

ACTIVE TOURISM



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Vitoria-Gasteiz,


a city for sport

**YOUR FAVOURITE ACTIVITY IN THE
GREENEST ENVIRONMENT**

Guide to enjoying sport - whether you're training or
cheering - in a city synonymous with healthy living

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Enjoy the Green Capital!



Virgen Blanca Square

Vitoria-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 Estibaliz**, 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

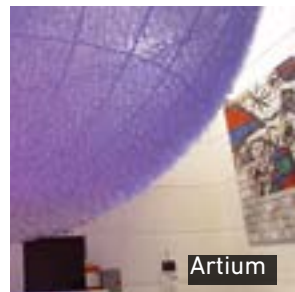


Its gastronomy and wine. The National Capital of Gastronomy in 2014, in **Vitoria-Gasteiz** it is possible to try the most traditional dishes and the most innovative creations of Basque cuisine in restaurants and pintxo bars, with an extensive offering for all budgets. All washed down with wines from **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 / Victims of Terrorism Memorial Centre / Montehermoso Cultural Centre / ATARIA Interpretation Centre of the Salburua Wetlands

RESOURCES GUIDE

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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:
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