

# VITORIA-GASTEIZ IN 1, 2 OR 3 DAYS

**VITORIA  
GASTEIZ** !  
turismo  
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*A getaway to  
the global green city*



A natural destination for  
savouring Basque wine and  
fine food and age-old history

## SQUEEZE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STAY IN VITORIA-GASTEIZ



Even if your time with us is limited, in the capital of the Basque Country you can easily **combine history, nature and wine and fine food**. The size of the city and its public transport will allow you to move comfortably around a tourist destination that is an icon of sustainability.

These are our suggestions to help you choose places and plans in the different parts of the city, all at your own pace. **There's only one obligation: enjoy yourself!**

## DAY 1. MEDIEVAL QUARTER AND ENSANCHE



**In the morning**, your first stop could be the **Plaza de la Virgen Blanca**, our best-known postcard. This space is crowned by the Church of San Miguel (14th-16th centuries) and, in the centre, you'll find the monument commemorating the Battle of Vitoria, the most international event in our history. You can also take a picture with the vegetal sculpture.

A few steps away, you'll find the **Plaza España** or **Plaza Nueva**. Work of Olaguibel, the architect, it's also the location of the **Tourist Office**, so you can decide whether to explore the Medieval Quarter with a guided tour or on your own.

And now it's time to lose yourself in the **Medieval Quarter**, with its thousand-year-old streets distributed in the shape of an almond. You can admire the city wall, palaces, tower houses and churches, a highlight being the **Santa María Cathedral**: visiting its restoration works is a unique experience. You'll also be surprised by our museums such as the BIBAT Fournier Cards and Archaeology Museum or the one dedicated to Lanterns.



## DAY 2. ARTIUM, LA SENDA AND GREEN BELT



**To start off the morning**, you can decide between renting a bike or combining walking with public transport. As a first stop, we suggest the **Artium Museum-Centre of Contemporary Art**, which houses works by Picasso, Miró and Oteiza, among others.

Then, head towards the **La Senda Path**. Here, you can embark on a trail that links with the Paseo de Fray Francisco de Vitoria, the Paseo de Cervantes and the Avenida de San Prudencio: three kilometres among century-old trees, mansions, palaces and museums (**Fine Arts and Armoury**). Continuing along the route, you can see the Prado Park and, in Armentia, the **Romanesque San Prudencio Basilica**. If you still have time, the nearby forest is also part of the Green Belt.

**At midday**, now back in the centre (by bus, line 4 to Ramiro Maeztu 6 and tram to Angulema), you can eat at one of the gastrobars in the **Produce Market**.

**In the afternoon**, it's time to discover **Salburua** (line 3 to Portal de Zurbano / Biosfera), wetland of international importance and icon of the Vitoria-Gasteiz Green Belt. Be sure to visit the **Ataria Interpretation Centre**, with its panoramic viewpoint. And, if you want to discover another of our large parks, your next stop is **Olarizu** (line 3 to Comandante Izarduy / Zumaquera): its hill offers one of the best panoramic views of the city. To round off the day, enjoy dinner in one of the local establishments of the **Euskadi Gastronomika** club.

## DAY 3. MUSEUMS, PARKS AND ESTÍBALIZ



**In the morning**, we suggest you visit some of the cultural establishments you've yet to see in the Medieval Quarter and the Ensanche: the **Montehermoso Cultural Centre**, with its headquarters in a 16th-century palace; the **Natural Science Museum**, in the Doña Otxanda Tower, or the **Museum of Sacred Art**, in the New Cathedral.

To complement your day with **parks and gardens**, behind this last temple you'll find the Obispo Fernández de Piérola Gardens. And, a little further away, another three alternatives: the Arriaga Park (the biggest in the city centre, by tram or bus, line 4 to Intermodal), Judimendi (an old Jewish cemetery, by bus, lines 5 or 6 to Judimendi / San Juan) or the San Martín Park (a 15-minute walk from the New Cathedral).

**At midday**, how about a **pintxos (Basque tapas) route**? One option is to look up the winners and finalists in the last Álava Pintxo Great Week.

**In the afternoon**, you can explore the **Neoclassical Ensanche (the Expansion area)**. Other places of interest, next to the Plaza España and the Virgen Blanca, are **Los Arquillos** by Olaguibel, the Memorial Centre for Victims of Terrorism building, the Plaza de los Fueros - which is home to a sculpture by **Chillida** - and the Provincial Palace. Very nearby, **La Florida** awaits you, our most emblematic park, created in 1820.

And what better way to round off the day than by shopping in our **local establishments**. Among others, you'll find unique businesses and the main chains of shops. Finally, we suggest checking out the **Guía Estrella (Star Guide)** on our website to help you choose from the city's **restaurants**.



**At midday**, the **Gastroguía de Álava (Álava Food Guide)** will bring you suggestions for eating well in the establishments in Vitoria-Gasteiz or the rest of the territory.

You can dedicate **the afternoon** to visiting the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Estibaliz**, a Romanesque jewel that's less than 10 km away. And, to find out about other nearby spots: <http://v-g.eus/nearvitoria> / <http://v-g.eus/natureinalava> / <https://alavaturismo.eus/en/>

Latest information at [www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourism](http://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourism)

## SUGGESTIONS

Bookings and information about these and other themed tours  
Tourist Office. Tel: 945 161 598 / 99



### TRADITIONAL SWEETS

Goxua, artisanal chocolates, truffles... Our local tradition for confectionery will put the cherry on top of your meals and is perfect for taking away a sweet souvenir.  
<https://v-g.eus/sweets>



### THE BEST WINES

The wines from Rioja Alavesa and Txakoli from Álava are of international prestige. Also discover wineries and wine cellars to visit:  
<https://v-g.eus/wines>



### SUNSET FROM SAN VICENTE

Watch the sunset from the Cuesta de San Vicente, next to the corner coat of arms of Villa Suso, with views of the Vitoria Mountains and the New Cathedral.



### SOLAR DE SAN MIGUEL (SITE OF S. MIGUEL)

One of the most spectacular spots in Calle Correría (between numbers 10 and 14). You can take in the San Miguel tower and the Corcuera and Alanza House.



### PLAZA DE LA BURULLERÍA

Turn around, you'll never fail to be surprised: the view of Santa María, the Hurtado de Anda Tower and El Portalón (both from the 15th century), the Gobeo-Guevara-San Juan House Armoury (16th century) ...  
<http://v-g.eus/burulleriasquare>



### THE PAINTED CITY

Murals supporting equality, celebrating a variety of backgrounds, winks to local history... Art and acceptance on the city façades.  
<http://v-g.eus/murals>

# VITORIA-GASTEIZ

## Enjoy the Green Capital!



Virgen Blanca Square

**V**itoria-Gasteiz is surprising by nature. It is one of the European cities with the largest surface area of green spaces to walk, run or cycle in, to birdwatch or go horse riding. The 'European Green Capital 2012' award, its status as a certified Sustainable Tourist Destination (2016) and the 'Global Green City 2019' award acknowledge it as one of the most environmentally-committed cities at international level. Discover it!



Green belt

**Its festivals and cultural manifestations.** The calendar offers top-class events. International Festivals such as the **Jazz Festival**, the **Azkena Rock Festival**, **Magialdia**, **Kaldearte** (street art), the **Theatre Festival** and **FesTVaI** (television). Sports competitions such as the **Martín Fiz Marathon** and the **Vitoria-Gasteiz Ironman**. And of course, chances to enjoy our culture: rural sports, folklore, without forgetting traditional celebrations such as **San Prudencio** and **Our Lady of Estíbaliz**, patron saints of Álava, **Santiago** and the **La Blanca Festivities**.



Wall art

**Its historical heritage.** The Historic Quarter of Vitoria-Gasteiz, declared Monumental Complex in 1997, preserves its medieval layout intact and contains parts that take visitors back to bygone



eras. This is the case of **Santa María Cathedral** or the **Old Cathedral** (13th century) and the **Medieval Wall** (11th century), both essential visits. Not to forget its churches and Renaissance palaces such as Villa Suso, Montehermoso and Escoriaza-Esquivel.



Santa María Cathedral

The **Arquillos (Arcades)** of Olaguibel (18th century) bridge the difference in height between the medieval 'Almond' and the neoclassical Expansion. The squares **Plaza de la Virgen Blanca** and **Plaza de España** give way to pedestrian streets with a great shopping atmosphere.

**Its nature.** 150,000 trees on its streets and many parks, in addition to those in the Green Belt surrounding the city. In the city centre, the main park in La Florida, from the early 19th century. In the Green Belt, with an extensive network of pedestrian and cycling paths, the Salburua wetlands stand out. There we can see birds, deer and discover the European mink, a species in serious risk of extinction. There we can find the nature interpretation centre, **Ataria**.



Ataria



Virgen Blanca Festivities

**Its gastronomy and wine.** The National Capital of Gastronomy in 2014, in Vitoria-Gasteiz it is possible to try the most traditional dishes and the most innovative creations of Basque cuisine in restaurants and pintxo bars, with an extensive offering for all budgets. All washed down with wines from Rioja Alavesa and Txakoli from Alava. And for dessert the variety of sweet creations that are the result of the city's tradition of confectionery. The **Ardoaraba** eno-gastronomic fair, the **Big Pintxo Week** and the **Pintxo-pote (pintxo + drink offer in bars)** make it possible to enjoy the best flavours on the street.



Pintxos

**Its museums.** With an important collection of contemporary art, the **Artium Museum** offers interesting temporary exhibitions. The **Fine Arts Museum** and the **BIBAT Museum**, which houses the **Archaeology Museum** and the **Fournier Cards Museum**, with the best collection of cards in the world. The **María Inmaculada Cathedral** or the **New Cathedral** is home to the **Museum of Sacred Art**. Without forgetting curious museums such as the **Arms Museum** or the **Lantern Museum**, unique in its genre.

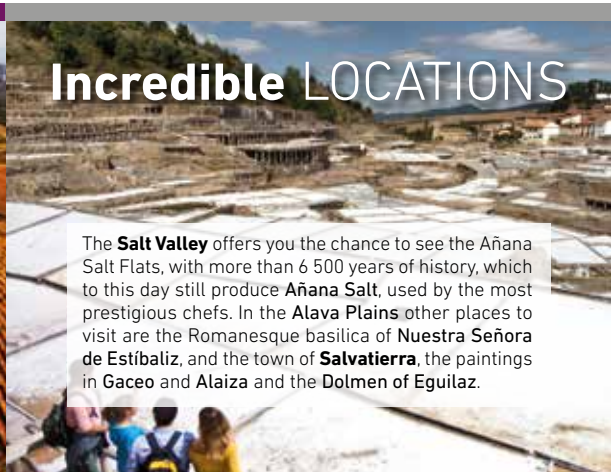


Artium



## Rioja ALAVESA

Just a few kilometres away from Vitoria-Gasteiz, you can enjoy a landscape rich in vineyards and taste its wines in traditional wineries or in avant-garde buildings designed by Calatrava, Ghery or Méziere. A few kilometres to the north, you can discover the beautiful landscape of the **Ayala Valley**, the cradle of the Txakoli from Alava.



## Incredible LOCATIONS

The **Salt Valley** offers you the chance to see the **Añana Salt Flats**, with more than 6 500 years of history, which to this day still produce **Añana Salt**, used by the most prestigious chefs. In the **Alava Plains** other places to visit are the Romanesque basilica of **Nuestra Señora de Estíbaliz**, and the town of **Salvatierra**, the paintings in **Gaceo** and **Alaiza** and the **Dolmen of Eguilaz**.

## ROUTES AND GUIDED TOURS

There is a large offering of routes and guided tours that show you the city from all perspectives.

Visits to discover the Medieval Quarter, to learn about the city following the trail of love stories, the settings for literary works, legendary characters, or singular places such as the Santa Isabel Cemetery of the Mural Route. There are also other proposals to see the city while running or cycling.

## ENO-GASTRONOMY

In addition to visiting the Plaza de Abastos Market, we cannot forget the gastronomic routes and the guided tastings to enjoy the best products and the best atmosphere in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

If you want to know where to eat, have a rest with a coffee, buy a nice souvenir or enjoy the nightlife, ask for the GUÍA ESTRELLA (Star Guide) at the Tourist Office, an initiative by the Gasteiz On Retailers Association.

## MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTRES

Artium Museum of Contemporary Art / Bibat Archaeology Museum and Fournier Card Museum / Fine Arts Museum / Natural Science Museum / Arms Museum / Museum of Sacred Art / Lantern Museum / Montehermoso Cultural Centre / ATARIA Interpretation Centre of the Salburua Wetlands

## RESOURCES GUIDE

Emergencies, Ertzaintza (police). 112

Paediatric emergencies: 945 00 70 00

Radiotaxi. 945 27 35 00

Radio-taxi Celedón 945 27 20 00

Municipal vehicle pound. Aguirrelanda, 8.

945 161 100 / 945 158 000

Renfe. 912 320 320

Airport. 945 163 500 / 902 404 704

Bus station. 945 161 66



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**EUSKADI**  
BASQUE COUNTRY



**BIOSPHERE**  
certified destination

Awarded the **European Green Capital in 2012**, since 2016 **Vitoria-Gasteiz** has held the **Biosphere Responsible Tourism certificate** that accredits its status as a sustainable tourist destination.

**ALL THE INFORMATION AT:**  
**Tourist Office**, Plaza de España 1

945 16 15 98 / 945 161 599

turismo@vitoria-gasteiz.org

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10 am to 7 pm.

Sundays and public holidays: 11 am to 2 pm

[www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourisme](http://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourisme)



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