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Bilbao Private Monumental Tour with Traditional and Innovative Pintxos



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🕒 Half-Day
(Duration: 4 hrs approx.)

📍 Bilbao

€ On Request
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Take a culinary journey through Bilbao's food culture with our expert local foodie guide. Prepare for an exploration of the city's finest and most beloved pintxo bars favoured by locals. Get to know Bilbao's rich history with a walking tour through the old quarter and important landmarks.

Highlights

- **English-Speaking Food & Wine Specialist Guide** to take you around to selected pinxto bars
- **Taste 5 pintxos and 5 wines at 4 stops**

General Overview

Country: Spain
Region: Basque Country
City: Bilbao
Duration: Half-Day (Duration: 4 hrs approx.)

Type: Private Half Day Tours
Theme: Food & Wine Tours
Group Size: 2 - 12 People
Price from: €

Introduction

Centuries of Bilbao's History: Exploring Historical & Cultural Hubs

Among the stops on our tour, you will find establishments deeply rooted in **Bilbao's history, extending over a century**. These places have witnessed the city's journey through different eras, from the days of republics and monarchies to the rise of nationalism, the times of the Civil War when one of the bars was seized, the Franco era, the transition period, the challenges posed by the Great Flooding, financial crises, the city's restructuring, and the growth of tourism.

Throughout their long history, these taverns have consistently served as gathering places for social and intellectual matters. They have hosted Literature Circles, frequented by some of the most renowned Basque intellectuals. These establishments are revered as cultural hubs within Bilbao, actively participating in a wide array of cultural events, including lectures, poetry readings, dramatized performances, theatrical productions, and live musical performances.

Bilbao Pintxos Exploration

Pintxos, a typical elaboration of northern Spain's culinary heritage and particularly beloved in the Basque Country, are small tasty snacks enjoyed in the sociable atmosphere of bars and taverns. These flavorful bites have a strong social element, perfect for casual gatherings with friends and family. Unlike tapas, pintxos are different because they are usually **'spiked' with a skewer or toothpick** (the toothpick is used to keep ingredients from falling off) often on a piece of bread. It is usually an appetizer that pairs wonderfully with a glass of **txikito** (a small wine) **or beer**, typically served in a quarter-pint glass.

While pintxo bars are common throughout the Basque Country, they diverge from conventional restaurants. Here, there is no need to book a table or wait to be served. The concept is just: "Help yourself and do not go without saying how many delicious pintxos you have eaten for us to charge you before you leave our pub". This trust-based concept is deeply ingrained in the culture, a testament to the close-knit community and the mutual respect the Basque people share.

Our tour will also lead you to **newer establishments that offer avant-garde pintxos**, showcasing a diverse daily selection of snacks. Expect to encounter innovative twists on traditional favourites, such as bread stuffed with succulent Iberian cured ham and Cantabrian Tuna paired with locally sourced ingredients, as well as Chef's creations that push the boundaries of flavour and presentation.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1

BILBAO

- **01:00PM or 06:30PM:** Meet our private local foodie guide at **your hotel or at a designated meeting point in the old quarter.**
- We will stop at 3-4 pintxo bars and enjoy 5 pintxos and 5 drinks in total. (**NOTE:** It will be a mix of **traditional** and **creative/innovative pintxos.**)
- After a short monumental walking tour thru the old quarter.
- 05:00PM or 10:30PM: Tour will end in the old quarter

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END OF PRIVATE TOUR SERVICES

Included

INCLUDED:

- English-Speaking Food & Wine Specialist Guide to take you around to selected pintxo bars
- (L) Lunch or (D) Dinner, the tour price includes 5 pintxos and 5 wines at 4 stops
- Local Taxes

Excluded

EXCLUDED:

- Transportation is not included you get to the meeting point and from the ending to at your own arrangements.
- No other beverages are included outside of what is tasted with your guide selection of wines.
- All extras must be paid directly.
- Tips & Gratuities are not included nor are they mandatory but always welcome if you had a good time.

Pick up

- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Airport
- Train Station
- Bus Station
- Cruise Ship Port
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Drop off

- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Airport
- Train Station
- Bus Station
- Cruise Ship Port
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Cancellation policy

- Up to 48 hrs before: **Fully Refundable**
- Under 48 hrs : **100% Non-Refundable**

Map

