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With so many reasons to travel, the Basque Country is one of the most compelling destinations in all of Europe. This trip offers travel enthusiasts a unique opportunity to explore the region, and we would be delighted to welcome you as our guest. Reserve your Basque Country trip today!

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Dear fellow traveler,

This trip has been completed and is no longer available. However, you can still enjoy the same experiences with a group of travelers who are passionate about the Basque Country. Join us on our next Basque Country trip and discover the rich history, culture, and cuisine of this fascinating region.

Best regards,

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The Way of St. James, the world’s famous pilgrimage, which has inspired millions of individual pilgrims since the Middle Ages. Stroll along Paseo de la Explanada de España and explore the historic old quarters of Santander. See the Kobe-ji Buddhist temple, built by renowned architect Frank Gehry. Explore the exciting and thought-provoking works of art, of the day with an expert guide. Enjoy lunch at a traditional cider house, in Espelette, where famous Basque peppers are grown.

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Day One

Arrival

In Travel

Day Two

Day Three

Day Four

Day Five

Day Six

Day Seven

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Day Nine

UNESCO World Heritage

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San Sebastián

Morning

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- **Day One:** In Transatlantic
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- **Day Three:** Bilbao, Spain | San Sebastian
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- **Day Five:** San Sebastian
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- **Day Seven:** San Sebastian | Visit the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.
- **Day Eight:** San Sebastian

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

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**In Transit:**
- **Day Seven:** Visit the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Spain.
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**ACCOMMODATIONS**
- **Bilbao, Spain:** 3-star Hotel Alkanda or similar
- **San Sebastian:** 4-star Hotel Maria Cristina or similar

**INCLUDED FEATURES**
- **Day One:** In Transatlantic
  - Depart your gateway city for Bilbao, Spain.
  - Inflight meals
  - Inflight entertainment
- **Day Two:** Bilbao, Spain
  - San Sebastian Discovery
  - Inflight meals
- **Day Three:** San Sebastian
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**DAY IN TRANSATLANTIC**
- **Day One:** In Transatlantic

**Day Two:** Depart your gateway city for Bilbao, Spain. 
- Welcome Reception and Farewell Receptions

**Day Three:** Bilbao, Spain | San Sebastian
- San Sebastian Discovery
  - In flight entertainment

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**TRAVEL INFORMATION**
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Day One

Depart your gateway city for Bilbao, Spain.

Day Two

Visit the Laguardia, Spain

Day Three

Laguardia, Spain

Day Four

Hondarribia | Bayonne, France |

Day Five

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Day Six

Bilbao, Spain | San Sebastián

Day Seven

Day Eight

San Sebastián | San Sebastián

UNESCO World Heritage

The project features the San Sebastian Cathedral and the Plaza de San Sebastian.

Day One

Day Two

Day Three

Day Four

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Day Eight

Note:

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to your gateway city. 

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Discover this unique part of Spain and France, meet Basque residents for dinner and conversation, and learn about local traditions.

Upon arrival, transfer to San Sebastián, where the evening is yours to try one of the city’s many excellent restaurants, which range from posh hotels to restaurants that serve guide snacks with gastronomic creations. Enjoying dinner, however, is a much more casual affair. Many people enjoy a drink and a cozy pints a galas, small bars. Head north for the next round of drinks and dinner, and repeat.

Day Nine

Basque Country

Note: These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, itineraries, accommodations and more. If you have any concerns or requests while you are traveling, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

**Travel Information**

- **Throughout the trip**, you will be in the care of a seasoned ATB travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you time to explore and enjoy the region.
- **Expert Guides**

  - Ana M. Oña, your Travel Director, will share her unique perspective on the Basque region across the day.
  - Our dedicated team of local professionals, who understand the intricacies of the Basque region, will ensure your experience is as authentic and immersive as possible.

Included Features

- Seven nights in San Sebastián, Spain, with your own VOX headset.
- Discovery excursions
  - Experience Basque life at Maison Ortillopitz, a 16th-century Basque country home in the French Basque region. Learn about Basque life and traditions.
  - Sip wine at a La Rioja winery and explore Laguardia, a fortified medieval town.
  - Stroll along the waterfront promenade in the fashionable resort town of Biarritz.
- Enrichment programs
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Day One

Day Two

Day Three

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Day Five

Day Six

Day Seven

Day Eight

Day Nine

The Basque Culture

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The Basque language, Euskara, is a unique language that is neither Romance nor Indo-European. It is spoken by approximately 1 million people in the Basque Country, those who identify as Basque, and those who have learned the language as a second language.

The Basque people have a rich history, dating back to the 15th century, and have been influenced by the Moors, the Romans, and the Spanish Inquisition. Today, the Basque people continue to preserve their language and culture, with festivals and celebrations throughout the year.

The Basque Country is also known for its cuisine, which combines traditional ingredients with modern techniques. The Basque cuisine is known for its use of fresh seafood, cured meats, and local produce, such as the famous Espelette peppers and the famous Patatas Bravas.

The Basque Country is home to a number of famous landmarks, including the Guggenheim Bilbao, the Route of Santiago, and the Basque Pavilion. These landmarks highlight the region’s unique history and culture.

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A former whaling town, Bayonne is a bustling seaside resort with the Bidasoa River. Continue to Bayonne, France’s cultural capital. It is a beautiful piece of art itself with the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, which itself is a beautiful piece of art. Erin Hemingway’s Spain.

Enrichment: Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure. Take a stroll along the waterfront from the Casino Barriere to the Basque Market. Enjoy the bustling market and its ties to Ernest Hemingway. See the Grand Theatre, the chapel of San Fermín and its ties to Ernest Hemingway. See the Guggenheim Bilbao.

Discovery: Visit the city of Bayonne. See its Old Town, including Buen Pastor Cathedral, its cloisters and explore the Old Town.

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Enrichment: Bidasoa River: San Sebastian, Spain

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