TOURS

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BILBAO 23-25 JUNE
ALL DAY TOUR

22nd of June
Option 1: TOUR SAN SEBASTIAN & HONDARRIBIA

Transfer to San Sebastian (1 hr 15 min)

Panoramic view from Mount Igeldo
Mount Igeldo offers the best known and most iconic views of the Concha Bay, a fact that makes them no less impressive.

Guided visit to San Sebastian
Few cities have earned such lavish titles as San Sebastian – ‘The Beautiful’, ‘Pearl of the Sea’ and ‘Incomparable’. A visit to this charming Belle Époque resort built around a crescent-shaped bay will show you why it has been admired by so many for so long. San Sebastian, or Donostia (in Basque), was made popular in 1886 by Queen Regent Maria Cristina and has been popular with Spanish aristocracy ever since. It is now a relaxed family resort and home of an International Film Festival every September.

Guided tour of the Old Town
The old town is full of character and a perfect place for strolling amidst a series of shops, restaurants and squares. The city has been burnt to the ground twelve times in its history, however one street not destroyed by the fire of 1813 contains some of the oldest buildings in the city including the Church of San Vicente. Lunch traditional restaurant old part

Guided visit Hondarribia
Hondarribia houses many historic treasures that give the village a special charm. In the old part of the town we will enjoy its stone-paved streets and the walls surrounding it, its houses with coats of arms and singular buildings such as the Castle of the Emperor Carlos V. Afterwards, we can visit the neighbourhood of La Marina, an emblematic and typical spot in the municipality with fishermen’s colourful houses Return to Bilbao

PRICE : 110€ per person (bus, english tour guide and lunch on the old town included)

** The group must be minimum 15 people.
**Option 2 : RIOJA WINE AREA FD**

**Transfer to Rioja (1 hr 30 min)**

The wines of the Rioja enjoy a well-earned international reputation. The quality of its wines is largely due to a number of different factors including its alluvial marl soil, which allows the vines to absorb the moisture they need. In the Rioja, visitors can sample wines processed in medieval caves or against a background of the spectacular modernist design of some of the new wineries. Our tour will include the visit to 2 different wineries. We will start our tour with a visit to a traditional *winery* with underground cellars.

We will continue with a visit *modern design winery*, where our guests will enjoy a rioja lunch paired with the good wines of the winery. We will end with a guided visit to *Laguardia*, surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery, the medieval walled town of Laguardia is the central point of the La Rioja Alavesa wine region. Inside the village, the original layout can be appreciated and, as you stroll along with your guide, you will be able to see the walls, ramparts, towers and fortified gateways.

*Return to Bilbao*

**PRICE**: 149€ per person. (Bus travel, English guide and visit and lunch to a winery included)

** The group must be minimum 15 people.**
HALF DAY TOUR

23rd of June
OPTION 1 VISIT TO GETXO

HALF DAY GETXO

Transfer to the charming town of Getxo, 30 min from Bilbao, residential municipality nearby Bilbao, bathed by the Cantabrian Sea, with a unique landscape flanked by beaches and cliffs. There, you will enjoy an amazing e-bike guided tour all along the maritime walk full of mansions and palaces, up to the old and picturesque fishing port.

Visit to the Bizkaia Bridge, UNESCO heritage. In 1893 the “Biscay Bridge” was constructed by Alberto de Palacios just for connecting Portugalete with its neighbor Getxo, without blocking the entry of large ships to Bilbao through the estuary. Nowadays, it is the oldest transporter bridge in the world.

PRICES: 60€ per person (Bus travel, English Guide and tickets to Puente Colgante included)
OPTION 2 VISIT TO GETXO BY BOAT

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The way from Bilbao to Getxo will be by boat along the river of Nervion

PRICES: 55 € per person (Bus travel, English Guide, Boat trip and tickets to Puente Colgante included)
Urdaibai has been always one of the most interesting Biscay tourist destinations and its sandy area has given a shelter to many flora and fauna species. It is a relevant wintering area for many marine birds migrating in between Europe and Africa. What is more, the development of forests reserves has allowed a degree of environmental conservation, which gives this area the most diverse landscape of the region.

Visit to Gernika

Guernica is a town particularly important for the Basques. The Basque Authorities met here in democratic assembly to promise to respect the special laws of Biscay. On 26th April 1937, during the Spanish Civil War, the town was razed to the ground. During your visit, you’ll see the petrified trunk of the symbolic oak tree that miraculously survived this first horrific saturation bombing raid, you’ll visit the interior of the Casa de Juntas, where the Basque parliament has convened since 1979.

Visit to Bermeo

Bermeo is one of the most important coastal fishing ports of the Cantabrian coastline. You will see the popular Basque architecture reflected in the fishermen’s houses. Just a couple of kilometres down the road, Mundaka. The view from the Atalaya or vantage point is one of the most beautiful and relaxing in the whole of Biscay: the mouth of the Urdaibai estuary.

PRICE: 50€ per person (Bus travel and English guide included)
PINTXOS TOUR

24th of June
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Walking tour of the Old Quarters

This tour explores Bilbao’s Old Quarter with its famous ‘seven streets’, interesting architecture and medieval heart. The narrow streets – many of them pedestrian – are lined with Renaissance, Baroque and Modernist buildings. As you stroll through this area, your guide will point out the main sights including the Cathedral of Santiago, a Gothic church built at the end of the 14th century, the Bridge and Church of San Anton and the Plaza Nueva, an arcaded square.

Pintxo tour old quarters

With the idea of total immersion into Basque culture in mind, our guide will invite you to join us in the long-standing tradition of “Poteo” which involves drinking txikitos, small glasses of wine, while enjoying a variety of tapas, or otherwise known around these parts as pintxos, authentic culinary works in miniature.

Price: 5€ per person (English guide and Pintxos included)
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