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# Gastronomy



## SAN SEBASTIÁN GASTRONOMY

San Sebastian's gastronomy is well known worldwide for its high quality and variety. The city is known for having a large number of bars and restaurants where you can enjoy the famous "pintxos", small portions of food served on a slice of bread that can be eaten standing up in the bar or in the street.

In addition to pintxos, San Sebastian is known for its haute cuisine restaurants, many of them with Michelin stars. The city has a wide variety of restaurants with different styles and specialities, from traditional Basque cuisine to signature and fusion cuisine.

Typical Basque dishes include bacalao al pil pil (cod in pil pil sauce), marmitako (a tuna stew with potatoes and peppers), txuleta (a grilled cut of beef) and chipirones en su tinta (baby squid in its own ink). The desserts are also outstanding, such as cheesecake and pantxineta (a puff pastry filled with cream and almonds).

In short, San Sebastian's gastronomy is one of the city's greatest attractions and is a culinary experience not to be missed.



## RESTAURANTS

### ARZAK

This restaurant has three Michelin stars and is known for its creativity and experimentation in Basque cuisine. The dishes are presented as small works of art, and the service is exceptional.

Alcalde J. Elosegi Hiribidea, 273, 20015 Donostia, Gipuzkoa. (23 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### Bar Restaurante Lasarte

This restaurant has three Michelin stars and is one of the best restaurants in the world. The tasting menu includes creative and unique dishes, and the service is impeccable. (18 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

C/ de Mallorca, 259, 08008 Barcelona  
934 45 32 42

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### Mugaritz

This restaurant has two Michelin stars and is known for its experimental approach to Basque cuisine. The menu is always surprising and the dishes are well presented.

Aldura Gunea Aldea, 20, 20100 Errenteria, Gipuzkoa (24 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### Elkano

This restaurant, located in the picturesque fishing village of Getaria, is known for its fresh grilled fish. The dishes are simple but tasty, and the atmosphere is authentic and welcoming.

(31 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)  
Herrerrieta Kalea, 2, 20808 Getaria, Gipuzkoa  
943 14 00 24

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### Akelarre

This restaurant has three Michelin stars and is known for its stunning views of the Cantabrian Sea. The menu includes a wide variety of Basque dishes, and the service is exceptional.

Padre Orkolaga Ibilbidea, 56, 20008 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (2 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian/ 6 min walk)  
943 31 12 09

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### La Viña

This restaurant is known for its cheesecake, which is one of the most famous desserts in San Sebastian. It also offers a variety of local dishes and wines.

(18 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)  
31 de Agosto Kalea, 3, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa  
943 42 74 95

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### Restaurante Mirador de Ulía

This restaurant offers panoramic views of the city and the sea, and serves a wide variety of Basque dishes. The seafood is particularly good, and the service is friendly and welcoming.

(27 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)  
Ulía Pasealekua, 193, 20013 Donostia, Gipuzkoa  
943 27 27 07

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### Casa Urola

This restaurant offers traditional Basque dishes with a modern twist. The ingredients are of high quality and the atmosphere is cosy and pleasant.

(18 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)  
Fermin Calbeton Kalea, 20, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa  
943 44 13 71

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### Gandarias

This steakhouse is known for its excellent selection of grilled meats and lively atmosphere.

31 de Agosto Kalea, 23, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (17 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### Borda Berri

This pintxo bar is very popular with the locals and offers a wide selection of traditional pintxos.

Fermin Calbeton Kalea, 12, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (28 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### La Cuchara de San Telmo

This pintxo bar is known for its selection of classic dishes with a modern twist and its lively atmosphere.

Santa Korda Kalea, 4, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (18 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### Kokotxa

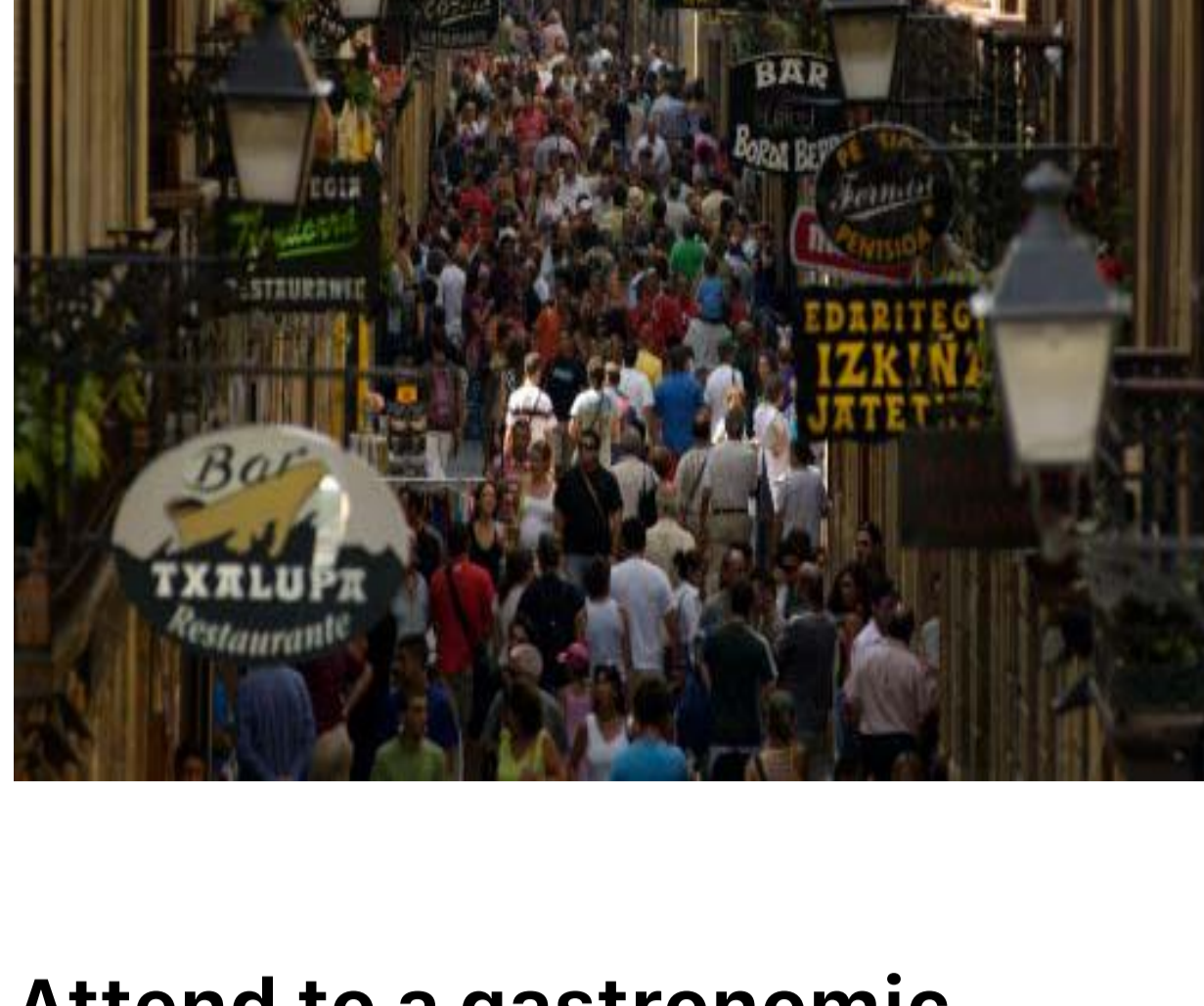
With one Michelin star, Kokotxa offers innovative cuisine with seasonal ingredients and impressive presentation.

Calle del Campanario, 11, 20003 Donostia-San Sebastian, Gipuzkoa (15 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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# GASTRONOMIC ACTIVITIES



## Attend to a gastronomic festival

San Sebastian is home to several gastronomic festivals throughout the year, such as Pintxo Week, the Film and Gastronomy Festival and the San Sebastian Gastronomika Congress. These festivals are an opportunity to meet local chefs, sample contemporary Basque cuisine and enjoy gastronomy-related activities.



## Canoeing and cider house

San Sebastian has a river with a long history: Urumea, known for decades as the river of cider. An authentic proposal that combines sport, gastronomy and Basque culture. It all starts in the Loiola neighbourhood in San Sebastian where you will start the canoeing activity with an instructor. At the end, we will visit a traditional Basque cider house, where we will taste natural Basque cider and enjoy a traditional cider house menu.

## Visit a cider house

Cider houses are typical places in the Basque Country where you can taste natural cider and enjoy a traditional Basque menu including T-bone steak, cod omelette and Idiazabal cheese.



## Pintxos paired with wine tour

Discover the Old Part of San Sebastian and learn the secrets of its gastronomy by tasting 5 pintxos recommended by its gastronomic experts paired with 5 wines from different National Designations of Origin in traditional bars and restaurants in the Old Part. All this in a two-hour tour that helps you to get to know the gastronomy and history of this land.



## Visit La Bretxa Market

La Bretxa market is a place where you can find fresh and high quality products, such as seafood, fish, meat, seasonal fruit and vegetables. This market is a good option to get to know the local gastronomy and buy products to prepare at home.





# Activities

## Zurriola Surf Eskola

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Is a surf school located on Zurriola beach in San Sebastian, Spain. It is one of the most popular surf schools in the city and offers surf lessons for all levels, from beginners to more experienced surfers. The school has professional and experienced instructors who teach surfing techniques and ensure the safety of the students. In addition to surfing lessons, the school also offers paddle surfing and bodyboarding courses, as well as board and equipment rental. (20 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

Calle Usandizaga Nº14 Bajo - 20002 San Sebastián - Guipúzcoa

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## ALOKAYAK

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Kayaking is another popular sporting activity in San Sebastian. You can rent kayaks and paddle around La Concha Bay.

Playa de Ondarreta, Irutxulo Pasealekua, 20008 Donostia-San Sebastian, Gipuzkoa (8 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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## Antigua Bike (Cycling)

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San Sebastian is a popular destination for cyclists due to its scenic and mountainous roads. In addition, it is also the starting point for the Clásica de San Sebastián, an annual one-day cycling race that is part of the UCI WorldTour circuit.

Heriz Pasealekua, 9, 20008 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (12 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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## Ostargi Parapente Eskola(Paragliding)

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Igueldo is one of the best places for paragliding on the coast of the Basque Country. From the hill, tandem flights are possible, offering an unforgettable experience.

Secundino Esnaola Kalea, 1, 20001 Donostia-San Sebastian, Gipuzkoa (15 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián) by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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# Art and Culture

## INTERESTING PLACES

### San Telmo museum

It is a museum of Basque history and culture located in the Old Quarter of the city. It has a large collection of art and objects that tell the history of the Basque Country and its culture.

Plaza Zuloaga, 1, 20003 Donostia-San Sebastian, Gipuzkoa (20 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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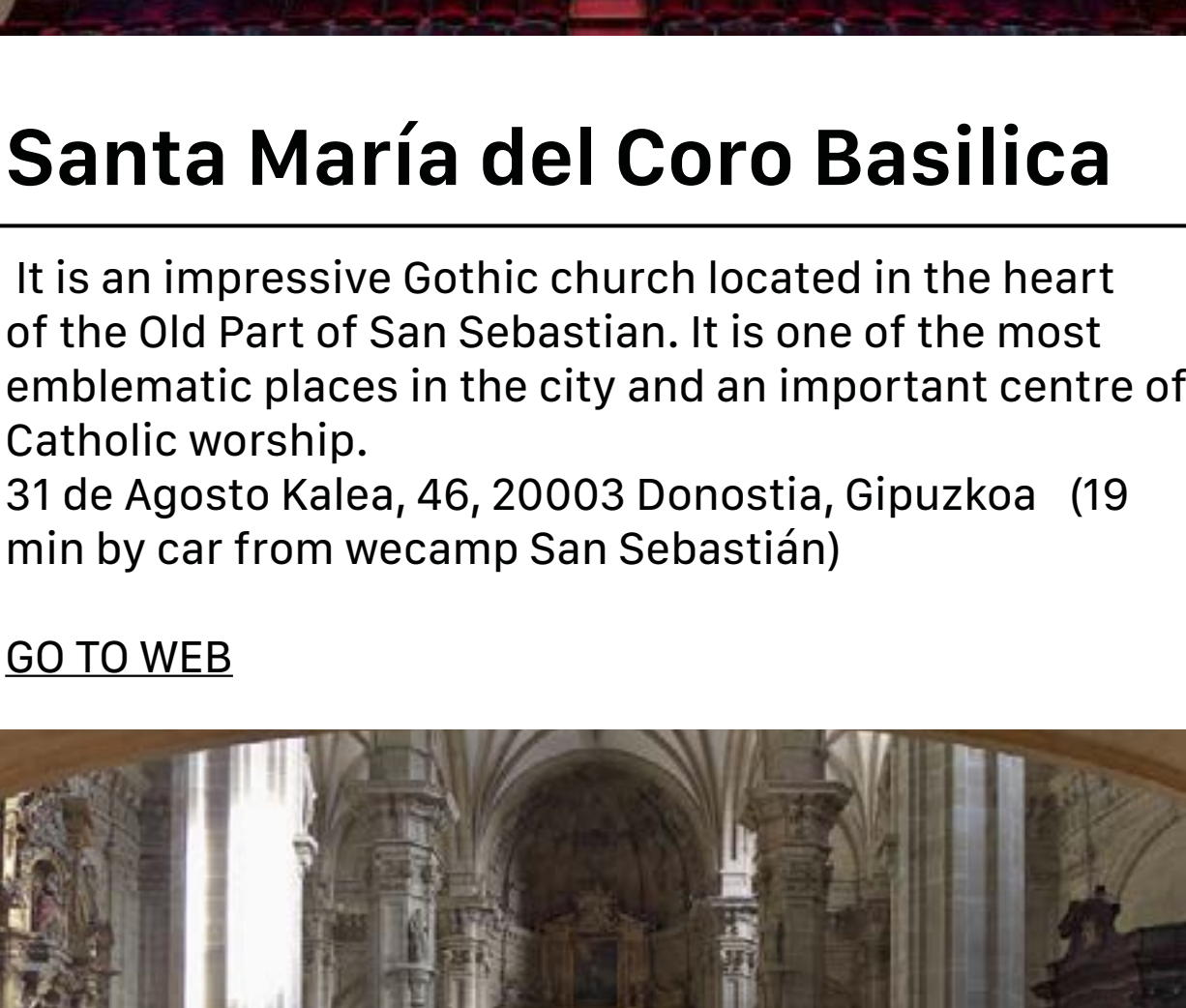
### Victoria Eugenia Theatre

It is one of the most important theatres in Spain and is located right in the centre of the city. It offers a varied programme of theatre, music and dance.

2 Paseo Alecu de República Argentina, 20004 Donostia (19 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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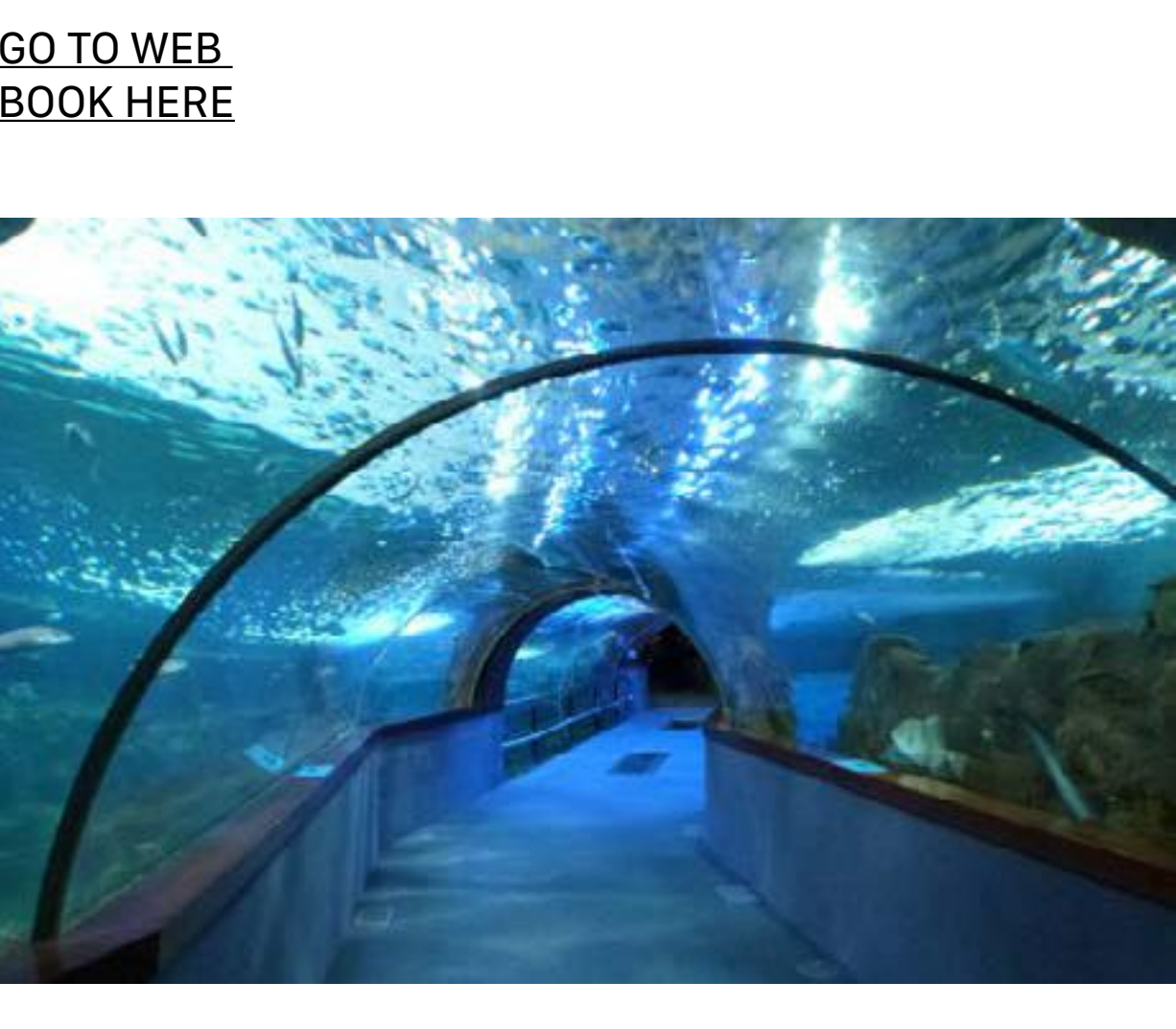


### Santa María del Coro Basilica

It is an impressive Gothic church located in the heart of the Old Part of San Sebastian. It is one of the most emblematic places in the city and an important centre of Catholic worship.

31 de Agosto Kalea, 46, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (19 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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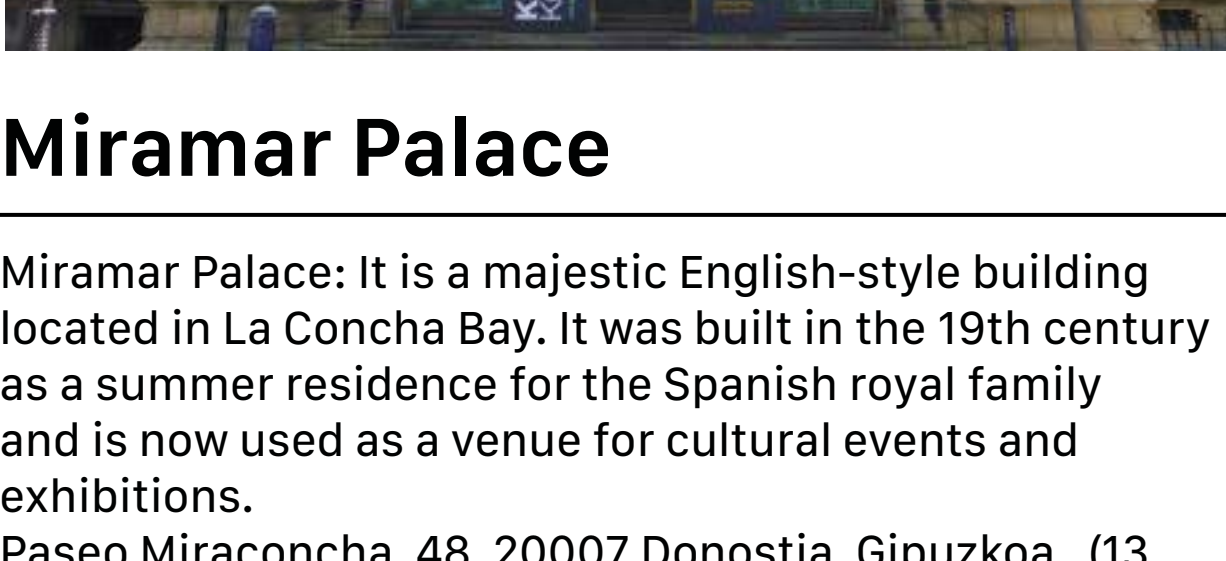
### Aquarium Donostia-San Sebastián

It is an aquarium with a wide variety of marine species from the Bay of Biscay and from all over the world. It also offers temporary exhibitions and educational activities for all ages.

1 Plaza de Carlos Blasco Imaz, 20003 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (21 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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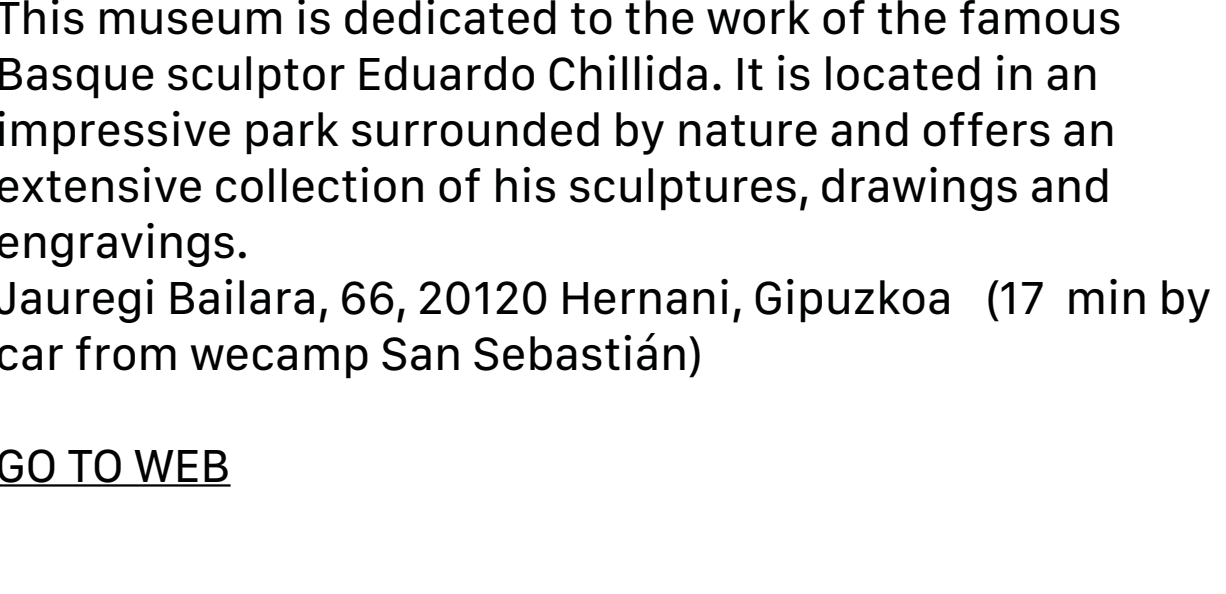


### Cultural centre Koldo Mitxelena

It is a cultural centre and library located in the city centre. It offers a wide range of cultural and literary activities, as well as a large collection of books and publications. (14 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

Urdaneta Kalea, 9, 20006 Donostia, Gipuzkoa

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### Miramar Palace

Miramar Palace: It is a majestic English-style building located in La Concha Bay. It was built in the 19th century as a summer residence for the Spanish royal family and is now used as a venue for cultural events and exhibitions.

Paseo Miraconcha, 48, 20007 Donostia, Gipuzkoa (13 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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### Chillida-Leku Museum

This museum is dedicated to the work of the famous Basque sculptor Eduardo Chillida. It is located in an impressive park surrounded by nature and offers an extensive collection of his sculptures, drawings and engravings.

Jauregi Bailara, 66, 20120 Hernani, Gipuzkoa (17 min by car from wecamp San Sebastián)

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# San Sebastián Beaches



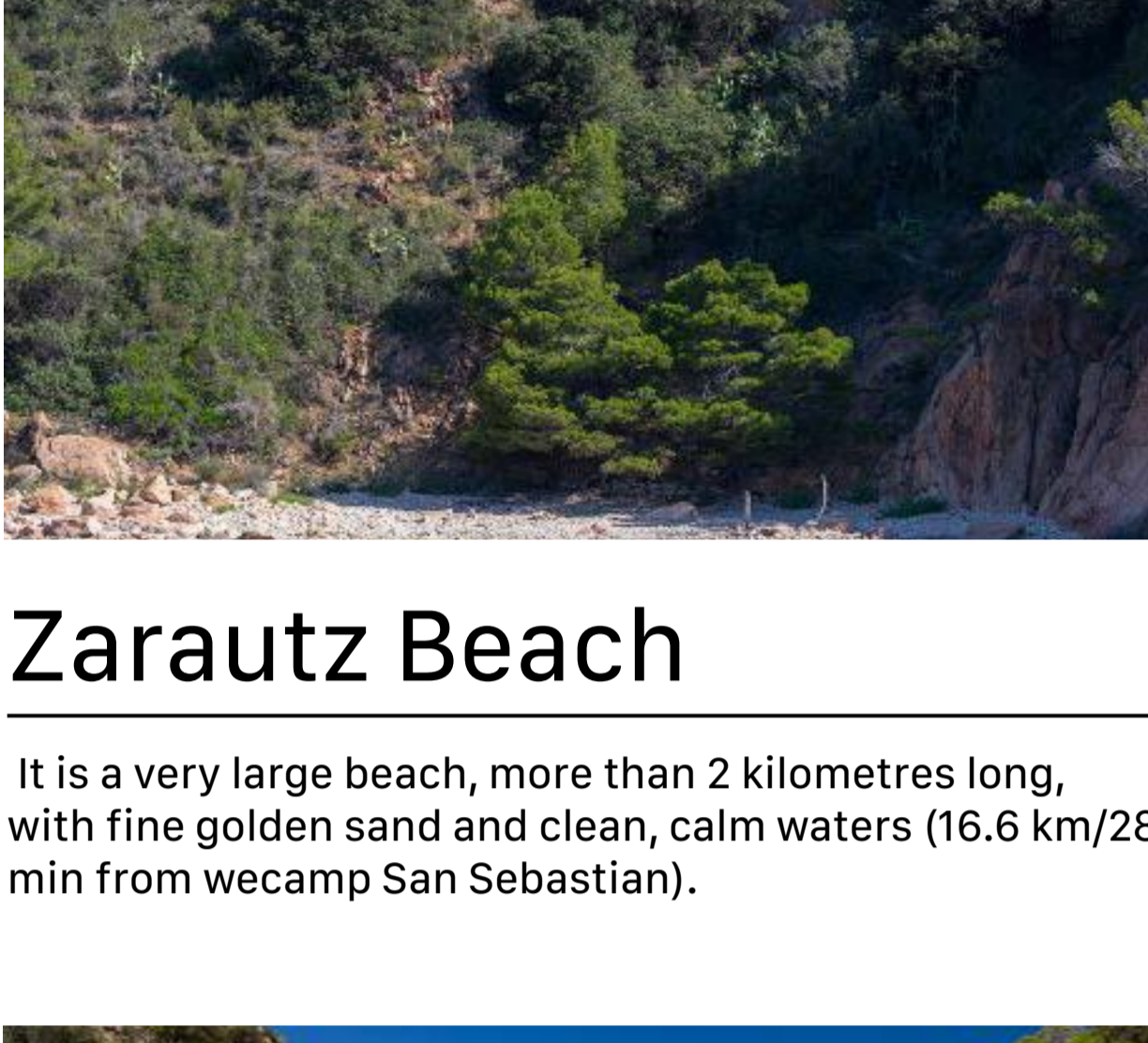
## La Concha Beach

It is characterised by its shell shape and its wide expanse of golden sand, flanked by elegant buildings and manicured gardens. Its waters are calm and shallow (7.1 km/ 15 min from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Ondarreta Beach

A wide beach with fine golden sand and calm waters ideal for swimming. It also has services such as toilets, showers, beach bars and beach umbrellas and sun loungers for hire. (5.1 km/8 min by car from wecamp San Sebastian).



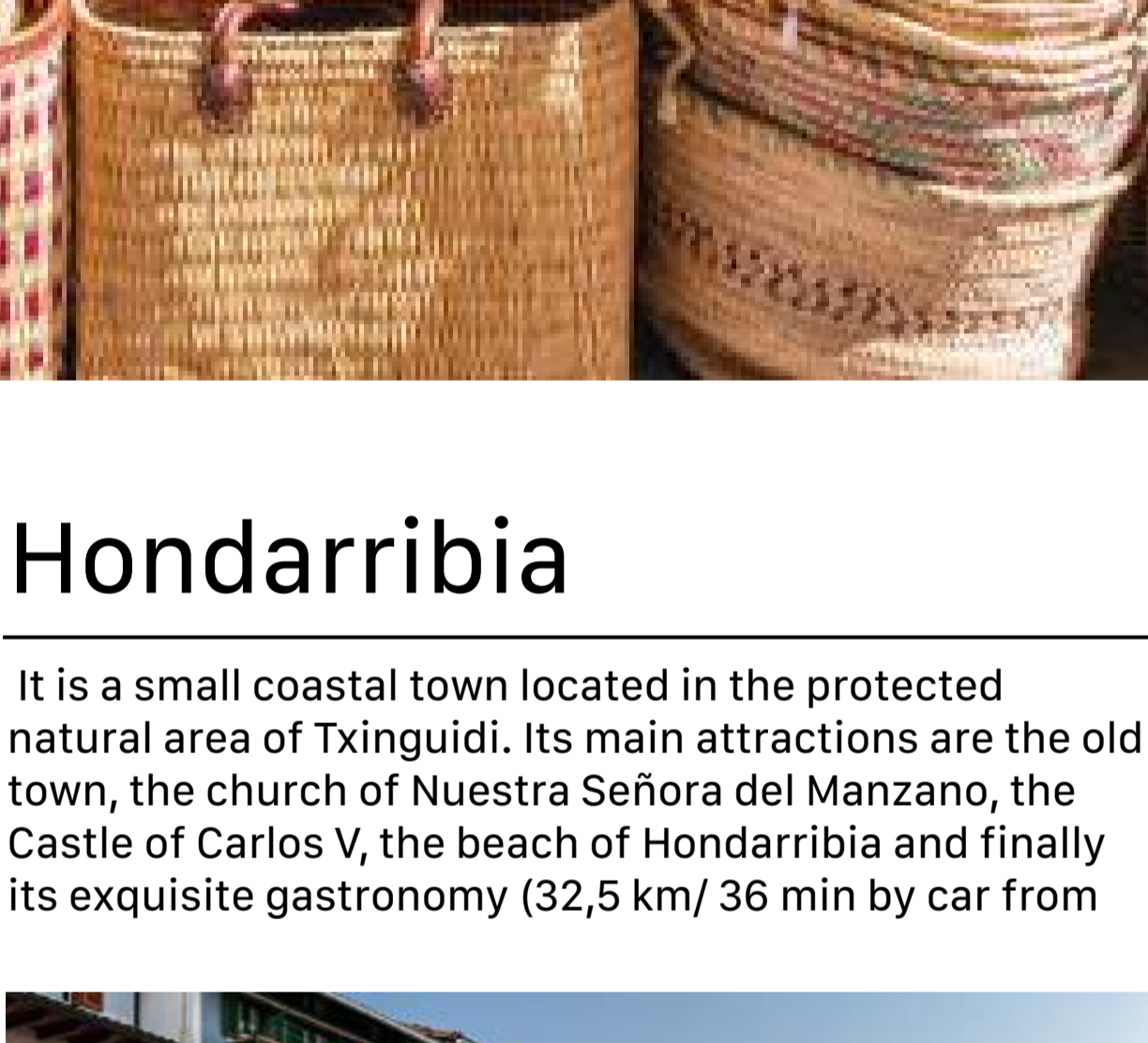
## Zurriola Beach

Located in the neighbourhood of Gros, this beach is very popular with surfers due to its consistent and powerful waves. It also offers surfboard rental and lessons for beginners (8.2 km/19 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian).



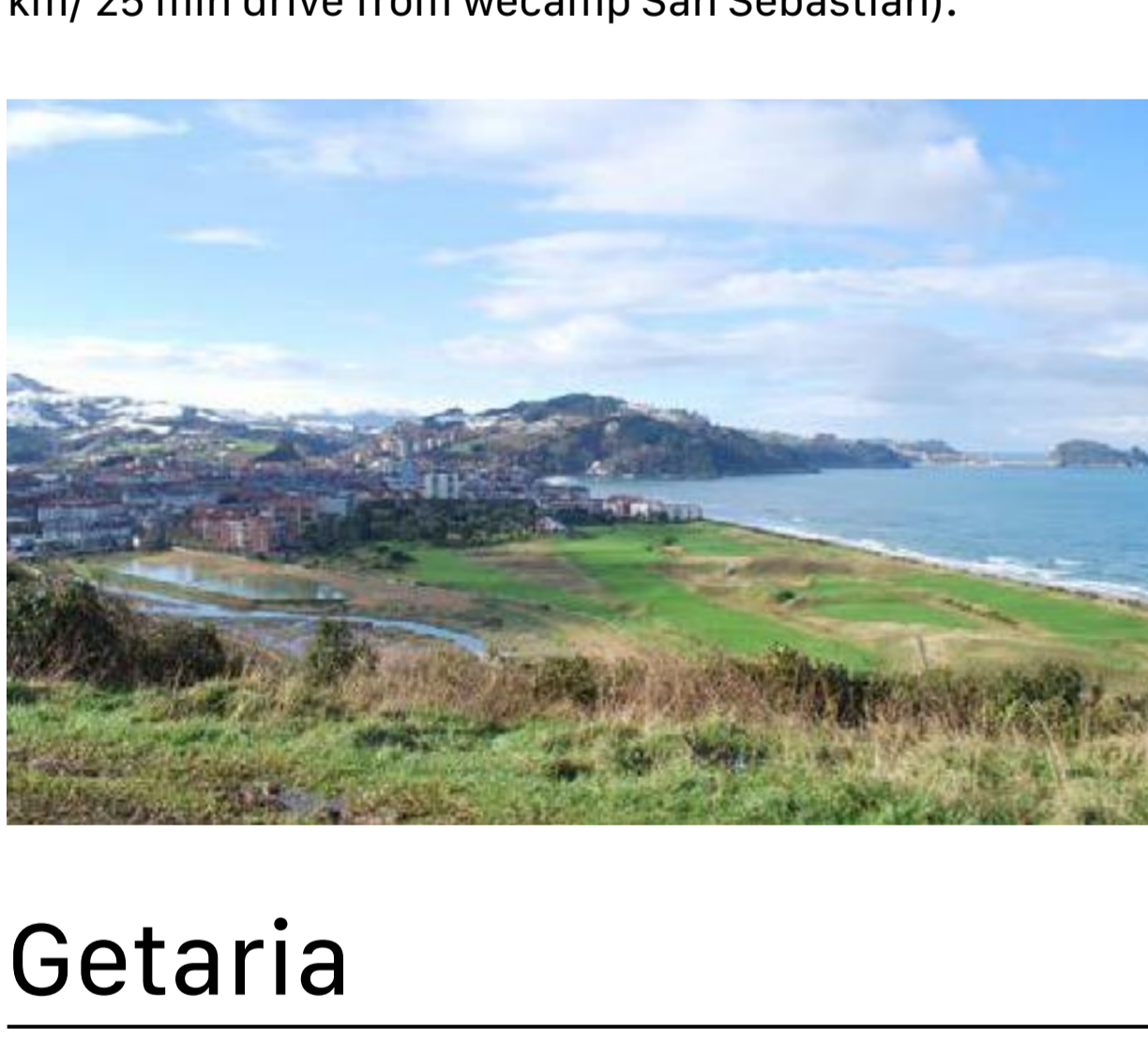
## Santa Clara beach

Another option close to Igueldo, located on the other side of La Concha bay. It is a smaller and quieter beach, perfect for enjoying a day at the beach with the family



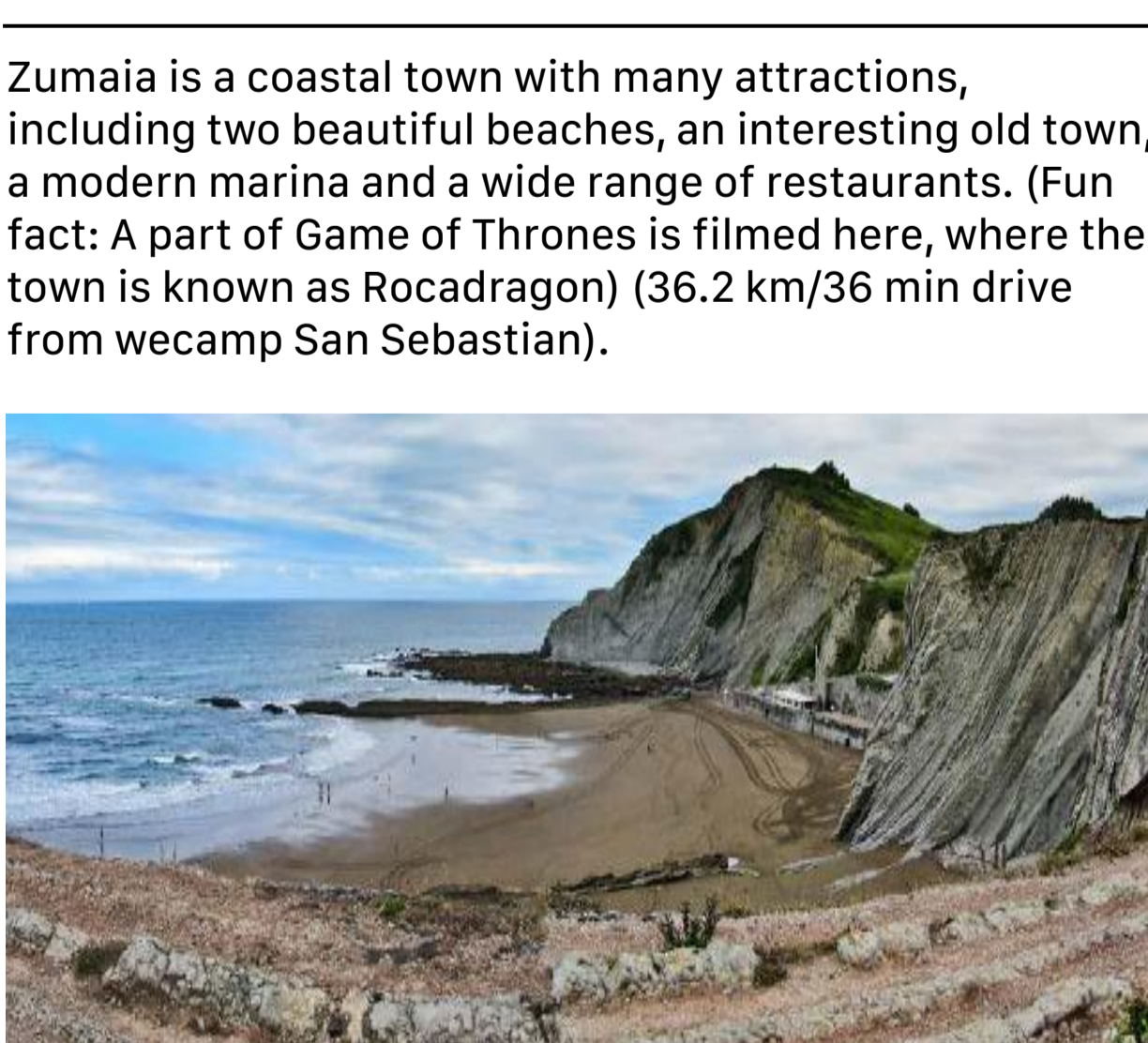
## Zumaiako Hondartza

Beach on an islet, surrounded by spectacular cliffs and famous for the unusual striated rocks that can be seen at low tide. It is often known among surfers for its big waves, making it a perfect beach for surfing (37.1 km/ 38 min from wecamp San Sebastian).



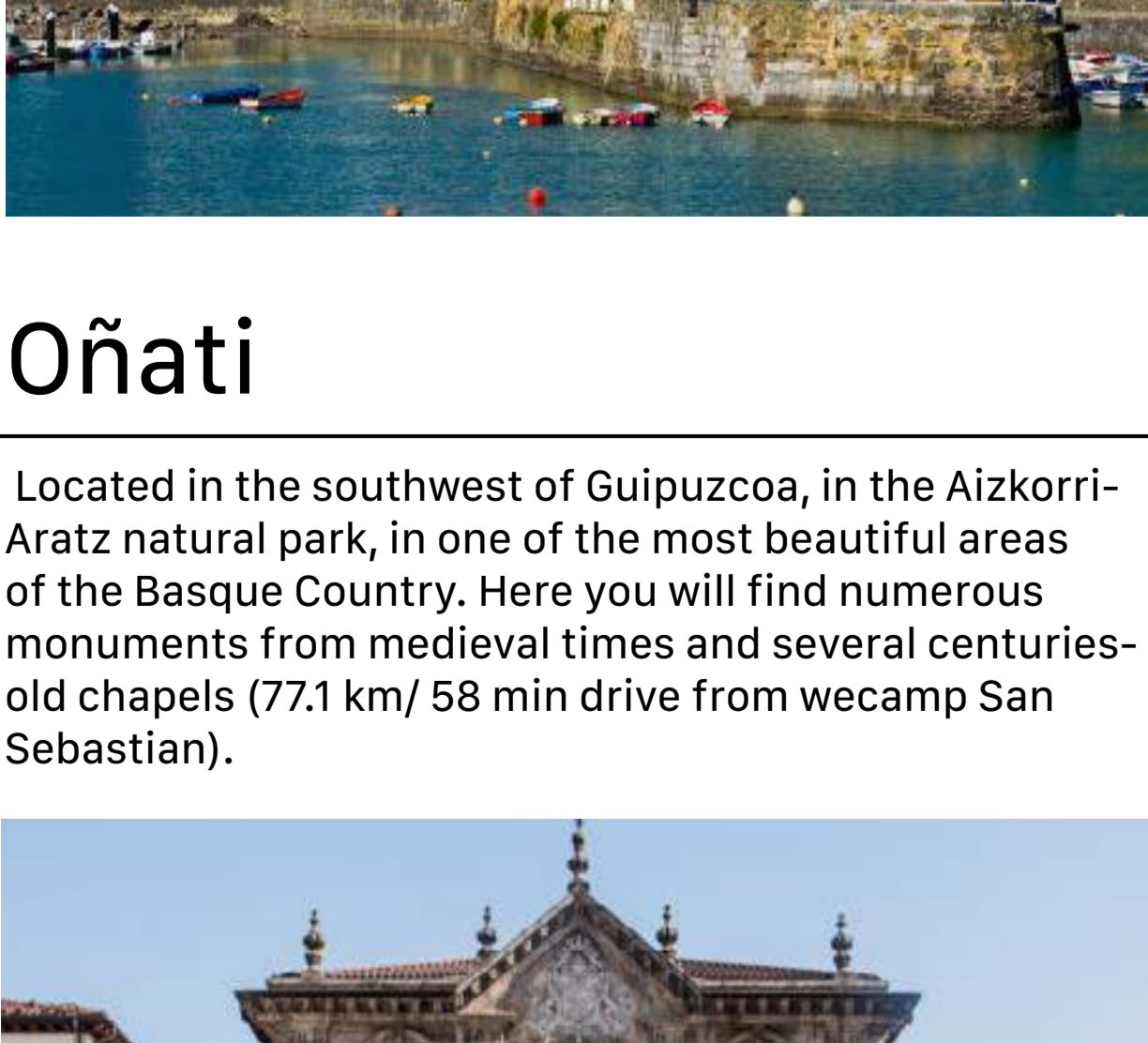
## Zarautz Beach

It is a very large beach, more than 2 kilometres long, with fine golden sand and clean, calm waters (16.6 km/28 min from wecamp San Sebastian).

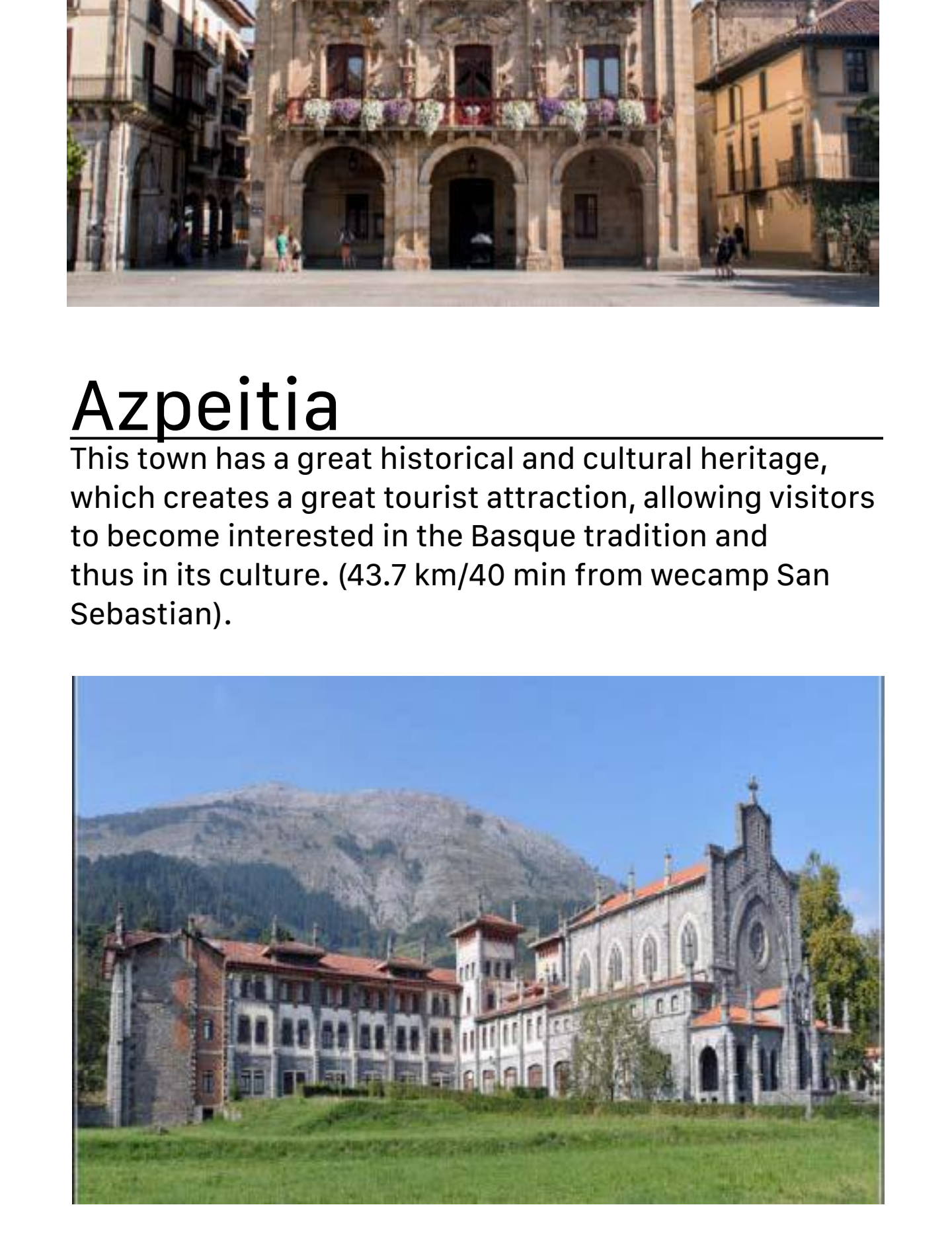


## Alabortza Beach

It is located at the eastern end of the bay of Lekeitio, and is characterised by its crystal clear waters and its natural environment surrounded by cliffs and vegetation. It is a quiet and uncrowded beach, ideal for those looking for a more relaxed and natural environment (22.2 km/37 min from wecamp San Sebastian).



# Towns



## Hondarribia

It is a small coastal town located in the protected natural area of Txingudi. Its main attractions are the old town, the church of Nuestra Señora del Manzano, the Castle of Carlos V, the beach of Hondarribia and finally its exquisite gastronomy (32,5 km/ 36 min by car from



## Zarautz

Zarautz has become, above all, a popular summer holiday destination for many people and surfers. This charming seaside resort is home to the longest beach in the Spanish Basque Country, and is also famous for its waves that attract surfers from all over the world (22.7 km/ 25 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Getaria

Is a seaside village with a special charm, where you can enjoy the beach, the natural landscape, the gastronomy and the local culture (27.2 km/31 min by car from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Zumaia

Zumaia is a coastal town with many attractions, including two beautiful beaches, an interesting old town, a modern marina and a wide range of restaurants. (Fun fact: A part of Game of Thrones is filmed here, where the town is known as Rocadragon) (36.2 km/36 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Mutriku

A charming town with one of the best preserved historic centres on the Basque coast, with its narrow cobbled streets, stone houses and flowered balconies. It is famous for its fishing port and for its quality gastronomy, especially for its fresh fish and seafood. It also has several places of cultural interest, such as the monumental ensemble of the Market Square and the Hermitage of San Telmo, located on a cliff overlooking the sea. (50 km/47 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Oñati

Located in the southwest of Guipuzcoa, in the Aizkorri-Aratz natural park, in one of the most beautiful areas of the Basque Country. Here you will find numerous monuments from medieval times and several centuries-old chapels (77.1 km/ 58 min drive from wecamp San Sebastian).



## Azpeitia

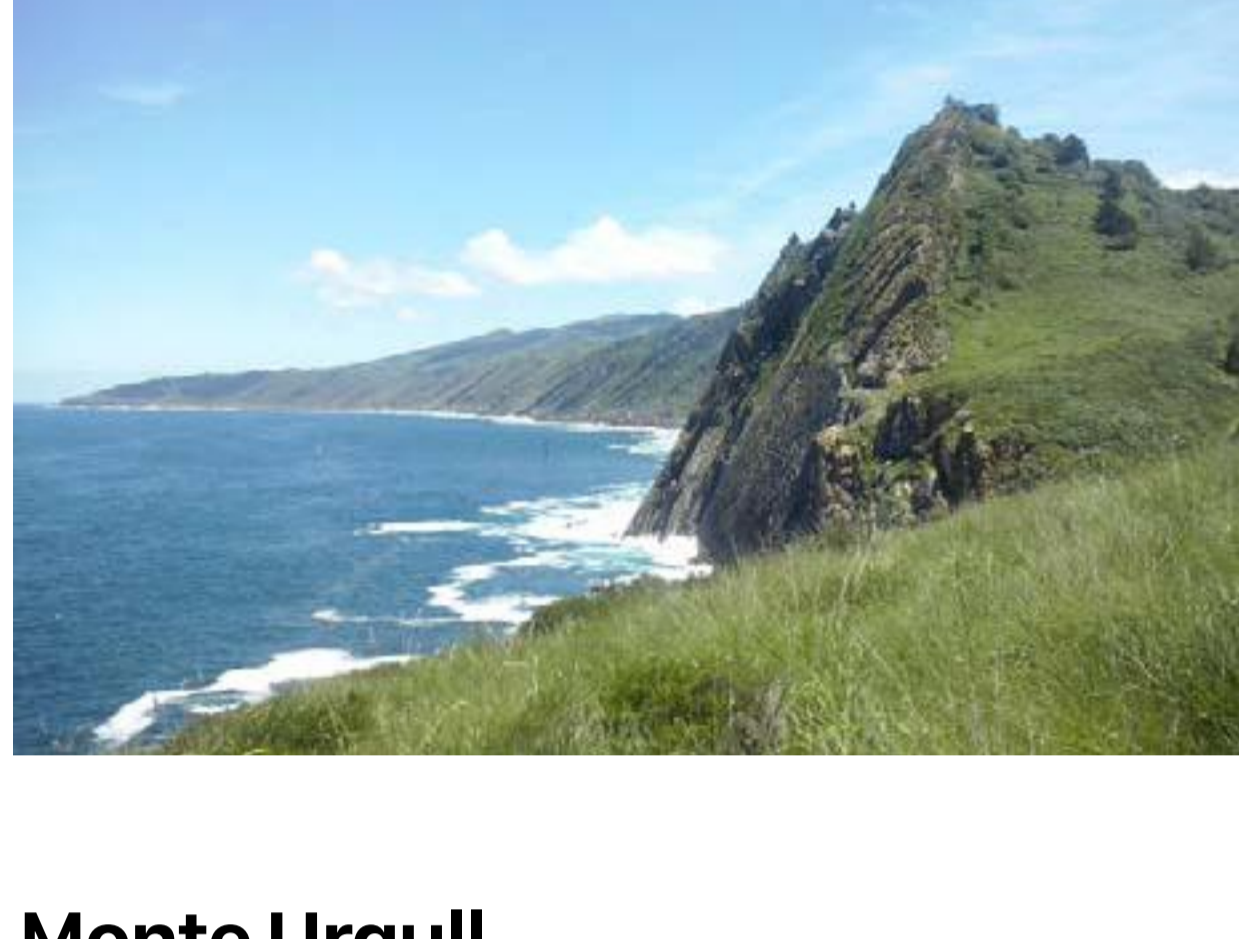
This town has a great historical and cultural heritage, which creates a great tourist attraction, allowing visitors to become interested in the Basque tradition and thus in its culture. (43.7 km/40 min from wecamp San Sebastian).



# Routes

## Monte Ulia

This hiking route is located east of San Sebastian and offers a wilder and more natural experience. The route can be a little more demanding than Monte Urgull, but offers stunning views of the Basque coastline (Distance 13.67 km/5 h 49 min).



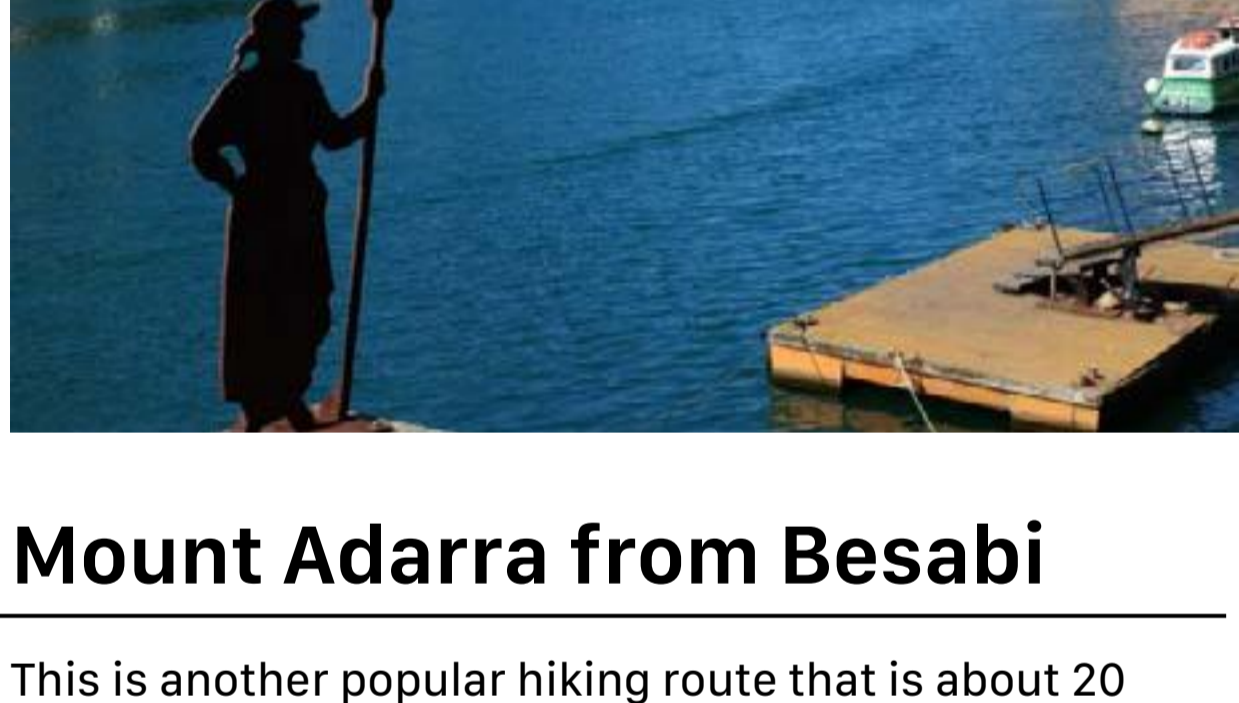
## Monte Urgull

This is one of the most popular routes in the city, as it offers spectacular views of the bay of La Concha and the old part of the city. It is a short and easy route that can be completed in less than an hour (2.09 km).



## Camino de Santiago

If you want to do a longer hiking route, you can opt for the Camino de Santiago that passes through San Sebastian. This route will take you through beautiful landscapes and rural villages, and will allow you to learn more about the Basque culture.(20.31 km/ 6 h)



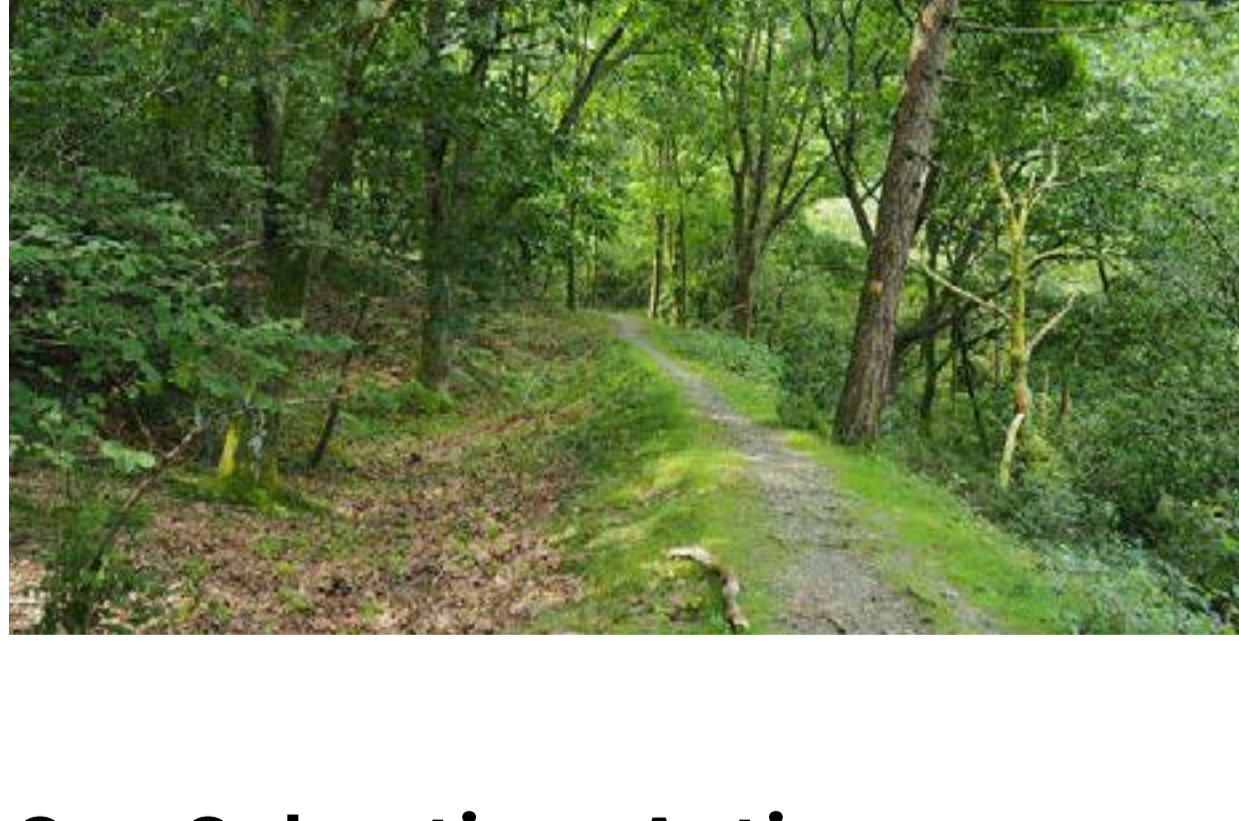
## Mount Adarra from Besabi

This is another popular hiking route that is about 20 minutes drive from San Sebastian. The route offers panoramic views of the city and the nearby mountains, and can be a little more challenging than the previous routes (6.09 km/ 1 h 49 min).



## Aiako Harria Natural Park

This natural park is located about 30 minutes drive from San Sebastian and offers a variety of hiking routes, from easy walks to longer and more challenging routes. The park boasts unique flora and fauna and offers stunning views of the Basque coastline.



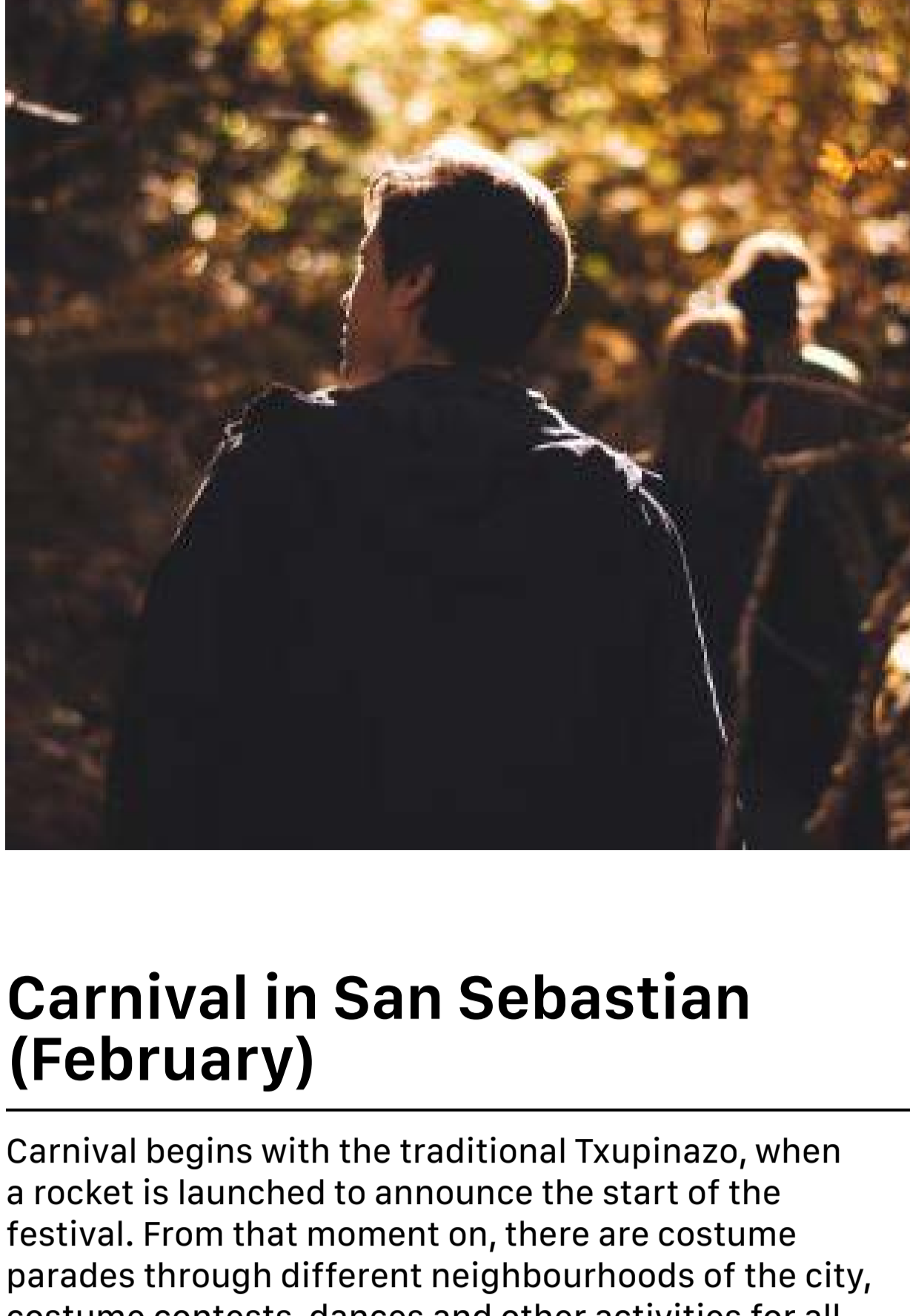
## San Sebastian- Astigarraga

A flat route where you can enjoy a lively walk, passing through Loiola, Txomin Enea and its delightful river park where it is advisable to stop for a couple of photos. We cross Martutene until we reach Astigarraga, where we will find the awaited Gurutzeta Cider House (6.6 km/ 1h 49 min).





# FESTIVALS



## Carnival in San Sebastian (February)

Carnival begins with the traditional Txupinazo, when a rocket is launched to announce the start of the festival. From that moment on, there are costume parades through different neighbourhoods of the city, costume contests, dances and other activities for all ages. One of the highlights of the Donostia Carnival is the Tamborrada Infantil (Children's Tamborrada), where children take to the streets in costume, beating drums and barrels. There is also an adult Tamborrada, where groups of people dressed in typical soldiers' costumes beat their drums and barrels as they go through the streets of the city.



## The night of San Juan (June)

During the night of San Juan, the inhabitants of the city go to the beaches to light bonfires and enjoy the company of friends and family. It is traditional to jump over the bonfires and swim in the sea on this magical night. Concerts and cultural events are also organised to celebrate the arrival of summer.

## Jazz Festival (July)

This is one of the most important live music events held in the city. It takes place during the month of July and features some of the most internationally renowned jazz musicians, as well as performances by local and national artists. The festival is held in different venues in the city, such as the Kursaal and the Victoria Eugenia Theatre.



## Semana Grande (August)

Takes place in mid-August and lasts a whole week. Numerous events and activities are organised during this week, such as live music concerts, sports competitions, etc.

Saint Sebastian's Day: is celebrated on 20 January in honour of the patron saint of the city. During this day, parades and processions are organised through the streets of the city, and there are tastings of typical food and drink of the region.



## Euskal Jaiak (September)

This is a festival held in San Sebastian during the month of September. During the Euskal Jaiak, visitors can enjoy traditional music, traditional dances, rural sports, gastronomic competitions and cultural exhibitions. In addition, there are also fairs of craft products and local gastronomy.



## International Film Festival

The San Sebastian International Film Festival is one of the most important film events in the world. It is held annually during the last week of September and is attended by leading filmmakers, actors and directors from all over the world. During the festival, films are screened in different categories, such as feature films, short films, documentaries and animated films.



## La Bandera de la Concha (September)

The Bandera de la Concha is a regatta held annually in September in the waters of La Concha Bay in San Sebastian. It is a competition of traineras (rowing boats typical of the Basque Country) in which teams representing different neighbourhoods and towns in the province take part.



## San Sebastian International Fair (October-November)

The San Sebastian International Fair is a commercial event held annually in the city and attracts numerous national and international visitors and exhibitors. The fair takes place during the months of October and November and is divided into different sections, such as food and drink, fashion and textiles, beauty and wellness, tourism and leisure, among others.



## Santo Tomás (Diciembre)

On December 21, Donostia returns to the past of market sales, amidst traditional costumes, freshly made talos and txistorra.



