

Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain

Where a titanium museum transformed an industrial city into one of Europe's great cultural destinations — and the pintxos alone are worth the detour.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (€) Spanish / Basque (Euskera) Shuttle to city center

🗌 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berth at Santurtzi cruise terminal, ~14 km from city center

Walk to center: Not walkable — shuttle or taxi required

Best For: Art, Basque food, architecture, old town wandering

Don't Miss: Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and pintxos in the Casco Viejo

Getting around: **Taxi** €30–40 each way · **Rideshare** Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** Bilbao City View

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Guggenheim Museum Bilbao** — Frank Gehry's 1997 titanium masterpiece is one of the most celebrated buildings on Earth.
- **Casco Viejo (Old Town) Walk** — The 'Siete Calles' (Seven Streets) are Bilbao's medieval core — tight lanes packed with pintxos bars, independent...
- **Pintxos Bar Crawl** — Pintxos (Basque tapas) are taken seriously here.
- **Zubizuri & Riverfront Walk** — Santiago Calatrava's white arched footbridge (Zubizuri) is one of several striking bridges spanning the Ría de Bilbao.
- **San Juan de Gaztelugatxe Day Trip** — A 45-minute drive from Bilbao brings you to this dramatic hermitage perched on a sea stack — the 'Dragonstone' filming...

BEST WALKS

- **Guggenheim to Casco Viejo Riverside Walk** 2 km · 25 min · Flat — Start at the Guggenheim's Puppy sculpture and walk east along the Ría de Bilbao riverbank.
- **Casco Viejo Lanes & Cathedral** 1 km loop · 1 hr · Easy — Wander the Siete Calles from Plaza Nueva, peek into the Santiago Cathedral, browse the covered Mercado de la Ribera, and end back at...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	49°	14d
Jun	73°	59°	12d
Aug	77°	63°	10d
Sep	75°	60°	11d
Oct	70°	56°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:29AM–8:54PM · Jun 6:31AM–9:53PM · Aug 7:17AM–9:14PM · Sep 7:51AM–8:21PM · Oct 8:25AM–7:28PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

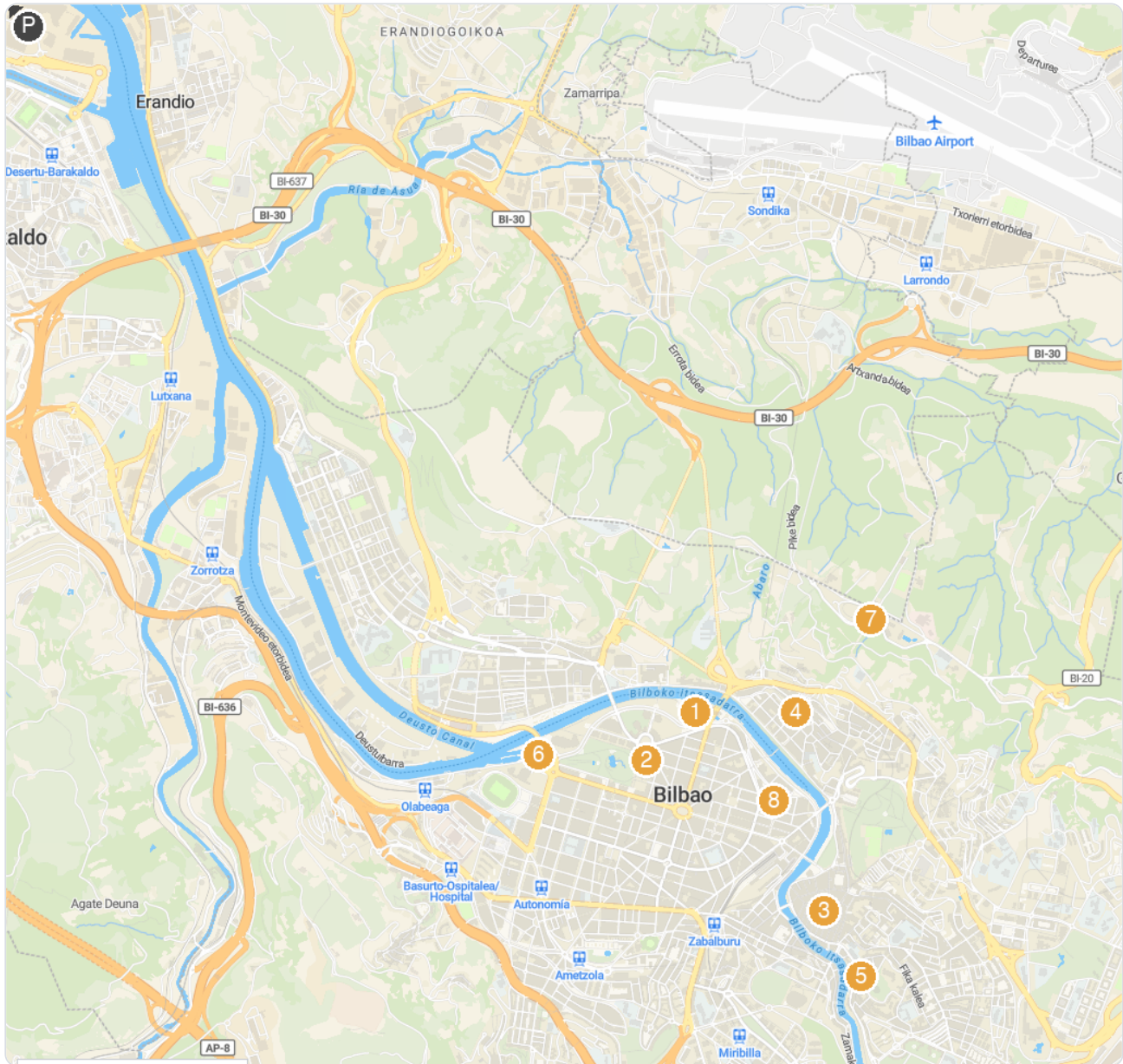
- Take the Metro, not a taxi. The Line 2 Metro from Santurtzi station is ~€2 and drops you in the heart of Bilbao in 25 minutes. Faster than a taxi in traffic and a fraction of the...

Lunch is pintxos time. Pintxos bars are busiest from 1–3 PM. Don't eat a big sit-down meal — graze between four or five bars in

Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Guggenheim Museum Bilbao | Iconic modern art museum with stunning architecture. | 2 Museum of Fine Arts of Bilbao | Major art museum, classical to contemporary European works. |
| 3 Bilboko Donejakue Katedrala | Bilbao's Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site. | 4 Funicular bottom station | Lower station for the scenic Artxanda mountain funicular. |
| 5 Museum of Sacred Art of Bilbao | Museum showcasing Basque religious art and artifacts. | 6 Itsasmuseum Bilbao | Maritime museum exploring Bilbao's seafaring history. |
| 7 Artxanda Funicular | Scenic cable car to Mount Artxanda for city views. | 8 Church of San Vicente de Abando | Historic 16th-century church in the city center. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |