

San Sebastian

30 km from France many say that San Sebastian is worth a visit, at least, once in your life. It is a cosmopolitan city, open to the sea and full of life, surrounded by beaches and mountains where you can run with your dog, and with the most acclaimed gastronomy in the world.

A seaside promenade...in the centre of the town

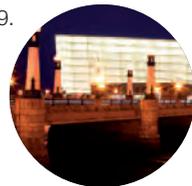
We begin discovering San Sebastian, accompanied by our dog, travelling along the 4-km maritime promenade, which ends at one of the most renowned and impressive sculptures in the Basque Country: el Peine del Viento (Comb of the Wind), by Eduardo Chillida.



We begin our doggy route on **Zurriola Beach**, 800m of paradise for surfers from all over the world. It is the “youngest” beach in the city. Next is the **Kursaal Conference centre and Auditorium**, right on the beach with its iconic cubes, the work of Rafael Moneo, and the headquarters of Zinemaldi (film festival) since its inauguration in 1999.



BOW-WOW TRACK! *You mustn't miss this view during your night-time walk; the building's lighting is impressive.*



Leaving the Kursaal behind, you cross the majestic **Zurriola Bridge**, from whence you can admire the mouth of River Urumea, the city's backbone.

On the other side the **Victoria Eugenia Theatre** welcomes us on a walk much loved by the people of San Sebastian: **Alameda Boulevard**, which separates the **Old Port** from the Centre of San Sebastian. It is a good idea to take it easy, enjoying

an ice cream and sitting on one of the benches to admire the pace of the city.

At the end of the boulevard you will find the Town Hall, built in the **gardens of Alderdi-Eider**, and occupying the building which was once the headquarters to the **Great Casino of San San Sebastian** until 1943.

From here, you can enjoy views of **Concha Bay**, one of the most photographed sites in the city. Considered one of the best city beaches in Europe with its unmistakable white railing, it is not unusual to see the bravest Donostiaras (inhabitants of San Sebastian) going for a dip in winter, sharing the space with dozens of people strolling with their dogs.

From this part of the route you can also appreciate wonderful views of **Santa Clara Isle**.

After the 1.5 km of beach we cross **the gardens of the Palacio de Miramar** (Miramar Palace in true English style built in 1893) to **Ondarreta beach**, the smallest of the three city beaches in San Sebastian.

Sheltered by **Mount Igeldo**, this elegant stretch of sand marks our route to the **Comb of the Wind**,

a cluster of three steel sculptures weighing 10 tonnes each, incrusting in the rocks, the work of the well-known sculptor Eduardo Chillida.

If your dog does not scare too easily, it's really something to get close when the sea is rough, watching the waves lash the sculptures. But be careful not to get soaked!

You passed! Your dog deserves a good drink of water while you get your strength back at one of the dog-friendly cafés or restaurants in the area.



ACCESS POLICY TO SAN SEBASTIAN BEACHES WITH YOUR DOG:

You can take your dog on the three beaches (except PPPs) on a leash, outside the bathing season from 1 October to 31 May. During the bathing season, it is prohibited at all times. In this case, we recommend you take the maritime route.

Access with dogs to Santa Clara Isle is prohibited year-round.



Estimated time: 1 hour (outgoing trip)



Perfect plan for: a relaxing walk at sundown, with an ice cream in one hand and your dog leash in the other.

Strolling around the streets

The beaches and seaside promenades are perhaps the best-known attraction in the Bella Easo. However, wandering the streets is essential to get the feel for this city open to the sea, to gastronomy and to culture. Here, there is something for everyone's taste.

Old quarter: gastronomic temple

One of the most visited areas in the city, with hundreds of shops, restaurants, bars, making this district one of the liveliest.

 **Doggy-advice:** *Going out for "tapas" (snacks) in the Old Part can be complicated with a dog. At weekends and holidays, there are many people, hundreds of toothpicks on the ground, leftover food, etc. Enjoying an outing for "tapas" with your dog is possible, but look for a time when there are fewer people, in less frequented areas. No one knows your dog better than you, so don't forget about his/her well-being.*

Fishing port

Without missing out on the essence of the Old Part, we recommend you sit



on the terrace next to the Sailing Club, a quiet spot where you can watch the sunset while petting your dog and rewarding him/her for good behaviour during the day.

Gros: A bow-wow neighbourhood.

One of the youngest areas in the city, you can drink in the informal, relaxed atmosphere in its streets and cafes, perfect to enjoy a drink and snack with your dog.

Centre: shopping and ducks.

You will find broad pedestrian streets, dotted with hundreds of local shops with personality, coexisting alongside large multinational stores. After visiting some dog-friendly shops, you can enjoy

a moment of relaxation in Guipuzcoa Square, where you will find a pond with ducks and swans. They will no doubt grab the attention of your 4-legged friend.

“El Antiguo”

Originally an industrial and working class neighbourhood, “El Antiguo” has reconverted itself over the past few years, all without losing its essence. Perfect to enjoy the real San Sebastian at a more relaxed pace.



Three green mountains...

...guard the city. Once military fortresses, aristocratic gardens or a fishermen's watchtower for spotting whales, today they are recreational areas shared by visitors and inhabitants of the city. Your dog will enjoy the long green walks, while you enjoy the unforgettable panoramic views.



Mt. Igeldo

Very near the Comb of the Wind, you will find the **cable car** station, built in 1912. Purchase a ticket for you and your dog and enjoy an experience full of romanticism while visiting the fair ground. Finish off with a leisurely aerial view of La Concha Bay.

Mt. Urgull

Time to walk your dog: climb Mt. Urgull from the Old Part of San Sebastian. You can choose from numerous routes, all paved, with exotic vegetation and hidden lookout points. A route where you will discover 800 years of the city's history, crowned by La Mota Castle and the sculpture of the Sacred Heart.

🐾 In Urgull Park dogs can go up in winter from 18.00 to 12.00 hours and in summer from 19.00 to 10.00 (except PPPs)



Mt. Ulía

Zurriola beach is on the western end of the district of Gros, while Pasajes port is on the east end. An ancient watchtower for sighting whales and an aristocratic recreational park, now your dog can run free in the most important walking areas in the city. This is an ideal activity to burn off energy in an expansive green covering more than 300,000 m².

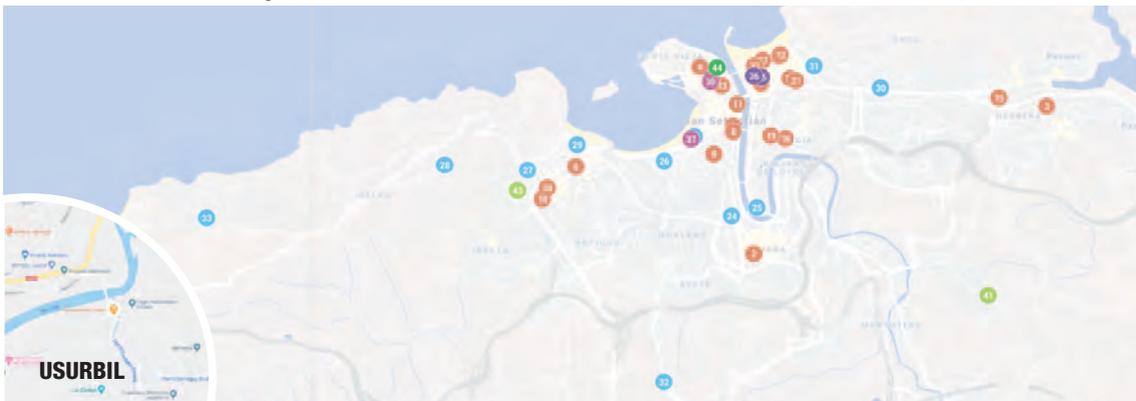
The coastal **Road to Santiago** goes through Mt. Ulía from east to west, so your dog will feel like an true PILGRIM.

🐾 At Mt. Ulía, dogs can run free from 18.00 to 12.00 year-round (except PPPs)



San Sebastian : Practical Information

This is where you'll find the best dog-friendly businesses, dog relaxation and forms of transport in which you and your dog are welcome. Always remember to consult the complete and up-to-date policy regarding access for dogs, as well as photos, opinions, exact location and other forms of contact on business websites or on websites specialising in tourism and leisure with dogs.



Bars/Restaurants

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- Bar Amazonas**
+34 943 428 760
- Bar Garaitza**
+34 947 472 227
- Bar Monchi**
+34 695 785 116
- La Cepa Bar Restaurant**
+34 943 426 394
- Capricho Restaurant**
+34 943 326 734
- Garai Taberna**
+34 943 214 991
- Geralds Bar**
+34 943 083 001
- Goxo Poke Bar**
+34 650 400 305
- Kaxilda**
+34 943 571 987
- La Gaviota Beer Bar**
+34 943 246 679

- Mas Que Café Mq**
+34 943 848 257
- Mil Catas**
+34 699 205 604
- Oquendo**
+34 943 420 736
- Pandora Taberna**
+34 943 093 507
- Piker Taberna**
+34 634 062 928
- Pizzeria Paparazzi**
+34 943 031 100
- Kostalde Restaurant**
+34 943 27 77 91
- Sport K (El Tercer Tiempo)**
+34 943 901 190
- The Doger Donostia**
+34 684 135 355
- Trikua Gastro & Cafe**
+34 943 217 539
- Xrangai Bar**
+34 943 900 923

- Xarma Cook & Culture**
+34 943 142 267
- Zumeta Restaurant**
+34 943 362 713

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Accommodation

SAN SEBASTIÁN

- Casual De Las Olas San Sebastián**
+34 943 055 000
- Casual Del Jazz San Sebastián**
+34 943 054 055
- Far Out Inn**
+34 747 857 311
- Hotel Avenida**
+34 943 212 022
- Hotel Gudamendi******
+34 943 214 000
- Hotel La Galeria**
+34 943 317 559
- Hotel Monte Ulía**
+34 943 326 767
- Hotel Record**
+34 943 271 255
- Irenaz Resort Hotel Apartments**
+34 943 308 149
- Mar y Mar Rural Tourism Establishment**
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Shops

SAN SEBASTIÁN

- Batló Concept**
+34 667 870 621
- Mosaico**
+34 943 293 309

Things to do

SAN SEBASTIÁN

- Basque Destination**
+34 943 326 306
Al tratarse de una agencia de viajes contamos con red de alojamientos, actividades y transportes que admiten el disfrute con perro.
- Getari Charter**
+34 600 521 822
Conoce el mar Cantábrico y date un chapuzón con tu perro.
- Go Local San Sebastian**
+34 688 958 118
Todo tipo de visitas guiadas.
- San Sebastián Tourist Information Office**
+34 943 481 166



Doggy businesses

SAN SEBASTIÁN

- Etolcanin dog trainer**
+34 687 030 583
- Leorpe Txakur-Katu Egoitza**
+34 669 468 553
- Sit Can Dog Training**
+34 626 537 214
-  Veterinary clinics**
- SAN SEBASTIÁN**
- Katamoto Holistic Centre**
+34 943 107 849

Dog-friendly transport



City buses

www.dbus.es

Small dogs are allowed if held in arms or in carriers.

Renfe (suburban rail)

www.renfe.com

Dog allowed regardless of size. They must travel in a dog carrier or held with a lead and fitted with a muzzle. One dog only per traveller.

Euskotren

www.euskotren.eus

On Euskotren lines, dogs of any size can travel, provided they are on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

Taxi Donosti: 943 464 646

www.taxidonosti.com

Call headquarters and mention you are travelling with a dog. They will look for a vehicle you can travel in.

Mt. Igeldo cable car

www.monteigueldo.es

Dogs can travel in the cable car on a leash for the cost of €2.50.

Dog recreational areas



Dogs can run around freely in the following suburban parks from 18.00 to 12.00 hours:

- Miramón
- Lau Haizeta
- Otxoki
- Ametzagaina
- Uria
- Urgull: Winter from 18:00 to 12:00hr
Summer from 19:00 to 10:00 hr

Similarly, there are established recreational areas in all neighbourhoods.

You can see details on all these areas at <https://www.donostia.eu/>

- If your dog is considered a potentially dangerous breed, under no circumstances may it be off the leash and without a muzzle.
- In these recreational areas you must also control your dog and pick up its poops.

In the rest of the city your dog must always be on a leash.



Information on the beaches of San Sebastian in the practical information on the Basque Coast (page 29).