

SERVICES OF GORLIZ BEACH



Season 2026

1 June - 30 September





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1. RESCUE AND LIFEGUARD

On the beaches of Bizkaia, the rescue and lifeguard service on beaches is managed by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia and the Red Cross.

From June **1 to September 30** it operates every day from **11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The lifeguard service is responsible for: Responsibilities

- Monitor safety in the water and on the shore.
- Issue flags according to weather and sea conditions.
- Give directions and warnings to bathers.
- Intervene in case of emergency.

Gorliz beach has 6 lifeguards plus 1 auxiliary lifeguard who acts as a slingshot.



2. CLEANING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Provincial Council of Bizkaia is the entity responsible for cleaning the beach. The service is organized according to the type of surface and the time of year.

Cleaning the sand

The sand is cleaned by mechanical screening and manual waste removal. The frequency of the service is 2 days a week during the summer season, as well as in the pre-summer and post-summer periods.

In the case of the **Astondo sector on Gorliz beach**, as it is a **Special Area of Conservation (SAC)** (it is home to 177 species of plants, 24 of which are exclusive to dunes and is home to 3 species of threatened flora in the Basque Country, as well as other species of great rarity), the collection of the shore cut and anthropogenic waste is strictly manual to protect the natural shaping of the dunes as part of the "**Living Beaches**" programme.



2. CLEANING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Cleaning of paved surfaces

On paved surfaces, such as walkways and accesses, mechanical and manual sweeping is carried out daily during the summer season.

Selective waste collection

During the summer season, the beach has specific containers for waste separation

As a measure of technological innovation, there are two smart compacting bins, capable of monitoring their fill level and optimising service management.



3. WATER AND SAND QUALITY

The sanitary control of the beaches is carried out through the periodic monitoring of the quality of the bathing water, the analysis of the sand and visual inspections of the environment. These actions guarantee adequate conditions of safety, hygiene and environmental quality during the season of public use.

Bathing Water Quality:

- El seguimiento de la calidad del agua de baño es realizado semanalmente por Sanidad Ambiental del Gobierno Vasco.

Gorliz beach, based on the results of the analyses of the last 4 years, has a sanitary rating "Excellent" in its central area and "Good" in the right and left areas.



3. WATER AND SAND QUALITY

Sand Analytics:

The sand analyses are carried out by the Gorliz City Council on a fortnightly basis. These controls include the analysis of indicator bacteria, such as E. coli, in order to verify the hygienic-sanitary conditions of the beach.

Health Inspections:

Public Health technicians carry out at least one monthly visual inspection of macroscopic parameters, including the presence of oils, jellyfish, organic remains or other elements that may affect the environmental and health quality of the environment.



4. HYGIENIC AND SANITARY SERVICES

The furniture installed on the beach on the beaches of Bizkaia – showers, fountains and footbaths – is managed by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia. This entity is responsible for the initial assembly, removal at the end of the season, as well as the repair or replacement of damaged or obsolete elements.

In the case of **Gorliz beach**, the Gorliz City Council manages the facilities located on the promenade, which include:

- Two buildings with toilets, showers and footbaths, located in the Astondo area and in the Busterri bridge area.
- A bathroom with a footwash in the Ibiltoki area.

These services remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the beach season, except for the Ibiltoki bath, which remains operational throughout the year.



5. ASSISTED BATHING

Some of the beaches in Bizkaia, including **Gorliz beach**, have an **assisted bathing service**.

Managed by the Provincial Council of Bizkaia, its purpose is for all users, even those who have limitations in their mobility and personal autonomy, to be able to enjoy bathing in the sea.

The service is provided from **June 1 to September 30** and operates every day from **11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** and includes both personal assistance to the bathroom, with 3 monitors, and the loan of necessary material for those people who have sufficient autonomy and only need support material.

The assisted bathing service operates by appointment, which can be requested through the following channels:

- 662 92 13 97
- <https://www.bizkaia.eus/es/banio-asistido/-/citaprevia/pedir-cita>

However, walk-ins are also available whenever available.



5. ASSISTED BATHING

The following material is available for the provision of the service:

- Reception and registration tent and shaded living area.
- Changing room-changing module in the arena.
- Adapted toilet.
- Shower in the assisted bathing area.
- Amphibious chair
- Chair for approaching the sea.
- Crutches.
- Walkers.
- Crane.
- Life jackets.
- Approach walkways



6. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Signage and Physical Signage:

The beach has information panels located at the main entrances, which include the available services, the rules of use, the possible hygienic-sanitary risks and the classification of the bathing waters.

This signage helps to guarantee visible, accessible and understandable information for all users, incorporating sensory accessibility resources such as Braille and high relief.

Public address system

The beach has a public address service for the communication of warnings of general interest, safety recommendations, information on changes in the state of the sea, incidents of the service and messages aimed at users during the beach season.



6. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Digital Channels

The digital information is channelled through the institutional reference portals and BizkaiUP tools.

The [“Playas de Bizkaia”](#) site It offers up-to-date information about Gorliz beach, including sea conditions, water temperature, occupancy, available services, assisted bathing and water quality.

- In relation to the quality of bathing water, the [Gobierno Vasco sobre aguas de baño](#) site includes the health monitoring carried out by the Department of Health, with the results of the microbiological controls and the annual classification of the bathing areas.
- BizkaiUP (only Android). Official app of the Provincial Council of Bizkaia that offers real-time information and practical services to enjoy the beaches of the region safely, accessible and efficiently.



7. PARKING

Gorliz beach has a network of parking spaces regulated by the OTA system during the summer season. These areas are distributed between the seafront, and the adjoining urban areas, and include spaces reserved for people with reduced mobility.

The main parking area is located in the Gorliz car park, located on the promenade and close to the sand, next to the toilet and shower building.

As support areas, the Astondo car parks, the surroundings of the hostel, the Plentzia car park and other urban car parks are identified.



7. PARKING

During the 2026 season, OTA regulated parking in Gorliz remains active every day, including Sundays and holidays, from June 13 to September 15. At the end of this period, the service continues to operate only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, between September 19 and October 12.

	● Pink	● Red	● Blue	● Green	● Orange
Character	Residents	High rotation	Short visits	Long stays	Rotation in commercial areas
Opening hours		10:00–20:00 h	10:00 –14:00 h 15:30–20:00 h	10:00–20:00 h	10:00–20:00 h
Time limit		—	Máx 4 hours	Máx 3 hours	Máx 90 min
Hourly price		1,30 €	0,70–4,50 €	1 €	Free, but with a ticket
Half-day		6 €	—	5 €	
Full day		12 €	—	8 €	
Advantage		Maximum proximity to the beach	First 30 minutes free with ticket	Better cost-time ratio	Proximity to the shopping area

8. LEISURE AND RECREATION AREAS

The pine forest of Gorkiz

The pine forest and the green areas near the beach are one of the main added values of the environment.

Equipped with tables, shaded areas and recreational-sports areas, they allow bathing to be combined with rest, picnic and children's leisure.

Beach bars and refrigerator

The beach area of Gorkiz has a seasonal hospitality offer linked to the sand.

It has 2 beach bars spread along the entire promenade and an ice cream parlour in the main parking area.



8. LEISURE AND RECREATION AREAS

Activities

The beach offers different possibilities for active leisure. Among the most common activities are surfing, canoeing, SUP, BIG SUP and coasteering. In addition, its promenade and coastal environment allow for walks, sports routes and bicycle tours, combining the recreational use of the beach with the enjoyment of the coastal landscape.



9. OTHER SERVICES

Free Wi-Fi

Gorliz beach has free Wi-Fi, which allows users to connect during their stay.

Webcam

Gorliz also has a [webcam](#) of the beach that allows you to consult in real time different points of interest, such as the bay, Valentine's Day, Astondo, the promenade and the parking area. This tool is useful to know the state of the sea, the influx, the weather and the general conditions before going.



10. GORLIZ BEACH MAP



11. SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Users of Gorliz beach can submit complaints, suggestions or notices related to the service through the channels enabled by the Gorliz City Council.

- **During the summer season**, they can also contact the lifeguard service present on the beach to report any incident.
- **Out of season, or in general**, these communications can be made through the City Council, the municipal website www.gorliz.eus or by email hondartza@gorliz.eus.

