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In the last few years, Bilbao has become well known as a cultural city, both within Spain and internationally. And although the Guggenheim Museum has certainly become one of its main points of interest, it is by no means the only museum worth a visit. The Museo de Bellas Artes, its many private galleries, and the near-by Oma Forest or Chillida-Leku justify a visit to this city in their own right. In addition, the city is interesting from an architectural point of view, with works by some of the most prestigious contemporary architects.

Museums in Bilbao

Guggenheim Bilbao Museum

It has an interesting permanent collection, as well as numerous temporary exhibitions. Its unique building, designed by Frank O. Gehry, is one of the most well known buildings worldwide.

Address
Avenida Abandoibarra, 2
48001 Bilbao
Tel. 94 435 90 00
Opening hours
Tuesday to Sunday 10:00–20:00 h
Day of closing
Monday (except July and August)
Metro
Moyua (Guggenheim/Ercilla exit)



Guggenheim Bilbao Museum

Tram
Guggenheim
Web
www.guggenheim-bilbao.es
www.guggenheim.org
E-mail
fmgb@guggenheim-bilbao.es

Museo Marítimo Ría de Bilbao

The maritime museum was built on the old Euskalduna shipyard's site. The exhibition centers around the important maritime life of Bilbao, with the river acting as its central axis. It displays several historical boats in the dry docks.

Address
Muelle Ramón de la Sota, 1

48011 Bilbao
Tel. 902 13 10 00
In Winter
(16 December–Easter)
Tuesday to Friday and Sunday
10:00–18:30h
Saturday 10:00–20:00h
In Summer
(Easter–16 December)
Tuesday to Sunday 10:00–20:00h
Day of closing
Monday
Metro
San Mamés (Sabino Arana exit)
Tram
Euskalduna
Web
www.museomaritimobilbao.org
E-mail
info@museomaritimobilbao.org
expo@museomaritimobilbao.org

Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao

Remarkable art collection of classical, contemporary, Basque painting and applied arts. Considered one of the best in Spain, it is located very near the Guggenheim.

Address
Plaza del Museo, 2. 48011 Bilbao
Tel. 94 493 60 60

Opening hours
Tuesday to Saturday 10:00–20:00 h
Sunday and public holidays
10:00–14:00 h

Day of closing
Monday

Museum Day
Wednesday
Metro
Moyua (Guggenheim/Ercilla exit)
Tram
Abandoibarra
Web
www.museobilbao.com
E-mail
museobilbao@museobilbao.com
expo@museobilbao.com

Museo Diocesano de Arte Sacro

The museum covers eight

centuries of religious life in Bilbao, and displays the art collection of the diocese.

Address
Plaza de La Encarnación, 9 B
48006 Bilbao
Tel. 94 432 01 25
Opening hours
Tuesday to Saturday 10:30–13:30 h
and 16:00–19:00 h
Sunday and public holidays
10:30–13:30 h
Day of closing
Monday
Museum Day
Thursday
Metro
Casco Viejo (Unamuno exit)
Tram
Atxuri
Web
www.euskadi.net/zentroa/museos
E-mail
elizmuseo@euskalnet.net



Museo Vasco

Museo Arqueológico, Etnográfico e Histórico Vasco

Known as Museo Vasco, it is located in the heart of the Casco Viejo (old town), and is home to an interesting exhibition on archeology and pre-history of Bizkaia, and on the Basque Country's ethnography.

Address
Plaza Unamuno, 4
48006 Bilbao
Tel. 94 415 54 23
Opening hours
Tuesday to Saturday 11:00–17:00 h
Sunday 11:00–14:00 h
Day of closing

Monday and public holidays
Museum Day
Thursday
Metro
Casco Viejo (Unamuno exit)
Tram
Arriaga
Web
www.euskal-museoa.org
E-mail
museoa@euskal-museoa.org

Sala de Trofeos y Exposiciones del Athletic Club de Bilbao

Located within the San Mamés football field grounds (the “Cathedral”), the exhibition displays the trophies and the illustrious history of this centenarian club.

Address
Campo de Fútbol de San Mamés (puertas 26-27)
Felipe Serrate, 5
48013 Bilbao
Tel. 94 441 39 54
Opening hours
Tuesday to Friday 10:30–13:30 h and
16:00–19:00 h
Saturday 10:00–14:00 h y
16:00–19:00 h
Sunday 10:00–14:00 h
Day of closing
Match days
Visitas Guiadas
Available every 30 minutes
Metro
San Mamés (Termibus exit)
Tram
Sabino Arana
Web
www.fundacionathleticclub.net
E-mail
info@fundacionathleticclub.net

Museo Taurino de Bilbao

Bilbao has a long bullfighting tradition, and this museum is proof of it. It covers the art of bullfighting through illustrations, texts,

photographs and related objects.

Address
Plaza de Toros de Vista Alegre
Martín Agüero, 1
48012 Bilbao
Tel. 94 444 86 98
Opening hours
Monday to Friday 10:30–13:00 h and
16:00–18:00 h
Day of closing
Weekends and public holidays
Tren
Zabálburu (Cercanías)
Web
www.torosbilbao.com
E-mail
info@torosbilbao.com

Museo Reproducciones Bilbao

Address
Iglesia Corazón de María
San Francisco 14
48003 Bilbao
Tel. 94 679 02 55
Opening hours
Tuesday to Saturday 10:00–13:30 h
and 16:00–20:00 h
Sunday 10:00–14:00 h
Day of closing
Monday and public holidays
Museum Day
Thursday
Tram
Ribera
Web
www.museoreproduccionesbilbao.com
E-mail
info@museoreproduccionesbilbao.org

Museums near Bilbao

ARTIUM. Centro Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo

This contemporary art centre located in Vitoria-Gasteiz exhibits work by Chillida, Picasso, Miró, Saura and Oteiza, among others.

Address
Francia, 24
01002 Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba)
Tel. 945 20 90 00 / 945 20 90 20
Opening hours
Tuesday to Friday 11:00–20:00 h
Weekends and public holidays
10:30–20:00h
Day of closing
Monday
Web
www.artium.org

Opening hours
Tuesday to Sunday 09:00–14:00 h
and 16:30–20:00 h
Day of closing
Monday
Web
www.villa-lucia.com
E-mail
museo@villa-lucia.com
Bus
La Unión bus company has services from Bilbao.



ARTIUM. Centro Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo

E-mail
museo@artium.org
Bus
La Unión bus company has frequent services from Bilbao via motorway. Tel. 94 427 11 11
How to get there
By motorway, take the A-68 to Vitoria-Gasteiz. By road, take the A-68 towards San Sebastián; exit in Galdakao, and take the N-240 to Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Tel. 94 427 11 11
How to get there
Take the A-68 towards Logroño, and exit in Zambrana; take the N-124 to Briñas, and from there, the A-124 to Laguardia.

Museo Chillida-Leku

Located in a XVI century farm house rebuilt by the sculptor, this beautiful setting hosts excellent pieces by one of the most renowned Basque artists, Eduardo Chillida.

Address
Caserio Zabalaga
Barrio Jáuregui, 66
20120 Hernani (Gipuzkoa)
Tel. 943 33 60 06

Opening hours
– Winter:
September to June 10:30–15:00 h
– Summer:
July and August 10:30–19:00 h

Centro Temático del Vino “Villa Lucía”

This wine museum in Laguardia, Alava, provides a complete account of the wine making process, from the vines upto its tasting.
Address
Finca “Villa Lucía”
Ctra. Logroño s/n
01300 Laguardia (Araba)
Tel. 945 60 00 32

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- Easter:
Thursday to Monday
10:30–19:00 h
- Sunday:
All year 10:30–15:00 h

Day of closing

Tuesday

Web

www.museochillidaleku.com

E-mail

visitas@museochillidaleku.com

Bus

- Daily service to San Sebastian by Pesa bus company.
Tel. 902 10 12 10
- From San Sebastián, GII bus departs from Okendo street every 30 minutes.

Train

All day with Euskotren.
Tel. 902 54 32 10

How to get there

Take the A-8 to San Sebastian and take the N-1 Lasarte exit. From there, head towards Hernani and follow the signs to Chillida-Leku.

Bosque Animado de Ibarrola

This “land art” project by Agustín Ibarrola, consists of a forest of painted trees which create a captivating effect by a skillful change in visual depth.

Address

Next to the Santimamiñe caves, in the Oma valley. Kortezubi (Bizkaia)

Ticket

Free access



Bosque Animado

How to get there

From Bilbao, take the A-8 to Amorebieta, and then the BI-638 towards Kortezubi. Before this village, take the right turn towards

Santimamiñe caves (BI-424), and park your car at the Lezika farm-restaurant. The forest is a short walk from here.

Fundación Balenciaga

(Opening in 2008)

In the coastal village of Getaria (Gipuzkoa), the museum will be housed in the Aldamar Palace, which used to be the Summer residence of the parents of Queen Fabiola of Belgium, and where Balenciaga took his first steps in the fashion world.

Address

Parque Aldamar, 3. 20808 Getaria (Gipuzkoa)

Tel. 943 14 05 85

Opening hours

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00–14:00 h
and 16:00–19:00 h
Sunday 10:00–14:00 h

Day of closing

Monday

Ticket

Free access

Web

www.fundacionbalenciaga.com

E-mail

getaria@fundacionbalenciaga.com

Train

All day with Euskotren.
Tel. 902 54 32 10

How to get there

Take the A-8 towards San Sebastian, and take the Zarautz exit. Cross this town, and take the N-634 towards Bilbao. Getaria is 3 Km away.