biscayan quarries to all over Europe.



Here rainy days represent 45% and cloudy days 40% of the annual total. Snow is not frequent in Bilbao, although it is possible to see snow on the top of the surrounding mountains. Sleet is more frequent, about 10 days per year, mainly in the winter months.

Average maximum temperature is 26 °C in the summer months, while the average minimum in winter is 6 °C

They have their own language apart from Spanish. It is a language isolate, unrelated to any other existing languages.

Basque is the only surviving language isolate in Europe. The current view on the origin of the Basques and of their language is that early forms of Basque developed before the arrival of Indo-European languages in the area, therefore, before the arrival of Celtic and Romance languages, as the latter today geographically surround the Basque-speaking region.



# Fun Fact

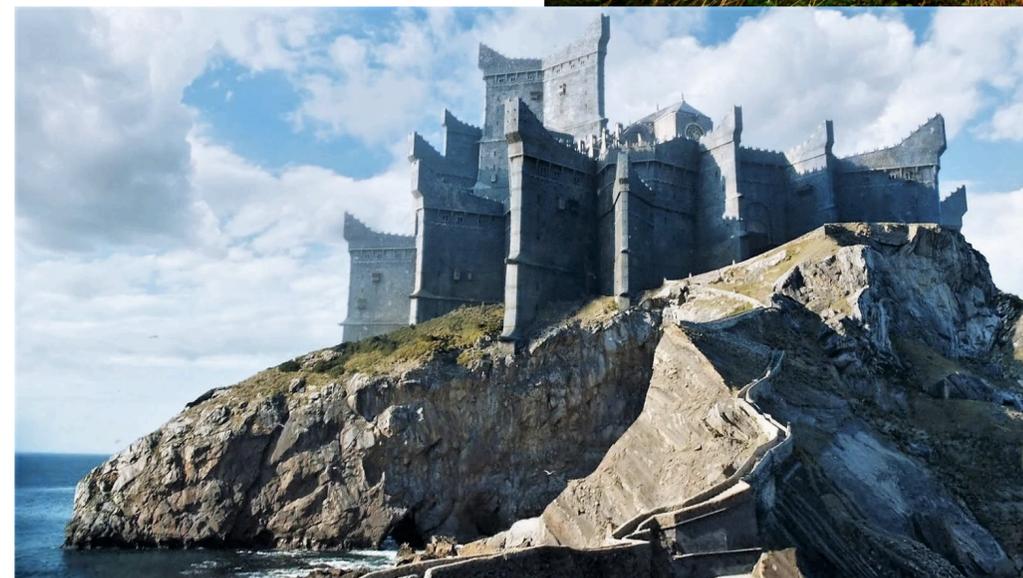
## San Juan de Gaztelugatxe

Located in the Basque coast, it's a fortress formed by an imposing stone bridge, 241 stairs and a hermitage.

When you arrive at the hermitage, don't forget to ring the bell three times to attract good luck and ward off evil spirits.

It also famous because it was transformed into Dragonstone to be part of the seventh season of Game of Thrones.

You can visit it by requesting a free ticket to have a full experience in this wonderful landscape <https://www.bizkaia.eus/es/gaztelugatxe>





**Useful information**

**HOSPITALS****Bilbao**

**Hospital Universitario Basurto**  
Montevideo Etorb., 18, 48013 Bilbo, Bizkaia

**T: +34 944 006 000**

**Barakaldo**

**Hospital Universitario de Cruces**  
Cruces Plaza, s/n, 48903 Barakaldo, Bizkaia

**T: +34 946 006 000**

**TELEPHONE SERVICES**

Emergency - **112**

Police - **091** or **092**

Ambulance - **061**

Fireman - **080**

**Bilbao** Information and Tourism department: +34 944 795 760

Airport number: +34 913 211 000

**NOTES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES**

The Spanish prefix is “+34” / “0034”

The 807 and the 902 telephone numbers have extra cost

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### Bus

Price: 1,35€ Single

Schedule: 6:00am to 23:00pm (thereafter are Nightbuses)

### Metro

Price: 1,70€ Single

Schedule: Sunday to Thursday - 6:00am to 23:00pm

Friday - 6:00am to 2:00am

Saturdays - 6:00am to 3:00am

\*\* You can find more information on [www.metrobilbao.eus/es/inicio](http://www.metrobilbao.eus/es/inicio)



## OTHER TRANSPORT

### Taxi Service Bilbao

Taxi: +34 944 102 121

Aprox. Price: 0'85€ x Km

Extra Charges: 1'40€ x Initial Fare

Maximum speeds:

Motorways/highways: 120kph

Local roads: 100-90kph

City: 50kph

