

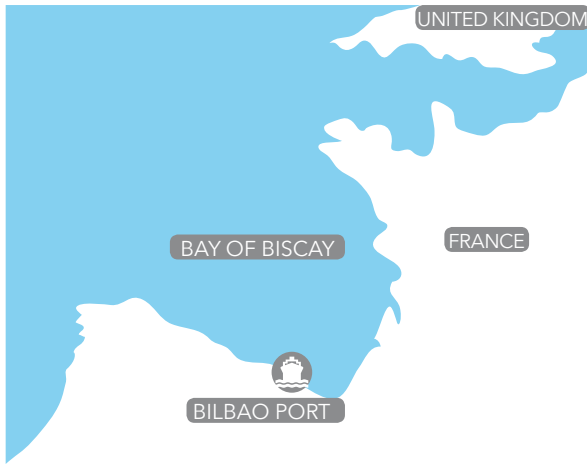


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**Bilbao**  
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# PORT OF BILBAO

**A MUST CALL**  
ON THE ATLANTIC ARC

Situated on the Bay of Biscay, the Port of Bilbao is increasing its movements of goods traffic year after year, and besides, some 200,000 visitors use one of its two passenger terminals every year – either the one for the ferry at Zierbena, or the other one for cruises at Getxo with its three berths. Both terminals are less than 20 km (13 miles) from Bilbao.

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BREST	321	BREST														
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DOVER	618	322	437	DOVER												
A CORUÑA	263	347	513	638	A CORUÑA											
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LISBOA	581	667	818	957	332	179	LISBOA									
PORTSMOUTH	536	247	341	105	557	711	869	PORTS								
ROTTERDAM	756	471	569	132	773	930	1088	238	ROTT							
SOUTHAMPTON	540	249	339	120	553	713	871	18	248	SOTON						
VIGO	365	445	595	733	109	76	240	649	865	644	VIGO					

## DISTANCES IN NAUTICAL MILES BETWEEN BILBAO AND OTHER ATLANTIC PORTS



## PORT OF BILBAO

### GETXO CRUISE TERMINAL.

The Cruise Terminal, which comprises three berths and a maritime station, is located in the beautiful seaside town of Getxo, only 15 kilometres (9.3 miles) from downtown Bilbao.

It is next to Ereaga Beach on one side, and the town marina can be found on the other with many bars and restaurants. There is even an aquarium. The shopping centre and the Metro are within walking distance.



# PORT OF BILBAO

## GETXO CRUISE TERMINAL.

**Town of Getxo:** Beaches, restaurants, bars, shops - all very near.

**Distance to downtown Bilbao:** 15 km. (9.3 miles)

**Taxi service:** At the terminal.

**Metro:** A 20-minute walk approximately.

**Shuttle bus services:** Coordination a board vessel.

**International Airport:** 12km (7.5 miles).



# PORT OF BILBAO

## GETXO CRUISE TERMINAL.

PIERS	1	2
Berthing (366+318)	684m	
Surface	6,750 sq. m	
Depth	11 m	
Maritime Station	Yes	

NEW PIER	3
Berthing	355m
Surface	27,413 sq. m
Depth	12 m
Maritime Station	Yes



# PORT OF BILBAO

## GETXO CRUISE TERMINAL.

### PORT SERVICES AT GETXO

**Getxo Terminal- passengers:** Free Wi-fi, VIP lounge, tourist information.

**New passenger terminal:** In construction; operational in 2016.

**Gangway:** Yes

**Ship repairs:** Yes

**Bunkering:** Yes

**Garbage Disposal:** Yes

**Water Supply:** Yes

**Provisions:** Yes

**Safety & Security:** ISPS Code, Scanners, Arches, Surveillance, Port Police, Restricted access areas.



## PORT OF BILBAO

### ZIERBENA FERRY TERMINAL.

In Zierbena, at Dock A3 of the Port Extension we find the berth for the Cap Finisterre, a 204-metre long ferry and the Baie Seine a second vessel, both of which link Bilbao (Zierbena) with Portsmouth, and which belong to Brittany Ferries.

Since March 2011, the former has been enjoying all the services and comforts of the dock in its undertaking to transport thousands of passengers as well as lorries and trailers each year.



# PORT OF BILBAO

**A CRUISE PORT**  
WITH SUPERB CONNECTIONS

**Bilbao International Airport:** offers over 600 weekly flights. With direct links lasting from 1 to 3 hours with Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Dublin, Dubrovnik, Dusseldorf, Istanbul, Frankfurt, Funchal, Geneva, Lisbon, London (Heathrow and Stansted), Manchester, Marrakech, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris (Charles De Gaulle and Orly), Prague, Rome, Santorini, Stuttgart, Zurich, Bristol, Tunisia- Venice. It also offers flights to the main Spanish cities.

Just 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the centre of Bilbao.





# EUSKADI

A SMALL COUNTRY  
WITH A GREAT IDENTITY

Euskadi (the Basque Country) is a complete tourist destination the whole year round thanks to its privileged location in the south of Europe, in the green north of Spain and bordering France; then it is small, and everything is at hand.

The three Basque capital cities are a good example of this identity:

**Bilbao**, more than just the Guggenheim but a cultured, stimulating town that competes with the greatest European cities in terms of quality and modernity.

**Donostia-San Sebastián**, more than just a beautiful bay but a cosmopolitan city with a delightful life style next to the sea.

**Vitoria-Gasteiz**, more than just a cathedral and historic centre, but a city with a rich heritage and a pleasant, well-planned urban design.



BILBAO

A RE-INVENTED TOWN  
FOR THE FUTURE

**The River of Bilbao, the backbone of the town:** from the Old Quarter to the Biscay Bridge. It is also a town surrounded by low-lying mountains like Artxanda, but at the same time, it has infrastructures like the Cruise Port and the main airport in both Euskadi and the north of Spain.

**Internationally renowned for its urban transformation.**

Bilbao received the city Nobel Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize in 2010.

**Bilbao** is the capital city of Biscay as well as a metropolis, and the economic and financial centre of Euskadi.

It is the largest urban area in Euskadi (1,000,000 inhabitants) and a university town.



## BILBAO

### A RE-INVENTED TOWN FOR THE FUTURE

Bilbao, the capital of Biscay, is a city that has been "re-invented" where the past and the future, tradition and innovation co-exist to create a harmonious landscape that is reflected in its parks and gardens, promenades, streets and buildings.

The Seven Streets of the Old Quarter, bustling with life and trade; the XIX Century "Ensanche" (or "expansion") with its neo-Classic and Baroque landscape; the rehabilitated area of Abandoibarra and its contemporary architecture. The magic of each corner of the town leaves no visitor indifferent.



# BILBAO

## A RE-INVENTED TOWN FOR THE FUTURE

### **CASCO VIEJO** (The Old Quarter)

A stroll through its lively, bustling streets is where to find the most typical Bilbao, unchanged for years and years. The Seven Streets with San Antón's Church were the beginnings of the town, 700 long years ago: here you can still feel the charm and the essence of bygone times. The Plaza Nueva and its arcades, the fresh produce Ribera Market, the majestic Arriaga Theatre or St James' Cathedral are some of the favourite places of Bilbao's inhabitants.



### **ENSANCHE** (The "Expansion")

As its very name indicates, the "Ensanche" was built on the other bank of the river to the Old Quarter as the town's expansion area. Here, in the XIX Century, the modern Bilbao was created with its wide streets, spacious squares and beautiful gardens. In this area, the Gran Vía of Bilbao can be found - the town's financial and business centre.



### **ABANDOIBARRA**

Abandoibarra is the most representative example of Bilbao's impressive transformation from an industrial to a services and tourist town. The regenerated bank of the Nervión River offers visitors a cosmopolitan landscape comprising, among others, impressive contemporary architecture such as the Guggenheim Museum, the Euskalduna Palace (Congress and Music Centre) and the infinitely tall Iberdrola Tower.





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### GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO

This contemporary art museum marked the before and after of the town's regeneration. Its spectacular, symbolic vanguard building, designed by Frank Gehry, is a great work of art in itself and has been denominated the first great building of the XXI century.



# BILBAO

## A RE-INVENTED TOWN FOR THE FUTURE

### FINE ARTS MUSEUM

This museum, considered one of the best in Europe with over ten thousand pieces of art, is characterised for the ample chronology of its works, its great variety of schools and artistic manifestations.

Other Museums: Basque Museum, Maritime Museum Archaeological Museum, Museum of Reproductions, the Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art, the Bilbao Athletic FC Museum and the Museum for the Holy Week Procession floats.

### SHOPPING

Shopping in Bilbao is a real pleasure: there is something for everyone.

Those looking for small traditional shops, or shops offering something different and varied, souvenir shops, shops selling complements or antiques will find it all in the Casco Viejo where there are over 800 establishments spread around its singular streets.

Then again, those seeking the great international firms and large stores just have to take a pleasant stroll through the Ensanche.

### GASTRONOMY

Sitting around a table in renowned Michelin stars restaurants, exquisite traditional restaurants, typical grill houses, cider bars or eating tapas (we call them "pintxos" in the Basque Country): the visitor in Bilbao can taste and enjoy the internationally famous Basque cuisine.



# GETXO

## JUST A STEP DOWN THE GANGWAY

Getxo, just 12 km (8.5 miles) from Bilbao houses the Port of Bilbao Cruise Terminal.

This coastal town is one of the most important residential areas in the whole Basque Country and offers a wide range of tourist, shopping and gastronomic facilities.

**THE OLD PORT:** This fishing quarter overlooking Ereaga Beach still maintains the authenticity and charm of its fisherman's past with its colourful houses and narrow, sloped streets. Nowadays, it is a place with a fine atmosphere, somewhere to relax with a good glass of wine and a "pintxo."

**BISCAY BRIDGE:** Better known as the "Hanging Bridge," this original transporter bridge connects the area of Las Arenas (Getxo) with the town of Portugalete and was declared Common Heritage of Mankind by UNESCO in 2006.

**PROMENADE OF THE GREAT HOUSES OF GETXO:** A stroll from Biscay Bridge to the Old Port, will allow you to enjoy the great architectural beauty of the area. All along the Muelle de las Arenas Promenade, can be seen great mansions built in Getxo's golden age in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.





# BISCAY

**HAS MUCH** TO OFFER

## COAST OF BISCAY

Bermeo, Mundaka, Lekeitio or Elantxobe, just to mention a few examples, are villages with a great fishing tradition that offer visitors the chance to enjoy their idyllic beaches, practise surfing or even to taste their delicious fresh fish accompanied by the exquisite local white wine, known as "txakoli."

San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, a shrine situated on top of a rock in the middle of the sea, offers impressive views to those prepared to climb the 241 steps up the long stairway.



## VILLAGES IN THE INTERIOR

The interior has many medieval villages - Gernika, Durango, Balmaseda, Elorrio, Otxandio, Areatza: places rich heritages: churches, shrines, stately homes and mansions.



## BISCAY NATURE

Biscay offers the hiker an endless number of scenic routes, old disused railway tracks now converted into walking or bicycle routes. Some examples are the Vía Verde (Green Way) de Arrozola (in the Atxondo Valley) and the Vía Verde de Atxuri (in Mungia).



## ST JAMES WAY

One of the routes on St James Way crosses Biscay - the Camino del Norte. This route borders the whole of the Bay of Biscay until it reaches Santiago de Compostela.







## DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN

EUROPEAN CULTURAL CAPITAL **2016**

Nominated as European Cultural Capital for 2016, this romantic city is beautiful by nature. A city to enjoy its streets, its shops, its beaches... the favourite destination of thousands of tourists and summer holidaymakers.

Things to do and see:

- La Concha Beach and Bay.
- Savouring the tasty "pintxos" in the bars in the Old City and the Plaza de la Constitución.
- A stroll alongside the Port and a visit to the Palace of the Sea-Aquarium.
- Ondarreta Beach and the Peine del Viento (Comb of the Wind), Eduardo Chillida's steel sculpture overlooking the sea.
- Igeldo Mountain & its fantastic cable-car.
- The beach and the district of Gros.
- The International Film Festival, held in September.



## VITORIA-GASTEIZ

A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

Named the European Green Capital in 2012, Vitoria-Gasteiz was founded in the XII Century. It is a city with a wealth of historical and cultural heritage; it is also the seat of the Basque Government and Parliament.

Things to do and see:

- The medieval Almendra (Almond), the nucleus of the historic quarter of the city, which takes its name from the way (the form of an almond) in which the way its streets are identified on the plans of the city
- A guided visit to the Cathedral of Santa María.
- A walk around the ancient medieval ramparts.
- The Plaza de la Virgen Blanca.
- A stroll in Florida Park.
- The International Jazz Festival, one of the best in the world, held in July. .





## RIOJA ALAVESA

THE REGION OF **GOOD WINE**

An hour and a half away from Bilbao by car, this region is especially renowned for its internationally famous exquisite wines and its innovating tourist offer – enotourism. Among its attractive viniculture landscapes can be found spectacular wine cellars created by worldwide famous architects of the likes of Frank Gehry and Santiago Calatrava.

Things to do and see:

- Experience enotourism and its different activities: from a guided visit to a wine cellar and a good sampling of wines, to a relaxing vinotherapy session.
- Laguardia, a set of historic buildings, and other villages like La Bastida and Elciego.
- The pre-historic village of la Hoya whose first settlements date back to the 15 century BC.





## THE FRENCH BASQUE COAST ELEGANT AND CAPTIVATING

Bayonne, Biarritz and San Jean de Luz, in the Department of the Pyrennes-Atlantique, are just three of the many towns and villages making up the coast in the French Basque Country.

Things to do and see:

- The beaches on San Jean de Luz Bay.
- Practise surfing on the beaches at Biarritz.
- Enjoy the fine, palatial architecture of Biarritz.
- The historical centre of Bayonne.
- Visit Sainte Marie Cathedral in Bayonne and its cloister, belonging to the Common Heritage of Mankind.
- Go shopping in the streets of any of the three towns.



## EXCLUSIVE OUTINGS

### CRUSOE UNDERWATER WINE CELLAR + **PLENTZIA**

For wine-lovers, this guided visit to the Crusoe Treasure Underwater Cellar is a unique experience with treasured wines on the seabed. Afterwards, take a stroll through the coastal town of Plentzia.



### **LOIZAGA TOWER** (ROLLS-ROYCE COLLECTION)

Located in the town of Galdames, 30 km (just over 18 miles) from Bilbao and surrounded by nature, the medieval Tower of Loizaga houses the only collection of Rolls-Royce cars in Europe with all the models manufactured from 1910 to 1998.



### **GOLF**

The offer of golf in Biscay is extensive and very much on the up. There are 17 golf courses where the lovers of this sport can play and enjoy all the facilities.

### **BASQUE PELOTA MATCH**

To attend a Basque Pelota match is a unique occasion to witness a sport full of tradition and whose fame and practice has crossed seas and borders.



### **BILBAO ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB** + RESTAURANT

For people in Biscay Bilbao Athletic Football Club is more of a way of life than it is a club. Its philosophy to only play footballers who are Basque and homegrown makes it unique throughout the whole world. To attend a match in the new San Mames Stadium is almost like attending a religious ceremony, so it is not in vain that all its supporters and followers call this ground "the Cathedral."



# FACTS AND FIGURES

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**Area:** 7.234,8 km<sup>2</sup> (2,793.06 sq miles)

**Population** (1 January 2014, Eustat): 2,172,877

Vitoria-Gasteiz: 238,862

Bilbao: 344,443

Donostia/San Sebastián: 180,397

### Temperature:

Yearly average: 14,35°C

Average minimum: 9,96°C

Average maximum: 19,23°C

Official languages:

Spanish and Basque

## ECONOMIC STRENGTH

**Income per capita** (2013): 30,349 euros. .

**GDP distribution** (2013):

Agriculture, livestock and fishing: 0.9%

Construction: 6.7%

Industry: 22.8%

Services: 69.6%

Tourism: 5.8%

**EUSKADI**  
BASQUE COUNTRY



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