

POST EVENT TOUR – BILBAO

Thursday 1st December

According to schedule

Departure from Barcelona to Bilbao by flight

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Arrival at Bilbao International Airport Meet & Greet, transfer to [Hotel Hesperia Bilbao](#) in Bilbao city centre.



21:20 hrs

Walk to the restaurant for dinner. Dinner at haute cuisine restaurant Zortziko, awarded a Michelin Star

Zortziko is a must for those who come to Bilbao, the different environments of the decoration is characterized by comfort and elegance. Its award-winning winery best watering dishes in a perfect marriage.

Friday, 2nd December

09:30 hrs

Presentation of Bilbao as a destination at the hotel followed by a tour of the hotel

From 10:00 hrs

Visit of city centre hotels and conference centre
Visit to [Euskalduna Conference Centre](#)

The Euskalduna Conference Centre and Concert Hall is an outstanding venue for a destination like Bilbao. It is located in the city centre in a privileged area that has witnessed the miracle of a spectacular city transformation. It offers an extensive range of technical services to manage events ranging from 20 to 2200 delegates.



Visit the [Gran Hotel Dómine Bilbao 5*](#)



Visit the [Hotel Melia 5*](#)



Optional: Technical visit to [BEC Convention Centre](#). Bilbao Exhibition Centre is more than a trade fair centre. Thanks to its versatile layout it provides organisers with a broad range of formats designed to ensure the success of any event.

12:30 hrs

Short guided tour in the Old Quarter and "pintxos" lunch

Bilbao's 700 years of history are present in buildings and constructions that will pleasantly surprise visitors. The historic quarter is listed as a Conservation Area and forms the best point of reference for understanding the city's history: Santiago's gothic Cathedral, Ribera Market, Bidebarrieta Library, Arriaga Theatre...

One of the curiosities of Basque cooking is the "pintxos" or fingertip delicacies, served in most bars and restaurants. Another opportunity to try the delicacies Bilbao's cuisine.



17:30 hrs

Free time

Optional: Visit of additional hotels and special venues

19:45 hrs

Transfer from the hotel for dinner

20:30

Dinner at Casa Rufo restaurant

Casa Rufo is an old grocer's & delicatessen shop with a charming atmosphere.



Saturday, 3rd December

09:15 hrs

Visit to Campos Eliseos Theatre (special venue)



09:45 hrs

Transfer to Getxo. Residential area on the coast

10:15 hrs

Visit to Palacio San Joserren (special venue), driving by the Vizcaya Transporter Bridge

It is the world's oldest transporter bridge. It is fully functional to this day: almost six million passengers use it every year. It was inaugurated in 1893 the work of architect Alberto de Palacios, and now has the UNESCO World Heritage designation.

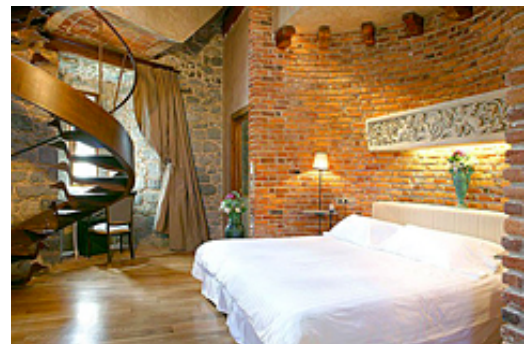
10:35 hrs

Transfer by bus to the Reserve of the Biosphere Urdaibai, to discover active tourism options

11:30 hrs

Visit to Arteaga Castle

This hotel is surrounded by the Urdaibai Reserve; its neogothic tower interrupts the landscape with the force and beauty of the limestone and marble from Ereño.



12:30 hrs	<p>Lunch and cooking demonstration at winery</p> <p>If anything characterises the Basque Country, it is its excellent cuisine and the quality of its restaurants, from the most sophisticated, to the most humble. Basque traditional cuisine, based on simple elaboration processes, bases its success on the quality of the raw materials (fish, meat, vegetables, cheeses, etc.). All these dishes are always accompanied by Rioja wine, from the region of Alava, or with cider or "txakoli"(Basque white wine).</p>
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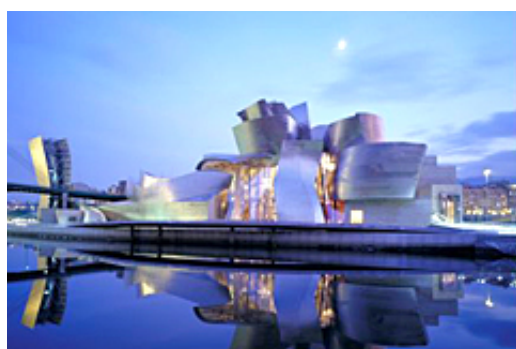
16:00 hrs	Return to Bilbao and free time
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20:30 hrs	<p>Visit and dinner at Alhóndiga Bilbao (special venue)</p> <p>Alhóndiga Bilbao is a multi-disciplinary space located in a historical building in the centre of the city, and rebuilt by the parisian designer Philippe Starck. Apart from being a reference centre for the development and dissemination of urban culture, current affairs and health, it counts on over 40,000m2 with an auditorium, "mediatheque", restaurant, swimming pool...</p>
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Sunday 4th December

10:00	<p>Visit of Guggenheim Bilbao Museum (special venue)</p> <p>The Guggenheim Bilbao Museum has become the cultural and tourist driving force of the Basque Country. This spectacular building, designed by Frank O. Gehry in 1997, houses its own private collection.</p>
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13:00	Lunch at the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum
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IMPORTANT – This itinerary should be used only as a guide and is subject to change.

CONDITIONS OF ATTANDANCE

This itinerary, provided to you by Host Destination includes:

- economy flight/train ticket/bus transfer from/to Barcelona
- accommodation for 3 nights – 1st-4th December
- transfers, tours and inspection trips
- meals as specified in this itinerary

Please note that the itinerary arrangements do not include:

- personal extras (e.g. minibar, telephone, tipping)
- any additional meals and drinks not specified in this itinerary
- travel insurance

****Buyers travelling from North America****

Buyers travelling from North America may require an additional night in Bilbao in line with return flights to North America. If an additional night is required in Bilbao, Bilbao Turismo & Convention Bureau will arrange this. Return flights to North America will be from Barcelona and may include a stop at another European hub on route.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of cancellation, the following fees will apply above EIBTM cancellation fee:

- Cancellations received on or before 28 October 2011 do not incur a fee unless the flight has been agreed and confirmed. If the flight has been confirmed or booked on a published fare, the cost of the flight will be charged.
- Cancellations received after 28 October 2011 will incur a fee of 400 EUR for European Hosted Buyers and 1000 EUR for Non-European Hosted Buyers from EIBTM plus additional 300 EUR from Host Destination.
- Charges will be debited from the credit card detailed on your application.