



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE BASQUE COUNTRY

www.naturalimits.com



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE
– BASQUE COUNTRY

BASQUE COUNTRY

I offer you an unforgettable experience in one of the most traditional places in Northern Spain.

The Basque Country is a land with spectacular nature and home to many nature parks declared biosphere reserves, astounding beaches and beautiful coastal destinations such as San Sebastian, Zarautz, San Juan de Gaztelugatxe and Guetxo.

It has one of the world's best cuisines, where you can taste its wines and famous "pintxos", small dishes of haute cuisine offered in bars and many restaurants, created by some of the best chefs of modern Spanish cuisine.

A place where architecture and culture go hand in hand, with such extravagant buildings such as the Guggenheim Museum, the spectacular Suspension Bridge (UNESCO World Heritage Site), breath-taking castles and palaces, as well as their ancestral culture, making the Basque Country the perfect place for an authentic experience where you can enjoy nature, gastronomy and culture.



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE
BASQUE COUNTRY

TREKKING, GASTRONOMY AND CULTURE

I aim to provide the most authentic, spectacular and responsible Treks in the Basque Country. Every route I offer includes some incredible landscapes and a unique environment. Being the expert mountain guide that I am, I will be sure to accompany you at all times along the Trek, as well as showing and advising you on the best gastronomic and cultural places of interest.



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE
BASQUE COUNTRY

DAY 1

Pick up at the airport and transfer to the hotel in Bilbao.

Induction at the hotel before dinner.

Typical Basque dinner and relaxation.

DAY 2

GORLIZ-ARMINTZA COSTAL ROUTE + BOAT TRIP + GASTRONOMIC TRAIL

Can you imagine a route that takes you on a passage through history and shows you beautiful views? Not to mention the mountain!

An impressive route along the Basque coast for all abilities, a 3-hour walk with spectacular sea views, towering cliffs and a fairy tale island where Game of Thrones was filmed.

On the way to the beautiful fishing village of Armintza, we will visit the bunkers of Cabo Villano, a place built for military defence during the Franco era. A magical place which will inspire even the most disbelieving of visitors.

Upon our arrival to Armintza, we will take a stroll through its idyllic fishing port, tasting some delicious “pintxos” in the bars.

After lunch we will return to Plentzia by bus and catch a boat, then we will have a typical Basque dinner and spend the night in Bilbao.



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE BASQUE COUNTRY

DAY 3

ROUTE THROUGH THE AIZKORRI-ARATZ NATURE PARK + CULTURE AND GASTRONOMY TOUR

The Aizkorri, although it's not the highest peak (1551m), it is the most popular. Thanks to its beautiful landscapes that can be enjoyed along the route starting at the Sanctuary of Arantzazu, a picturesque location and must-see on the trail.

On the way up we will be able to see some megalithic landmarks, as well as beech and oak grooves, and calcareous rock formations. If we're lucky, we will also be able to spot the golden eagles, Egyptian vultures and griffon vultures. However, the pinnacle of the trip is undoubtedly the Summit of Mount Aizkorri, where we will discover its great cross and the hermitage of Santo Cristo.


On our way back we will stop at the lovely town of Oñate where we will dine at a traditional Basque restaurant.

Night in Oñate.

DAY 4

GASTRONOMIC AND TOURIST ROUTE IN BILBAO + VISIT THE URDAIBAI BIOSPHERE RESERVE + SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE AND FISHING VILLAGES.

I will introduce you to Bilbao's surroundings, its museums and culinary centres. We will visit the Urdaibai biosphere reserve and iconic areas such as San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, a particularly charming spot in the town of Bermeo.



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE BASQUE COUNTRY

The long and steep staircase that connects the island to the coast can be rather challenging, nobody knows its actual number of steps but everyone agrees that the climb is more than worth it. At the end of the staircase you can stand in the footprint that, according to legend, was left by San Juan Bautista himself and is said to bring good luck. Above you awaits a picturesque hermitage and spectacular views over the wild Cantabrian sea that has carved cliffs, tunnels and impossible arches in the island. Gaztelugatxe has seen pirates, witches' covens and legends, and it is no surprise that the island has been titled “most voted wonder” and “most valued” enclave by travellers from all over the globe.

Traditional Basque dinner and night in Bilbao.

DAY 5

Breakfast.

Group farewell and transfer to the airport.

SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE BASQUE COUNTRY

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP

What does it include?

- ✓ Travel from the airport to Bilbao .
- ✓ Transfers within Basque Country.
- ✓ Accommodation and breakfast in a rural house or hotel.
- ✓ High quality spyglass and binoculars for sightings.
- ✓ Insurance.
- ✓ Activities included in the program of the trip booked.

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Dinners.

INFO AND EXTRA ACTIVITIES

I will provide information about other possible activities and recommendations of local cuisine, restaurants, treks and trails, for people to do in their free time.

The price of these activities is not included.



SPRING – SUMMER – AUTUMN GUIDE BASQUE COUNTRY

All activities and itineraries of this program may be altered at the time or, in extreme cases, suspended due to weather conditions or other causes preventing safe execution.

You can consult more detailed cancellation and travel policy on our website.

If you want to take part in an unforgettable experience and discover the treasures of the Basque Country, get in touch.

Doubts, more information and bookings at:

Info@naturalimits.com

Álex Aguinaga



www.naturalimits.com