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Bilbao is well connected by land (bus and train), sea (Bilbao–Portsmouth ferry) and air (international code: Bio). In addition, it is linked by motorway to the Irún and Cervere borders (France) and thus, to the rest of Europe. It also has good connections to the rest of Spain by motorway, air and rail.

Plane

Aeropuerto Bilbao
48180 Loiu. Bizkaia
Tel. 94 486 96 63 (general information)
Tel. 94 486 96 64 (flight information)
www.aena.es

From Bilbao to the airport

Through the Artxanda toll tunnel: Cross the La Salve bridge and onto the Artxanda tunnels. These connect with N-637 or Corredor del Txorierrri, in the direction of Mungia-Aeropuerto.

Via Enekuri: from the Deusto area, take the road towards Enekuri; this will connect with N-637, and follow the signs Mungia-Aeropuerto.

From the airport to Bilbao

Take the only exit out of the airport, and follow the signs to Bilbao-San Sebastián-Santander, until you reach the N-637. Here you can reach the city either through the Artxanda tunnel, or via Enekuri.

By bus

Regular service by Bizkaibus company in their easy to spot yellow buses with blue stripes.

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902 22 22 65

Bilbao – Airport

Itinerary
Terminus (bus terminus) – Gran Vía, 79 – Plaza Moyua (in front of a rationalist grey building next to Carlton Hotel) – Alameda Recalde, 11 – Airport.
Opening hours
Runs everyday from 05:25–21:55 h (every 30 minutes)

Airport – Bilbao

Itinerary
Airport – Alameda Recalde, 14 – Gran Vía, 37- Gran Vía, 74 – Terminus.
Opening hours
Runs everyday from 06:15–23:15 h (every 30 minutes). Last service at 24:00 h

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www.bizkaia.net

Taxis

A taxi ride into town is approximately 20 € during the day and 25 € at night, plus 1,80 € per suitcase. It usually takes about 20 minutes, but may take longer at peak times.

Taxi companies in Bilbao
Radio Taxi Bilbao: 94 444 88 88
Radio Tele Taxi: 94 410 21 21
Radio Taxi Nervión: 94 426 90 26

Rail

Abando station
Located between Hurtado de Amézaga and Navarra streets,

it is next to the Plaza Circular, and steps away from the Gran Vía and the Old Town (Casco Viejo).

Information and bookings

Plaza Circular, 2
48008 Bilbao
Tel. 902 24 02 02
www.renfe.es

Metro

Direct access to the Abando stop.

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www.metrobilbao.net

Tram

The Abando stop is located in Navarra street, a few metres away.

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www.euskotran.es

Bus

Many Bilbobus (local buses) services stop here. Bizkaibus (regional buses) services stop in Hurtado de Amézaga and Plaza Circular, connecting Bilbao to the rest of the province.

Bizkaibus
www.bizkaia.net
Bilbobus
www.bilbao.net

Car

Both the A-8 and A-68 motorways connect with Abando station via Juan de Garay street and then Hurtado de Amézaga. When entering from Santander take the Sabino Arana exit and then follow: Plaza del Sagrado, then follow the Gran Vía to Plaza Moyua. Here take Ercilla street, and turn right into Colón de Larreategui. At

Jardines de Albia turn right into Alameda Urquijo, then turn left into Ayala until Hurtado de Amézaga.

FEVE – La Concordia station

It is located right behind the Abando station, in calle Bailén, next to the Arenal bridge.

La Concordia is the terminus for the Transcantábrico tourist train that travels around the north of Spain to Santiago de Compostela.

Information and bookings

Bailén, 2
48008 Bilbao
Tel. 94 425 06 15
www.feve.es

Atxuri station

It is located between Plaza Santos Juanes and Plaza La Encarnación, next to San Antón church and the 7 streets of Casco Viejo.

Information and bookings
Atxuri, 6
48006 Bilbao
Tel. 902 54 32 10 / 94 401 99 00
www.euskotren.es

Tram

The station is located at start/terminus stop of the tram system.

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www.euskotran.es

Bus

The bus terminus, Terminus, is located near Sabino Arana avenue. There is a frequent service to many national and international destinations.

Information and bookings

Luis Briñas, 12 / Guturbay, 1
48013 Bilbao
Tel. 94 439 50 77
www.termibus.com

Metro

Direct access to San Mamés station.

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www.metrobilbao.net

Tram

San Mamés stop.

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www.euskotran.es

Bus

There are several lines to the Terminus, eg. 26 and 38, as well as to other destinations in the province.

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www.bizkaimove.bizkaia.net

Car

The Terminus can be reached via Sabino Arana avenue, which has a direct link to the motorway.

Boat

Ferry Bilbao-Portsmouth

There is a twice weekly service connecting Bilbao and Portsmouth (England) departing from the Estación Marítima in Santurtzi. It departs Bilbao on Monday and Thursday, and arrives on Tuesday and Saturday (check for times and reduced Winter services).

Information in Bilbao
Ferries Golfo de Vizcaya
Cosme Echevarrieta, 1

48009 Bilbao
Tel. 94 423 44 77

Information in England

Portsmouth: P&O European Ferries
The Continental Ferry Port, Mile End
Portsmouth PO2 8QW

Reservations

Tel. (01705) 82 76 77

Port Office

Tel. (01705) 77 22 44

London

Tel. (0208) 575 85 55

+ info
www.poferries.com

Link Bilbao – Estación Marítima de Santurtzi

Bus
A-3115, Bizkaibus

Train
Bilbao-Santurtzi line by Renfe

Car
Via A-8 motorway

Car

There are two motorways which connect Bilbao with its borders and beyond. The A-8 connects France (via Irún) with Bilbao in one-and-half hours. This motorway links Bilbao with the southwestern French network, Bordeaux and Paris, and with the southern network, Toulouse and Montpellier.

The A-68 runs via the Ebro valley, connecting Bilbao and Barcelona, and links with the A-7 towards the mediterranean coast.

The A-7 links, through the Cervere border, with the central Europe networks. Cities like Lyon, Geneva,

Milan and Genoa are less than 1 days drive away.

Bilbao also connects directly through the A-68 with Burgos in 1.5 hours, with Valladolid in 2.5 hours by the Castilla motor route, and with Madrid in less than 4 hours via the North motor route.

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www.viamichelin.es

Parking your car

Parking space is scarce in the city, especially during the week. There are two options: car parks, or coin-operated street parking. This latter option is called OTA, and works in the following way: all street parking is marked with either blue or green dash lines. The green areas allow 5 hours of continuous parking, and the blue ones, 2 hours.

The fee is payable at these pod-shaped machines, located in every block where parking is allowed. You must enter your license plate number, the coins as well as the amount of time chosen. A pre-paid card is available from the OTA offices (Pérez Galdós, 5), and will provide the necessary information.

The actual card is free, and can be charged at any parking meter. Once charged, it is inserted into the meter and the user selects the amount of parking time required.

Opening hours
Monday to Friday 9:00–13:30 h and 15:00–20:00 h
Saturdays 9:00–13:30 h

OTA information
94 420 46 43 / 902 075 828

Car parks

Parking del Instituto

Alda. Urquijo, 14
Tel. 94 416 43 15
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking de la Plaza del Ensanche

Pl. Ensanche, 13
Tel. 94 424 22 04
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking de la Plaza Nueva

Plaza Nueva, 16
Tel. 94 415 25 99
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking da la Plaza de Indautxu

Plaza Indautxu, 2
Tel. 94 421 94 35
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking de la Plaza Pío Baroja

Plaza Pío Baroja, s/n
Tel. 94 423 65 12
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking del Palacio Euskalduna

Abandoibarra, 4
Tel. 94 441 55 07
In-door. Open 24 hrs

Parking de la estación de Abando

Bailén, 22 bis
Tel. 94 415 30 71
Open-air. Open 24 hrs

Parking de la Feria de Muestras

1. Camino Capuchinos
In-door. Open 24 hrs
2. Pedro María Basterretxea
Open-air. Open 24 hrs
Tel. 94 428 54 00

Parking del Corte Inglés

Canciller Ayala
Tel. 94 425 35 00
In-door private parking. Open during shopping hours

Parking de la Plaza de Toros

Martín Agüero, 1
Tel. 646 30 13 40
Open-air. Open 24 hrs