

THINGS TO DO IN SAN SEBASTIAN

Below you'll find a selection of Samantha & Zach's favourite recommendations to explore during your stay. From culture and cuisine to shopping and seaside strolls, San Sebastián has something for everyone

Should you wish to book any experiences or reservations, please contact the locations or your hotel concierge for assistance

La Concha Promenade & Monte Igueldo
Unmissable views of the bay, especially at sunset

Monte Igueldo
Take the funicular up Monte Igueldo for breathtaking panoramas

Visit Palacio Miramar
Beautiful gardens and views

Kursaal Music Hall
Same architect as the Cathedral in Los Angeles

The Old Town (Parte Vieja)
Wander through charming, cobbled streets, home to the city's best pintxo bars & vibrant atmosphere. Don't miss Plaza de la Constitución

Monte Urgull
A gentle walk from Old Town to the Cristo de la Mota statue & old fortifications with sweeping views of the bay

San Telmo Museoa | www.santelmomuseoa.eus
An elegant museum housed in a former convent, a glimpse into Basque culture, art, and history

Txakoli Winery Visit (Getaria)
City Hall
A short drive along the coast leads to Getaria, home to local Txakoli wine

Peine del Viento Sculptures by Chillida
A serene and iconic spot where art meets the Atlantic, ideal for a morning walk!

Victoria Eugenia Theatre & Kursaal Auditorium
Architectural landmarks on the riverfront, worth visiting even if you don't attend a performance

Catholic Churches
Virgen Santa Maria del Coro (old town), El Buen Pastor, San Vicente. If you get a chance to visit El Buen Pastor Cathedral

SHOPPING & LIFESTYLE

Avenida de la Libertad & San Martín
Elegant shopping streets featuring Spanish & European designer boutiques

Masscob & Loreak Mendian
Local Basque fashion brands known for understated luxury & timeless design

Mugak Concept Store A
beautifully curated space offering lifestyle pieces, fashion & design objects

Casa Munoa
Historic local jeweller, perfect for a refined keepsake or meaningful gifts

Noventa Grados
Kale Nagusia 3, 20003 Donostia
+34 637 71 88 27

Milk
Plaza del Buen Pastor 3, 20007 Donostia
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Marta G. Estilismo
Urbietakalea 4, Primera Planta, 20006 Donostia
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Amaia Makeup
Plaza de las Cigarreras 1, 20012 Donostia | +34 692 13 21 58

Itzi Gonzalo
Egia Kalea 20, 20012 Donastia | +34 635 68 62 86

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK IN SAN SEBASTIÁN:

Pintxos in the Parte Vieja (Old Town)
Head into the Parte Vieja and try pintxos (pronounced pinchos) by hopping from bar to bar. Most people eat standing unless you snag a table. The busiest bars - filled with locals - are usually the best. If you're unsure what to order, simply look at what others are eating.

GANDARIAS | Bar & Restaurant

Website: restaurantegandarias.com/es

Our favorites: solomillo (filet mignon), mushroom brochette, and chipirón (squid) brochette. Also excellent for a traditional sit-down lunch (reservations recommended).

PACO BUENO | Bar

Great for: gambas en gabardina (battered prawns), croquetas, mejillones rellenos (stuffed mussels), and tortilla de patata.

No reservations.

LA CUCHARA DE SAN TELMO | Bar & Restaurant

Order the foie gras (amazing!). Also known for octopus, beef cheek, suckling pig, crispy pork belly, and scallop risotto. Mostly small cooked plates - everything is delicious.

BAR NESTOR | Bar & Restaurant

Famous for its tortilla and chuletón (Basque steak). Small space, iconic experience.

LA CEPA | Restaurant

Website: barlacepa.com

Recommended dishes: txuleton/chuleta (Basque steak by the kilo) and monkfish.

Note: Meat in Basque Country is typically served very rare - specify your preference.

DANIEL'S FOCACCERIA

Quick and tasty focaccia sandwiches - perfect between stops.

GANBARA | Bar & Restaurant

Website: ganbarajatetxea.com

Internationally recognized pintxos. Order the seasonal mushrooms with egg and the txuleta pintxo.

CASA UROLA | Bar & Restaurant (Michelin Star)

Website: casaurolajatetxea.es

A new favorite! Great for pintxos or a seated meal. Try the mixed mushrooms with egg yolk, croquetas, and scallops.

NARRU | Restaurant (Michelin Star)

Website: www.narru.es

REKONDO | Restaurant

Website: rekondo.com

Located at the base of Monte Igeldo. Known for its wine cellar and classic Basque cuisine.

ANTONIO BAR | Bar

Famous for tortilla de patata, crispy oxtail, and scallops.

BAR DESSY

Website: bar-desy.menu-world.com

Known for its delicious chuleta burger.

BAR SPORT | Bar

A more touristy but fun and lively spot. Try the sea urchin crème, foie, and burger.

BORDA BERRI | Bar

Delicious risotto and pork ribs.

ATARI | Pintxos Bar

A favorite for creative pintxos and a buzzy atmosphere.

LA SPIGA | Bar & Restaurant

Great pintxos and wine; a reliable local gathering spot.

SANSEE | Bar & Restaurant

Try the individual tortilla de patata and other small plates. Pairs well with local Alhambra beer.

A great stop while shopping near Zara.

LA VIÑA | Bar

World-famous Basque burnt cheesecake (a must-try) plus classic pintxos.

PASTELERÍA OTAEGUI — Pastry Shop

Best pantxineta (traditional Basque dessert), cream puffs, and other baked goods.

CASA CAMARA | Restaurant (A Destination Experience)

Website: casacamara.com

A fabulous seafood restaurant best enjoyed on a sunny day. Take a bus from Plaza Gipuzkoa or a taxi to San Pedro, then hop on the little ferry for a 5-minute ride across the water—part of the charm. Request a table by the window. After lunch, stroll around Pasajes de San Juan.

FOR THOSE LOOKING TO EXPLORE BEYOND SAN SEBASTIÁN:

ELKANO | Getaria

Website: restauranteelkano.com

Michelin star. Considered one of the best seafood restaurants in the world.

ASADOR ASTILLERO | Getaria

Excellent fresh fish. Reservations required.

RESTAURANTE TERETE | Haro, La Rioja

Website: terete.es

Famous for its suckling lamb.

BODEGA KATXINA | Orio, Gipuzkoa

About 15 minutes from town. They produce Txakoli—a dry, sparkling Basque white wine.

CASA JULIAN | Tolosa, Gipuzkoa

Legendary 50-year-old Basque steak house, considered one of the best meat restaurants in the world. Request a seat by the fire pit in the basement.