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START / END of routes



Intermediate STAGE point



Caution / Difficulty



Tourist Information



Car park



Bar / Restaurant



Accommodation



Chapel / Religious building



Lookout / Panoramic view



Recreation area



Fortification / City walls



Museums / Visitors' centre



Dolmen



URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

LOCATION MAP

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ALIRÓN PARKEA



Kobarón

Traslaviña

Balmaseda

BILBAO

BIZKAIA

GREEN WAY



Montes de Hierro/Itsasur

BILBAO

Panoramic view of the river

GORBEIA BIRA



GORBEIA BIRA ON ROAD



Murgia

ARABA/ÁLAVA

VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Green Ring Tour



Camping de Angosto

VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Ataria

VALDEREJO AÑANA MTB Centre



VITORIA-GASTEIZ GRAVEL LAND



WAY OF ST. JAMES

Inland Route



Miranda de Ebro

Briñas

VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Tour of the Ullibarri-Gamboa reservoir





WAY OF ST. JAMES
The Coastal Route

DONOSTIA/SAN SEBASTIÁN
Urban route



GREEN WAY
Arditurri

GREEN WAY
Plazaola-Leitzarain



**DONOSTIA
SAN SEBASTIÁN**

Pasal Antxo

Irun

Hondarribia
Behobia

Minas de Arditurri

Andoain

Zumaia

GIPUZKOA

Azpeitia

Loiola

Tolosa

Bergara

Mirandaola

Ormaiztegui

Oñati

Mutiloa

Arantzazu

Puerto Arlabán

GREEN WAY
Bidasoa



Legasa

GREEN WAY
Urola



GREEN WAY
Mutiloa-Ormaiztegui



Sarasa

PAMPLONA



GREAT CYCLE TOUR ROUTE
Álava Plain



ROMANIC BIKE ROUTE



THE IGNATIAN WAY

Korres

Antoñana

Estella-Lizarra



GREEN WAY
Basque-Navarre Railway Greenway



IZKI MONTAÑA ALAVESA MTB Centre

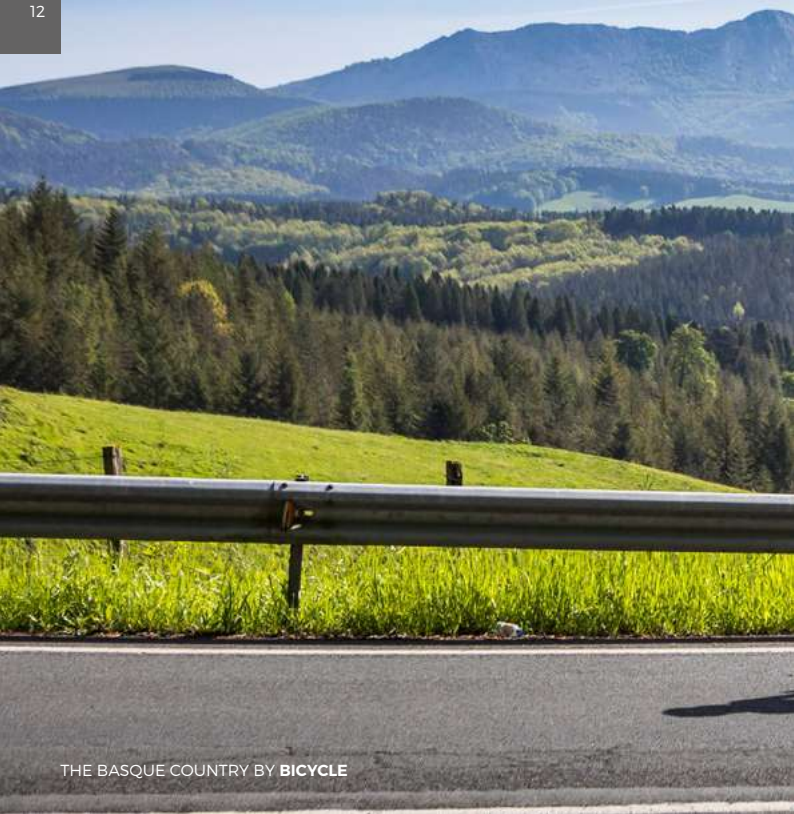


**RIOJA ALAVESA
DOLMEN ROUTE**

LOGROÑO



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ROAD ROUTES

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EUSKADI CYCLING

GRAND DÉPART
PAYS BASQUE 2023



Feel like a cyclist by doing the first **3 stages of the 2023 Tour de France**, bikepacking on the **Euskadi Basque Country Grand Tour** or just setting out on your road bike from any of the three Basque provincial capitals.

Start the journey with the smell of the sea or watch the morning mist fade over a valley surrounded by mountains. Taste the renowned gastronomy of the Basque Country in a fishing port restaurant or watch the sunset over a hillside vineyard from a hotel room balcony. With **Euskadi Cycling** you can tour and taste the Basque Country for yourself.

There are still special places awaiting your visit.

- 📍 1. Bizkaia, Basque coast
2. Araba/Álava, Inland road



EUSKADI CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE GRAND DÉPART 2023

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In 2023 the Basque Country was privileged to be the setting for the first three stages of the Tour de France, a landmark in its cycling history. Each stage was a spectacular display of culture, passion for cycling and the natural beauty of the Basque Country, consolidating the region as an essential destination for lovers of this sport. The warmth of the Basque fans, with their characteristic orange wave, played a starring role, creating an unforgettable atmosphere for both riders and spectators.



Stages **GRAND DÉPART 2023 TOUR DE FRANCE**

© 1. Tour de Francia, Grand Départ 2023

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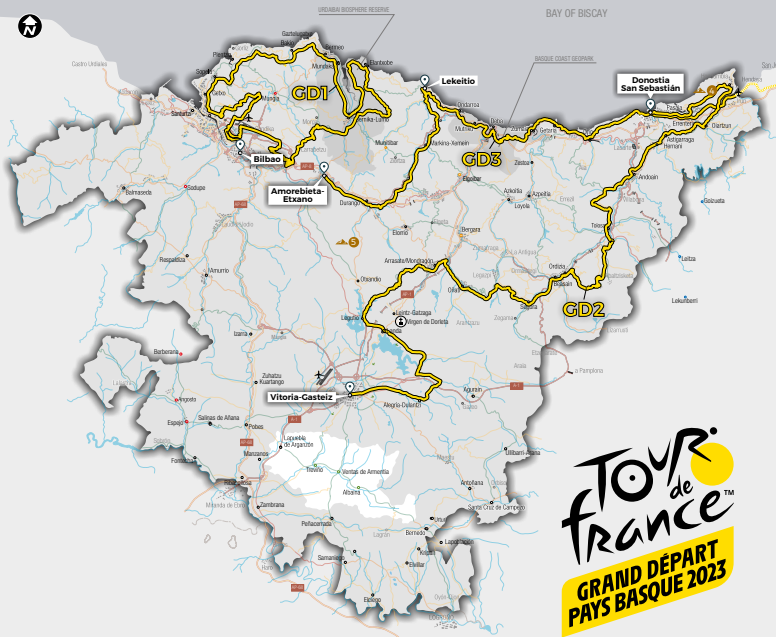
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EUSKADI CYCLING

Grand Départ 2023. STAGES

GD1. Bilbao → Bilbao

185 km



Bilbao



Circular Route

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GD2. Vitoria-Gasteiz → Donostia/San Sebastián **210** km



Vitoria-Gasteiz



Linear Route

GD3. Amorebieta-Etxano → Baiona

187,4 km



Zarautz



Linear Route



EUSKADI CYCLING

EUSKADI BASQUE COUNTRY GRAND TOUR

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Euskadi Basque Country Grand Tour is a bikepacking itinerary through the Basque Country's most attractive roads and landscapes.

Divided into **eight stages**, the route is designed to enable the traveller to enjoy the Basque Country as completely as possible from the freedom of the bicycle.

📍 1. San Juan de Gaztelugatxe



Euskadi Basque Country GRAND TOUR



Routes from **BILBAO**



Routes from **VITORIA-GASTEIZ**



Routes from **DONOSTIA/SAN SEBASTIÁN**



Routes from **EIBAR**



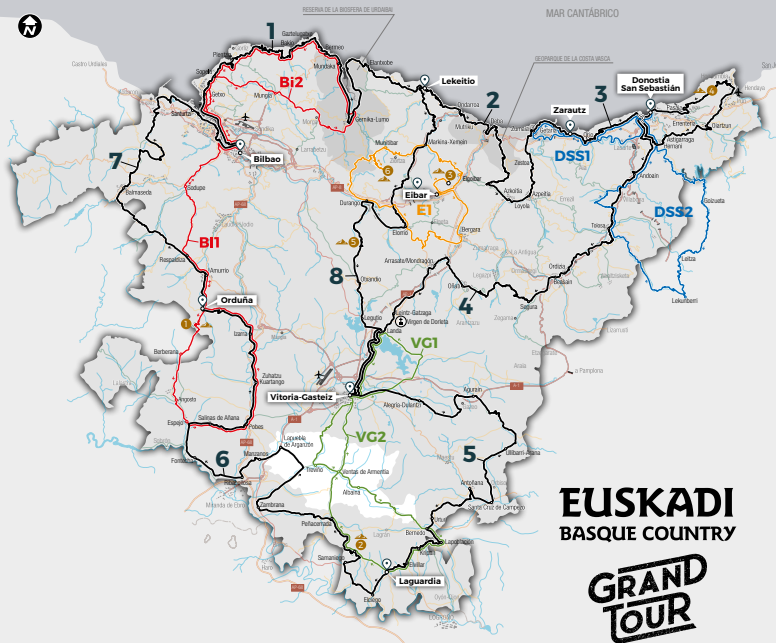
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EUSKADI CYCLING

GRAND TOUR. STAGES

1. Bilbao → Lekeitio

113 km



Bilbao



+1.809m.



Linear route

2. Lekeitio → Zarautz

81 km



Lekeitio



+1.281m.



Linear route

3. Zarautz → Donostia/San Sebastián

83 km



Zarautz



1.358m.



Linear route

4. Donostia/San Sebastián → Vitoria-Gasteiz

130 km



Donostia/San Sebastián



+1.641m.



Linear route

5. Vitoria-Gasteiz → Laguardia

105 km



Vitoria-Gasteiz



+1.440m.



Linear route

6. Laguardia → Orduña

141 km



Laguardia



+1.706m.



Linear route

7. Orduña → Bilbao

93 km



Orduña



+1.194m.



Linear route

8. Lekeitio → Vitoria-Gasteiz

103 km



Lekeitio



+1.486m.



Linear route

Routes through the Basque capital cities

Bi1. Orduña circuit **169 km**



Bilbao



+2.083m.



Circular route

Bi2. San Juan de Gaztelugatxe **131 km**



Bilbao



+1.566m.



Circular route

VG1. Ullívarri-Gamboa reservoir circuit **47 km**



Vitoria-Gasteiz



+176m.



Circular route

VG2. Herrera circuit **112 km**



Vitoria-Gasteiz



+1.935m.



Circular route

DSS1. The Mouse of Getaria circuit **71 km**



Donostia/San Sebastián



+852m.



Circular route

DSS2. Gipuzkoa and Navarre border **131 km**



Donostia/San Sebastián



+1.871m.



Circular route

E1. The Arrate climb **117 km**



Eibar



+2.696m.



Circular route

ROAD ROUTES

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URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

The Urdaibai Bike Reserve cycling destination offers **16 road cycling routes** through the green heart of the Basque Country.

Cycle up mythical Basque cycling mountain passes such as the Balcony of Bizkaia and Mount Oiz, or cycle along the demanding roads of the Basque coast with spectacular views of San Juan de Gaztelugatxe and the Mundaka estuary. Enjoy the most beautiful areas of the Basque Country at your own pace, with these cycling routes divided into three difficulty levels, through which the Grand Départ of the 2023 Tour de France also passed.



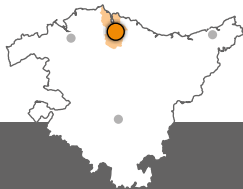
road cycling
routes



Bermeo



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bike reserve



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URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

ROAD ROUTES

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1. Coastal Villages of Urdaibai I 17,5 km

 **Gernika-Lumo**  Easy  +200 m.  Linear Route

2. Cycling through the inland area of Urdaibai 37,6 km

 **Muxika**  Easy  +800 m.  Circular Route

3. East of Urdaibai - Section of the Grand Départ of the Tour de France 37,3 km

 **Gernika-Lumo**  Easy  +570 m.  Circular Route

4. Circular route from Bermeo 27,5 km

 **Bermeo**  Medium  +780 m.  Circular Route

5. Coastal villages of Urdaibai II 43,9 km

 **Gautegiz Arteaga**  Medium  +890 m.  Circular Route

6. Tour of the beaches of Urdaibai 68,6 km

 **Gernika-Lumo**  Medium  +1.010 m.  Circular Route

7. West of Urdaibai - Section of the Grand Départ of the Tour de France 58,7 km

 **Bermeo**  Medium  +960 m.  Circular Route

8. Cycling through the inland area of Urdaibai II 56,2 km

 **Kortezubi**  Medium  +1.120 m.  Circular Route

**9. Oiz Challenge - Short route****72,7 km****Gernika-Lumo****Medium****+1.180 m.****Circular Route****10. Ascent of the colossal Oiz****44,7 km****Gernika-Lumo****High****+1.190 m.****Circular Route****11. Tour of Urdaibai - Grand Départ Section****93,7 km****Bermeo****High****+1.390 m.****Circular Route****12. Urdaibai's Passes****90,2 km****Gernika-Lumo****High****+1.920 m.****Circular Route****13. Bermeo - Urdaibai Extrem Passes****69,4 km****Bermeo****High****+2.040 m.****Circular Route****14. Oiz Middle Distance Challenge - The Coast of Bizkaia****128 km****Bermeo****High****+2.000 m.****Circular Route****15. Oiz Long Distance Challenge****164 km****Gernika-Lumo****High****+2.910 m.****Circular Route****16. Grand Départ of the 2023 Tour de France****164 km****Bermeo****High****+2.970 m.****Circular Route**

ROAD ROUTES

GORBEIA BIRA ON ROAD

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Bicycle tour around the symbol
of Basque mountaineering

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GORBEIA BIRA On Road is a route around the well-known Gorbeia Natural Park and ride through some of the most spectacular landscapes in our country.

In an itinerant manner, **GORBEIA BIRA** can be completed in several stages depending on your physical condition: it can take you 1, 2, or 3 days.

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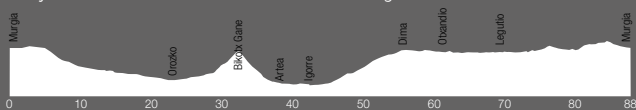
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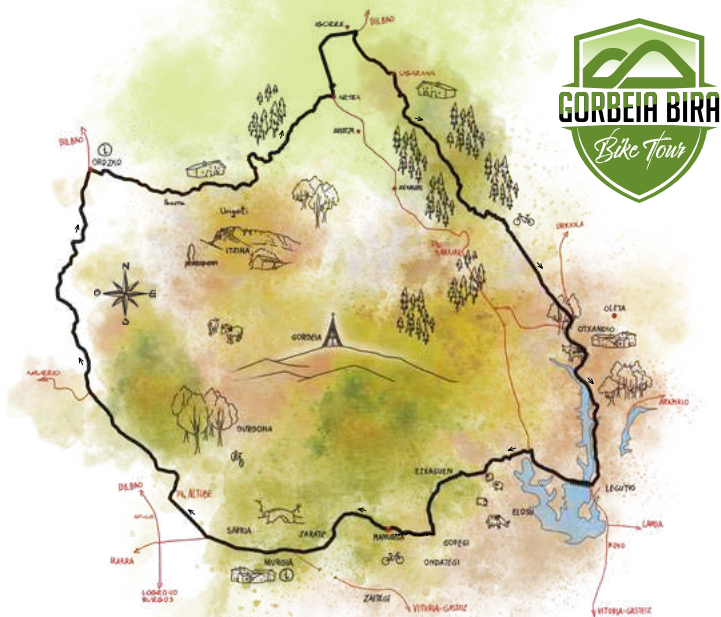
88 km



Route 
Difficulty High
Time 1-2-3 days
Climb +1.252 m.
Departure Murgia
Arrival Murgia



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MOUNTAIN ROUTES

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BASQUE MTB CENTRES

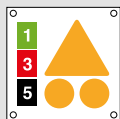
By travelling through the Basque Country by mountain bike, you'll discover first-hand the beautiful landscapes hidden in the Basque territory.

Currently, there are 2 Basque Country MTB Centres located in exceptionally beautiful landscapes, allowing the traveller to discover the Basque Country through the

diversity of its landscapes, culture and people.

- Izki-Montaña Alavesa (Araba/Álava)
- Valderejo-Añana (Araba/Álava)

There are Welcome and Information Points at each of these centres. There you will find services associated with the sport of mountain biking: route information, changing rooms, showers and bike-washing facilities.



DIRECTION SIGNS

Signs show the direction to be followed, the route number and the difficulty colour. You will see these signs either on vertical posts, walls or other fixtures.



Very Easy

Easy

Difficult

Very Difficult



WELCOME
POINT



INFORMATION
POINT



ROUTE
DEPARTURE
POINT



OTHER SERVICES



MOUNTAIN ROUTES

BASQUE MTB CENTRE

IZKI MONTAÑA ALAVESA

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1. Path near Antoñana
2. Paso del Agin, Korres

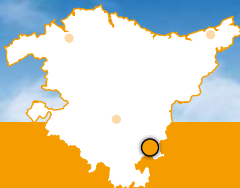
The Izki Montaña Alavesa BTT Centre is located in the south-east corner of the province of Araba/Álava. The headquarters can be found at the Urturi golf course, 38 km from Vitoria-Gasteiz and 28 km from the town of Laguardia in the Basque region of Rioja Alavesa.

If anything typifies the Montaña Alavesa region, it is the scenic open spaces. Limestone mountains rise above planted fields and dense forests, making this region a land of contrasting landscapes.

The Izki Montaña Alavesa MTB Centre provides easy access to an abundance of tracks and trails for mountain bikers. Some of the routes here take advantage of stretches of the former Basque-Navarro railway line, now converted into a greenway. Others overlap with the GR-38 “Wine and Fish Route”, which connects Rioja Alavesa with the Basque Coast.



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**WELCOME POINT
URTURI**

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IZKI MONTAÑA ALAVESA

★ IZKI (R08)

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Discover the heart of the Izki Nature Reserve



This route, which travels deep into the heart of the Izki Nature Reserve, offers us an unbeatable natural spectacle.

The fauna and flora of this park, whether the middle spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocoptes medius*), the agile frog (*Rana dalmatina*), the bird's eye primrose (*Primula farinosa*), or the extensive sessile oak forests, they make this route one of the most interesting in the area.

We must remember that we are cycling through a conservation area, and we must treat the area surrounding us with respect at all times.

© 1. Views of Soila and Gaztelua
2. Izki Natural Park path

★ RECOMMENDED ROUTE



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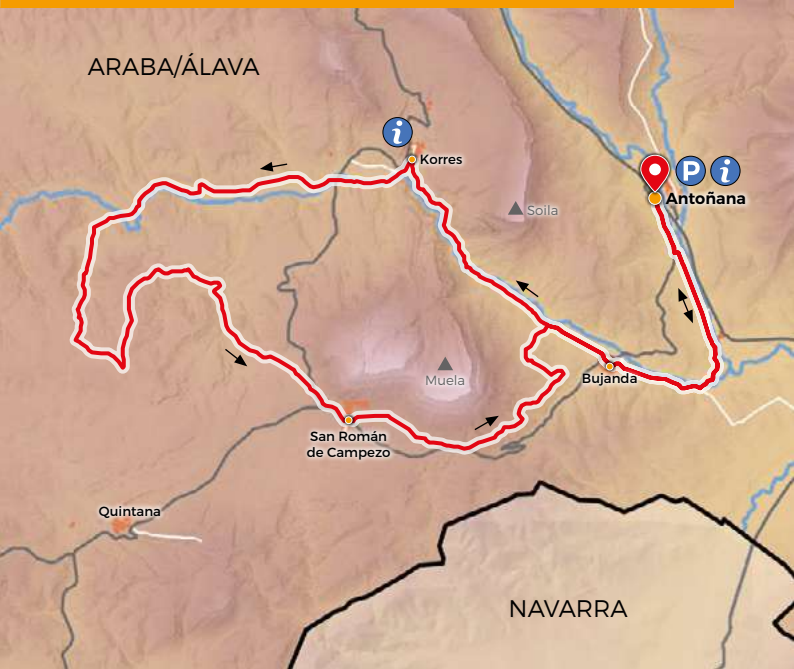
27,9 km

Route 
Difficulty 
Time 3 h. 30 min. ±
Climb +510 m.
Departure Antoñana (Araba/Álava)
Arrival Antoñana (Araba/Álava)

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ARABA/ÁLAVA



NAVARRA

IZKI MONTAÑA ALAVESA

Routes

Green Way (R01)

27,7km

 Very Easy  +135 m.  3h 30'

 Return route

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DEPARTURE point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

Aguake (R02)

5,8km

 Very Easy  +93 m.  0h 45'

 Return route



DEPARTURE point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

Santa Luzia (R03)

21,6km

 Easy  +106 m.  2h 40'

 Return route



DEPARTURE point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

El Paseo (R04)

6,6km

 Easy  +69 m.  0h 50'

 Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

Korres (R05)

11,6_{km}

■ Difficult  +345 m.  1h 30'  Circular route

 **DEPARTURE point:** Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

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San Cristobal (R06)

50_{km}

■ Difficult  +1.127 m.  6h 15'  Circular route

 **DEPARTURE point:** Antoñana (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Antoñana (Araba/Álava)

Arrieros (R07)

38,3_{km}

■ Difficult  +591 m.  4h 50'  Circular route

 **DEPARTURE point:** Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

★ Izki (R08)

27,9_{km}

■ Difficult  +510 m.  3h 30'  Circular route

 **DEPARTURE point:** Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

IZKI MONTAÑA ALAVESA

Routes

GR1 (R09)

34,2km



Difficult



+819 m.



4h 15'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Peñacerrada (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Peñacerrada (Araba/Álava)

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Ioar (R10)

23,8km



Very Difficult



+1.103 m.



3h 00'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

La Dormida (R11)

20,6km



Very Difficult



+628 m.



2h 30'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Santa Cruz de Campezo (Araba/Álava)

Markijano (R12)

38,6km



Very Difficult



+1.234 m.



4h 45'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

Igoroin (R13)

43,8km

Very Difficult  +838 m.  5h 30'

 Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Antoñana, Information point (Araba/Álava)

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GR38 A (R14)

79,9km



 Route 14. Okina Ravine

Very Difficult  +1.616 m.  10h 00'

 Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

GR38 B (R15)

97,2km

Very Difficult  +2.261 m.  12h 15'

 Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Urturi, Welcome point (Araba/Álava)

MOUNTAIN ROUTES

BASQUE MTB CENTRE

VALDEREJO AÑANA

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Located 30 km from Vitoria-Gasteiz, capital of the Basque Country, and just 60 km from Bilbao, Valderejo-Añana the MTB Centre is in the Angosto Campsite and its welcome points are in the middle of Sobrón Adventure, right in the heart of Valdegovia.

You will discover areas with very different landscapes. On the one hand, the Western Valleys and, on the other hand, the Plain, which we reach via the municipality of Iruña de Oca.

As for the climate, it is influenced by the Cantabrian Sea to the north and the Mediterranean to the south, so it could be defined as inland Cantabrian. Likewise, the orography is unique, being made up of different valleys independent from each other.

The Valderejo-Añana MTB Centre has 7 routes of differing difficulties, among which a highlight is the Sobrón Alto highland route, 24 kilometres long. The most accessible route is that of Espejo and Angosto.



1-2. MTB Centre users



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WELCOME POINT
ANGOSTO

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VALDEREJO AÑANA

★ ÁRCENA SIERRA (R10)

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We recommend this 31.5 km route which takes you close to the Valderejo Nature Reserve. The route is divided into three stretches; a gentle opening stretch towards Villanueva de Valdegovía as a warm-up before tackling the second part, with more of a climb, which takes us onto the northern slope of the beautiful valley protected by the locality of Barrio, which comprises the mountains of Mota, Canto Pero, Batxikabo and Los Castros. We'll continue at mid-

Come to the Valderejo Nature Reserve

height as far as the locality of Bachicabo, where we will take on refreshments and collect water from the renovated drinking fountain. We descend to the town of Espejo and then the final stretch takes us along route 1 (Espejo R1) of this MTB Centre.



It is not advisable to undertake this route in rainy conditions.

- 📍 1. Path
2. Route 10 signpost

★ RECOMMENDED ROUTE



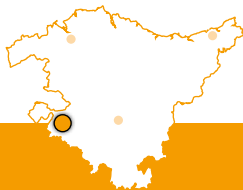
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Signposted route

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31,5 km



Route 
Difficulty 
Time 4 h. ±
Climb +669 m.

Departure Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)
Arrival Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

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BURGOS



Villanueva
de Valdegovia



Angosto Campsite

Villanueva

Quejo

Nograro

Barrio

Villamaderne



Espejo

Bachicabo

ARABA/ÁLAVA

VALDEREJO AÑANA

Routes

Espejo (R01)

8,9km

Very Easy  +46 m.  1h 00'

↔ Return route

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DEPARTURE point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

Angosto (R02)

5,6km

Very Easy  +66 m.  0h 45'

↻ Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

Gaubea (R03)

12,6km



 Route 3. Torre-Palacio de los Varona
(Tower House-Palace of the Varona Family)

Easy  +144 m.  1h 30'

↻ Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

Arreo (R05)

10,6_{km}



Easy



+220 m.



1h 15'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Salinas de Añana (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Salinas de Añana (Araba/Álava)

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Las Salinas (R07)

27,9_{km}



Difficult



+738 m.



3h 30'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Salinas de Añana (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Salinas de Añana (Araba/Álava)



Sierra de Arcena (R10)

31,5_{km}



Difficult



+669 m.



4h 00'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Angosto Campsite (Araba/Álava)

Sobrón Alto (R11)

24,3_{km}



Very Difficult



+1.068 m.



3h 00'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Aventura Sobrón (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Aventura Sobrón (Araba/Álava)

MOUNTAIN ROUTES

GORBEIA BIRA

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MTB tour around the symbol of Basque mountaineering



Gorbeia Bira is a mountain bike route around the well-known Gorbeia Nature Reserve. Tracks, paths and some hiking trails are the protagonists of this route.

In an itinerant manner, **Gorbeia Bira** can be completed in several stages depending on your physical condition: it can take you 1, 2, or 3 days. Devote one of the days (+1) to climbing its summit "Gorbeia" and enjoying all that its surroundings have to offer.

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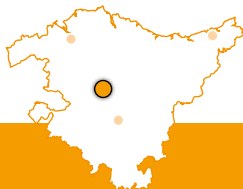


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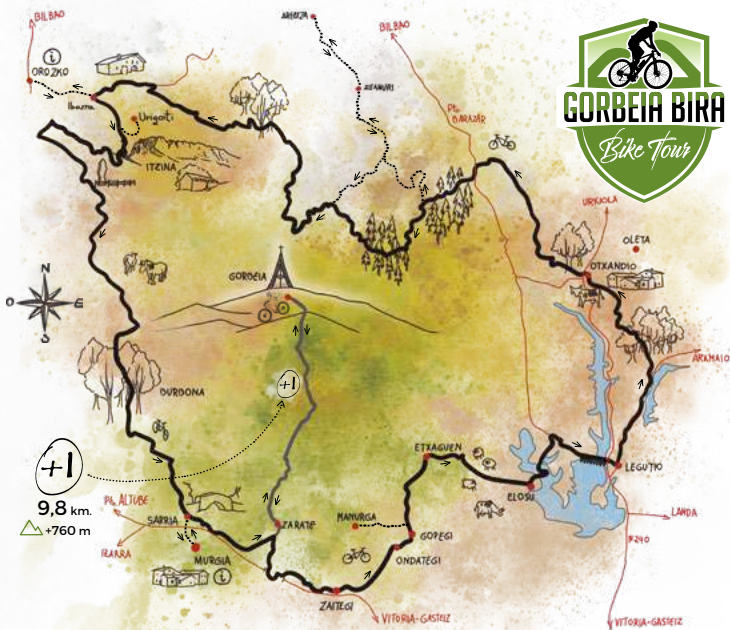
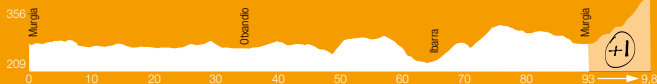
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93 km
+1 9,8 km



Route
Difficulty High
Time 1-2-3 days
Climb +2.400 m.
Departure Murgia
Arrival Murgia



MOUNTAIN ROUTES

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ALIRÓN PARKEA



Trapagaran offers an attractive network of paths designed for sport and nature lovers. Mining-based routes to be covered either on foot or by MTB. We invite you to travel along them and discover the roots of a region where the industrial history of Bizkaia was forged.

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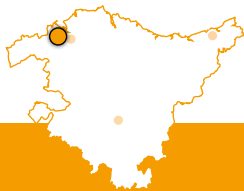
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📍 1. Route 6. Las Peñas



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ALIRÓN PARKEA

MTB routes

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Pirulí (Mendibil)

25_{km}



Difficulty



+780 m.



2h 15'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

ARRIVAL point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

Las Peñas

33_{km}

Difficulty



+910 m.



3h 00'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

ARRIVAL point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

Burdin Egurra

44_{km}

Difficulty



+1.300 m.



3h 45'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

ARRIVAL point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

Pedales de Hierro

49km

Difficulty



+1.600 m.



4h 30'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

ARRIVAL point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

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Alirón

60km

Difficulty



+1.920 m.



5h 30'



Circular route



DEPARTURE point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)

ARRIVAL point: Trapagaran Municipal Velodrome, Trapagaran (Bizkaia)



MOUNTAIN ROUTES

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URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

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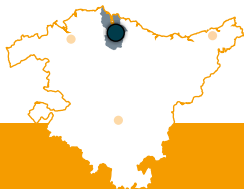


mountain bike
routes





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URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

MTB ROUTES

1. Through the heart of Urdaibai

15,1 km



Mundaka



Easy



+170 m.

→ Linear Route

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2. Way of St. James and the Oppidum of Arrola

33,4 km



Gernika-Lumo



High



+1.110 m.



Circular Route

3. Bizkargi and the surrounding area

41,8 km



Gernika-Lumo



High



+1.250 m.



Circular Route



4. Discovering Oiz

41,8 km



Gernika-Lumo

● High



+1.090 m.



Circular Route

5. The return of lamias and mermaids

43 km



Bermeo

● High



+1.390 m.



Circular Route

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6. Flavours of Urdaibai

49 km



Gernika-Lumo

● High



+1.090 m.



Circular Route







GRAVEL ROUTES

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GRAVEL ROUTES

VITORIA-GASTEIZ GRAVEL LAND



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VITORIA-GASTEIZ

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Do you enjoy cycling through new landscapes and getting to know them? Vitoria-Gasteiz and its immediate surroundings have everything you need to enjoy a unique cycling experience. A pleasant orography, tracks, paths and roads with little traffic density, surrounded by landscapes of a thousand colours with the possibility of visiting places that will tell you about the history of this unique territory, just a few pedal strokes away from the city.

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1. The Basque-Navarre Green Way
2. Mount Olárizu



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VITORIA-GASTEIZ GRAVEL LAND ROUTES

1. Aspects of the river Zadorra 35km

 +144 m.  1h 50'  Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: C.C. Zabalgana G.E. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: C.C. Zabalgana G.E. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

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2. Roads with history 37km

 +313 m.  1h 55'  Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

3. Salburua 43km

 +207 m.  2h 10'  Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

4. Our inland sea 41km

 +139 m.  2h 05'  Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

5. Contrasts of the Plain 60km

 +385 m.  3h 10'  Linear Route



DEPARTURE point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)
ARRIVAL point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

6. The Romanesque route

70km

⚡ +455 m. ⌚ 3h 50'

🔄 Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

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7. The Megalithic route

80km

⚡ +530 m. ⌚ 4h 15'

🔄 Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Ataria. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)



8. Crossing the Mountains of Vitoria 132km

⚡ +1.596 m. ⌚ 2 Days

🔄 Circular Route



DEPARTURE point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

ARRIVAL point: Olárizu. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Araba/Álava)

ROMANIC BIKE ROUTE

The Romanic Bike Route is an itinerary that aims to connect the cycling public with heritage, both natural and cultural.

The route covers a total of 79.5km and its common thread is the rich Romanesque heritage of the territory of Álava.

The province of Álava is home to around 240 Romanesque temples, all of them located in an environment with very abundant nature. Each of these temples offers more attractions than those purely artistic: varied landscapes that open up along the route, panoramic views that can be seen from many of them, and idyllic spots in contact with nature.

This Romanesque Route, by bicycle, will lead us to discover the main characteristics of these temples, within the late Romanesque period, based on rich decoration, spectacular iconography and a series of elements, in some cases with wonderful Gothic paintings inside. At the same time, the route offers the chance



to discover and explore other cycling routes in the area, such as the Camino de Santiago, the Basque-Navarre Green Way, the GR 38, etc.

Discover Álava through heritage, nature and cycling.



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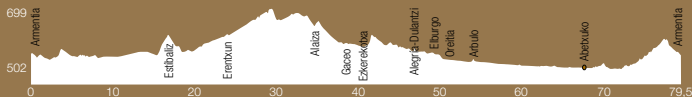


79,5_{km}



Route	
Difficulty	Medium
Time	5 h. ±
Climb	+470 m.
Departure	Armentia (Araba/Álava)
Arrival	Armentia (Araba/Álava)

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GRAVEL ROUTES

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RIOJA ALAVESA DOLMEN ROUTE



The **Rioja Alavesa Dolmen Route** is an unmarked circular route covering 53.22 km, on which major milestones in the region's history and natural environment can be found.

The word “dolmen” comes from the Breton language and means ‘stone table’. They are built from large vertical slabs of stone surrounding a space called a chamber, in which corpses were placed. They sometimes had a passage or corridor leading to this chamber. This was all covered over with stones to form a rounded mound called a tumulus.

This route was created to pedal through the past, taking us back 5,000 years to the history of the first inhabitants of Rioja Alavesa, specifically through the way they buried their dead. We will be discovering 8 dolmens in surroundings rich in art, prehistory and stunning landscapes.

It should be pointed out that it is a route with significant climbs, making it suitable for e-bikes or fit cyclists.



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RIOJA ALAVESA DOLMENS
ROUTE

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53,2_{km}



Route	
Difficulty	High
Time	5 h. ±
Climb	+918 m.
Departure	Villa-Lucía, Laguardia (Araba/Álava)
Arrival	Villa-Lucía, Laguardia (Araba/Álava)

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Short Track Orbea Gravel 2024 53,5km

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Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+890 m.



Circular Route

Long Track Orbea Gravel 2024 102km



Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+1.627 m.



Circular Route

Short Track Orbea Gravel 2023 53,5km



Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+914 m.



Circular Route

Long Track Orbea Gravel 2023 102km



Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+1.551 m.



Circular Route

Short Track Orbea Gravel 2022 77,8km



Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+1.224 m.



Circular Route

Long Track Orbea Gravel 2022 113km



Laguardia (Araba/Álava)



+1.720 m.



Circular Route



ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

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GREEN WAYS

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Decades ago, the Basque Country's rugged territory became home to one of the densest narrow gauge railway networks in the Iberian Peninsula. The difficult orography of this territory was, to a large extent, responsible for the growth of a network which, clinging to the terrain, joined together towns and villages and the rapidly expanding factories, thus providing a boost to the socio-economic development of the Basque Country.

Currently, the Basque Country has managed to prepare 9 Green Ways and more than 180 kilometres along which the user can discover the history, culture and nature of this beautiful land.

More information:
tourism.euskadi.eus/en/greenways
www.viasverdes.com



1. Bidasoa Green Way
2. Vasco-Navarro Green Way



ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Basque-Navarre Railway



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On 31 December 1967, the “trenico” (little train), as this railway was known, made its last journey. Today we can travel along the old route, made into a Green Way, either on foot or by bicycle, thanks to the recovery efforts of the different administrations who have participated in the project. A total of 125.5 km, making it one of the longest and most appealing Green Ways in Spain.

The visitor can enjoy varied landscapes, including urban and industrialised areas and more rural and natural areas of great beauty, with the unique opportunity to dive into the internal background of this train, visiting and admiring the traces of the old railway still in existence.

Don't miss the interesting Green Way Visitors' Centre in the town of Antoñana. It includes a look at the history of this old railway.

Don't miss out on this unique experience.

Travel along one of the longest Green Ways in Spain

📍 1. Basque-Navarre Railway Visitors' Centre, Antoñana.



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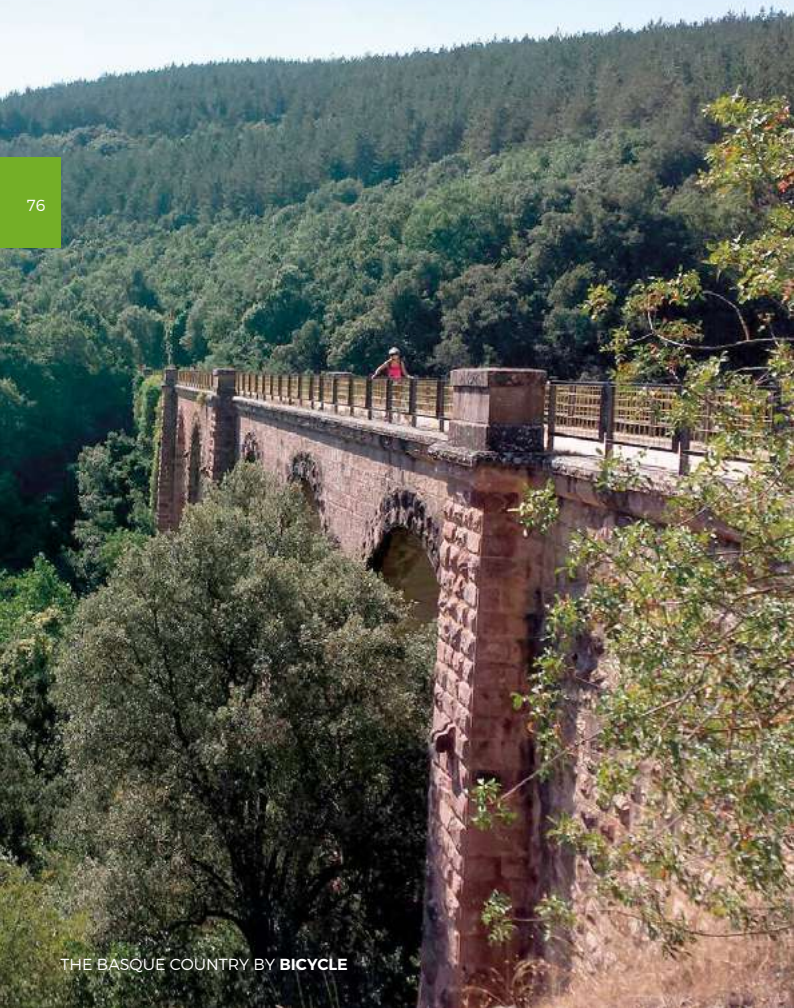
125,5 km



Route	→
Difficulty	Medium
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	9 h. ±
Climb	+1.046 m.
Departure	Estella-Lizarra
Arrival	Bergara Oñati (Bypass: 11,7 km)

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GREEN WAYS

Basque-Navarre Railway



STAGE 1.

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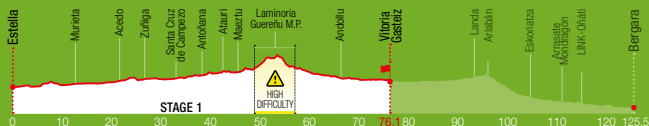
Estella/Lizarra > Vitoria-Gasteiz

Difficulty Medium

Time 5h 30m. ±

Climb +994 m.

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The first stage connects Estella-Lizarra with Vitoria-Gasteiz and gives you the chance to enjoy and discover Navarre, the wild landscapes of the Álavan Mountains, and end up on the Álavan Plain. The route is conditioned by the Laminoria tunnel (2,195 m), which is impassable and closed nowadays. To overcome this, the itinerary is diverted up to the Guereñu mountain pass, which involves steep slopes and a descent which should be approached with caution.

STAGE 2.

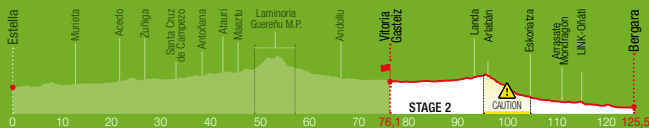
49,4km

Vitoria-Gasteiz > Bergara | Oñati (Bypass)

Difficulty Easy

Time 3h 30m. ±

Climb +52 m.



Heading north from our starting point in Vitoria-Gasteiz, it takes just 17 km to reach Landa. From here, we need to overcome another obstacle to reach Gipuzkoa. The Arlaban Mountain Pass is the best option to negotiate the stretch, which has not been prepared as a Green Way. Once we reach the town of Eskoriatza, we will ride along the cycle path until we reach Bergara, or take a diversion to the town of Oñati along the prepared branch line.



This green way passes through tunnels, most of which are lit, but the use of lamps is recommended.

An adventure for the whole family



Basque Naverre Green Way, Álava Plain

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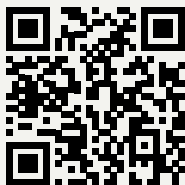
Thanks to its distance, the Basque-Navarre Green Way is ideal for planning a simple cycle trip within the reach of any enthusiast. You choose your starting point. Estella-Lizarra, Bergara, Oñati, or even Vitoria-Gasteiz are starting points to discover this green way.

Different options and different stretches that you can discover in the manner that best suits your possibilities. A unique adventure to enjoy in the company of family or friends.



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ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Plazaola-Leitzaran

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This greenway has rescued nearly 64 km of the former railway line. Visitors can now walk or cycle on this enjoyable route which runs from the town of Andoain in Gipuzkoa to Sarasa in Navarra. The itinerary passes through spectacular scenery and areas of high environmental value, including the Larráun Valley and the Leitzaran Valley, the latter declared a Protected Biotope.

Through the heart of the Leitzaran Valley

This route also allows you to walk or ride through Uitzu, the longest tunnel – its 2.7 km in perfect condition – in the Spanish rail-to-trail network. Water plays a prominent role in this route, following the Leitzaran River as it winds its way through this corner of the Basque Country.

- 📷 1. Stretch of the Green Way
2. Inturia Bridge



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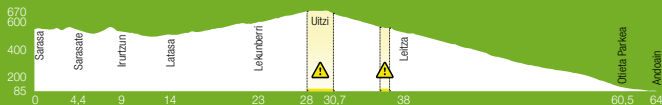
64km



Route	→
Difficulty	Medium
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	4-5 h.
Climb	+680 m.
Departure	Sarasa
Arrival	Andoain

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Signposted route



This green way passes through tunnels, most of which are lit, but the use of lamps is recommended.

ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Bidasoa

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This greenway runs alongside the river Bidasoa, following the route of the old mining railroad that once connected Elizondo and Irun. Today the greenway continues to Bertiz, passing through outstanding scenery and a number of villages and tunnels. The Bidasoa Greenway is a long, enjoyable and virtually flat route, taking you past small dikes, bunkers from the Spanish Civil War and curious kiwi plantations. Another thing to keep your eyes out for along this former railway line are the fish ladders used by the salmon to travel up the Bidasoa.

The Bidasoa Greenway is part of EuroVelo, an ambitious Europe-wide project consisting of over 8000 km of trails.

The greenway
linking Gipuzkoa
and Navarra

© 1. Pedalling alongside the Bidasoa river



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36,7 km



Route	→
Difficulty	Low
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	3 h.
Climb	+90 m.
Departure	Behobia (Gipuzkoa)
Arrival	Legasa (Navarra)

85

Signposted route



This green way passes through
tunnels, most of which are
lit, but the use of lamps is
recommended.

ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Urola

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Following the former Urola railway

This Green Way is an attractive itinerary which gets its name from the river Urola, from its source in the foothills of Aizkorri to Zumaia, where it flows into the Cantabrian Sea. The start of the journey is signposted in the Mirandaola park in Legazpia, and for 37.5 kilometres it runs along stretches which interweave cycle paths and green way in a route dotted with tunnels and bridges. The route runs uninterrupted as far as the Iraeta neighbourhood in Zestoa. At this point, for 4 kilometres, the route can only be followed by road as far as the Narrondo neighbourhood in Zumaia, where it once again becomes suitable for pedestrians and cyclists. The final kilometres take us to the old wharves in Zumaia, marking the end of this tourist route.



- 📍 1. Urola Green Way
2. Sanctuary of Lolola (Azpeitia)



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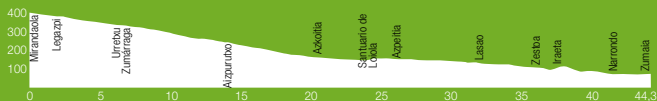
44,3 km



Route	→
Difficulty	Medium
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	4-5 h.
Climb	+149 m.
Departure	Mirandaola
Arrival	Zumaia

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Signposted route



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through tunnels, most
of which are lit, but
the use of lamps is
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ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Arditurri

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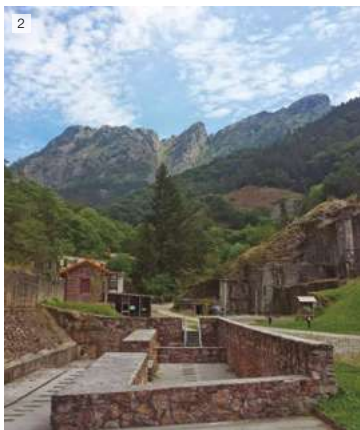


The Arditurri Green Way is an open door to an encounter with nature and history, a gentle landscape to escape to territories that will captivate you with their rich and varied landscape.

This historical route once connected the Bay of Pasaia to the Arditurri mines, now part of Aiako Harria Natural Park. The railway was built in 1901 and remained in service until 1966. Reminders of the region's mining past can still be seen along the route – mills, tower-houses, tunnels, entrances to mines, ventilation shafts and lime kilns.

Nature at
its best

© 1. Arditurri Green Way
2. Mines of Arditurri





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12,1 km



Route	→
Difficulty	Low
Surface	Cycle path, tarmac
Time	1 h. 15 min.
Climb	+201 m.
Departure	Pasai Antxo / Lezo-Erreterria (Gipuzkoa)
Arrival	Mines of Arditurri (Gipuzkoa)

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Signposted route



This green way passes through tunnels, most of which are lit, but the use of lamps is recommended.

ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Montes de Hierro / Itsaslur

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Bizkaia's mining heritage

To learn about how Bilbao became the cosmopolitan 21st-century city it is today, the Montes de Hierro Greenway is a must. The route takes visitors on a journey through the early days of the industry that helped forge the foundations of this great city. This is the longest greenway in Bizkaia. This 42 km route features areas of high ecological value including the Montes de Tiano protected biotope and La Arena beach at the mouth of the Barbadun River (Red Natura 2000). It is also dotted with impressive

vestiges from the mining days – ore carts, foundries, mines, lime kilns and others – making this greenway a unique experience. Two active tourism centres are now open to the public along this easy stretch. The first, located in Traslaviña at the beginning of the route, offers information and bicycle rental, as well as a chance to sit and rest and enjoy a selection of local products. The second is located beside the Aceña recreation area, where in addition to information and bicycle rental, every Sunday visitors are invited to try their hand at a new activity: archery, indoor rock climbing, etc.

© 1. Stretch of the Itsaslur Green Way



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42km



Route	→
Difficulty	Low to medium
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	3 h. 30 min.
Climb	+650 m.
Departure	Traslaviña
Arrival	Kobaron

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Signposted route



This green way passes through
tunnels, most of which are
lit, but the use of lamps is
recommended.

ROUTES ALONG GREEN WAYS

Mutiloa-Ormaiztegi

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It runs between the towns of Mutiloa and Ormaiztegi, in the heart of Goierri, following the old route of the mining train which was used to operate the mining reserves of Mutiloa and Zerain. It is an agreeable journey with very few climbs. You can see old mineral mining and processing areas and enjoy the views of the Aizkorri-Aratz Nature Reserve. You can also discover the calcination furnaces and see inside a real mining operation at the Aizpea Mines.

There is an orientation game aimed at families. To complete the game, players must answer the questions corresponding to each beacon around the route (map and information available at the Tourist Information Offices in Ormaiztegi).



The Basque Highlands Green Way

- 📍 1. Ormaiztegi
2. Family walking along the Greenway

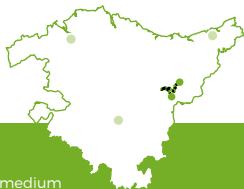


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Signposted route



7,5 km



Route	→
Difficulty	Low to medium
Surface	Compacted earth and tarmac
Time	50 min.
Climb	+217 m.
Departure	Mutiloa
Arrival	Ormaiztegui

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WAY OF ST. JAMES

THE COASTAL ROUTE

187,3 / 195,7 km | 4 Stages

The so-called Coastal Route runs along the Gipuzkoan coast and turns inland at the western end of Bizkaia. It is perhaps one of the most attractive choices for lovers of two wheels, but it also one of the most demanding. This route combines the marine, rural and urban Basque Country. In its first stretch, from the mouth of the Bidasoa to the border with Bizkaia, we'll come across some steep slopes, a big challenge for cyclo-pilgrims. The rugged areas disappear when we move into Bizkaia through Markina-Xemein. In this section, we pedal through corners of the Bizkaian areas of Lea-Artibai, Busturialdea and Uribe, until we reach the Encartaciones landscapes.

THE INLAND ROUTE

193,4 / 181,4 km | 3 Stages

Cycling along the Inland Route, which passes through Gipuzkoa and Araba/Álava, is perhaps one of the best experiences for those who wish to get up close and discover the hidden Basque Country. Three stages of approximately 185 kilometres, displaying a heterogeneous and enormously varied territory. Coastal landscapes, damp forests, fertile farmland, extensive drylands, endless plains, highly industrialised towns, rural landscapes and an endless list of beautiful scenes will give shape to our bicycle journey.

Its route, with two variants, can be divided into 3 stages. At the present time, this route is only very lightly used by pilgrims, who are usually seduced by other choices, but this is the route that centuries ago was one of the most important axes of communication in the northern peninsula.



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- **Routes of Santiago de Compostela:**
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WAY OF ST. JAMES

THE COASTAL ROUTE

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STAGES

1. Irun / Hondarribia → Zarautz **51,6 km**

Difficulty ⌚ 5h 30' +1.025m. Linear route

2. Zarautz → Markina-Xemein **46,9 km**

Difficulty ⌚ 5h +982m. Linear route

3. Markina-Xemein → Bilbao **59,6 km**

Difficulty ⌚ 6h +1.216m. Linear route

4A. Bilbao → Kobaron **29,2 km**

Difficulty ⌚ 2h 45' +250m. Linear route

4B. Bilbao → Balmaseda **37,6 km**

Difficulty ⌚ 4h +264m. Linear route



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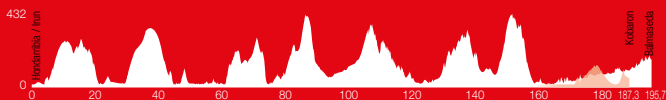
187,3 km
KOBARON

195,7 km
BALMASEDA



Route	→
Difficulty	Difficult
Time	4 days (Recommended)
Climb	+3473 m. / +3487 m.
Departure	Hondarribia / Irun (Gipuzkoa)
Arrival	Kobaron / Balmaseda (Bizkaia)

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THE BASQUE COUNTRY BY **BICYCLE**

WAY OF ST. JAMES

INLAND ROUTE

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STAGES

1. Irun → Beasain

63,5 km

Difficulty 

 5h 30'

 +976m.

 Linear route

2. Beasain → Vitoria-Gasteiz

80,4 km

Difficulty 

 7h

 +825m.

 Linear route

3A. Vitoria-Gasteiz → Briñas

49,5 km

Difficulty 

 4h

 +688m.

 Linear route

3B. Vitoria-Gasteiz → Miranda de Ebro

37,5 km

Difficulty 

 3h

 +222m.

 Linear route



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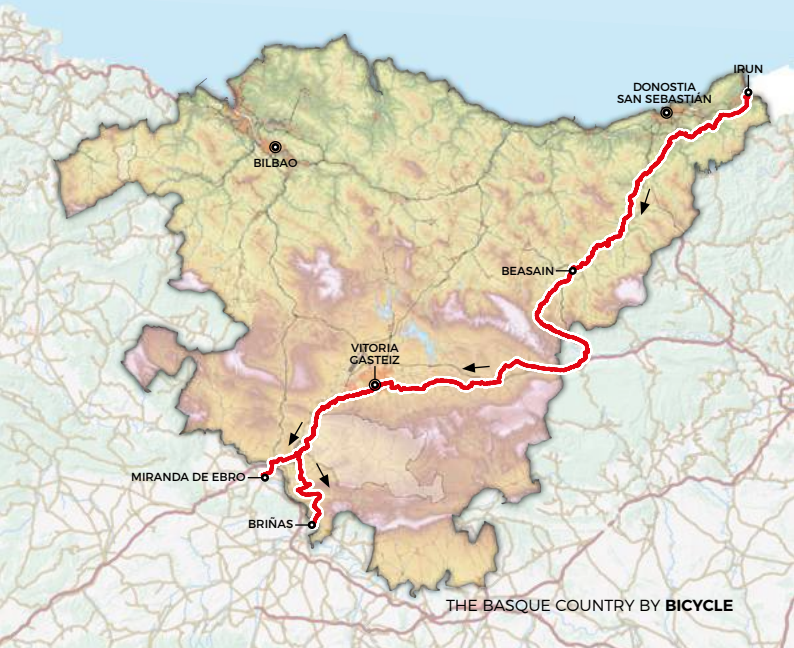
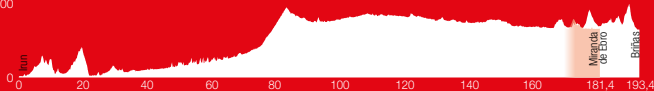
193,4km
BRIÑAS
181,4km
MIRANDA DE EBRO



Route	→
Difficulty	Medium
Time	3 days (Recommended)
Climb	+2489 m. / +2023 m.
Departure	Irun (Gipuzkoa)
Arrival	Briñas (La Rioja) / Miranda de Ebro (Burgos)

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THE IGNATIAN WAY

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To cover the Ignatian Way by bicycle will give you the chance to recreate the itinerary followed by the knight Ignatius of Loyola in 1522 from his birthplace, Azpeitia (Gipuzkoa) to the Catalan city of Manresa. A Pilgrimage which began after his spiritual conversion in Loyola, and had its finishing line in the holy city of Jerusalem. Currently, the route for bicycles has certain variations when compared to the route marked out for hikers, so keep your wits about you. However, the route also leads us from the house where Ignatius was born in Loyola (Azpeitia) to what is known as the "Cave of Saint Ignatius" in Manresa (near the Monastery of Montserrat, in Catalonia).

During its passage through the Basque Country, the journey is tough and demanding. It comprises approximately 200 kilometres divided into 4 days or stages. The Basque route gives us the



1. Urola Greenway
2. Sanctuary of Loyola

chance to discover and travel through the six areas it winds its way through; Urola Garaia, Urola Erdia, Debagoiena, Llanada Alavesa, Montaña Alavesa and Rioja Alavesa, and it gives us the chance to see up close some of its least-known corners. A really attractive route for those looking for similar experiences to those offered by the Camino de Santiago.



THE IGNATIAN WAY

STAGES

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1. Loiola → Arantzazu

43,2 km

Difficulty

4h 30'

+1.280m.

Linear route

2. Arantzazu → Araia

67 km

Difficulty

5h

+682m.

Linear route

3. Araia → Santa Cruz de Campezo

40 km

Difficulty

3h

+572m.

Linear route

4. Santa Cruz de Campezo → Navarrete

50,3 km

Difficulty

4h 30'

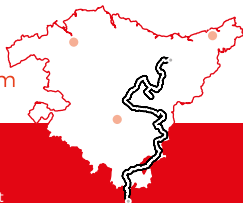
+689m.

Linear route



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200,5 km



Route →

Difficulty Difficult

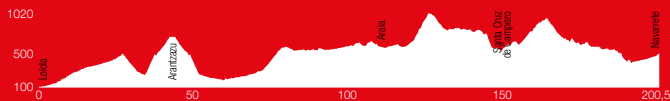
Time 4 days (Recommended)

Climb +3,223 m.

Departure Loiola (Gipuzkoa)

Arrival Navarrete (La Rioja)

Signposted route



GREAT ROUTES

GREAT CYCLE TOUR ROUTE

ÁLAVA PLAIN

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A mountain bike, panniers and a desire to enjoy and discover wonderful places is all the traveller needs to start out on this adventure, which begins and ends at the Ataria Visitor Centre (Vitoria-Gasteiz).

It is advisable to do it clockwise, thus encountering the six short routes; **Green Ring**, the old route of the Basque-Navarre Railway, the Ullívarri-Gamboa reservoir, Camino Real de las Postas, Way of St. James and, once again, the Basque-Navarre Green Way on its Estíbaliz branch.

To enjoy all the route has to offer, it is ideal to do it over 2-3 days, dividing the stages to adapt to the abilities of each cyclist. The intermediate towns of Maturana, Nabaiza, Araia and Agurain- Salvatierra are perfect stop-offs on our journey, equipped with facilities and places to stay overnight.

In addition, part of the route is connected by train, which allows us to return or access the route quickly and easily.

Discover Araba/
Álava and fall in love

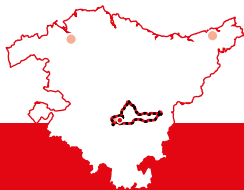


1. Basque-Navarre Railway Greenway



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117 km

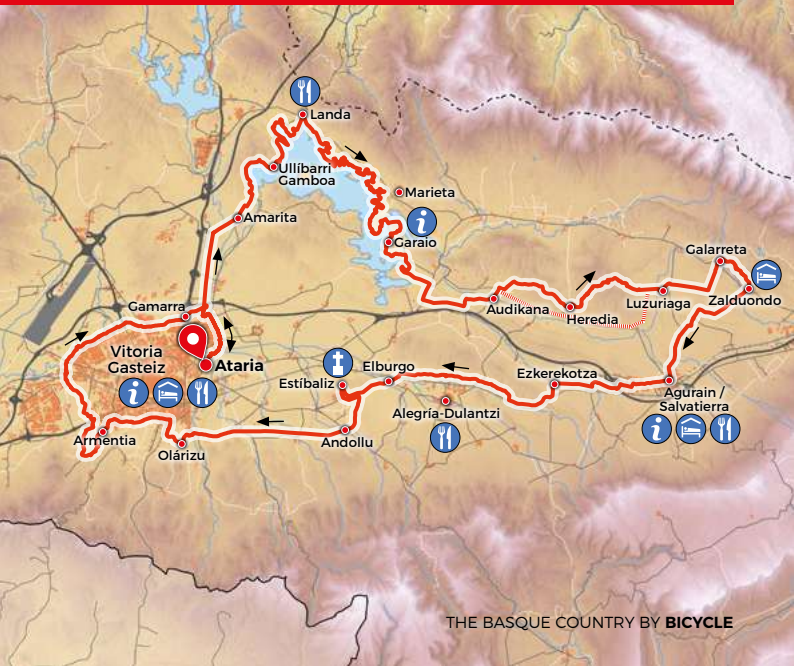
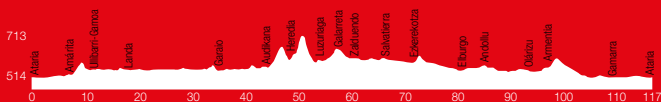


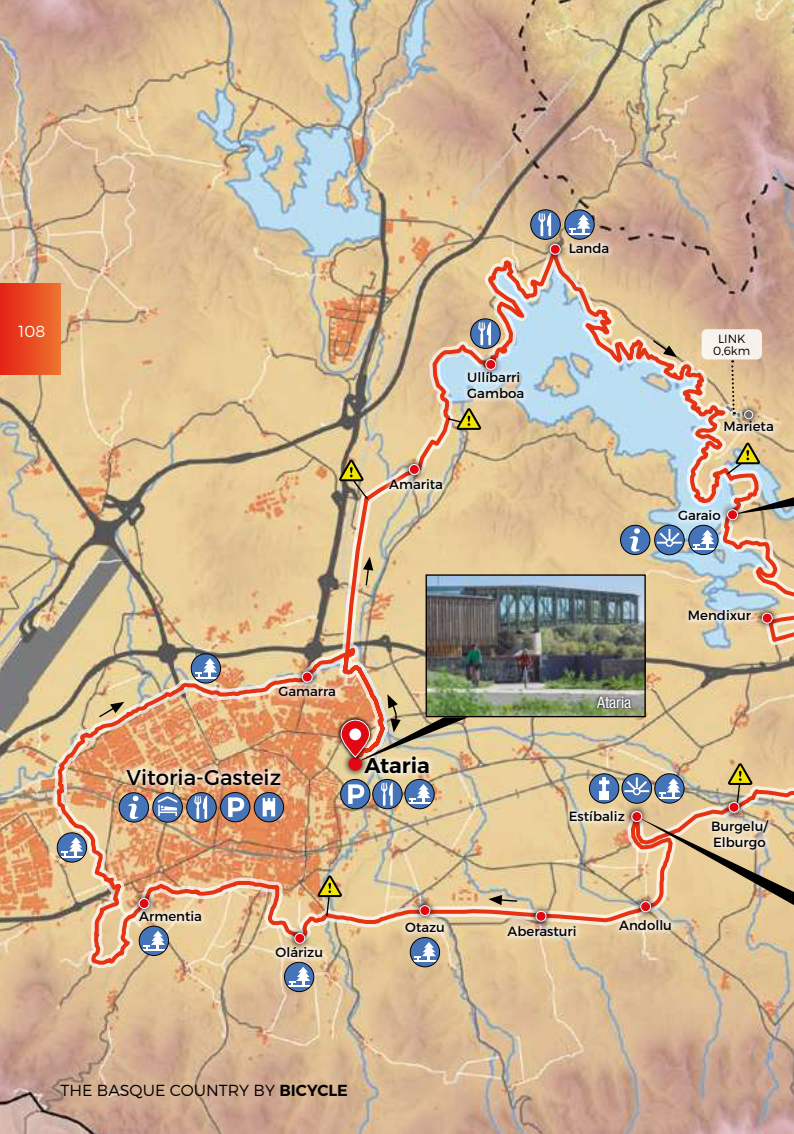
Route	
Difficulty	Difficult
Time	2-3 days (Recommended)
Climb	+815 m.
Departure	Ataria, Vitoria-Gasteiz
Arrival	Ataria, Vitoria-Gasteiz

Signposted route



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The route is designed with all kinds of people in mind. Alone, with the family or with a few friends, it's the perfect opportunity to go deeper into a land, Araba/Álava, which offers infinite possibilities. You just need to see for yourself.

Cycling through Araba/Álava means delving deep into the history of this land, while a colourful landscape accompanies the cyclist on an unforgettable journey.



GREAT CYCLE TOUR ROUTE

ÁLAVA PLAIN

ROUTE STARTING POINT



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- More information and tracks



SIGNPOSTS

DIRECTION PLATE

Shows the way to go. These signs can be found on vertical posts, on walls or street fixtures.







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VITORIA GASTEIZ

Welcome to Vitoria-Gasteiz, one of the greenest cities in Europe. Without any doubt, you're going to be surprised.

With a medieval Old Quarter full of history, completely pedestrianised, and boasting a network of nature parks with endless possibilities, this city has become an essential visit for anyone coming to the Basque Country with friends or children.

Do you want to discover some of its corners by means of pedal power? Vitoria-Gasteiz has an extensive network of bidegorris (cycle paths), stretching for more than 160 km, complemented by a spectacular circular route around its perimeter, the Green Ring, which allows you to ride around the city and enjoy all of its charms.

More information:

www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/tourism



📍 1. Fray Francisco de Vitoria Street
2. Plaza de la Virgen Blanca



VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Green Ring Tour

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1. Ataria. Salburua Wetlands Visitors' Centre
2. Wooden walkway in Salburua Park

A journey through
the peri-urban parks
of Vitoria-Gasteiz

The Vitoria-Gasteiz Green Ring Tour is a 30.8 km circular route, which goes right around the city, travelling through, and linking up, all the parks comprising the Green Ring.

The Tour route can be easily accessed from anywhere in the city. However, we propose the Plaza de la Virgen Blanca as the starting point. Using the Paseo de la Senda as a connecting element, we reach the Basilica of San Prudencio in Armentia, near which we can link up with the Tour route.

Its route traverses very different environments, from the typical wooded areas when the Tour enters deep into the parks of Zabalgana and Armentia, to truly urban areas, when passing through the city's peripheral neighbourhoods. A large part of the Tour takes place on Green Ring paths.

The route is of low to medium difficulty, ideal for families as well as people more used to the sport. It is a perfect setting for a bicycle ride.

Throughout the Tour, you'll find places of environmental and cultural interest, as well as picnic areas, drinking fountains and lookouts where you can stop for a rest. The most urban stretch also allows you to enjoy cafés and shops situated just a few metres from the route.

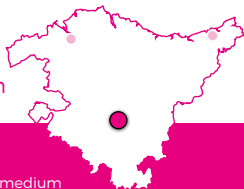


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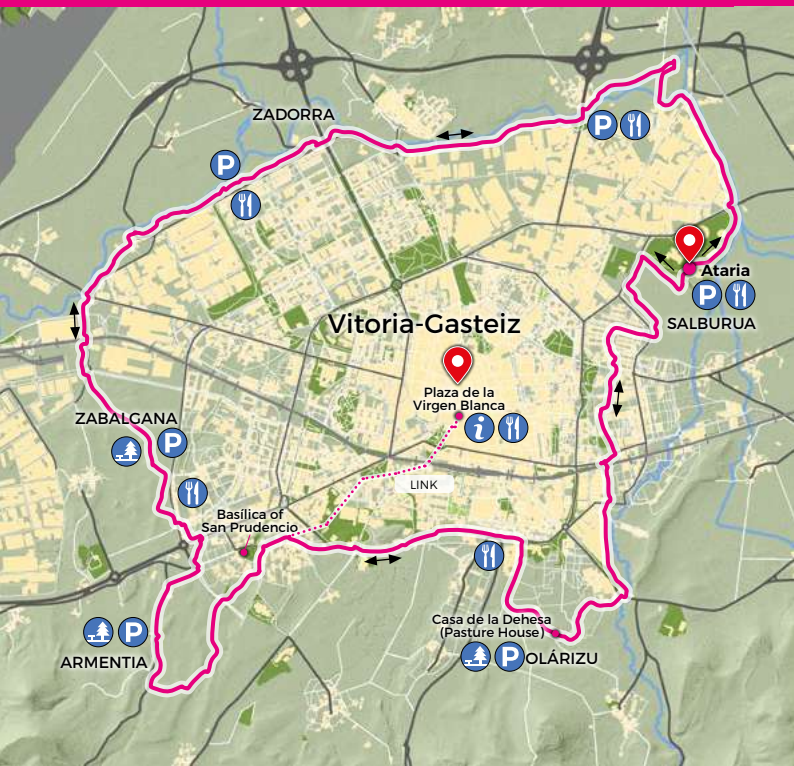


30,8 km



Route	
Difficulty	Low to medium
Surface	Compacted earth / cycle path
Time	2 h. 30 min. ±
Climb	+100 m.
Departure / Arrival	Ataria. Salburua Wetlands Visitors' Centre

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VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Tour of the Ullíbarri-Gamboa reservoir

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A route which goes right round the Ullíbarri-Gamboa reservoir. You can start at Landa or Garaio. If you wish, you can also start from Vitoria-Gasteiz, using the Basque-Navarre Green Way as a link. This extends the route by approximately 12 kilometres.

It is a very interesting itinerary which we will enjoy by travelling along various wooden walkways, gazing at wonderful green landscapes. We will even be able to enjoy birdwatching from the different lookouts available on this circular route.

It is possible to follow a shorter route, covering the southern part of the reservoir known as *Tour of the Reservoir's Southern Wetlands*. It is ideal for families, thanks to its distance and the gentleness of the climbs involved (13km and 25m). It lasts for just an hour and a half, setting out from Garaio.

Enjoy observing the birds that nest around the reservoir

- 📍 1. Cycling around the reservoir
2. floating walkway near Garaio



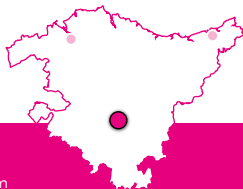


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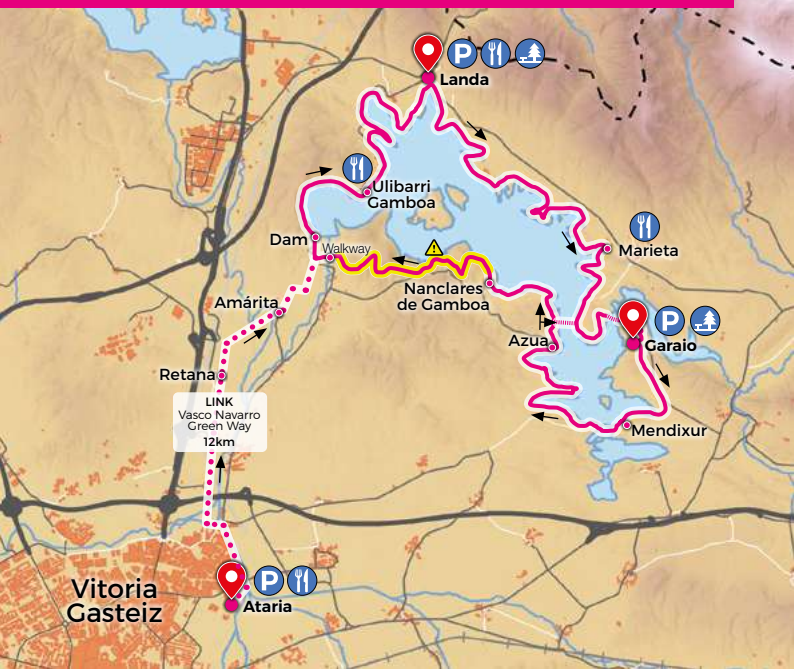


43,6 km



Route	
Difficulty	Medium
Surface	Compacted earth
Time	5 h. ±
Climb	+100 m.
Departure	Garaio, Landa, Vitoria-Gasteiz
Arrival	Garaio, Landa, Vitoria-Gasteiz

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BILBAO



1. Zubuzuri Bridge
2. Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

Bilbao is a city that has been planned with enjoyment and learning about its architecture and history in mind. It offers an endless variety of plans to be enjoyed alone or in company: Museums, urban parks, street markets, the river, etc.

A shining city full of modernity

Discovering the cosmopolitan city of Bilbao is an experience not to be missed. It is held up throughout the world as an example of urban transformation, but has maintained a culture and distinguishing features which make it unique and singular.

Bicycle hire companies and tours around the city are a magnificent opportunity for the visitor to get a close look at Bilbao.

Come with us on this adventure!

More information:
www.bilbaoturismo.net



BILBAO

Panoramic view of the river

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During an easy bicycle ride starting out from the Arenal, you'll have the chance to discover and enjoy some of this modern city's icons, the Guggenheim Museum, the Euskalduna Conference Centre and the river are some of the main features. Although we ought not to miss out on visiting some other highly interesting recommended places located close to the itinerary, such as the new San Mamés stadium, the Sagrado Corazón de Jesús monument, and Doña Casilda de Iturriza Park, where we can relax and enjoy this beautiful space.

The return journey gives us a chance to gaze upon the city from the other side of the river, giving us a different, but also attractive, view of Bilbao.

Gaze upon the city from another viewpoint

- 📍 1. Cycle path by the river
- 2. Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

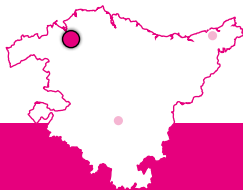




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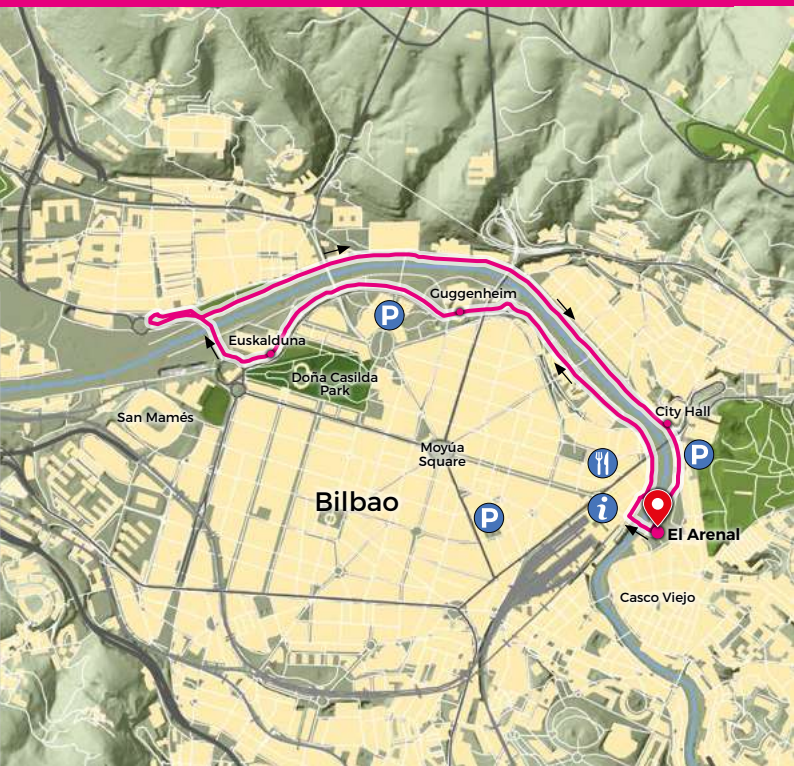
Signposted route

5,9 km



Route	
Difficulty	Low
Surface	Cycle path
Time	50 min. ±
Climb	+35 m.
Departure	El Arenal
Arrival	El Arenal

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DONOSTIA/ SAN SEBASTIÁN

In Donostia-San Sebastián, thrilling history awaits discovery, as well as enviable gastronomy, wonderful beaches with golden sand and a wide range of leisure activities for all tastes.

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This city of dreams is ideal to fall in love with from the saddle of your bicycle.

More information:
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© 1. Pedalling along the Boulevard
2. Donostia-San Sebastián Port

DONOSTIA/SAN SEBASTIÁN

Urban route

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Using the extensive network of cycle paths or bidegorris (as they are called in the Basque Country), you can visit the beautiful city in a peaceful, different way. You'll have the opportunity to go and discover some world-famous places around the city.



By means of this route, the visitor will be able to gaze upon the imposing sight of the Kursaal, where the route begins, pedal alongside the most famous urban beach in the world, La Concha, and visit the Comb of the Wind sculpture by Eduardo Chillida. There will be a chance to visit Anoeta, the stadium of Real Sociedad Football Club, and to enjoy the sight of the beautiful bridges crossing the Urumea river as it makes its way to Cantabrian Sea.

Pedal alongside La Concha, the most famous urban beach

The route can be shortened or extended depending on each person's capacity, or the available time, always with the protection offered by the city's network of cycle paths.

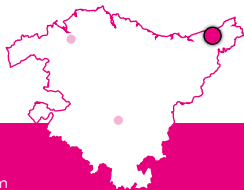
📷 1. El Peine del Viento ('The Wind Comb')
2. La Concha Beach



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Signposted route

25,1 km



Route	
Difficulty	Medium
Surface	Cycle path, tarmac
Time	2 h. 30 min. ±
Climb	+379 m.
Departure	KURSAAL Conference Centre
Arrival	KURSAAL Conference Centre

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URDAIBAI AND FAMILY ROUTES

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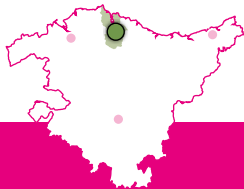


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URDAIBAI BIKE RESERVE

FAMILY ROUTES

1. Forua - Barrutiabaso as a family 9,23 km



Gernika-Lumo



Easy



+90 m.



Circular Route

2. A family trip around Kanpatxu 9,4 km



Gernika-Lumo



Easy



+90 m.



Circular Route

3. Crossing the estuary as a family 9,86 km



Gernika-Lumo



Easy



+10 m.



Circular Route

4. Ekoetxea Urdaibai (Madariaga Tower) 17,2 km



Gernika-Lumo



Easy



+160 m.



Circular Route





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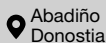
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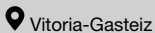
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