



San Sebastián's

Best-kept secrets

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A constant celebration of life

A gastronomic destination for locals and foreigners, San Sebastián feeds more than the stomach with its charming blend of architectural elegance and natural beauty. Basque culture values togetherness, so a common pastime is 'potear' - bar hopping, enjoying pintxos, drinks and laughs.

Neighbourhoods

- Antiguo
- Centro
- Egia
- Gros
- Hermani
- Ondarreta
- Parte Vieja



KEEP AN EYE ON THESE DOTS,
YOU MIGHT COMBINE HOTSPOTS
ONCE YOU'RE THERE.

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Music & Entertainment

Whatever your idea of fun is, we bet you'll find it in this quirky city. Its range of traditional to niche spots mean that laughs and good times can be had all round.

Food & Drinks

From pintxos to Michelin-starred marvels, the city is world renowned for its commitment to fresh, authentic and distinctive flavours served in humble and atmospheric locations.



Art & Culture

Nature's influence can be deeply felt throughout the art scene in this creative city – in the galleries, architecture, street art – you'll feel it breathing life all over.



Shops & Boutiques

Shopping in San Sebastián isn't just a hobby; it's an art form. Meander through charming streets and chic boutiques, where fashion and flair are on full display. It's retail therapy, Basque style.

Parks & Nature

With its dreamy beaches, enchanting royal gardens, and magnificent vistas from above, this city's outdoor spots are the real deal.

FOOD & DRINKS

YOU NEED TO TRY THE
FRIED SQUID BOCADILLO



www.juantxo.com



Bar Juantxo

Cheap and cheerful spot serving local tastes

For 70 years, this traditional little spot has been serving mouth-watering bocadillos and bolintxe. Homemade, delicious and moreish. It's a humble size, so best take your goods-to-go and enjoy them at the Nautico.

● Parte Vieja [Enbeltran Kalea, 6](#)



[@theloafbakeries](#)

Cafetería/ Panadería The Loaf

An ode to real bread

With ovens at eye level and bakers crafting behind the glass, bread enthusiasts: prepare to watch and enjoy. There's a huge range of bread sorts and sweet treats to savour and the coffee is top-notch too.

● Gros [Zurriola Hiribidea, 18](#)

DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT A SOURDOUGH
LOAF AND SLICE OF CHEESECAKE

Bar Sport

It's always game day

A sporty and youthful atmosphere makes this spot great for groups who want an evening of cheap pintxos and beers. It's not fancy but it's got authentic food, traditional decor and humble people.

● Parte Vieja

Fermin Calbeton Kalea, 10

YOU CAN ONLY GET
THERE BY FOOT



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Bar La Viña

Calling all sweet tooths

Bringing back the lost tradition of newsstands, News & Coffee is a spot where you can get both your caffeine fix and a piece of literature to go with it.

● Parte Vieja

31 de Agosto Kalea, 3

HUGELY POPULAR WITH
LOCALS, BE PREPARED
TO WAIT

www.bodegadonostiarra.com

Bodega Donostiarra

A much-loved gem among locals

If you go to one spot, please make it this one. A crazy variety of pintxos will have your tastebuds tingling and screaming for more. It's a no-frills kinda joint because they let the food do the hard work.

● Gros

Peña y Goñi Kalea, 13

ASK FOR THE POTATO OMELETTE,
Mini COMPLETO, AND THE EPIC
INDURAIN PINTXO





MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE



Dabadaba

An alternative and open minded club

Since 2014, Dabadaba has been hosting everyone from local rising stars to international acts, covering everything from techno to jazz. But it's not just about music – theatre, art shows, and street markets also get the spotlight.

● Egia

[Paseo de Mundaiz, 8](#)

[@dabadabass](#)

Doka

IT HAS PRIVATE BEACH ACCESS

For a proper cultural experience

Doka is all about embracing Basque language and culture. With an extensive cultural program, there'll be something for everyone to learn and enjoy from the city's creatives. Check out the cafe!

● Antiguoa

[Erregezaintza Kalea,](#)

[www.doka.eus](#)

Arraun Cocktail Bar

For a cool, cool beverage

If you prefer a more relaxed atmosphere to kick back with a drink, head to the best cocktail bar in town. Every three months the menu changes to shake (and stir) things up.

● Parte Vieja

[bajo, Angel Kalea, 4](#)

[www.arteliquido.net](#)

ORDER THE BLOODY
MARY, NO MATTER
THE TIME OF DAY



Le Bukowski

Two decades of nightlife legacy

A buzzing atmosphere powered by the live music and stellar cocktails. Let this be the starting point on your night out before heading to the neighbours, Tabakalera and Dabadaba.

● Egia [Egia Kalea, 18.](#) www.lebukowski.com

Altxerri Jazz &

Basement beats for you to move and groove

Known as the “Cathedral of Jazz” this spot has weekly concerts and vinyl sets, mixing classical and alternative sounds in their venue. Make sure you check the program before as they only open for specific events.

● Centro [Erregina Erregeordea kalea.](#) [www.altxerrijazzbar.](http://www.altxerrijazzbar)

ART &
CULTURE

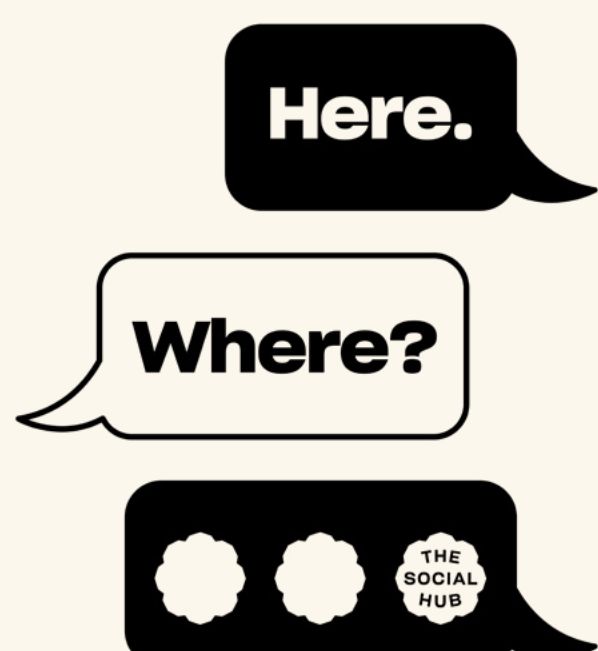
Sala Kubo Aretoa

Temporary exhibitions inspired by the sea

Within the stunning Kursaal building designed by Rafael Moneo, this spot draws inspiration from the striking coastal “rocas baradas.” Their dynamic lineup of exhibitions focuses on visual arts from the early 20th century to today.

● Gros [Zurriola Hiribidea, 1](#) www.sala-kubo-aretoa.eus

THEY OFTEN HAVE LIVE
CLASSICAL CONCERTS



Tabakalera

The hotspot for contemporary culture

Inside the walls of a former tobacco factory you'll find San Sebastián's coolest community. A quirky crowd that works closely together on various creative outputs. Check out their rooftop bar and exclusive menu, too.

● Egia Pl. de las Cigarreras, 1



CHECK THE PROGRAM TO SEE
WHAT EXHIBITIONS THEY HAVE
BEFORE YOU GO



Peine del viento

An artistic battle of the elements

"The Comb of the Wind" is the best open-air art gallery, courtesy of the legendary Basque artist Eduardo Chillida. Three sculptures located where the city ends and sea begins, it's a dramatic experience and one you'll never forget.

● Ondarretaa
Eduardo Chillida Pasealekua, s/n

TAKE CARE WHEN THE
SEA IS ROUGH



www.ansebastianaturismoa.eus

Chillidaleku

A harmonious dance of art and nature

Relax and enjoy as you take a long stroll through the artistic playground of architect Eduardo Chillida. The sculptures seamlessly weave into the natural beauty of the surroundings, a marvel of modern art.

● Hernani
Zurriola Hiribidea, 1

ASK FOR THE TRADITIONAL
CIDER HOUSE



www.museochillidaleku.com

SHOPS & BOUTIQUES

Dott

If you're looking for an original gift

What began as an international friendship 11 years ago has blossomed into one of Donostia's most beloved stores. A variety of jewellery, handmade crafts, things for the home, it's a perfect place for a gift.

● Parte Vieja

Narrika Kalea, 3

THE EARRINGS ARE
EXTRA SPECIAL PIECES



[@dottdonosti](#)

Posidonia Estudio

Where art, design, and tech come together

Founded by the creative force Maria R. Laspiur, their vibrant, organic designs make a statement. These pieces are not just stunning; they're eco-friendly, and crafted from biodegradable PLA material.

● Gros

Segundo Izpizua 37

[@posidonia.estudio](#)

SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP!

Ulhas

Thoughtfully curated, sustainable fashion

Ulhas offer revolves around a curated selection of quality garments and accessories committed to local and sustainable fashion. Originality is their hallmark, with comfortable fabrics and unique colours that will make your wardrobe pop.

● Centro

Etxaide Kalea, 1

www.ulhas.es

CHECK OUT THE DRESSED



www.beltzarecords.com



Beltza Records

Friendly folk and music for the soul

A chill oasis for alt-music lovers, covering everything from '60s classics to the freshest beats of today. They've got a real soft spot for African-American music - we're talking soul, jazz, reggae, Latino, and beyond.

● Parte Vieja San Juan Kalea, 9

THE OWNER IS
A LOCAL LEGEND



THE GRILLED CHEESE IS
OUT OF THIS WORLD

Bouiboui Shop

Where the packaging is as good as the contents

This delightful deli offers a curated selection of natural wines, artisan cheeses, and delicious things you've never even heard of. The shop is also a creative space where you can meet talented people through monthly events.

● Gros Trueba Kalea, 4

PARKS & NATURE

DON'T MISS THE FORT!

Monte Urgul

One-of-a-kind panoramic views

Expect picturesque pathways and hidden viewpoints as you trek up Monte Urgul. Once a 12th century fortress, many a battle was fought on this soil. In summer, reward yourself with a beer at the Polvorín bar.

● Parte Vieja [Urgul](#)



www.sansebastianturismoa.eus



Jardines y Palacio de Miramar

A royal gem between the sandy beaches

Built in 1893 for Queen María Cristina of Austria, this palace exudes English countryside charm. The gardens are the real crown jewel, though. A serene spot to sit and gaze into the blue sea.

● Antiguo [La Concha beach](#)

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SUNSET AND SUNRISE ARE
ESPECIALLY MAGICAL

Playa de la Zurriola

Surf, sip, and sunset magic

Grab your board, ride the Basque Country waves, and when the sun sets, enjoy a cold beer with friends while the sky turns shades of orange and pink.

● Gros [Zurriola beach](#)

BOOK A SURF LESSON
AT PUKAD SHOP



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