

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENUE AND THE CITY

17-18 September 2026

HOST



Diputación Foral de Bizkaia

Provincial Council of Biscay

VENUE

The Conference will take place in **Bizkaia Aretoa** - Auditorium of the University of the Basque Country (EHU).

Address: Bizkaia Aretoa EHU -
Abandoibarra Etorbidea, 3, Abando,
Bilbao

Link to Google Maps:



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/FXHaayUK8YxZfNpdA>

HOTEL

There are a number of hotels in Bilbao, you can check prices and reserve wherever you prefer.
Good options are:

3* hotels:

- Sercotel Arenal <https://www.sercotelhoteles.com/hotel-arenal/>
- Conde Duque <https://hotelcondeduque.com/>
- Petit Palace Arana <https://www.petitpalacearanabilbao.com/>
- Ilunion Bilbao <https://www.ilunionbilbao.com/>
- Silken Sirimiri <https://www.hoteles-silken.com/es/hotel-sirimiri-bilbao/>

4* hotels:

- Ilunion San Mames <https://en.ilunionsanmames.com/>
- Vincci Consulado de Bilbao <https://www.vincciconsuladodebilbao.com/>
- Silken Indautxu <https://www.hoteles-silken.com/es/hotel-indautxu-bilbao/>
- NH Collection Villa de Bilbao <https://www.nh-hotels.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-villa-de-bilbao>
- Abando <https://hotelabando.com>

- NYX <https://www.leonardo-hotels.es/nyx-hotel-bilbao>
- Mercure Bilbao Jardines de Albia <http://hoteljardinesdealbia.es/>
- Barceló Nervión <https://www.barcelo.com/en-gb/barcelo-hotels/hotels/spain/bilbao/barcelo-bilbao-nervion/>

HOW TO GET TO BILBAO CITY CENTRE FROM THE AIRPORT

The airport is located 12 km away (15 min) from the City Centre of Bilbao.



PUBLIC BUS 3247 (Green and white bus named BizkaiBus) every 15 min. 4 different stops in Bilbao. Ticket price 4,50 € (bus driver or ticket office at the terminal).



TAXI available at the airport for about 30 €.

BILBAO

Bilbao is located in the north-central part of Spain. It is the capital of the province of Biscay in the autonomous community of the Basque Country. With a population of about 350,000, it is the largest city of its autonomous community and the tenth largest in Spain.

Throughout the nineteenth century and beginning of the twentieth, Bilbao experienced heavy industrialisation which made it the centre of the second-most industrialised region of Spain, behind Barcelona. Nowadays, Bilbao is a vigorous service city that is experiencing an ongoing social, economic, and aesthetic revitalisation process, started by the iconic Bilbao Guggenheim Museum and continued by infrastructure investments, such as the airport terminal, the metro, the tram line, the Alhóndiga, the bus terminal or the currently under development Abandoibarra and Zorrozaurre renewal projects.

Stores: Stores are open generally from 10:00- 20:00 however small shops are closed from 13:30-15:30.

Food: the quality and prestige of the Basque cuisine is well known.

- Typical meals are: fish such as cod, tuna, anchovies, hake... as well as mushrooms, peppers, beans, cheese, etc.
- You can eat all kinds of “Pintxos” (small plates) in almost all bars in Bilbao although there are certain areas where there is more concentration of bars. These areas are: Plaza Nueva (in the Old part of the city), Diputación, Ledesma or Garcia Rivero.

Must see:

- The old city (Casco Viejo), big pedestrian area, full of narrow streets, shops, bars and restaurants and a main square (Plaza Nueva), very lively on weekends. In Casco Viejo you must visit:
 - o Cathedral (Catedral de Santiago)

- Mercado de la Ribera (Newly refurbished Market place, very interesting, go in the morning)
- Puente de San Antón and Iglesia de San Antón (Bilbao started here and then expanded)
- The Guggenheim museum (even if you do not go inside, admire it from the outside)
- Sightseeing: Teatro Arriaga, Ayuntamiento, Torre Iberdrola
- Alhondiga- Azkuna Center (cultural place, it is very unique)
- Walk from la Plaza Moyua to la Plaza Circular across la Gran Vía, nice architecture and shops
- Walk or bike (you can rent bikes probably at the hotel) along the riverside from el Teatro Arriaga passing by the Guggenheim, Universidad de Deusto (you can even cross the pedestrian bridge in front of the University), all the way to the Palacio Euskalduna (House of congress)
- Jardines de Albia. It is a nice square with a beautiful church (Iglesia de San Vicente)
- Visit the Museo de Bellas Artes (Fine Arts museum)

If you have time you can also:

- Get the metro in any station you see (It is a very nice metro) and stop in AREETA (line 1) (about 15-20 minutes). Here you walk for 10 minutes and go to EL PUENTE COLGANTE DE BIZKAIA (World heritage), it is a beautiful hanging bridge, you can climb up to the top and see the views, it is where the river reaches the sea.



- From the Hanging Bridge you can take a beautiful walk along the seaside all the way to the beach passing by 2 marinas. There is an official walk where people skate and bike and run and walk.

- Go to coast line and more beaches! We have a fabulous coast line and some beaches are accessible by metro or bus (30- 40 min).



- Visit San Juan de Gaztelugatxe (islet topped with a hermitage and connected to the mainland by a winding footbridge). Beautiful landscape and where Game of Thrones was filmed (Dragonstone, season 7).

<http://www.euskoguide.com/places-basque-country/spain/san-juan-de-gaztelugatxe/>

- Visit San Sebastian (Donostia)- it is 1 hour and 15 minutes drive from Bilbao by bus, a beautiful city next to France (you can also go to France).



Other info:

<https://www.visitbiscay.eus/en/home>

<https://www.bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/tourists>