

A narrow street in a Basque town, lined with colorful buildings (yellow, orange, green, red) and balconies with plants. The street is paved with cobblestones and has traditional street lamps. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# BASQUE LANDERS

Exclusive Basque Country  
experiences await *you.*

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Discover the soul of the Basque Country through its wines, cuisine & people. *With us.*



THIS ISN'T JUST A TRIP—IT'S AN INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE AN ANCIENT LAND WHERE TRADITIONS ARE STILL ALIVE, FLAVORS TELL STORIES, AND EVERY ENCOUNTER FEELS PERSONAL.

Led by passionate local expert and President of the Wine Tourism Association, you'll step off the beaten path and into the heart of Basque culture. Wander through charming coastal villages, medieval towns, and rolling vineyards, meeting the people who keep these traditions alive. Taste pintxos in buzzing local bars, enjoy home-cooked meals in family-run restaurants, and sip wine straight from the barrel in boutique wineries where the owners themselves welcome you.

From the vibrant streets of Bilbao to the stunning Basque coastline and the prestigious vineyards of Rioja Alavesa, every day is a new discovery. Travel in a small, intimate group, allowing the flexibility to follow the rhythm of local life—whether it's joining a village festival, exploring a lively market, or toasting with new friends over a glass of Txakoli.

With handpicked boutique hotels, exclusive private experiences, and seamless luxury transportation, every detail is designed to be effortless and enriching. We take care of everything so you can relax, explore, and truly connect with this extraordinary region.

Expect more than just sightseeing—this is about living the Basque Country. This journey is crafted for those who seek authenticity, comfort, and a deep connection with the places they visit. Flexible booking dates, personalized itineraries, and access to seasonal festivals ensure your experience is truly one of a kind.



*Bilbao.* This is a vibrant city where modern architecture, such as the iconic Guggenheim Museum, meets rich Basque culture, world-class cuisine, and stunning natural landscapes.

## LOCAL GASTRONOMY.

Basque cuisine, celebrated worldwide, will be the centerpiece of *your* trip.

You will enjoy dinners and pintxos at the most authentic local tables and taverns, always in places where Basque locals come to eat.

Each bite will be a celebration of fresh, seasonal ingredients and the region's finest wines. You will experience the local flavor and history of one of the most iconic regional cuisines in Spain.



*Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve.* The most valued and protected area on the Basque coast, the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve is a paradise of wetlands, beaches, spectacular cliffs, coastal towns, art, and culture. It is also home to the region's most renown Txakoli winery where an oenologist-guided tour awaits.

## LANDSCAPES & NATURE.

From the majesty of the Cantabrian Sea to vineyards that stretch across the hills of Rioja Alavesa, Basque landscapes are an inexhaustible source of beauty.

Become immersed in extraordinary natural environments, whether walking along coastal cliffs or simply contemplating the infinite green of our mountains. Each setting invites you to disconnect and marvel at the serenity of nature.



*Getaria.* The charming medieval fishing settlement of Getaria offers the quintessential old-world experience. Get a feel for coastal Basque culture with a walk along the ocean's edge and a winery tour and vineyard meal overlooking the sea.

## COMFORT & RELAXATION.

Every aspect of your trip is designed for *you*.

With carefully selected, charming boutique hotels, personalized, private experiences and transportation, the pace of your trip is planned to be relaxed and unhurried. Let us guide you through the most authentic, captivating corners with enjoyment at heart and comforts at hand.



## *Rioja Alavesa & Hondarribia.*

A picturesque wine region where rolling vineyards, medieval villages, and avant-garde wineries offer an unforgettable blend of history and wine culture.

## VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY.

Experience Rioja – a quintessential old-world region that embodies the achievements of generational Spanish wine growers and producers like no other.

Walk century-old vineyards and delight in the knowledge and craft of one of the most respected estate growers and producers in the area. Nowhere will you engage in better examples of both traditional winemaking in its classic form and progressive alternatives to approach, variety and cellar work.



*San Sebastian.* As one the stars of haute-cuisine, San Sebastian boasts some of the most celebrated restaurants in the world. Evoking old-time glamour with its promenades, sandy beaches, and elegant architecture, San Sebastian has a long history of delighting visitors.

## CULTURE & AUTHENTICITY.

Explore the Basque Country *beyond* the beaten path.

From its deepest traditions to the small details of everyday life, each step of your trip reveals a vibrant and living culture. You will get to know the roots of our land – from the historic architecture of the Old Town of Bilbao to the stories that still live in the hearts of the oldest wineries in Rioja Alavesa. This is an experience that authentically connects you with the soul of the Basque people.



# BASQUELANDERS: 'AUTHENTIC' TRAVEL ITINERARY

## Day 1: Bilbao

- Explore the vibrant city of Bilbao! Enjoy traditional Pintxos in carefully selected taverns, showcasing the city's hidden gems.
- Tour the iconic Guggenheim Museum.
- End the day with a welcome dinner at a charming local restaurant, away from the tourist crowds, and an overnight stay at a boutique hotel in the heart of Bilbao.



## Day 2: Basque Coast and Urdaibai

- Tour one of the most important and highly regarded wineries in the Basque region led by their renowned enologist.
- Explore San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, Gernika, Mundaka, and Bermeo in the Basque Coast's Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve.
- Savor a meal at a traditional local restaurant – a true hidden culinary gem.
- Return to Bilbao for dinner at an authentic, non-touristy eatery and an overnight stay in a boutique hotel.



## Day 3: Getaria and Fysch Coast

- Visit the picturesque town of Getaria and embark on a small hike along the ocean's edge.
- Tour a family-owned winery, and have a meal amidst the vineyards, overlooking the sea.
- Return to Bilbao for dinner at a family-run Basque restaurant and an overnight stay in a boutique hotel.



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### *Day 4: Rioja Alavesa*

- Travel to Rioja Alavesa and visit a family-owned winery and estate with a history in viticulture that stretches back for more than a century. You'll enjoy a private tour and tasting that includes exclusive access to experience their wine from barrel, tank and bottle!
- Relish a traditional Rioja-style meal in a historic wine cellar.
- Explore the medieval towns of Laguardia and Cenicero, including their ancient wine cellars “calados”.
- The day will round out with a tour of a second family-run winery and an overnight stay at a boutique hotel in Rioja Alavesa where you will enjoy dinner served inside its historic calado.



### *Day 5: Rioja and Hondarribia*

- Travel to Hondarribia, the charming coastal fishing town bordering France, and enjoy coal-baked sardines with locals in the port.
- Enjoy an owner-guided winery tour and tasting.
- Complete the day in San Sebastián with dinner at a local hidden gem and overnight stay in a charming boutique hotel.



### *Day 6: San Sebastián*

- After a leisurely morning, indulge in Pintxos at specially curated, off the beaten path locations.
- Explore San Sebastián with a top-rated guide.
- Enjoy optional activities like surfing lessons, kayaking, a fishing trip, world-class shopping or free leisure time.
- A farewell dinner at a family-run Basque restaurant with cozy atmosphere and a final night in a boutique San Sebastián hotel.





## MEET YOUR GUIDE.

### *Gaizka Picaza*

Gaizka Picaza was born and raised in Bilbao – a city that embodies the heart of the Basque Country. His journey began 24 years ago, when he completed a degree in Tourism; a field Gaizka has been passionate about ever since. Throughout the years, he's dedicated himself to understanding the unique blend of culture, tradition, and innovation that makes the Basque Country such a special destination.

For the past ten years, Gaizka has had the privilege of working with the most prestigious Txakoli winery in Biscay, where he spearheaded the development of their enotourism program. This experience allowed him to dive deep into the world of Basque wines, connect with winemakers, and design experiences that bring the richness of the terroir to life for visitors.

Currently, he is honored to serve as the president of the Wine Tourism Association of Biscay. In this role, Gaizka works closely with other passionate professionals to promote this region as a premier destination for wine lovers. He manages his own luxury DMC (Destination Management Company), where exclusive, guided groups are offered tailored experiences that showcase the best local gastronomy, world-renowned wineries, and hidden gems of the Basque countryside.

Whether it's exploring the intricacies of Basque wine or uncovering the cultural treasures of the land, Gaizka provides a unique, immersive experience that goes beyond the ordinary.



# LOGISTICS.

Forget about complications; We take care of every detail of your travel, lodging, tours and activities.

Everything is organized with the utmost precision, so you can move with complete ease between different points of interest. Our experience ensures fluid and flexible planning that adapts to your needs, desires and specific interests.

We offer flexible booking dates, trip lengths and adaptable itineraries to highlight seasonal festivals, local celebrations and regional holiday activities and traditions.

Group sizes range from just 2-6 guests in addition to your guide. You will be comfortably and professionally chauffeured by a driver exclusive to your trip.



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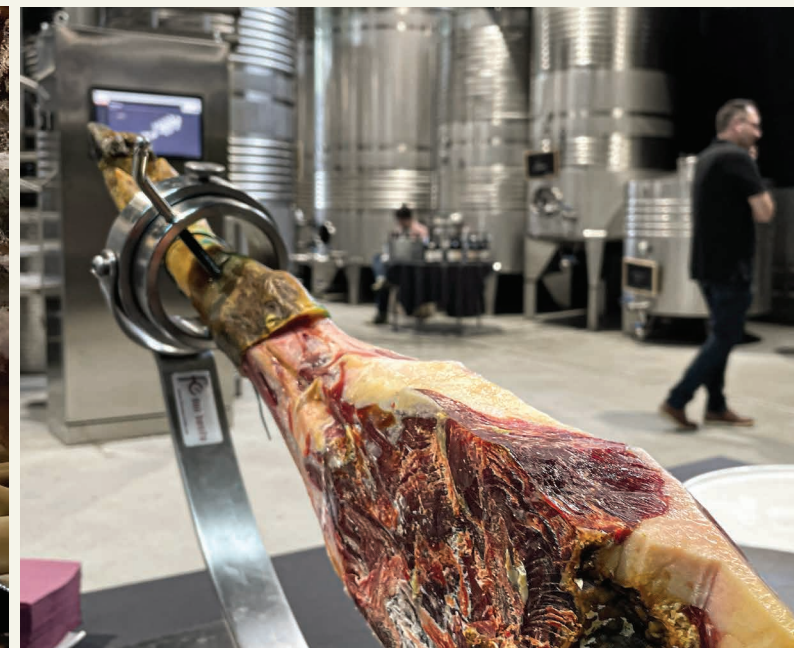
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