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San Sebastián**

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THE THREE KINGS' PARADE



5 January
Citywide

Melchor, Gaspar and Balthasar will visit San Sebastián so that the boys and girls in the city can give them their letters. In the afternoon they will take part in the traditional parade.

www.donostiakultura.eus

KUTXABANK MASTERS "REMONTE" TOURNAMENT



11, 18 January
1, 8 February
The Final: 8 February
Galarreta Fronton Court

Six renowned "remonte" players will compete in this form of Basque pelota played with a long, curved, handheld basket.

www.oriamedi.eus



START OF THE CIDER SEASON



15 January
Astigarraga

From mid-January to the end of April Basque people's favourite ritual is the "txotx". To celebrate the opening of the txotx a great party is celebrated.

www.sagardoarenlurraldea.eus

SAN SEBASTIAN DAY (TAMBORRADA)



20 January
Citywide

San Sebastián's biggest party of the year kicks off at midnight on 19 January, when the sound of drums begins to flood the city. After months of rehearsing, over drummer bands (tamborradas) take to the streets to celebrate San Sebastián Day. Kids have their own tamborrada on the morning of the 20th.

www.donostiakultura.eus





EVE OF SAINT AGATHA



4 February
Citywide

Groups of friends go out singing to Saint Agatha with sticks with which they beat the ground to awaken the Earth after the winter solstice.

www.donostiakultura.eus

CALDEREROS



4 February
Citywide

True to tradition, the caldereros (tinkers) flood the streets in the days leading up to Carnival, filling San Sebastian with the sounds of banging pots and pans.

www.donostiakultura.eus

IÑUDEAK ETA ARTZAINAK



9 February
Old Town

Another traditional parade that features nursemaids and shepherds. The nursemaids parade with babies in their arms while the shepherds court them.

High society during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will also be represented.

www.donostiakultura.eus



ULIA GYMNASTICS INTERNATIONAL RACE



9 February
Zurriola-Gros

A flat 5 km or 10 km race that starts on Zurriola Beach promenade.

www.10kgimnasticaulia.com



LILATON



23 February
City Center

A popular 5 km race for women which, after more than 30 years, has become a reference point for women's sporting activities.

www.lilaton.es



CARNIVAL



27 February - 4 March City Center
8 March Riberas
9 March Altza Piñata
15 March Bidebieta

The carnival parades will take over the city and fill the streets with colour and rhythm.

Locals and visitors alike can enjoy an extensive programme of exciting and extravagant activities.

www.donostiakultura.eus

GURE AHOTSAK

1-9 March

Victoria Eugenia and
Principal Theatres

Music festival with concerts given
by women.

www.donostiakultura.eus



BERRIA "REMONTE" TOURNAMENT

22 February

**1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March
6 and 13 April**

Galarreta Fronton Court

Competition of this form of Basque
pelota played with a long, curved,
handheld basket.

www.oriamenti.eus



SPRING RACE

16 March

Universities

Every year, at the start of the spring,
Donostiarrak Sports Club and the
University of the Basque Country (UPV/
EHU) organise this 10,000 metre race,
offering popular athletes a high-quality
race designed for and by runners.

www.donostiarrak.com



DFERIA

16-20 March

Citywide

Dferia is a trade fair that aims
to showcase the performing arts
market, bringing together agents
and presenting the latest Basque and
international creations.

www.dferia.eus



CLUB DE CREATIVOS

21-22 March

Kursaal Auditorium

Unique professional forum. Two days of
talks, workshops and exhibitions, ending
with the National Creativity awards.

www.clubdecreativos.com



CROSSOVER SERIES CULTURE

24-29 March

Citywide

A festival that brings together
leading figures in television creation,
professional audiovisual critics and
experts in different subjects to present
the series and generate debate.

www.crossoverseriesfestival.com



SAN SEBASTIAN THEATER AWARD GALA

27 March

Victoria Eugenia Theatre

Every year, on 27th March, World
Theatre day, the Donostia Theatre
Award is given to the best play
performed in the Basque language in
the city in the last year.

www.donostiaeuskaraz.eus



FILM AND HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL

4-11 April

Victoria Eugenia Theatre
and other locations

The Human Rights Film Festival is back to raise the public awareness and promote the values of solidarity, justice and equality, among others.

www.zinemaetagizaeskubideak.eus



SAN SEBASTIAN HALF MARATHON



6 April

Boulevard

San Sebastian hosts a new edition of its annual half marathon.

Athletes must run the traditional 21.097 kilometres on a course that runs through the city centre.

www.mediadonosti.com

BOOK DAY



23 April

Plaza de Gipuzkoa

The Plaza de Gipuzkoa will once again host Book Day, the perfect opportunity to buy the latest bestsellers or all-time classics.

A number of authors will be on hand in to sign copies of their books.



ERREMONTARI



28 April

5, 12, 19 and 26 May

2, 9 and 16 June

Galarreta Fronton Court

This championship of the best six "remonte" players will be broadcast live on Basque television (ETB1).

www.oriamenti.eus

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DANCE GALA

4 May

Victoria Eugenia Theatre

True to its philosophy, the International Day of Dance Gala will showcase a wide range of dance styles, thanks to the altruistic collaboration of dancers and companies, with a special focus on the local performers and companies.

www.donostiakultura.eus



DockOfTheBay

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5-10 May

Principal Theater and
Trueba Cinemas

Dock of the Bay, the musical documentary film festival, reunites music and cinema with screenings and concerts in different spaces.

www.dockofthebay.es



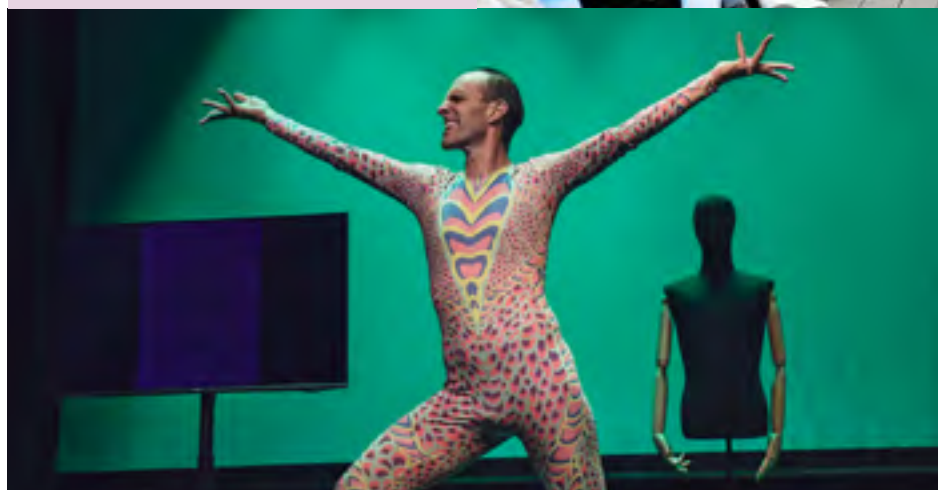
SSMF SAN SEBASTIAN FASHION FESTIVAL (SPRING-SUMMER)

8-10 May

Citywide

The most representative event of the Basque fashion industry takes place in emblematic venues such as the San Telmo Museum, Balenciaga Museum and Tabakalera.

www.gipuzkoademoda.com



POCKET THEATRE

8-25 May

Citywide

A sample of theatrical shows of small and medium format. The program brings together various proposals that combine music, humor, theater, magic or monologues.

www.donostiakultura.eus



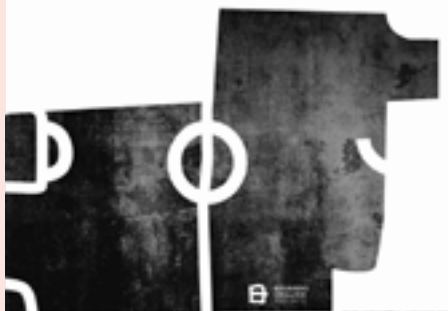
KORNER FESTIVAL: CULTURE & FOOTBALL



2-8 June

Korner aims to be that point of intersection of two apparently separate worlds: football and culture.

www.korner.eus



WAXDAYZ: SURFING CULTURE FESTIBALA



6-8 June

Surf culture festival with the best surfers of the moment, live music and activities related to the surfing lifestyle.

www.waxdayz.com

SINGLE FIN CLASSIC



June
Zurriola

This surfing event aims to revive the classic one-keel surfing style, by combining it with epic waves, good music and art.

www.hawaiidonostia.com

MUSIKAGELA FEST



21 June
Sagues

Festival of bands from San Sebastian to inspire and promote local musical activity.

www.donostiakultura.eus



SAINT JOHN'S EVE



23 June
Citywide

The summer solstice is celebrated on Saint John's Eve.

Bonfires are lit across the city on this night to keep evil spirits at bay and bring good luck.

www.donostiakultura.eus



TXAKOLI DAY



28 June
Boulevard

Tasting of txakoli wine from the wineries registered as Getariako Txakolina Designation of Origin.

www.getariakotxakolina.com



WOMEN TRIATHLON



28 June
La Concha beach

300 metres swimming in La Concha Bay, 8 km flat cycling and the last 2 km running.

www.atleticosansebastian.com



ONDITZ OROITUZ TRIATHLON



29 June
La Concha beach

Swimming 1500 m
Cycling 38.5 km
Running 10 km

www.atleticosansebastian.com



HORSE RACES



June to September
San Sebastian Racetrack

The summer horse-racing season kicks off in June with races on different dates through September.

www.hipodromoa.com

SUMMER COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY



June to September
Miramar Palace

Varied programme of courses, seminars, workshops and conferences. There will be a break in activities the 2nd and 3rd week of August.

www.uik.eus



DONOSTI CUP



7-13 July
Gipuzkoa

Over 200 teams from around the world come together each year to play in one of the best youth football tournaments around. Six days of intense matches in which thousands of young players battle it out to reach the final in Anoeta Stadium.

www.donosticup.com

JAI ALAI SUMMER SEASON



10, 12, 17, 19 and 26 July
Galarreta Fronton Court

A new and innovative tournament that combines sport and gastronomy. On Saturday evenings, along with the ski lift match, there will be music with a DJ and pintxopote.

www.oriamenti.eus



SAN SEBASTIAN REGATTA



12-13 July
La Concha Bay

This international regatta features two races. The first covers 32 miles and starts in Hendaye and ends in San Sebastian.

The second stays in the city and takes place entirely in La Concha Bay.

www.regatamunilla.com



JAZZALDIA



22-27 July
Plaza de la Trinidad, Kursaal Conference Centre, Zurriola Beach and other locations

One of Europe's biggest jazz festivals takes over San Sebastian with massive concerts, bands playing in the streets and outdoor performances.

www.jazzaldia.eus



MUSICAL FORTNIGHT 

1-29 August
Kursaal Conference Centre,
Victoria Eugenia Theatre
and other locations

This is the oldest classical music festival in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe.

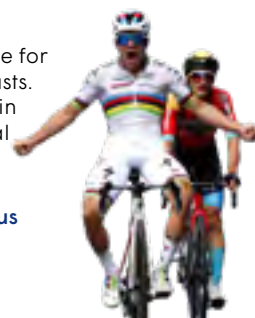
www.quincenamusical.eus

SAN SEBASTIAN - SAN SEBASTIAN CYCLING CLASSIC

2 August
Gipuzkoa

Emblematic race for cycling enthusiasts. Points scorable in the international UCI Word Tour calendar.

www.klasikoa.eus



GLAD IS THE DAY 

3 August
Cristina Enea Park

Musical diversity in Cristina Enea Park with bands and artists from very diverse backgrounds.

www.donostiakultura.eus

SEMANA GRANDE (BIG WEEK)

9-16 August
Citywide

San Sebastian's Semana Grande (Big Week) will pack the city with concerts, rides for kids and countless activities scheduled throughout the week.

www.donostiakultura.eus



INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION

9-16 August
Bahía de La Concha

This is one of the biggest events during Semana Grande (Big Week).

Firework experts from around the world will compete each night to see who can offer the most spectacular show.

www.donostiakultura.eus



"REMONTE PELOTA" SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP 

9, 16, 23 and 30 August
6, 13, 20 and 27 September
Galarreta Fronton Court

All the "remonte" players will compete for the coveted txapela and make history by writing their name in the Book of Remonte.

www.oriamenti.eus

DANTZ FESTIVAL 

Last week of August
Citywide

The Dantz Festival is an international electronic and modern music event that showcases a wide range of cutting-edge music: from the most experimental music to the most danceable and contemporary music.

www.dantz.eu

SWIM AROUND THE ISLAND

31 August
La Concha Bay

Adults 3 km swim.
Children, 600 m.

www.atleticosansebastian.com



31ST AUGUST COMMEMORATION EVENT

31 August
31 August Street

Civic procession that, by the light of candles and torches, commemorates the tragedy experienced by the city on that day in 1813.

www.donostiakultura.eus

EUSKAL JAIK - BASQUE CELEBRATIONS



3-14 September
Old Town

Ten days of musical, sporting and gastronomic activities to immerse yourself in Basque culture.

www.donostiakultura.eus



REGATTAS: BANDERA DE LA CONCHA



7 and 14 September
La Concha Bay

La Concha Bay will host the final rounds of the Bandera de La Concha regatta over the first two Sundays in September. The qualifying rounds are celebrated on the Thursday before the first Sunday of the month.

www.donostiakultura.eus

BOGA BOGA FESTIBALA



12-14 September

Popular and contemporary sounds for all audiences with artists and bands of the moment in an emblematic venue.

www.bogabogafestibala.eus



ZINEMALDIA - INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

19-27 September

Kursaal Congress Centre,
Príncipe and Antiguo Berri
Cinemas, Victoria Eugenia
Theatre, Principal Theatre
and Velodrome

San Sebastian turns into the world capital of glamour during its International Film Festival.

Outstanding films, exhibitions, and retrospectives share the spotlight with the famous film stars who visit the city for the event.

www.sansebastianfestival.com



ZURICH INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON



5 October
City Center

This race is run on a flat and homologated course, perfect for a first time runner or to improve your personal best.

www.mediomaratonsansebastian.com



SAN SEBASTIAN GASTRONOMIKA CONFERENCE



6-8 October
Kursaal Auditorium

San Sebastian becomes the culinary centre of Europe over this four-day event, which brings together hundreds of chefs and culinary experts from across the world to present their culinary innovations. The public will also be able to sample exquisite products at the 200+ booths sets up for the event

www.sansebastiangastronomika.com

DONOSSKINO



8-11 October

San Sebastian Short Film Festival.

www.donosskino.com



THREE-BEACH RACE



13 October
Ondarreta Royal Tennis Club
(start and finish)

San Sebastian's three beaches are included in the course of this popular 10-km race that draws in almost 4,000 participating runners.

www.cross3playas.com

SSMF SAN SEBASTIAN FASHION FESTIVAL (AUTUMN-WINTER)



23-25 October
Citywide

The most representative event of the Basque fashion industry takes place in emblematic venues such as the San Telmo Museum, Balenciaga Museum and Tabakalera.

www.gipuzkoademoda.com

CLASSICAL SALTO 15K DSS



26 October
City centre

The streets of San Sebastian's city centre will turn into the course of the 15-km Popular Road Race Classic.

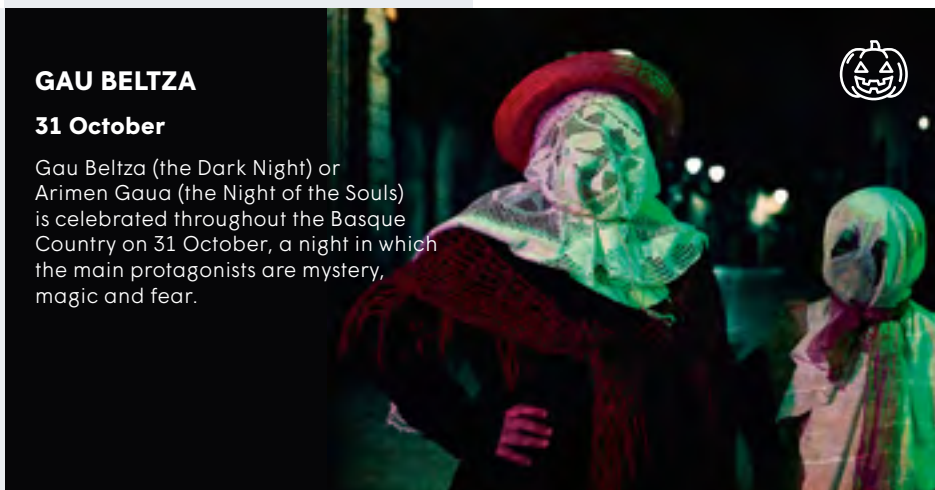
Option of 5km and 10km by wheelchair and handbike.

www.15ksansebastian.com

GAU BELTZA

31 October

Gau Beltza (the Dark Night) or Arimen Gaia (the Night of the Souls) is celebrated throughout the Basque Country on 31 October, a night in which the main protagonists are mystery, magic and fear.



HORROR AND FANTASY FILM FESTIVAL WEEK

From 31 October to 7 November
Principal Theatre, Victoria Eugenia Theatre and Kursaal Auditorium

The Horror and Fantasy Film Festival Week will once again offer its unique perspective on cinema with movie marathons and parallel activities.

www.sansebastianhorrorfestival.eus



"REMONTÉ PELOTA" DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



18, 25 October
1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November
6, 13, 20 and 27 December
Galarreta Fronton Court

Prestigious championship played by couples where the grand final will be played on December 27.

www.oriamenti.eus



INTERNATIONAL SAN SEBASTIAN CROSS



2 November
San Sebastian Racetrack

The San Sebastian racecourse will change its activity for one day to host athletes taking part in the Donostia International Cross Country Run.
www.krosdonostia.com

BEHOBIA - SAN SEBASTIAN



9 November
Start: Behobia
Finish: Boulevard

The trail between Behobia and San Sebastian becomes the great Guipuzcoa athletics fiesta. The race is 20 kilometres long and last year's edition had more than 25,000 participants.
www.behobia-sansebastian.com

LITERAKTUM



10-23 November
Cultural centers, museums
and theatres

A literature festival that spreads lyrics and language styles throughout the city.
www.literaktum.eus



UNDERWATER FILM SERIES



13-15 November
Principal Theatre

The Underwater Film Series offers a free film series that showcases life in the depths of the sea.
ciclo.subacuaticasrealsociedad.com

ZURICH MARATHON SAN SEBASTIAN



23 November
Start: Hernani Street
Finish: Boulevard

A classic trial for athletics enthusiasts that covers 42.195 kilometres throughout the city.
There is also a 10km and 21km option.
www.zurichmaratonsansebastian.com



EUSKERA'S DAY: BASQUE LANGUAGE



3 December
Citywide

Euskara, the Basque Language, is spoken everyday in Donostia, but December 3rd is a special day, it is The International Day of Basque Language, with a lot of different events organized throughout the city.

www.sansebastianturismoa.eus



SAINT THOMAS FAIR



21 December
Old Town, City Centre
and Gros district

This traditional fair brings people together to taste local artisan products such as txistorra, cheese, honey and vegetables. There will also be the traditional pig exhibition in the Plaza de la Constitución.

www.donostiakultura.eus

OLENTZERO AND MARI DOMINGI



24 December
City center

Olentzero and Mari Domingi, the characters of the Basque Christmas tradition, will greet the children of San Sebastian before visiting each home to drop off presents.

www.donostiakultura.eus



SAN SILVESTRE RACE



31 December
Plaza Easo (start and finish)

The last race of the year will pass through the neighbourhoods of Antiguo, Gros, Centro and Amara to complete its route of nearly 8 km.

www.sansilvestredonostiarra.com



CHRISTMAS MARKET



December
Citywide

Inspired by the Christmas markets in Europe, Gabonetako Azoka offers a wide range of businesses, leisure spaces, its programme of activities...

www.donostiagabonetakoazoka.eus



...and year round

KANTU JIRA

Basque folk songs are sung in an open group on the streets of the Old Town on the third Saturday of every month.

ORFEÓN DONOSTIARRA

www.orfeondonostiarra.org

EUSKAL DANTZAK

Traditional Basque dances on the Boulevard with live music on the third Sunday of every month at 12.00h.

www.herridantzau.eus

ORQUESTA DE EUSKADI

www.euskadikoorkestra.eus

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Kantu Jira
Euskal Dantza
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• Orquesta de Euskadi

Additional cultural activities at:

www.donostiakultura.eus
www.kursaal.eus
www.santelmomuseoa.eus
www.tabakalera.eus
www.victoriaeugenia.eus