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New Adventures in Spain – Bilbao Extension
September 22 – 24, 2019

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Depart Barcelona this morning for a short flight to Bilbao.

Upon arrival, drop off your bags at The Gran Hotel Domine or Miro Hotel.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, continue on for a visit to the Guggenheim Museum. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, this unique museum represents an amazing construction feat in the center of Bilbao. On one side, the Guggenheim runs down to the waterside of the Nervión River, 16 meters below the level of the rest of the city. One end is pierced through by the huge Puente de La Salve, one of the main access routes into Bilbao.

Close by is the alternative space, Sala Rekalde, which is dedicated to promoting and raising awareness of contemporary art. Ever since Rekalde was set up in 1991, it has specialized in looking at contemporary art produced in Spain and abroad through initiatives that reflect the debates that are the focus of art today.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening will be at your leisure.
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After breakfast, visit the **Museo de Bellas Artes**, which houses a compelling collection that includes everything from Gothic sculptures to 20th-century pop art. There are three main sub-collections: classical art, with works by Murillo, Zurbarán, El Greco, Goya, and van Dyck; contemporary art, featuring works by Gauguin, Francis Bacon, and Anthony Caro; and Basque art, with works from the great sculptors Jorge Oteiza and Eduardo Chillida, and strong paintings by the likes of Ignacio Zuloaga and Juan de Echevarría.

Enjoy lunch at your leisure.

After lunch, continue on to Bilbao’s Old Town, **Casco Viejo** and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. The compact Casco Viejo, Bilbao’s atmospheric old quarter, is full of charming paths made up of Bilbao’s original seven streets, Las Siete Calles, which date from the 1400s. Some highlights are the 14th-century Gothic **Catedral de Santiago** and the 19th-century arcaded **Plaza Nueva**.

![Bilbao Cityscape](image)

We recommend spending time in **Mercado de la Ribera**, an expansive food market that draws many of the city's top chefs for their morning selection of fresh produce.

Before dinner this evening at a local restaurant, stop by **Vanguardia Gallery**. Founded in 1984, it has since focused on cutting-edge contemporary art and new trends.

Tuesday, September 24: Depart  

Meals: B

Depart Bilbao on an international flight to the United States made under your own arrangements.
Trip price based on a minimum of 5 travelers: $835

Single Supplement: $350

Tour price includes
1. Accommodation as listed, based on double occupancy
2. Meals as listed in the program; Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
3. Flight from Barcelona to Bilbao, including 1 carry-on and 1 checked luggage
4. Public transportation/taxis in Bilbao
5. All entrances and admissions as listed
6. Sightseeing and excursions as listed
7. Guided tour of the Guggenheim Museum
8. All service charges and taxes at the current level
9. Gratuities to drivers and local guides
10. MAG trip leader included

Does Not Include
1. Airport transfer from the hotel on departure day
2. Services of a Tour Manager
3. Porterage at hotel
4. Any items not specifically listed