

Vitoria-Gasteiz

Capital of the Basque Country, founded in the 12th century, Vitoria-Gasteiz is today a comfortable, friendly city that offers impressive urban and suburban green areas, along with one of the most spectacular historic centres you could wish to visit.

The green belt and the Salburua wetlands

If your dog could decide which city to live in, green Vitoria-Gasteiz would definitely be among his/her favourites. The Green Belt that surrounds the city is an urban commitment, internationally renowned for combining parks, forests and wetlands of great ecological and scenic value with areas for the enjoyment of the inhabitants. Along the entire route, you can find rivers, streams, wetlands, forest-islands amongst cultivated land, and small towns typical of the plains of Alava, a stone's throw from the city.

 In the Green Belt (Salburua, Zabalzana, Olárizu, Armentia and Zadorra), due to pets interfering with the wild species, dogs must be on a leash except in specifically-marked areas that are indicated in the attached map.

You will find hundreds of routes and walks to enjoy together. Here, we have included a few examples. You can find more at www.turismo.euskadi.eus



Armentia forest walk. Here, trees are king: your dog will discover the smell of maples, hawthorns, blackthorns and brambles, among others. This forest is also shelter to varied fauna: roebucks, boars, squirrels, birds of prey and small birds such as goldfinches, robins, etc.

 A 4.5 km-route where you can also admire the Tower of Eskibel and the Basilica of St. Prudencio.

Salburua, walk around Arcaute Pond.

Salburua park houses **one of the largest wetlands in Europe**, just 3 km from the town centre. On this route, you can catch a close-up glimpse of a herd of deer and other species, such as European mink, eaglets, spatulas, etc. while you stroll through lush forests, wet marshmallow meadows, rushes...

 Circular route of 4 km. Can be completed in approximately 1 hour along a paved road



Perfect plan for: relaxing in the evening after an intense day discovering the centre of Vitoria, the best reward for you and your dog.



If you like cycling, you can ride around the city of Vitoria, following the Green Belt route, 30.8 km that are 100% cyclable. It can be completed in under 2 hours at an easy pace.

The Mediaeval Kernel-shaped Centre and “Ensanche”

This is the highest part of the city and largely pedestrian. We suggest a comfortable stroll for you and your dog, beginning in the streets of the the Ensanche and finishing in the historic quarter. All of this, dotted with parks and gardens, a must-see in one of the greenest cities in the European continent.



We begin the walk in **Florida Park**, strolling along the paths and skirting the **Cathedral of María Inmaculada**. Once your dog has had enough greenery, we begin to explore the **Ensanche**, with its wide pedestrian streets and lively window displays.

At the junction of two main streets, you will find Vitoria's famous **bronze sculpture, The Walker**, three and a half metres high and the work of **Juan Jose Eguizabal**. A photo of your dog with this long and lanky man is a must.



Strolling around the lively streets we come to **Plaza España** and **Plaza de la Virgen Blanca**.

We are at the doors of the **Mediaeval Kernel** (shape of the old quarter). Take you time to take a photo with the famous living plant sculpture, a real symbol of the city.

Once inside the Mediaeval Kernel, you will be transported to another era. Stroll at your leisure around **Plaza del Machete** and the **Paseo de los Arquillos**, as any of its streets

will lead you to the **Cathedral Santa María**. You can take the mechanical escalator to travel from district to district, and from there admire the impressive **Mediaeval Walls** of the **Cantón de las Carnicerías** (meat district). You can always

get your strength back with some tapas in **Calle Cuchillería**, one of the most lively tapas-bars streets in the city.



Estimated time: more than 2 hours relaxed walking, stopping to take photos and enjoy the pace of the city.



The perfect plan to begin a morning energetically and end it having something to eat as you relax on one of the magical streets of the 'Medieval Almond'.



You can also do this route with your dog in **Gasteiztxo**. Active from July to October. See conditions at the tourist office (+34 945 161 598).

Ullibarri/Gamboa Reservoir, ready for a splash, doggiés

Just 20 minutes from the city you will find this natural paradise which supplies Vitoria and Bilbao with water, while also regulating the flow of the River Zadorra. If your pooch likes to go for a splash, then he/she will just love a visit to this reservoir.



Blue flag beaches

Álava has, as at summer 2019, 3 of the 5 blue flag statuses in the Basque Country.

- Garaio Norte
- Garario Sur
- Landa

It is totally prohibited to allow pets or domesticated animals into the water, and the “bathing area”, understood to be the stretch of water and the gravel surface alongside. In the rest of the Park area, animals must always be kept on a lead.

🐾 In the rest of the reservoir, which is not a provincial park, you can swim with your dog at any time of the year.



Green itinerary

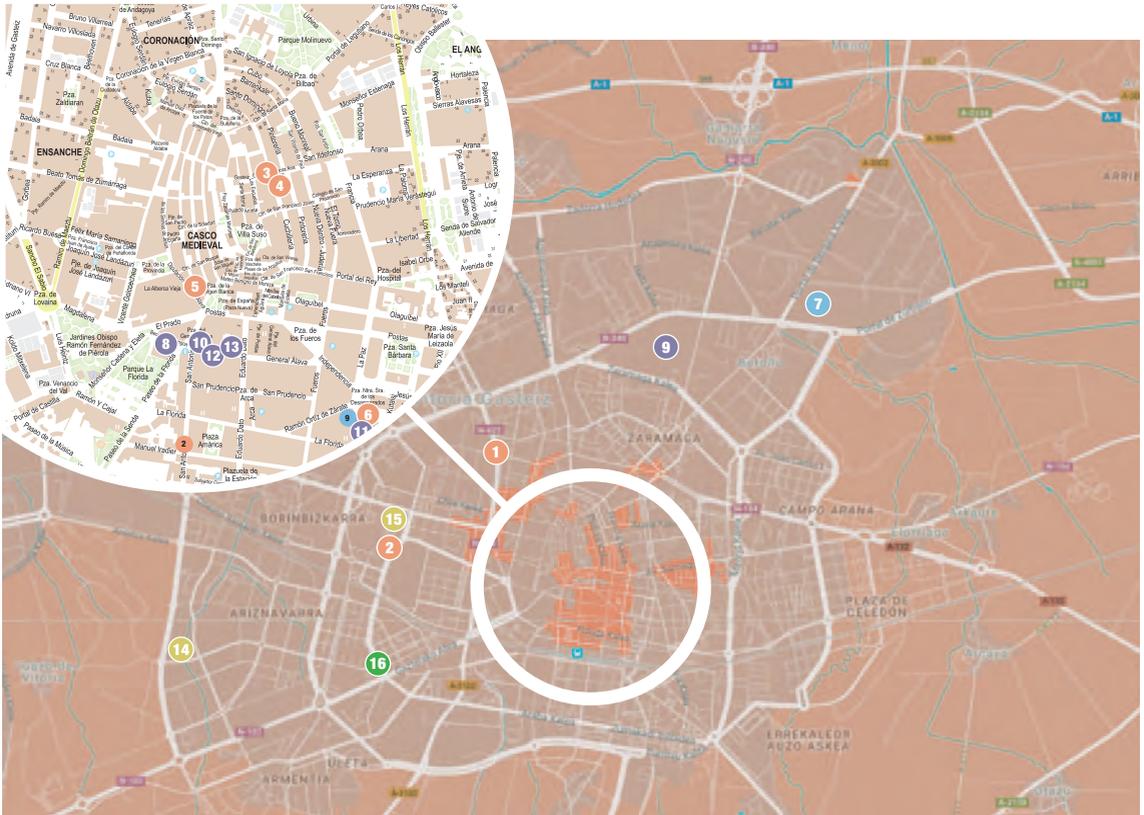
You pooch will adore you if you take him/her to get a good “leg” workout on this 45-km-itinerary, which can be completed on foot or by bike. You will find **2 circuits**, one of 13 km and the other 32 km. This route which goes along the **water’s edge**, with **wooden walkways**, recreational and bathing areas - a BOW WOW plan for whole family!

🐾 Remember that on this itinerary, dogs are not allowed to run free. Otherwise, they can have a negative effect on the wild fauna, as well as disturb users along the route.



Vitoria-Gasteiz: 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

1. **Basque Vitoria**
+34 945 773 755
2. **Big Ben**
+34 945 228 630
3. **Dazz Gasteiz**
+34 634 411 410
4. **Gilería Gu-Ria**
+34 944 415 780
5. **Triskari**
+34 606 453 887
6. **Velvet Bakery**
+34 945 032 576



Accommodation

7. **Hotel-Apartments Jardines de Aristi**
+34 945 205 478



Shops

8. **Caressa, Creative Cakes and Pastries**
+34 945 03 58 14
9. **Leroy Merlin Vitoria**
+34 945 129 900
10. **Lux Optician's**
+34 945 23 09 49
11. **Summum Hairdresser's**
+34 945 287 760
12. **Wilco**
+34 945 131 367
13. **Xtreme**
+34 945 134 573



Doggy businesses

14. **La Caneskola Dog Training**
+34 607 822 825
15. **Canine Grooming La Kontxas**
+34 945 010 223



Veterinary clinics

16. **Ariznabarra Veterinarian Clinic**
+34 945 064 644

Dog-friendly transport



City buses

www.vitoria-gasteiz.org

The transportation of animals is allowed, as long as they are small and travel in a closed carrier.

Radio Taxi Gasteiz: 945 273 500

www.rtaxigasteiz.com

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

Vitoria-Gasteiz Tram

www.euskotren.eus

You are allowed to travel with your dog in the tram provided it is on a leash. Access prohibited to Dogs Considered Potentially Dangerous.

Dog recreational areas



Dogs, except those catalogued as potentially dangerous, which must be on a leash at all times, may only run free in green areas, except:

- Cathedral Park
- Garden areas at the University Campus (except the Maria de Maeztu gardens)
- Prado Park
- Florida Park (including the "Jardin Secreto del Agua" Secret Water Garden)
- Areas included in Natura 2000 Network: Salburua, Zadorra, Robledales Isle of Alavesa Plains and Mts. Altos de Vitoria.

