

# visitbilbao.info/useful/how to get around

Walking and cycling are excellent means of transport in Bilbao, as there are quite a few pedestrianised streets as well as quite a good cycle lane network. The city has an excellent public transport infrastructure, recently voted the best in Spain. In addition to single journey tickets, there are a range of day passes and carnets available.

## Passes, Creditrans and Bilbao Card

**Tram day pass**  
Unlimited trips, 3 €

**Metro day pass**  
Unlimited trips, 3 €

**Creditrans**  
5 €, 10 €, or 15 € options. This card is valid in the Metro, on the Tram, on Bilbobus (local buses), on Bizkaibus (provincial network), for the La Salve lift, for the Artxanda cable railway, for the Hanging Bridge, and on Euskotren. It has no time limit and can be used by more than one person on the same trip. It is sold in all stations, tobacconists, newstands, and ONCE cabins.

**Bilbao Card**  
In addition to free transport, this card offers discounts in museums, restaurants, shops, etc. It can be purchased at the Tourism office and Bilbao Lodging

**Prices**  
1 day: 6 €  
2 days: 10 €  
3 days: 12 €

## Metro

Norman Foster designed the

stations between Santutxu and Deusto, and Line 2 (except Ansio and Urbinaga). All stations are fully accessible via lifts. There are also escalators, however these only reach the ticket hall and not the actual platforms. The entrances are noticeable glass structures, affectionately known as Fosteritos.

**Opening hours**  
Sunday to Thursday 6:00–23:00 h  
Friday 6:00–2:00 h  
All night on Saturdays

**Customer relations offices**  
Ibaigane, 17 (Areeta/Las Arenas)  
Ansio station  
San Inazio station  
Casco Viejo station  
**Opening hours**  
Monday to Friday 8:30–19:30 h  
Saturdays 10:00–14:00 h y  
16:30–19:30 h (San Inazio only)

**+ info**  
Tel. 94 425 40 25  
www.metrobilbao.net

## Bus

The Bilbobus (local buses) are easily recognised by their red colour. All stops display a network map, and a GPS system displays the waiting time for the next bus.

**All-night service (Gautxori)**  
Available on certain routes during weekend nights. (With Creditrans)

**+ info**  
www.bilbao.net

## Tram

Opened in December 2002, this is a comfortable and picturesque way of exploring the city. It travels from the old town into modern Bilbao (Abandoibarra) and passes the Guggenheim Museum, with a good view of the river.

**+ info**  
Tel. 902 54 32 10  
www.euskotran.es

## Bicycle

The City Council is committed to promoting environmentally means of transport. Thus, 11 km of cycle lanes (*bidegorris* = red ways) have been created to facilitate cycling as a quick and easy means of transport and of discovering Bilbao.

**+ info**  
www.bilbao.net/bilbaoturismo

## Taxi

Taxis are stationed in taxi ranks throughout the city. Each cab is assigned to specific company but all cars are white in colour and display a green Light when they are free. It is best to either phone for a cab or go to a taxi rank rather than hail them in the street.

**Radio Taxi Bizkaia-Teletaxi**  
Tel. 94 410 21 21 / 94 421 87 50

**Radio Taxi Bilbao**  
Tel. 94 444 88 88

**Radio Taxi Femade**  
Tel. 94 480 09 09

**Radio Taxi Nervión**  
Tel. 94 426 90 26

**Fare city centre**  
– Rate 1  
(Daytime 7:00–23:00 h): 3,15 €

– Rate 2\*  
(Nighttime and weekends 23:00–7:00 h): 3,90 €  
\* On Staurdays also, form 13:00 h

**Fare outside Bilbao**  
– Rate 3  
(Diurna 7:00–23:00 h): 4,37 €

– Rate 4  
(Nighttime and weekends 23:00–7:00 h): 4,79 €

## Walking

Walking in Bilbao is a local passtime especially in the afternoon (*hora del paseo*). In the city centre, most places of interest are within walking distance and are frequented by locals and tourists alike.

There are several pleasant walks and strolls to be enjoyed, especially thorough the pedestrianised streets in the Casco Viejo and the Ensanche.

## Near Bilbao

**Bus**  
The Bizkaibus company (yellow buses with blue stripes) provide links to most places in the Bizkaia province. There is no central bus station in Bilbao. Busses depart from different stops depending on their final destination.

Tickets can be bought as single journey. Creditrans card are also accepted.

## Metro

Line 1 connects Bilbao with the coastal town of Plentzia, and provides a convenient ride to several beaches.

**Playa Las Arenas**  
Town: Getxo  
Metro: Etxebarrí–Bidezabal  
Stop: Areeta

**Playa de Ereaga**  
Town: Getxo  
Metro: Etxebarri–Bidezabal  
Stop: Neguri

**Playa de Arrigunaga**  
Town: Getxo  
Metro: Etxebarri–Bidezabal  
Stop: Bidezabal

**Playa de Aizkorri–Gorrondatea**  
Town: Getxo  
Metro: Etxebarri–Plentzia  
Stop: Larrabasterra

**Playa de Barinatxe–La Salvaje**  
Town: Getxo - Sopelana  
Metro: Etxebarri–Plentzia  
Stop: Larrabasterra

**Playa de Arrietara–Atxabiribil**  
Town: Sopelana  
Metro: Etxebarri–Plentzia  
Stop: Larrabasterra

**Playa de Plentzia**  
Town: Plentzia  
Metro: Etxebarri–Plentzia  
Stop: Plentzia

**Short distance trains**  
Three companies connect Bilbao with the main towns in the province. Trains are punctual and well maintained.

**Euskotren – Atxuri station**  
Atxuri, 6  
48006 Bilbao

Tel. 94 401 99 00  
**Web**  
www.euskotren.es  
**E-mail**  
attcliente@euskotren.es

**FEVE – La Concordia station**  
Bailén, 2  
48008 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 425 06 15  
**Web**  
www.feve.es  
**E-mail**  
info@feve.es

**Renfe Cercanías – Abando station**  
Plaza Circular, 2  
48008 Bilbao  
Tel. 902 24 02 02  
**Internet ticket sales**  
venta-internet@renfe.es  
**Web**  
www.renfe.es

**Car**  
Another option for exploring the surrounding area is by renting a car. The main car rental offices in Bilbao are:

**A. Rental**  
Pérez Galdós, 22-24  
48010 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 427 07 81  
**Web**  
www.a-rental.es  
**E-mail**  
a-rental@a-rental.es

**Alquibilbo**  
General Eguía, 20  
48010 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 441 20 12  
**Web**  
www.alquibilbo.com  
**E-mail**  
clients@alquibilbo.com

**Avis**  
Doctor Areizla, 34  
48010 Bilbao

Tel. 94 427 57 60  
**Web**  
www.avis.es

**Basko Rent**  
Juan de Garay, 49  
48003 Bilbao  
Tel. 902 103 287  
**Web**  
www.baskorent.es  
**E-mail**  
baskorent@terra.es

**Europcar**  
Estación de Abando  
Plaza Circular, 2  
48008 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 423 93 90

Licenciado Poza, 56  
48013 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 442 22 26  
**Web**  
www.europcar.es  
**E-mail**  
leiranac@mail.europcar.com

**Hertz**  
Doctor Achúcarro, 10  
48011 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 415 36 77  
**Web**  
www.hertz.es

**National Atesa**  
Sabino Arana, 9  
48013 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 442 32 90 / 94 442 32 91

Estación de Abando  
Plaza Circular, 2  
48013 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 423 42 85  
**Web**  
www.atesa.es

**Sí Rent A Car**  
Rodríguez Arias, 51  
48011 Bilbao  
Tel. 94 679 00 29  
**Web**  
www.sirentacar.com