Welcome to Vitoria-Gasteiz

We would like to do everything possible to make your stay exceed your expectations. An almost thousand-year-old city awaits you, with much of its medieval layout preserved, with its peculiar almond shape and the remains of its walls. You will find a medieval Vitoria-Gasteiz, but one that is also gothic, renaissance, neoclassical and modern.

The city is surprising “by nature”. It has forty two square metres of green areas per person and almost fifty kilometres to enjoy walking, by bicycle, birdwatching or horse riding. Its commitment to sustainability has been recognised internationally with the European Green Capital award from the EU in 2012, the Biosphere Responsible Tourism Destination in 2016 and the Global Green City Award from the UN, in 2019.

In addition, we have prepared a wide-ranging activity programme featuring live concerts, festivals and shows for all tastes (from magicians and puppeteers to jazz or rock music).

Allow us to offer you the most exquisite dishes that the gastronomy of Álava has to offer, sophisticated recipes of the so-called new Basque cuisine and our famous pintxos. A tip, everything will taste better if accompanied with a good wine from the Rioja Alavesa vineyards or a glass of txakoli. And do not fail to taste our sweets, mainly chocolates, jams and marmalades, which have enjoyed an excellent reputation since the eighteenth century.

And if you have a bit more time, we also recommend a few trips to the surrounding areas where you may encounter a valley of salt, contemplate a waterfall or visit medieval wine cellars.

We shall not delay you any longer. 
The city is at your feet.

Discover it.
Vitoria-Gasteiz is a city that is almost a thousand years old. It was founded in 1811 by King Sancho VI of Navarre, who conquered the small village of Gasteiz and decided to call it Nueva Victoria (New Victoria).

But only 19 years later, the city fell into the hands of King Alfonso VIII of Castile. The new king extended the city by adding three new streets to the west of the hill (Correría, Zapatería and Herrería). In 1202 a terrible fire practically destroyed the entire town.

In 1256 Alfonso X added another three streets on the opposite side of the hill: Cuchillería, Pintorería and Judería.

The city quickly rose to prosperity because for a long time, the shortest route between the Court of Castile and Northern Europe passed through Vitoria. It even had a customs office. According to the illustrated Valentin de Foronda, the city was the "warehouse from which almost all European nations received their supplies" in the middle of the 18th century.

Although neither the population nor the urban fabric underwent substantial changes between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries, the construction of new buildings by members of the Court of Charles V (such as the mansions of Montehermoso, Villasuso or Escoriaza-Esquivel) and the building of new convents provided the city with a more monumental aspect.

Vitoria suffered another terrible fire in 1443 that destroyed the western part of the city. Since then an order was given to build new houses in stone and adobe (instead of wood) and the paving of the streets was decreed.

In 1492 the expulsion of the Jews had a negative impact which led to a long period of decline. The economic crisis continued well into the eighteenth century.
The 19th Century
- The century began at war against France. The "Battle of Vitoria" during which Napoleon had to flee Spain after the defeat of his army took place at the gates of the city on 21 June 1813.
- From this century, we should also note the transfer of the customs from Vitoria to the coast (in 1841), which dealt a heavy blow to the local economy. However, the city mitigated the effects by developing a tertiary sector (services).
- The symbol of this new era was the opening of the Bank of Vitoria (1864) and the arrival of the railway line (Madrid-Irun).
- During the 19th century, the city also became a major cultural centre. With the opening of the Ateneo in 1866 and the Free University in 1869, various literary and artistic groups flourished.

The 20th Century
- The first modern factories appeared at the turn of the century. The industrial sector in Vitoria changed radically between 1956 and 1975 when 1700 new businesses opened in the city. Most were small family-owned machining workshops that survived thanks to leading multinationals, such as Mercedes Benz (1954) and Michelin (1966).
- Between 1950 and 1975, the city tripled its population and new neighbourhoods emerged.
- In 1980 Vitoria-Gasteiz was chosen as the capital of the Basque Country by the Basque Parliament.

The 21st Century
- The Vitoria-Gasteiz of the 21st century is characterised by being "green and sustainable". It was declared European Green Capital in 2012 by the EU, has been a Sustainable Tourist Destination since 2016, and received the Global Green City Award in 2019, from the UN.
- The city is also consolidated as one of the top three Spanish cities with the best quality of life. Vitoria-Gasteiz today could be defined as a city that has been “designed to live in”.
A bit of history...

Vitoria was founded by Sancho VI of Navarre.

Alfonso VIII laid siege to Vitoria in the absence of Sancho VII El Fuerte.

The city fell and lost its border defence role. It became part of the kingdom of Castile.

Juan II granted Vitoria the title of "city".

By-laws were passed, under which Vitoria was governed for almost 300 years. Queen Isabella of Castile swore to respect Vitoria's special privileges at the gates of the city.

Expulsion of Jews from the city. They ceded their cemetery, the Judimendi field, to the council.

Elevation of Cardinal Adrian of Utrecht to the Papacy. He received the news at the Cordón Mansion in Vitoria.

The Real Sociedad Bascongada (Basque Royal Society) was created by the Friends of the Country, promoted by the Earl of Peñaflorida.
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Getting around the city

Where to leave your car when you arrive in the city

The map shows the location of open-air and underground car parks, and the car park for motorhomes in the north of the city.
BY CAR

Please note that there is an OTA Zone in the city centre:

- The maximum parking time is **90 minutes**. You must obtain a ticket from the parking ticket vending machine and leave it in plain view inside the vehicle.
- **The first 15 minutes are free.** However, you must obtain a free ticket from the parking ticket vending machine and place it inside the vehicle.
- **Online payment:** You can use your smartphone to pay via the elparking.com website (free) or by downloading the "ElParking" (free), "EasyPark" and "Telpark" apps. If you pay online, there is no need to place a ticket inside the vehicle.
- People with a functional disability (with the corresponding identification card) can park free of charge without printing a ticket.

There are 4 types of spaces:
- **Blue line:** 90 minute limit (very central spaces).
- **Green line:** 90 minute limit (more economical).
- **Red and green lines:** parking only permitted for residents.
- **Orange line:** high rotation, 15 minute limit.

**Schedules and days of application:**
- **Mondays to Fridays:** from 10:00 to 14:00 and from 16:00 to 20:00.
- **Saturdays:** from 10:00 to 14:00.
- **Sundays and public holidays:** The OTA does not apply. Neither does it apply from 4 August (2:00 p.m. onwards) until 31 August inclusive.

**Note:** only residents may park in the old quarters, even if there are not coloured lines indicating the parking areas.

BY TAXI

The taxi service is in operation 24 hours a day.

10% of the fleet is adapted for people with functional disability.

There are taxi stands in the centre and the city districts (see map) but it is more common to call the two taxi companies that operate in the city:
- **Radio Taxi Gasteiz:** 945 273 500.
  SMS Service: 660 034 833, for people with auditory diversity.
- **Grupo Celedón:** 945 272 000.

BICYCLES

As the area is mostly flat, except for the Medieval Quarter, which is on a hill, a good way to get to know the city and the green belt that surrounds it is by bicycle. There are more than 160 kilometres of cycling routes.

You can find out about the main cycling routes and bicycle rental points at the Tourist Office.
Getting around the city

Tram lines

IBAIENDO
Landaberde
Lakuabizkarra
Pirate Ship
Wellington
Txagorritxu
Hospital
Euskal Herria
Honduras
Europa
Europa Congress Palace
Antso Jakituna / Sancho el Sabio
Alhondiga area
Lovaina
New Cathedral
Parlamento / Legebiltzarra
Florida Park
Angulema
Florida
Santa Lucía
Iliada
Hegoalde
Nikosia
La Unión
SALBURUA
ABETXUKO
Kris to
Kañabenta
Artapadura
Forondako Atea / Portal de Foronda
Arriaga Park
Intermodal
UNIBERTSITATEA
BY TRAM

- The current network has 2 lines: Ibaiondo-Salburua and Abetxuko-Unibertsitatea, which share 7 stops in the city centre (Florida-Honduras section).
- Before boarding the tram, you must buy a ticket from the ticket vending machines at the tram stops. Bat, Mugi or Barik transport cards can be used. Children under 5 years of age travel free of charge.
- The tram stops and units are accessible for people with physical functional diversity.
- Bicycles are allowed on the trams. Electric scooters are not permitted on board. You can travel with a pet as long as it is kept on a leash and is not dangerous.
- Further information: www.euskotren.eus/tranvia

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*Florida-Honduras route running every 7.5 min. in both directions.

BY BUS

- The municipal bus network offers the following services:
  - Daytime service:
    - 10 bus lines to take you to any part of the city, from 6.00 to 23.00. Frequency Mon-Fri: every 10 minutes Sat: every 15', Sun and Public Holidays every 20'.
  - Night service (Gautxoiri):
    - Five bus lines that operate on Fridays, Saturdays and holiday eves. From 23.00 to 6.00, every 40 minutes.
    - BEI. Peripheral circular line with 100% electric buses and advance payment at bus shelters. Frequency: Mon-Fri: every 7'. Sat: every 15', Sun and Pub. Holidays: every 20'.
  - Special lines:
    - Buesa Arena Line. To Buesa Arena Pavilion for Baskonia matches (ACB Basketball League).
    - Special service to the Mendizorrotza Pavilion for Deportivo Alavés football matches.
    - Special service to the Foronda Airport.
- Payment can be made in cash or using Bat, Mugi or Barik transport cards when boarding the bus. Children under 5 may travel free of charge. On the BEI line, pre-payment at the ticket vending machines at the bus shelters.
- All buses are accessible for people with mobility, hearing or visual difficulties.
- There are maps with information regarding each line and a QR code to access information about the destination, stops and waiting time.
- Info: www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tuvisa
Discover Vitoria-Gasteiz
Salburua Park. Green Belt.
On your own

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Let us guide you
01. Almond Route

Aerial view of the Medieval Quarter ("the Almond")
1. STARTING POINT: **Virgen Blanca Square**

**Plaza del Machete**
It’s name originates from the machete on which the former city representatives were sworn into their offices. A replica of the weapon is on show in the exterior apse of the Church of San Miguel, which closes the square. Take a look at the beautiful **Villasuso Palace** (1542), now a congress venue. Its balcony-gallery and the Salinas heraldry on the northern façade stand out.

2. **Los Arquillos**
A neoclassical symbol, work of the architect from Vitoria, Justo Antonio de Olaguíbel, they were envisaged to compensate the difference in level between the medieval city and contemporary expansion. They are made up of two sections: los Arquillos del Ala and los Arquillos del Juicio.

3. **Casa del Cordón (The cord House)**
Named after the Franciscan cord on the entrance arch. This mansion from the late fifteenth century hides a medieval tower of the thirteenth century with spectacular starry vault.

4. **Arrieta-Maestu Palace**
Also known as Bendaña, it was built at the beginning of the 16th century around a medieval tower. Look at its cylindrical tower and its interior courtyard on three levels. It is home to the **Fournier de Naipes Museum inside the Bibat Museum**.

5. **Cantón de Santa Ana**
You can look at the "Covered in sky and stars" mural, a modern interpretation of the kiss that Santa Ana bestowed on San Joaquín. An example from the **mural walk** called "The painted city".

6. **Santa Cruz Convent**
Inhabited since its foundation (1547) by cloistered Dominican nuns, at its doorway it features a monumental scene from the Passion.
## 01. Almond Route

### House of the Gobeo-Caicedo
Example of Baroque-Herreran style, the balconies crowned with ball decorations, the raised cornice and the large shield of the Hurtado de Mendoza stand out on its façade.

### Chapel of Santo Cristo
Houses a magnificent Gothic sculpture from the 14th century, the Christ of San Ildefonso, which was the object of great devotion by pilgrims on the St. James’s Way.

### Santa Maria Cathedral
One of the city’s emblematic temples (13th century). It is located on the highest part of the mount and holds the city’s history within its walls. Its restoration process has been open to the public to reveal the secrets of its construction and inspiring authors like Ken Follet and Pablo Coelho.

The mostly accessible guided tour is highly recommended.
Further information: 945 255 135.

### Escoriza-Esquivel Palace
Built between 1530 and 1541, it’s a key piece from the Renaissance in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

### Palace of Montehermoso
Built in 1520, this Renaissance palace, home to the monarchy on their visits to the city, was formerly the episcopal headquarters and is currently a cultural centre dedicated to the avant-garde.

### City Wall
Built in the 11th century by King Sancho VI of Navarre, it reinforced the city of Vitoria-Gasteiz. You can trace part of the old wall and observe one of its sections and one of its towers. Find out about the guided tours at the Tourist Office.

### San Pedro Church
Its construction began in the 14th century on a parish from the 13th century, attached to the wall. The old façade (in Calle Herrería) is one of the Basque Country’s most outstanding sculptural collections.

### Iruña Tower House
Better known as the Tower of Doña Otxanda, the primitive fortress dates from the beginning of the 15th century. It was constructed in the 16th century and the tower was added in 1970. It is currently the headquarters of the Natural Science Museum.
15 **House of the Marquis of Alameda**
Built between 1731 and 1735, it’s a beautiful stately home, Baroque in style. Observe the curious pictorial decoration which imitates architectural styles and the large shield on the corner of the building.

16 **Álava-Esquível Palace**
From the 16th century, it has been heavily reformed but still conserves the four shields of the Álavas, the Mendozas, the Miñanos and the Esquibel.

17 **Lantern Museum**
This original museum is home to the 271 beautiful pieces of polychromatic glass which, for over 100 years, light up the procession every 4th of August, in celebration of the Virgen Blanca festivities.

18 **Burullería Square**
Ancient mediaeval necropolis, it was given this name as it was the place where fabric and cloth was formerly traded, called “burullerías”.

19 **Maturana-Verástegui Palace**
It was built in the 16th century, in the context of the pacification decreed by the Catholic Monarchs to put an end to the feuding between the Calleja and Ayala factions.

20 **Anda Tower**
Erected in the 15th century, it is one of the oldest constructions in Vitoria. It’s a Gothic building which was a part of the city’s defensive system.

21 **El Portalón**
From the end of the 15th century, it was a merchants’ lodge, with a large entrance door to allow access to carriages. Restored in 1957, it is currently a restaurant.
02. Route of the 4 Towers
STARTING POINT: Santa María Square

Santa María Cathedral
(Santa María Square)

The Santa María Cathedral, World Heritage Site, was erected in the 13th century on the ruins of a primitive church from the hamlet of Gasteiz. It reinforced the defence of the city (its walls were 20 metres high).

Given the temple’s serious state of deterioration, between the years 2000 and 2016, large-scale preventive and structural consolidation works were carried out, which not only made it possible to restore the damaged parts, but also to gain in-depth knowledge about the origins of the city based on the archaeological excavations carried out.

The guided visit begins in the foundations and ascends to the tower, from which the best views of the city can be appreciated. People who need to can go up in a lift, built in the old hollow of the clock’s pendulums.

Further information: [www.catedralvitoria.eus](http://www.catedralvitoria.eus)

Church of San Vicente Mártir
(San Francisco hill)

This church occupies part of an old castle-fortress that defended the south-east of the town. You may climb the tower and walk along part of the wooden structure above the temple naves.

Check the "on-site visits" programme at the Tourist Office.

Church of San Miguel Arcángel
(Virgen Blanca Square)

It is the oldest temple in the city (already mentioned in 1811 in connection with the granting of the Charter). A visit to the chapel of the Virgen Blanca, patron saint of Vitoria-Gasteiz, with its polychrome sculpture from the mid-nineteenth century, is a must.

Church of San Pedro Apóstol
(Herrería Street)

Considered one of the most beautiful Gothic temples in the North of Spain, it’s a National Historic-Artistic Monument. It was built attached to the city’s lower wall, therefore it also served a defensive role. Take a good look at the old Gothic door from the 14th century, accessible from Herrería Street.
03. Route of the Renaissance Palaces

Discover Vitoria-Gasteiz
STARTING POINT: Machete Square

Villa Suso Palace (Plaza del Machete)
This beautiful Renaissance building (1538) built by Mr. Martín de Salinas, ambassador to Carlos V, is currently used as a congress venue. Within its structure, it holds part of the walls from the old city wall. The main hall is embellished with a Flemish tapestry from the school of Brussels (16th century). Consult the programme of guided tours on the website and the Tourist Office.

Montehermoso Palace
(Fray Zacarias Martinez Street, 2)
Constructed in 1520 by Ibañez de Aguirre, advisor to Carlos V, for centuries it was a lodge for the members of the Court when they stopped off in the city. In the 19th century it was the backdrop for the love affairs between the Marchioness of Montehermoso and King José Bonaparte. Later it was the episcopal seat and today it is a cultural centre dedicated to the avant-garde and artistic manifestations. Next to this building is the Old City Water Reservoir (1885), a unique space used as an exhibition area.

Escoriaza-Esquivel Palace
(Fray Zacarias Martinez Street, 3)
López de Escoriaza, Court doctor of the emperor Carlos V, ordered the construction of this Renaissance palace. It’s worth pointing out the plateresque front of the main façade where you can see the busts of the owner and his wife, Victoria de Anda y Esquivel. It’s beautiful interior terrace is known as the “patio of love”.

Bendaña Palace
(Cuchillería Street, 54)
Stately home from 1525, it was built on top of a former tower house. Its cylindrical tower stands out along with the interior courtyard on three levels.
It currently forms part of the Bibat Museum, the Fournier Cards and Archaeology Museum.
04. Central Route

Discover Vitoria-Gasteiz
STARTING POINT: Basque Parliament

Basque Parliament
Located on the plot that the Santa Clara convent used to occupy, it was the city’s High School for 130 years. During its construction (19th century) the materials from the old convent were used.

Maria Inmaculada Cathedral (New Cathedral)
Neo-Gothic in style, the initial construction project dates from 1907. It is home to the Diocesan Sacred Art Museum.

Palace of the Province
Headquarters of the Provincial Council of Alava. At first, it only consisted of a ground level. In 1858, after the Carlist War, the upper structure was added.

Plaza de la Virgen Blanca
Old market square in the medieval era, it’s the city’s central hub. The Monument to the Battle of Vitoria commemorates the victory against Napoleon’s troops on the 21st of June, 1813. The Vitoria-Gasteiz plant structure, emblem of the “green city” is also located here.

Plaza de España
This porticoed square, work of the illustrious architect from Vitoria Justo Antonio de Olaguibel, was built between 1781 and 1790 for holding markets and festivals outside of the walls. The Town Hall and the Tourist Office are located here.

Memorial Centre for Victims of Terrorism
This Memorial Centre serves to disseminate democratic and ethical values, constructing the collective memory of victims and raising awareness among the population about the defence of freedom and human rights and the fight against terrorism.

Plaza de los Fueros
Inaugurated in 1982, it’s a project by the architect Peña Ganchegui in collaboration with the sculptor Chillida, to commemorate the centenary of the Law of Privileges in 1876.

Artium, Basque Centre-Museum of Contemporary Art
It has a significant collection of more than 3,000 Basque and Spanish works of art and offers an extensive programme of exhibitions.
05. Romantic Route
STARTING POINT: Dato Street

Eduardo Dato Street
This is the most important street in the Ensanche area of Vitoria and the city’s commercial artery. The glazed balconies of the façades give it a special charm. Look at the Santander bank (No.1) from 1928, the Casas de Arrieta (No. 2) and the Caja Laboral building from 1870, which was the old Café Suizo.

Plaza del Arca
The Bankoa building stands out, inspired by the ancient tower houses, and the former headquarters of Santander Bank mixes medieval elements with Romantic elements. The bronze sculpture “El Caminante” is one of the city’s icons.

Casa Pando-Argüelles (San Antonio Street, 41)
Its construction began in 1911 and stands out due to its striking blue dome with orange stars.

Casa de Música (San Antonio Street, 14)
Only the façade and the first central bay of the original building remain (1880) neoclassical in style.

Civil Government (Olaguibel Street, 1-15)
It was constructed on the plot of the demolished San Francisco convent, in 1930.

Plaza de los Fueros
Built in 1981, it’s the work of architect Peña Ganchegui and sculptor Eduardo Chillida. It was designed to carry out rural Basque sports exhibitions and cultural activities. The sculpture of Los Fueros by Chillida can be found bordered by a type of wall.

Teatro Principal (San Prudencio Street, 29)
It was constructed in 1917. It was designed by Cesáreo Iriaberri, who found inspiration in the Theatre of Madrid, Italian in style.

Casa Fournier (Manuel Iriberri Street, 46)
In this building (1866), Heraclio Fournier installed his first playing card factory. It has a large cambered vault and dormer windows in the style of the Paris of Napoleon III.

Plaza de la Estación
The arrival of the railway brought about the biggest transformation of the city in the 19th century. The current building is from 1934.
06. Senda Route
STARTING POINT: **Plaza de la Virgen Blanca**

**Plaza de la Virgen Blanca**

Market square in the medieval era, it’s the city’s central hub. The **Monument to the Battle of Vitoria** commemorates the victory against Napoleon’s troops in 1813. The **plant sculpture** which bears the city’s name, symbol of Vitoria-Gasteiz’s green and sustainable approach, is also found here.

**La Florida**

The interest displayed by the great voyages of the nineteenth century encouraged the city to run La Florida into a botanical garden. To this end the authorities to Vitoria acquired, at the Universal Exhibition of Paris in 1855, many of the exotic trees that can now be seen in the park.

**Zulueta Palace** *(2, Senda Street)*

This palace is located in the La Senda Path, a beautiful route under large century-old banana trees and with mansions from the end of the 19th century. It was constructed in 1902 as a house-hotel by Alfredo de Zulueta, a landowner who found wealth in Cuba. Its garden is open to the public.

**Zuloaga Mansion** *(15, Senda Street)*

Beautiful building from 1901 by the architect Julio Saracíbar. The small tower that crowns the roundabout is not part of the original project.

**Casa de "Las jaquecas" (the headaches)** *(2, Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street)*

It gets its name from the Atlanteans that adorn its main façade. Constructed in 1901, it is also a piece of work by Julio Saracíbar.
6. **Arms Museum**  
(3, Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street)  
In this curious museum, you can see medieval weapons, found in excavations carried out in the high part of the city and an interesting space dedicated to the Battle of Vitoria (1813) during which Napoleon’s army was defeated. Also take a good look at the African and Japanese weapons and the collection of weapons from the 16th century.

7. **Villa Sofia**  
(6, Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street)  
It is a beautiful palace with Moorish and Indian details from 1902, the work of architect Julio Saracibar.

8. **Palace of Ajuria Enea**  
(5, Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street)  
Currently the residence of the Lehendakari of the Basque Government, it’s a regional style building which was built in 1920.

9. **Fine Arts Museum**  
(8, Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street)  
The Augustin Zulueta Palace, built in 1912 as a private residence, is currently a museum dedicated to Basque art from 1850-1950 which also has a select collection of Spanish art from the 18th to the 19th century.

10. **San Prudencio**  
The sculpture of the Saint of Álava appears under an arch in the entrance to the town of Armentia, the saint’s birthplace.

11. **Basilica of San Prudencio in Armentia**  
This is one of the most emblematic Romanesque temples in the Basque Country (12th century). On the 28th of April, the day of San Prudencio, an important popular pilgrimage takes place.
Augustín-Zulueta Palace (Fine Arts Museum)
STARTING POINT: **Santiago Street**

**Santiago Street**
It owes its name to the **medieval hospital** that was constructed in 1420 under the advocacy of the saint. The current hospital, also called Santiago, was inaugurated in 1820.

**Portal del Rey and Nueva Dentro Street**  
(Former Jewish quarter)
The name of this street is associated with a visit by Emperor Charles V to the city in 1524.

**Christ of San Ildefonso**
This magnificent Gothic carving can be found in a small chapel at the end of the Nueva Dentro street. Dating from the 14th century, it was greatly worshipped by pilgrims.

**Santa Maria Cathedral**
The guided tour of this temple, which began construction in the 13th century, is a must if you want to understand the city’s history and because it is home to several features associated with the apostle, Santiago. Next to the cathedral is the **Parish of Santa Maria**, which was the former Santiago chapel and preserves several representations of the saint.

**The Escoriala-Esquivel Palace**
A renaissance palace in the Plateresque style with a beautiful patio. It was built between 1530 and 1541 by Fernán López de Escoriala, physician to Emperor Charles V.

**Montehermoso Palace**
This Renaissance palace from the 16th century (1520) was commonly used as residence quarters for royalty when they visited the city. In the 19th century it was the backdrop for the love affairs between the Marchioness of Montehermoso and King José I Bonaparte. Currently the **Montehermoso Cultural Centre**, this is an exhibition and art diffusion and contemporary thinking space. It is connected underground with the city’s old Water Reservoirs (1885), transformed into a unique exhibition space.
07. Pilgrim’s Route to Santiago

7 Portico of the Church of San Pedro
Considered a National Historic Artistic Monument, this temple from the 14th century treasures stone carvings in what is called the Pórtico Viejo, among them a beautiful representation of Santiago the pilgrim.

8 Palace of the Province
The headquarters of the Provincial Council of Álava is a neoclassical-style building (1833), work of Martín Saracíbar. The statue of Mateo de Moraza, defender of privileges (fueros), stands in its square.

9 Virgen Blanca Square
Beyond the walls, it was the main entrance to Vitoria and the market square. The monument to the Battle of Vitoria by Gabriel Borrás (1917) stands at its centre.

10 General Loma Square (Convent of San Antonio)
A building from 1622, which is a valuable example of unornamented Baroque.

11 Basque Parliament
It was constructed in 1853 as an institute of secondary education and is of great importance in the city’s intellectual life. Since 1982, it has been home to the Basque Parliament.

12 La Florida Park
A beautiful Romantic Garden with a Parisian layout (1820) and expanded in 1856 with several species of trees from all over the world.

13 La Senda Path
A beautiful route through tall century-old banana trees and mansions from the 19th century, among them, the Zulueta Palace and its garden which is open to the public.

14 Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street
This street, lined with splendid horse chestnut trees, features a roundabout with a sculpture of Fray Francisco (born in Vitoria in 1486), an eminent lawyer and promoter of international law.

15 Armentia Basilica
At the end of the route, we arrive at the Romanesque basilica of San Prudencio, in Armentia. Constructed in the 12th century and reformed in the 18th century, it was the spiritual centre of Álava during the Middle Ages.
San Prudencio (6th century), Patron Saint of Álava, was born in this very place, to whom the basilica is dedicated.

**Peregrino Street**
Recently inaugurated, it sends off the pilgrims who are embarking on their own walk to Santiago. Further on, they will come across Gomecha, Subijana de Álava, La Puebla de Arganzón... until they connect with the French Way.

**More information about the St. James’s Way**

**Friends of the Saint James’ Way Association in Álava**
Zapatería Street, 85. Telephone: 945 144 794.
Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

**Romanesque Interpretation Centre in Álava**
This jewel of the Romanesque can be found next to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Estíbaliz, just 10 kilometres from Vitoria-Gasteiz. Its rooms show the particularities of this Medieval artistic style and its presence in the Territory of Álava.
Opening hours: Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 13:30.
Open from March to October. Special summer visiting hours.
For other visits, consult: contacto@alavamedieval.com
08. Route of the Gardens
STARTING POINT: La Florida Park

La Florida Park

Quintessential Romantic park, it was modelled on the French gardens from the middle of the 19th century. The majority of its century-old trees, of 95 different species, were acquired during the Universal Exhibition in Paris in 1855.

You can stop off at the impressive fern leaf beech tree, the magnificent Virginia Tulip Plant (which is over 40 metres tall) or next to the American black walnut tree which, at 140 years old, is one of the oldest trees in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Gardens of the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate

Next to the Florida Park, these gardens border the ambulatory of the New Cathedral. They are home to curious sculptures: an enormous rhinoceros and a huge crocodile, works by the sculptor from Vitoria, Koko Rico.

Zulueta Palace Garden

Alongside the century-old banana trees of the La Senda Path, we find the garden of this palace, work of architect Iñiguez de Betolaza (1903).

Augustin-Zulueta Palace garden

The house and its spectacular garden of over 1,200 m² were promoted by Ricardo de Augustin between 1912 and 1916 under the management of the architects Javier de Luque and Julián de Apraiz. It is currently the headquarters of the Fine Arts Museum.

Prado Park

Former meadows for the grazing of domestic animals (12th century), since then, it has been a space for enjoying nature and is currently one of the most popular places for running.

Vertical Garden of the Europa Congress Palace

Landmark building in sustainable development, it was the first conference centre in Spain to achieve the Passivhaus XXL certificate following the eco-architectural reform that it undertook. This Palace’s most striking feature is undoubtedly its impressive vertical garden that covers the entirety of its façade. For this, over 33,000 plants were used from several species native to Álava and the Basque Country.
1. **Lakua**
Located to the north of the city, this is one of the largest urban spaces in Vitoria-Gasteiz. Connected to the centre by 2 tram lines, it is divided into two areas, each with their own personality: Lakua-Arriaga and Lakua-Sansomendi. The headquarters of the Basque Government is found here, the large San Juan de Arriaga Park, the bus station and the caravan parking area. And extensive facilities: civic centres, fronton, a parkour area and large children’s play areas, including a pirate ship.

2. **Zabalgana**
Another of the large urban development areas in Vitoria-Gasteiz from the last century. Wide avenues, wooden walkways along the dry riverbed of the River Ali and new buildings of architectural interest define this area.

The park with the same name, Zabalgana, is one of the 6 spaces that make up the Green Belt, where you’ll find a natural gall oak forest, meadows, small lagoons and mounts with splendid views.

3. **Salburua**
The city’s latest large expansion zone is located next to the Salburua Wetlands park, a natural space with a rich ecosystem of aquatic birds, amphibians and plant species and the most emblematic of the 6 parks that make up the Green Belt. Ataria can be found there, the park’s interpretation centre, where several activities are held throughout the year. The Buesa Arena Basketball Pavilion is very close, headquarters of Baskonia.
The Tourist Office organises several tours and guided tours to help you discover the city. It also offers information on tours and activities organised by tourist companies and institutions, and on cultural, sporting and leisure events held in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

VISITS ORGANISED BY THE TOURISM OFFICE

Visits to the Medieval Quarter
Vitoria-Gasteiz has one of the most beautiful and best preserved medieval quarters in the northern peninsula. We invite you to take a journey through history via the most emblematic points of the Medieval Quarter and the ancient wall. If you’re visiting with your family, there are children’s tours to enjoy the most unique corners of the historic centre.

In situ visits
At Easter, in summer, at Christmas and on public holidays, guided visits are organised around some of the city’s most unique buildings. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to know the Villasuso and Montehermoso Palaces.

Themed tours
The Tourist Office organises a wide range of guided tours throughout the year to show the city’s different tourist attractions.

Find out the schedule for these tours at www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/turismo.
Visits to Ataria
This is the name of the Salburua Wetlands Interpretation Centre, an emblem of the Green Belt that surrounds the city. You will discover it during this visit and you will also enjoy a walk around the wetland to one of the bird-watching lookouts where you’ll familiarise yourself with the park’s biodiversity.

Literary tours
Visit the backdrops where the action took place in the novels and best-sellers in which Vitoria-Gasteiz is the main character, like "El silencio de la ciudad blanca", by the author from Vitoria, Eva García Sáenz de Urturi.

Inclusive visits
Throughout the year, the Tourism Office organises accessible and inclusive guided tours.

OTHER GUIDED TOURS
Visits to the Santa María Cathedral
Journey through the history of a cathedral that is "open for works", the secrets of which have inspired historians and writers from all over the world, such as Ken Follett, Paulo Coelho, or Arturo Pérez Reverte. In addition to the general visit, discover the wide range of guided tours that include the medieval wall, the tower and even a virtual reality experience.

Vitoria-Gasteiz from other points of view
Thanks to the tours, visits and tourism activities organised by companies in the city on different topics: history (people from legends, historic tours), gastronomy (pintxos routes, markets, product tasting), sustainability and nature (bicycle rides through the Green Belt, running).

Information:
Tourism Office
Plaza España, 1
Tel. 945 161 598
Whatsapp: 619 07 43 31
turismo@vitoria-gasteiz.org
Y en www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/turismo
Visiting with your family?

- **Take the train**
  The "Gasteiztxo", our train for tourists, will show you some of the charms of the city on a trip that takes, approximately 45 minutes (In summer).

- **Play in the museum**
  Virtually all the museums in the city offer a number of activities that will allow you to become familiar with their facilities in an enjoyable and pleasant way. Request information at the Tourist Office for family visits of the Artium and Fournier de Naipes Museums.

- **Discover the theatre**
  The main theatre and the network of theatres at the civic centres hold special functions and educational concerts for children throughout the year (even for babies).

- **Dive in**
  In summer, the Gamarra sports complex opens its doors with outdoor swimming pools and different playgrounds.
  Very close to the city, don’t miss the surroundings of the Ullíbarri-Gamboa and Urrúnaga reservoirs. Here, you’ll find the Landa and Garaio provincial parks with areas where you can swim, picnic areas, toilets, showers, a children’s play area and canoe rental.
  At the Mendijur Observatory, in Garaio, you can see several aquatic birds.
  There’s a "Green Route" which allows you to circle the Ullibarri reservoir on foot or by bicycle and cross it via a fun wooden jetty.
Ataria
It is the Interpretation Centre of the Salburua Wetlands, on the Green Belt that surrounds the city. It hosts an exhibition about the fauna and flora of the park and organises multiple activities related to nature.
It has a rental service for bicycles and scooters so that people with mobility problems can explore the park.
· Closed on Mondays (except public holidays, in which case it will be closed on the Tuesday).
· Telephone: 945 16 26 16
Bus L5. Stop: Avenida 8 de marzo, 27.

Would you to go ice skating?
Next to Ataria centre, there is an ice rink and curling rink in the Baskonia sports complex (BAKH).
Skate outdoors at Christmas on an ice rink installed in the Virgen Blanca or in the Florida Park.

Pirate ship
In the neighbourhood of Lakua (at tram stop Lakuabizkarra) a large wooden ship full of outdoor games awaits you.

Toy Library
The toy libraries, libraries and facilities of the numerous civic centres are a good option to have a fun time in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

School farms
If you want to enjoy experiences such as feeding chickens, goats or sheep, catching a rabbit or taking a donkey ride, you can visit the school farms of Casa Rural Los Huetos or Arkaia Farm.

Children’s Agenda
The street in Vitoria-Gasteiz is the setting for the intense calendar of events in the city, where there is always space for kids.
In June, Kaldearte is a Street Performing Arts Festival, in July Titereando with its puppet performances, the magicians’ meeting through the streets of Magialdia and the Medieval Market in September, and the fantastic Christmas playground.

Not forgetting the patron saint of the festivities of San Prudencio (28 April), Santiago (25 April) and the Feasts of the White Virgin on 4-9 August.

Just in case: Pediatric emergencies are centralized at Txagorritxu Hospital (tel. 945 007 007). Ibaiondo tram line Stop: Txagorritxu.
Would you like to go shopping?
ALMOND AREA

Please allow us to mention that the history of this city is closely related to trade. Just one historical note: even in the early decades of the nineteenth century between 40% and 60% of Vitoria citizens were artisans grouped into guilds (hence the names of many of the streets: Herrería (Blacksmith), Zapatería (Cobblers), Cuchillería (Cutlers).

If you like the markets, the first Saturday of every month is the Almond Market, where artisans have their workshops in the historic town centre of Vitoria-Gasteiz. On the last weekend of the month of September, the city’s Medieval Quarter recalls its great Medieval Market.

CENTRAL AREA

Outside the oldest historical site, walking through the Town Centre and the Ensanche area, you will find numerous shops selling clothing and footwear, decoration, bookstores and establishments of centuries-old tradition such as the bakeries (the sweets from Vitoria have been famous since the 18th century).

In the stalls of La Plaza de Abastos you will find the best food products (and you can enjoy the gastrobar area) and just next door, in the Plaza de Santa Bárbara, check out the fruit and vegetable market stalls on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

We recommend that before leaving Vitoria-Gasteiz, make sure your suitcases include some sweets, a deck of Fournier playing cards, Basque ceramics and, of course, do not forget to take a good Rioja Alavesa wine and a bottle of our best txakoli.

OTHER AREAS

If you want to go shopping in a mall, go to Boulevard (Zaramaga district), which has many shops, restaurants and multiplex cinemas to spend a wonderful afternoon.
Do you know about our gastronomy?

We are convinced that once in Vitoria-Gasteiz you will not be able to resist trying our traditional cuisine, the new Basque cuisine or our best pintxos.
**OUR PRODUCTS**

Álava’s cuisine is based on seasonal produce. Among the most unique are the perretxikos (St. George’s mushrooms) which are prepared at the end of April for the San Prudencio Festivities together with another dish which is typical at this time of year, snails from Álava. We also recommend that you try the Vitoria-style green beans or the stuffed chards. And you simply must try the exquisite Idiazabal cheese, made from the Lacha breed of sheep’s milk.

For dessert, you can’t miss any of the specialities of the celebrated confectionery from Vitoria, such as the “goxua”, the Gasteiz tart and the nougats, truffles and sweets.

Añana salt, of exceptional quality, is produced in Valle Salado, from salt mines that are over 7,000 years old. There are guided tours to find out about them and discover the secrets of this product.

Don’t forget to accompany your meals with a good glass of Rioja Alavesa wine or the Txakoli from Álava, a young white wine.

**WHERE TO EAT**

The good gastronomic dishes are made from quality ingredients, the tradition of Basque cuisine and the mastery of dedication at the burners.

Vitoria-Gasteiz obtained the National Capital of Gastronomy award in 2014. It has an extraordinary range of high-quality, catering establishments of very different types: from the grills, with more traditional menus, to restaurants focused on making signature cuisine, as well as the extraordinary pintxo bars where you can enjoy delicious snacks anywhere in the city.

**OUT FOR PINTXOS**

You can’t leave Vitoria-Gasteiz without trying its pintxos, miniature haute cuisine. On Thursdays, the "pintxo-pote" is held in different areas of the city, an easy and economical way to soak up the poteo (wine drinking) atmosphere while tasting the typical pintxos in each establishment.

The Great Pintxo Week in June and the Ardoaraba Eno-Gastronomic Fair in December are first-rate gastronomical events where you can enjoy the best snacks.
Would you like to go out tonight?

The opportunities available for fun from dusk and into the early hours of the morning are quite varied.
Would you like to go out tonight?

ALMOND AREA
The historical town centre is marked by the medieval layout of its pedestrian streets, the charm of its lifelong taverns and the most bustling atmosphere.
The best place for partaking in "txikiteo", a common custom in the Basque Country which involves drinking small amounts of wine (txikitos) or beer (zuritos) standing up, with the "kuadrilla", changing location every now and again and trying the pintxos that are on offer in most of the bars.

CENTRAL AREA
If you want to begin in a quieter area, head for the pedestrian area of the city centre: Virgen Blanca, Plaza de España, Postas, San Prudencio or Plaza de los Fueros offer a variety of gastronomy, several terraces and bars. It is also the area to continue walking though until you reach the old quarters.

OTHER AREAS
Near the centre, you can have an afternoon snack in the Plaza del Renacimiento and the district of Judizmendi, or the Sancho El Sabio area and Avenida de Gasteiz. A little further on, the large districts of Lakua, Salburúa and Zabalgana have their own areas of bars and terraces where you can have a good time without leaving the centre.

Live music
If you like music, there are several venues and establishments that programme concerts every weekend. Find out more in the schedule on the municipal website.

To get back home
On Fridays, Saturdays and the nights before public holidays, 5 bus lines run a night service, known as "gautxoris".
They leave every 40 minutes until 6:00 a.m. The tram service ends at 11:00 p.m. except for during the La Blanca festivities, when their timetable is extended.
If you enjoy sports even during your vacation, this is your city. In fact, the sports facilities are some of the most prominent hallmarks of Vitoria-Gasteiz. We have modern sports facilities, a climbing wall, golf courses or skating rinks. You may also make use of several horse riding schools and a multi-adventure centre (in Sobrón) or you may also go horse riding, fly in hot air balloons or in light aircraft (information at Vitoria-Gasteiz Tourist Office).

During the year

Provided that they pay an entrance fee, non-members are allowed to use the majority of municipal installations: civic centres and sports complexes.

There are also several paddle, golf and ice skating installations (in the BAKH, the Baskonia sports centre), running circuits around the whole city, bicycle rides through the green belt, including night-time skating events through the city.

The surroundings of the city and the province offer the best conditions for cycling in all of its varieties: on the road, mountain biking and gravel bike. Find out more about where you can hire bikes at the Tourism Office.

When the weather’s fine...

In summer, you can use the municipal outdoor swimming pools in Gamarra. And even though Vitoria-Gasteiz is not a city on the coast, we offer our ‘beaches’ on the Zadorra reservoirs: Ullíbarri-Gamboa and Urrunaga. They are surrounded by a greenway which you can follow by bike or go hiking and have enclosed bathing areas (with the blue flag) in the parks of Landa and Garaio, where the Mendixur bird observatory is located. There are also numerous areas where you can do water sports, like sailing, canoeing or windsurfing. The Ullíbarri Gamboa Sailing Club organises courses in these disciplines.
Would you like to go for a walk?

You have surely been struck by the large number of gardens and parks in the city. More specifically, we have planted over 115,000 trees of 285 different species. We are also surrounded by a green belt, where you can go walking, cycling or horse-riding.
Would you like to go for a walk?

Vitoria-Gasteiz occupies the leading position in Europe in terms of consolidated green areas. More than 150,000 trees and 70,000 bushes make the city a huge botanical garden. As well as the parks in the centre of the city included in the "Gardens Route" (pg. 34) the new districts have extensive green areas:

- **Arriaga Park:** which covers 190,000 square metres, is configured around the Hermitage of San Juan, in the Lakua district.
- **Judimendi Park:** located in the old Jewish cemetery that was given to the city by the Jewish inhabitants of Vitoria-Gasteiz after the expulsion in the 15th century.
- **San Martin Park:** up to 11 different species of conifers and more than 10,000 roses.
- **Aranbizkarra Park:** with birches, beeches and oaks.
THE GREEN BELT

Countryside and city come harmoniously together in this green belt that surrounds the city. It is made up of six very different parks, equipped with rest areas and information points, that you can discover on foot or by bicycle. We present them to you here:

- **The Salburua wetlands.** This treasured and fragile space is part of the European Natura 2000 Network of protected spaces. It’s an ecosystem associated with the water where many birds can be spotted and which is home to a herd of deer and species in danger of extinction, such as the agile frog and the European mink. **Ataria**, its interpretation centre, offers guided tours and numerous activities.

- **Zabalgana** just four kilometres away you will find a natural gall-oak forest, meadows, lagoons and small hills with spectacular views.

- **The Armentia forest** with a variety of fauna and flora, is an ecological corridor that connects the urban area and the Vitoria Mountains, a natural space covering 5,000 hectares.

- **Olárizu** offers you the possibility to visit the **Botanical Garden** and its live plant collection "Arboretum of European Forests" and to climb up to the cross on top of its hill to admire the city.

- **The River Alegría Park** covers eleven hectares of land conditioned for walks along the river banks (which flows into the Zadorra).

- **Zadorra River Park** is designed so that you can take a long walk along the banks of the Zadorra River. The archaeological site of the Atxa town is in the Zadorra Atxa section, indigenous settlement from the Iron Age (4th and 3rd century BC) and a Roman military camp (1st century).

Ask at the Tourist Office for the Green Routes map, with a map of the Green Belt and three selected routes: Salburua Park, Olárizu and Armentia.
Do you have more time?

We recommend you some tourist getaways through the Álava territory that will let you enjoy its natural parks, get to know its cultural heritage and taste the wines and food from the region.
**Province** Álava
**Autonomous Region** Basque country
**Surface** 276,81 km²
**Population** 336,686
**Density** 874,77 inhab./km²

**Capital City** Vitoria-Gasteiz
**Location** 42° 51’N 2° 41’W
**Altitude** 525 m
**Distances**
- 355 km to Madrid
- 115 km to Burgos
- 62 km to Bilbao
IN AÑANA

This region offers some incredible places. You can’t miss out on visiting the Valle Salado de Añana, awarded Europa Nostra for the recuperation of heritage. Some salt mines that are over 7,000 years old, arranged in terraces and where the extraction of this cherished salt is still done in an artisan way. Very nearby, you can see the best preserved fortified complex in Álava, the Varona tower house, in the region of Villanueva.

Familiarising yourself with the Valderejo Natural Park, taking a stroll through the Santa Catalina Botanical Gardens (located in the ruins of the old convent) or stopping off at the Roman city of Iruña-Veleia are other interesting proposals.

IN RIOJA ALAVESA

The cradle of great wines, you simply must discover some of the beautiful medieval towns surrounded by vineyards, such as Laguardia or Labraza, with its prized walls.

The Wine Route is an activity that allows you to descend into medieval caves, many metres deep, or taste the most delicious wines in wineries and buildings designed by prestigious international architects, such as Frank O. Gehry, Santiago Calatrava or Philippe Mazières.

IN THE ÁLAVA MOUNTAINS

You’ll be left breathless by the Sierra de Entzia and the Izki Natural Park, where you can find the Public Golf Course and a Mountain Biking Centre. The park’s Interpretation Centre is in the town of Corres.

The Fish and Wine Route (GR-38) runs through this area, an ideal itinerary for hiking fans. Another option is to hire a bike in Antoñana and follow the old Basque-Navarrese railway line, which is now a greenway. You’ll also come across Romanesque hermitages and medieval towns, such as Antoñana, Santa Cruz de Campezo or Peñacerrada-Urizaharra.

Salt Valley

Marqués del Riscal Winery, Elciego.

Marquina
IN GORBEIALDEA

The mythical summit of Basque mountaineering awaits you here; the Gorbea Mountain and its natural park. You can visit the park’s interpretation centre in Sarria and in Murguia the Honey Museum, a famous product of the area.

Climb up to the Santuario de Oro and look out over the splendid scenery. And, very nearby, in Gujuli, you can see an impressive waterfall with a slope of over 100 metres.

The Zadorra reservoirs and the valley of Aramaio, our “little Switzerland”, are just a few of the other landscapes of great natural beauty. Also, Aramaio is home to hamlets that are an example of traditional architecture.

IN AYALA

In the heart of the valley of Ayala, with its soft slopes and pastures, you can visit the monumental site of Quejana (palace, church and fortified monastery) and the medieval town of Artziniega with its Renaissance tower and ethnographic museum.

To the north of the valley, Sierra Salvada is an idyllic setting, with panoramic views, where you can look over the Salto del Nervión, a 222-metre waterfall, the highest in the whole peninsula. It is also a privileged location for bird watching, with species such as the Egyptian vulture, the peregrine falcon or the griffon vulture. You simply must try txakoli from Álava, a smooth and fruity wine which is another of the valley’s treasures.

IN THE PLAINS

Very close to Vitoria-Gasteiz, you can be transported back to the Middle Ages by visiting the Estibaliz Monastery (12th century), a Romanesque jewel from the Basque Country, which is home to a medieval sculpture of the Virgin of Estibaliz, Patron Saint of Álava. Or the mural paintings of the Romanesque churches of Gazeo and Alaiza.

The walled town of Salvatierra-Agurain preserves its medieval essence in the layout of its streets, its wall and its Gothic churches of San Juan and Santa María. If you prefer prehistory, visit the megalithic dolmen of Sorginetxe (Casa de la Bruja) from the year 2,500 BC or that of Aizkomendi, in Eguilaz.
If this is your first visit to Vitoria-Gasteiz, here is some practical information about our standard timetables and other information that might be of interest.

### OPENING HOURS

#### MEALS
- Breakfast: from 8:00 to 12:00.
- Lunch: from 13:00 to 15:30.
- Dinner: from 20:00 to 23:00.

#### SHOPS
- Shops open from 10:00 to 13:30 and from 17:00 to 20:00.
- Many shops open on Saturdays.
- Department stores and shopping centres do not close for lunch and open from 9:30 to 21:30 (including Saturdays).
- On Sundays all shops are closed including department stores.

#### BANKS
- Opening hours for the public at banks and savings banks are from 8:30 to 14:00.
- On Saturdays and Sundays are closed.

#### OFFICES
- The most common working hours from 9:00 to 13:00 / 14:00 and from 16:00 to 19:00.
- On Saturdays most businesses and offices are closed.
- Usually, official centres are only open to the public in the morning (from 8:30 to 14:30).

#### TOURIST OFFICE
- October to June:
  - From Monday to Saturday: from 10:00 to 18:00.
  - Sundays and public holidays: from 10:00 to 14:00.
- July, August and September:
  - Monday to Saturday from 09:30 to 18:30.
  - Sundays and public holidays: 10:00-14:00.
What you need to know

Virgen Blanca Square
HERITAGE

Main cultural facilities

Teatro Principal Antzokia
San Prudencio, 29
Tel. 945 161 045
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org

Montehermoso Culture Centre
Fray Zacarías Martínez, 2
Tel. 945 161 830
www.montehermoso.net

Santa María Cathedral
“A cathedral to be discovered”
Guided tours. Cuchillería, 95
Tel. 945 255 135
www.catedralvitoria.eus

“Salt Valley”
Guided tours to Salt Valley.
Tel. 945 351 111
www.vallesalado.com

Europa Congress Palace
Avenida Gasteiz, 85
Tel. 945 161 520
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/congresses

Museums

ARTIUM, Basque Centre-Museum of Contemporary Art
Francia, 24
Tel. 945 209 020
www.artium.eus

BIBAT, Archeology, Fournier Playing Card Museum
Cuchillería, 54
Tel. 945 203 707

Fine Arts Museum
Palacio Augustín-Zulueta
Paseo de Fray Francisco, 8
Tel. 945 181 918

Sacred Art Museum
Concatedral de María Inmaculada
Monsenor Cadena y Eleta, s/n
Tel. 945 150 631

Arms Museum
Paseo de Fray Francisco, 3
Tel. 945 181 925

Natural History Museum
Siervas de Jesús, 24
Tel. 945 181 924

Lantern Museum
Zapatería, 35
Tel. 945 277 077

Memorial Centre for Victims of Terrorism
Lehendakari Agirre, 2
Tel. 945 198 130
Further information: www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourism

SPORTS AND NATURE

Ataria
Paseo de la Biosfera, 4
Tel. 945 162 616
www.ataria.es

Farmhouse of Olarizu
Casa de la Dehesa de Olárizu
Tel. 945 162 696

Gamarra Sports Complex
Barrachi, 39 A
Tel. 945 161 528
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org

Mendizorrotza Sports Complex
José Luis Compañón, 1
Tel. 945 161 068 / 945 161 081
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org

Mendijur Bird Observatory
Tel. 695 782 498
www.ullibarri-gamboa.araba.eus
Baskonia-Bakh
Sports City – Ice Rink
Paseo de la Biosfera, 2
Tel. 945 202 831
www.bakh.es

Urban Golf Vitoria-Gasteiz
Camino de Santa Teresa, 1
Tel. 619 411 004 / 650 803 991

Izki Golf Complex
Campo de Golf de Urturi
Arriba S/N. Urturi
Tel. 945 378 262 (Urturi)
www.izkigolf.eus

Sobrón Multi Adventure Centre
Carretera A-4324 (Sobrón)
Tel. 945 359 016
www.aventurasobron.com

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