



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences Private Highlights of San Sebastian with a Twist Tour

Tour City

San Sebastian

Tour Snapshot

For years, San Sebastián was the ultimate place to see and be seen. Aristocrats in search of seaside vacations flocked to this city known for its parties, games, and perfect surf, but things weren't always easy in San Sebastián, Take a private walk with a local guide and learn about the city's trials, its Belle Époque, and why it's still awesome today.

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

Highlights

- Listen to tales about the events that have shaped San Sebastián over the past 200 years, from fortified village to modern-day resort town
- Find out why aristocrats used to flock to this corner of Spain, and why surfers today still love it
- See San Sebastián's most iconic sites, including the stunning Old Town and beautiful La Concha Bay

- Get an overview of the best things to see and do in the city during your stay
- Taste some of the most traditional Basque food (*talo*) after admiring the best views of San Sebastián from one of the local's favourite viewing points
- Each Lonely Planet Experience comes with six-months free access to Lonely Planet's Guides App which includes over 8,000 destinations guides and unbeatable discounts to Lonely Planet Guidebooks

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, "talo" (traditional Basque flatbread served with sweet or sour toppings).

Exclusions: Exclusions: Drinks, items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 2 hours
- Meeting point:
Mollaerdia 6 Street, next to the stairs of Portaviones building (white and red building next to marina).
[View on Google Maps.](#)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///empty.hiding.bunkers](https://www.what3words.com/empty.hiding.bunkers)
- Starting time: 4.00 PM
- Ending point:
In the Gros neighbourhood, close to Zurriola beach

Full Itinerary

Get a taste of San Sebastián's past, present, and future on a walking tour that celebrates the city's many faces.

Your walking tour will begin at Portaletas, one of the most characteristic (and okay, we'll admit it, one of our favourite) places in San Sebastián, located at the crossroads of the old town and the fishing district. A visit here is your first lesson in understanding San Sebastián's past and present and its transformation from fishing port to buzzing summer resort.

We'll head along the port and below the battlefield of Monte Urgull where we'll enjoy the most amazing views of La Concha Bay, a favourite spot for the nobility of Europe's past to visit during their summer vacation, a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation.

After that, we will explore the Old Town, where you'll feel a connection to the past as well as the future of San Sebastián. You'll see Constitution Square, where San Sebastián day is celebrated each year; your guide will fill you in on its fascinating history.

We'll walk down one of the Old Town's main streets, admiring all the pintxo bars, soaking up the Basque Country atmosphere and scouting potential lunch and dinner spots for the rest of your trip.

We will also visit the Bretxa market, the perfect place to get a flavour for the local produce. There will be an opportunity to try *talos*, the local snack that consists of flat bread filled with different toppings (chorizo, cheese, chocolate, the list goes on). *Talos* are steeped in Basque culture; they are usually only enjoyed during local festivals and holidays, so this is a very special chance to try one, out of season!

Our tour will finish in the modern part of the city, where glamour and new world architecture meet. We'll stroll along the Urumea River and check out the Gros district, crossing a bridge that's got some stories to tell, from the European aristocracy who crossed it to visit the casino, to the Hollywood stars that have crossed it on their way to movie festivals, some famous feet have walked this path before you!

We hope you enjoyed your introduction to San Sebastián's history, culture and culinary secrets. Before you go, don't forget to ask your guide for more tips on what else to see, do and eat during your stay.

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Highlights of San Sebastian with a Twist Group tour](#).)

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Additional information

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Dress standard: Comfortable shoes and clothes.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly and stroller-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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