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Bilbao Points of Interest

This concise guide offers a way to explore Bilbao, a vibrant city full of contrasts that blends its traditions with a cosmopolitan atmosphere evident from the first moment. Walking through its streets provides an opportunity to experience different aspects of the city while observing, through its architecture, the transformation of an industrial city into a design benchmark. Additionally, its diverse cultural offerings, including outstanding performances, complement its internationally renowned gastronomy.

Modern Bilbao

The impact of the Guggenheim Museum has boosted the city's international profile. In this area of Bilbao, you can discover its most modern and cosmopolitan facet, with innovative constructions and some of the most emblematic museums.

Museums

- The **Guggenheim Museum of Bilbao** is one of the most outstanding cultural projects of the 21st century. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, it is a benchmark for contemporary art and houses works by some of the most influential artists of the second half of the 20th century, including Richard Serra, Jeff Koons, Mark Rothko, Anselm Kiefer, Jenny Holzer, Louise Bourgeois, Eduardo Chillida and Andy Warhol, among others. During the FOK events, the museum presents the exhibitions “Signs and Objects: Pop Art from the Guggenheim Collection” and “Works from the Guggenheim Museum Collection”.

Tuesday to Sunday 10:00am - 07:00pm

www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/



- The **Bilbao Fine Arts Museum** features works by El Greco, Goya, Sorolla, Picasso, Zuloaga, and Zubiaurre. It also hosts the film "Out of Control. Reports on the Atomic Bomb" by Beatriz Caravaggio.

Monday to Saturday 10:00am - 08:00pm (Tuesday closed)

Sunday and holidays 10:00am - 03:00pm

www.bilbaomuseoa.es



- The **Itsasmuseum Bilbao "Maritime Museum"** showcases the city's rich history, culture, and identity, highlighting the estuary's importance as a key element of Bilbao and the close relationship between Bilbao, Bizkaia, and the sea.

Tuesday to Sunday 11:00am - 07:00pm

www.itsasmuseum.eus/



Art Inside and Out

Paseo de la Memoria

This area extends along the estuary, between Euskalduna Bilbao, the Guggenheim Museum and Avenida de Abandoibarra. It is an open-air museum-garden that can be toured in about 15 minutes. This area features sculptures by renowned contemporary artists such as Dalí, Chillida, Koons, Bourgeois, Kapoor, and Valdés, among others.



The Estuary and Its Bridges

Exploring the estuary and its bridges means diving into the city's history. While the Zubizuri Bridge and the Pedro Arrupe Footbridge symbolize modern Bilbao, other structures like the San Antón Bridge, La Merced, and the Arenal Bridge represent its historical legacy.



Tourist Services

★ Tourist Boat

(+34) 94 642 41 57

www.bilboats.com

★ Walking Tours

(+34) 94 479 57 60

www.bilbaoturismo.net

Casco Viejo S/D - 10:00am Ensanche S/D - 12:00am

★ Bilbao by Wheels (Bilbao Xperience)

(+34) 688 608 184

www.bilbaoxperience.com

★ Tourist Bus

(+34) 94 685 50 00

Panoramic view

www.bilbaocityview.es

Departures every hour from 10:30am to 07:30pm

Historic Bilbao

Declared a historic-artistic monument, exploring the Old Town, the oldest neighborhood in Bilbao, allows visitors to learn about the city's heritage and history.



The Charm of Getting Lost

Walking through the Seven Streets, from Barrenkale Barrena to Somera Street, provides a glimpse into the city's origins.

- The **Cathedral of Santiago**, a Gothic-style structure, is one of the pilgrimage points on the Northern Route of the Camino de Santiago.

(34) 944 15 36 27 / 664 605 588

Monday to Saturday 10:00am- 06:30pm

Sunday closed

Price: 5-6€



- **San Nicolás Church**, in baroque style, was built in the 18th century in honor of the patron saint of sailors, San Nicolás de Bari.

(34) 944 16 34 24

Working days: 10.30am - 12.30am and 05.30pm - 08.00pm

Holidays: 10.30am - 02.00pm and 05.00pm - 08.00pm

During the worship service it is not possible to visit



Teatro Arriaga is the city's main theater with a facade inspired by the Paris Opera House.



The Bilbao of always

For the good gourmet

Mercado de la Ribera is the market of a lifetime, famous for its wide gastronomic offer and the quality of its typical local products.



The Plaza Nueva, an arcaded square, full of bars and restaurants, is an ideal place to taste the famous pintxos, a great miniature cuisine.



Local Products

Products

- Cheese: Idiazábal
- Seafood Preserves
- Bacalao al pil-pil
- Hake a la Vizcaína
- Marmitako
- Squid

Drinks

- Txakolí
- Sagardoa (natural cider)
- Wines from Rioja Alavesa

Desserts

- Carolina
- Rice Cake
- Basque Cake
- Butter Bun
- Arrese Truffles
- Arrese Chocolate and Coconut Palmiers

Bars and restaurants

Bilbao Café Bar

www.bilbao-cafebar.com

Con B de Bilbao

www.facebook.com/conBdeBilbao/

El Globo

www.barelglobo.es

El Txoko Berria

www.eltxokoberria.com

Irrintzi

Www.irrintzi.es

La Muga

www.lamuga.eus

La Olla de la Plaza Nueva

www.laolladelaplazanueva.es

La Ribera Café Teatro

www.lariberabilbao.com

La Viña del Ensanche

lavinadelensanche.com

Sorginzulo

www.sorginzulo.com

Víctor Montes

www.victormontes.com

Pintxos Routes

Pintxos are bite-sized appetizers served in bars and taverns throughout the Basque Country.

Casco Viejo

The Casco Viejo, the place that gave birth to the Villa of Bilbao more than 700 years ago, is full of religious and civil buildings with tradition. But also of premises of hospitality. There are more than 200 establishments, some of which are an essential part of the city's pintxo routes. There is not just one area, but many: Plaza Nueva, Santa María, Somera, Unamuno, Jardines, Los Cantones... The important thing is that tradition and modernity are part of this proposal for all audiences.

Diputación

Perpendicular to the Gran Vía, this small street is one of the hearts of the pintxo routes due to its proximity to the commercial and cultural centers. Its pedestrian character contributes to this, inviting visitors to stop at the locals and their terraces to taste from the most classic morsels (ham and tortilla) to the most innovative (true haute cuisine in miniature) at any time of day.

Ledesma

Parallel to the main commercial artery of the city (the Gran Vía), Ledesma Street has many places to have a bite to eat. Its geographical location, close to both museums and the most commercial streets or the old part of the city, make it an unavoidable place to visit. In addition, it is pedestrian.

Guggenheim Space

The area around the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao has become an obligatory stop thanks to the attractions of the new urban area of Abandoibarra. A residential area par excellence, this part of the city has been able to adapt to the changes with places that combine tourist attractions with Bilbao tradition. The important thing, in any case, is that the streets of the Ensanche (Heros, Lersundi, Iparraguirre, Henao, Mazarredo, Máximo Aguirre...) have excellent pintxo bars to enjoy the ephemeral art of the small bite.

Urban Bilbao

The Ensanche of Bilbao boasts the bourgeois elegance of the buildings surrounding the Plaza Moyúa, the central point of the city up to the Sagrado Corazón. In this area we also find the Gran Vía de Don Diego López de Haro, the main artery of Bilbao, named after the founder of the Villa. In its layout is a large part of the commercial center.



Just five minutes from Plaza Moyúa we can find the Azkuna Zentroa Alhondiga Bilbao, a former wine and liquor warehouse of the twentieth century now converted into a socio-cultural center. Its classical exterior contrasts with the original interior design by the well-known industrial designer Philippe Stark.



- **Artxanda Funicular:** A cable train that provides a panoramic view of Bilbao.

Runs every 15 minutes. Duration: 3 min.

www.funicularartxanda.bilbao.eus

Monday to Thursday 07:15am - 10:00pm
Friday and Saturday 07:15am - 11:00pm
Sunday and holidays 08:15am - 10:00pm



- **Sunday market in El Arenal:** in the Arenal area, near the estuary, every Sunday morning there are flower and money exchange stalls. It is a meeting point for local people.



- **Bilbao from the heights:** located at different points of the city, these panoramic terraces offer the best views of the city.

- ❖ Le Club at Hotel Ercilla
- ❖ NKO Rooftop Bar
- ❖ NYX Hotel Bilbao
- ❖ Radisson Collection Hotel
- ❖ Domine Hotel Terrace (overlooking the Guggenheim Museum)
- ❖ Yandiola Terrace