



# A JOURNEY TO THE ORIGINS

We want to show you Euskadi through its essence and its old traditions: enjoying, feeling and tasting everything that its roots can offer.







# Stone and wood: lifestyle makers

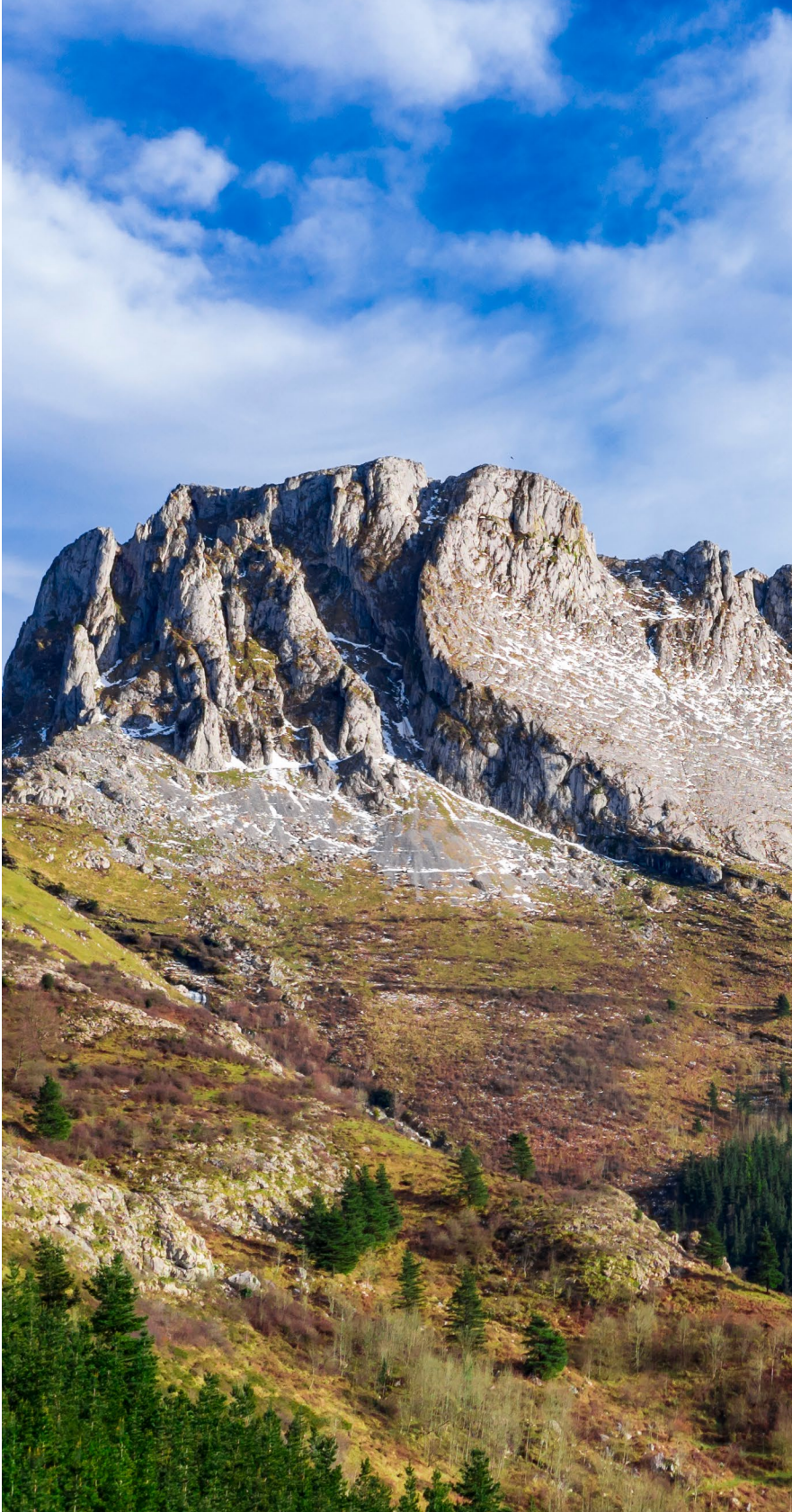
Gastronomy, monuments, shows and incredible landscapes have made the Basque Country a well-known region all over the world. However, **the exclusiveness of Euskadi lies in its essence, in the beginning.**

Through this journey through the past, present and future of the Basque Country we want to show you the origins of this region through elements as **stone and wood, the herri kirolak and a unique raw material.**

Enjoy with us the roots that have built Euskadi!







# The enviroment

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You will discover inaccessible areas in a **four-wheel-drive vehicle** allowing you to admire the best views of the Basque Country and enjoying the license we have to **access restricted points**.

You will experience playing the horn in the Gorbea (one of the bocineros mountains formerly used to announce the celebration of general meetings).

You will walk on an easy trail of approximately 30/45 minutes through the surroundings of "**Itxina**", the **largest karst massif in Spain** and second in Europe.

Treading, seeing and feeling this great limestone massif, you will understand the importance of this mineral for the construction of the first farmhouses, the homes, of the essence.

This ancestral quarry work, derived in what we now know as the sport of **stone lifting** (harrijasotzea). This experience includes an exclusive live exhibition with the most leading athletes in Euskadi in this matter.





After this walk, we will have a snack in the mountain refuge of Gorbea (the highest mountain in Bizkaia), located in the fields of Arraba.

You will eat **products from the small producers of the Basque Country**: organic eggs, homemade chorizo, Idiazabal sheep cheese and a variety of traditional snacks.

After lunch, you will visit **“Otzarreta”**, the most spectacular beech forest in **Bizkaia**, where silence and magic permeate these centennial beech trees. These beech trees served to build fishing boats and to produce the charcoal that helped people to cook and heating those stone and wooden houses that began more than 5 centuries ago to be the houses of the Basques, the ‘caserios’.

Because of this house hold tasks a new traditional sport arised, the log cutting (aizkolaritza). You will have the access to an exclusive exhibition with the most leading athletes in the Basque Country in this area.





# Unique gastronomy and traditions all over the world

We will bring you to the “Garena Jatetxea” restaurant in Dima (Bizkaia). This rural house, has turned into a great restaurant, maintaining the essence of its construction and the gastronomic offer.

Its vines produce the grape for two brands of Txakoli belonging to the **designation of origin of "Bizkaiko Txakolina ”(Txakoli from Bizkaia)**. You will also visit these vineyards, visit the winery and taste the "Garena" and "Geroa" wines whose grapes are produced there. Of course, you will have the chance to taste them!

We will offer you the most tasty and representative options offered by the traditional Basque cuisine.



A photograph showing several axes with wooden handles and metal heads, resting on a pile of cut logs and wood. The scene is set against a dark background, highlighting the natural textures of the wood and metal.

# Herri kirolak, basque essence

You will see how basque rural sports (herri kirolak) reflects a traditional and rural lifestyle that have built what today is known as Euskadi. This sports that firstly were just games after a hard rural work, have nowadays become a **symbol of the Basque identity.**

We want you to experiment the emergence of these sports and for that reason, we won't settle with just a theoretical explanation. This experience contains **two live shows with top-level athletes** in the field that will transmit you the passion and uniqueness of these sports.

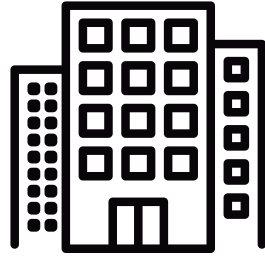
We will show you two of the best known modalities of Herri Kirolak: **stone lifting and log cutting.**

You will even try it!

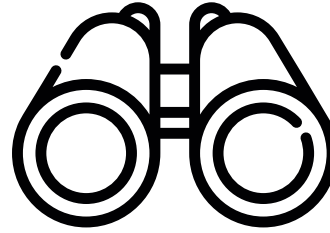
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**We want you to be a friend of the Basque Country.  
That's why, we will bring to you to the most intimate place of our home,  
your future home.**

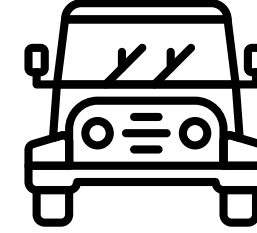
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Round trip from  
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Binoculars to enjoy  
the views



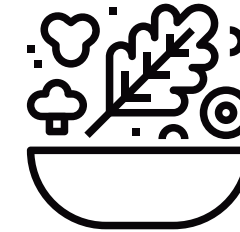
Four-wheel-drive  
vehicles with special  
licence



A guide and a driver  
of four-wheel-drive



Traditional snacks  
and lunch



Alternatives for people  
with allergies, vegans and  
vegetarians



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## **ITINERARY**

Meeting at the hotel

Ipergorta (Austigarmin), mountain at the foot of the Gorbea (monte bocinero)

Massif of Itxina

Campas de Arraba, refuge of the Gorbea

Hamaiketako (snacks)

Otzarreta beech

Garena restaurant

Tour around the vineyards

Show of log cutting and stone lifting

Lunch

Arrival at the hotel

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# Thank you!

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