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Welcome to Bilbao & San Sebastián

Bilbao and San Sebastián are both captivating cities with a Basque soul and a love of the culinary arts. But where Bilbao is industrious and arty, San Sebastián is flirtatious and sunny. And in between the two? A string of picturesque coastal villages with a sea-salt heart.



Sunrise at Mercado de la Ribera, Bilbao (p43)

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Top Sights



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Museo Guggenheim Bilbao

The world-renowned architectural masterpiece. **p46**

Museo de Bellas Artes

Treasure chest of Basque and Spanish art. **p50**



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Gernika

A city devastated by war. **p78**

Getaria

Picturesque village on the central coast. **p82**

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San Telmo Museoa

Showcase of Basque art and culture. **p92**



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Aquarium

An aquatic wonderland brimming with sea life. **p94**

Playa de la Concha

One of Europe's loveliest urban beaches. **p110**



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Monte Igueldo

Offers dramatic views over San Sebastián. **p112**