



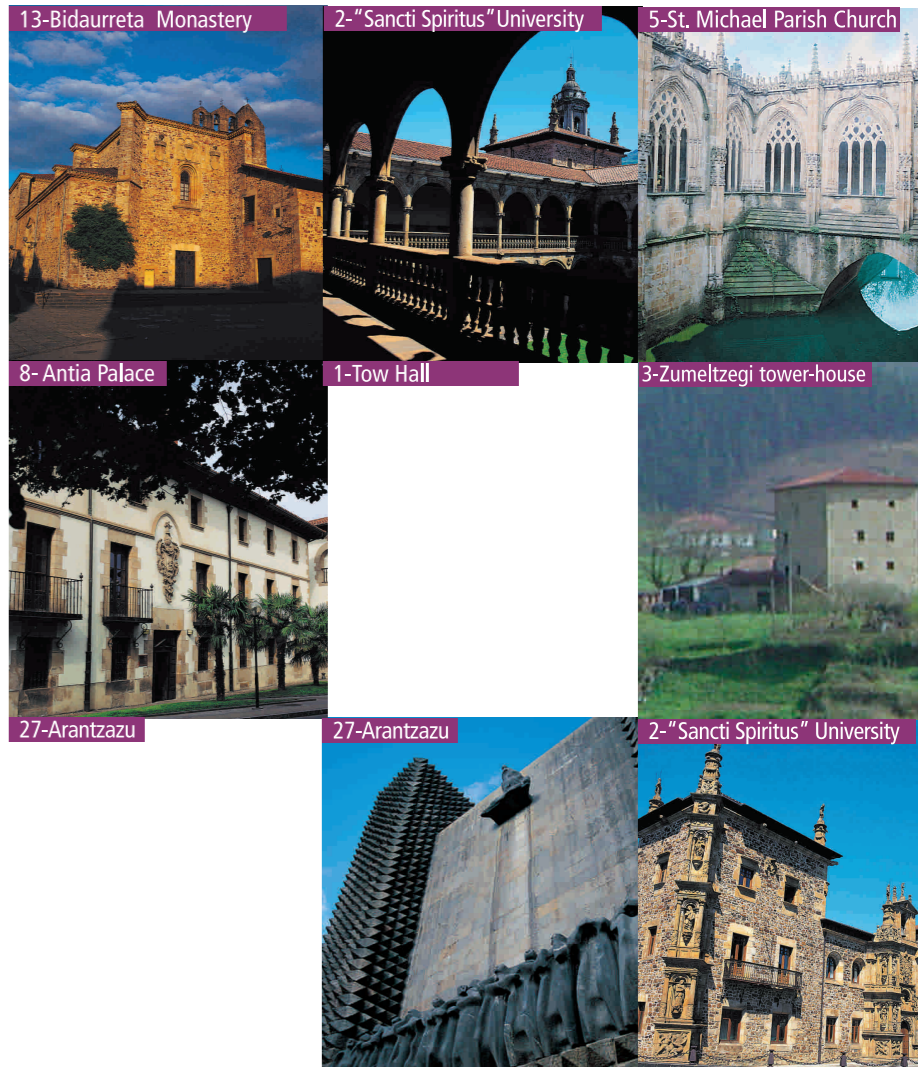
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	Sports
	Theatre
	Tourist Information Centre
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 - 29- Health Centre
 - 30- St. Anne Theatre
 - 31- Sports Centre
 - 32- Pelota Court - Market Place
 - 33- Cultural Centre
 - 34- DPC Data Processing Centre
 - 35- Mondragón University Larraña Institute
 - 36- Youth Centre
 - 37- MONE Business School
 - 38- Peace Courts
 - 39- Provincial Historical Archives
 - 40- St. Martin Hall of Residence
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1. Town hall
 2. "Sancti Spiritus" university
 3. Zumeltzegi tower-house
 4. Hernani house
 5. St. Michael Parish Church
 6. Bergantzo house ("Zaratekua")
 7. Lazarraga tower-house
 8. Antia palace
 9. Baruena house
 10. Madinabeitia house
 11. Otadui-Jausoro house
 12. Urain / Zubiar tower
 13. Bidaurreta monastery
 14. St. Anne auditorium
 15. Olakua tower
 16. St. Martin chapel
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 18. Don Pedruena house
 19. Los Fuegos square
 20. The house where M. Aozaratzta was born
 21. 13th May square
 22. Church of the Regular Canons of the J. Letran
 23. St. Laurence chapel
 24. Sister Cities' square
 25. Egañena house
 26. St. Michael mill
 27. Arantzazu Sanctuary

STREET DIRECTORY

Aita Lizarralde kalea	I4I5	Lizaur kalea	F4F5
Aita Madina kalea	F4G5	Lope Agirre kalea	H4H5
Aita Mortara kalea	F5G5	M. Aozaratzta kalea	H6I6
Apaolaza A. kalea	I4	Maiatzaren 1a plaza	G5
Arantzazuko Ama kalea	I5I6J6	Martzelino Zelaia kalea	I5
Atzeko kalea	H5	Mendiko kalea	H4
Bakaradeko Ama kalea	G4G5	Motxon kalea	H5H6
Berezaio auzoa	L6	Murgia auzoa	L5
Bidebarrieta kalea	G5H6I6	Olakua auzoa	K3
Errekalde auzoa	G3H3	Otadui zuhaitzia	C3D3
Errementari plaza	H6	Patrua kalea	H5
Euskadi etorbidea	H4I4	Portu kalea	G5H5
Foruen enparantza	G5	Ramon Irizar kalea	H5
Garagaltza auzoa	F7	Roke Azkune kalea	I5J5
Gerriko kantoia	H5	San Anton kalea	G4
J. Moiuia kalea	H4	San Juan kalea	G5
Kale Barria	H5I5	San Lorenzo auzoa	J2J3
Kale Zaharra	E4F4G5	San Martin zuhaitzia	J5K5
Kanpantxo kalea	F4	Santa Marina plaza	H4
Kantonoste	H5	Ultzezin kalea	H5I5
Kurtzebide kalea	H4I4	Unibertsitate etorbidea	F5
Larraña auzoa	H2	Zubibarri kalea	H6
Lazarraga kalea	I4	Zumeltzegi kalea	G4



Principal Buildings and Monuments

1. TOWN HALL
The work of Martín Carrera, finished in 1778, the building is baroque in style and, like so many constructions of its kind in Gipuzkoa, blends perfectly with the typical arcade squares.

2. 'SANCTI SPIRITUS' UNIVERSITY
One of the most important renaissance buildings in the Basque Country, begun in 1540. Some of its most noteworthy interior elements are: the chapel, a beautiful cloister and a marvellous coffered ceiling in the Mudejar style. The university was founded by the bishop Rodrigo Mercado de Zuazola, who was born in Oñati.



founder of the university. Elements of interest inside the church include the tomb of Zuazola by Diego de Siloé, the plateresque altarpiece of the Piety and the baroque high altarpiece designed by J.B. de Suso. The tower, which dates from the end of the 18th century, is the work of Martín Carrera.



3. ZUMELTZEGI TOWER-HOUSE
Residence of the Count of Oñati when he visited the town. The tower dates from the end of the 13th or beginning of the 14th century. Unlike other buildings of its era though, it was not demolished during the reign of Henry IV.

4. HERNANI HOUSE
16th century building in which the university was provisionally housed before the conclusion of its current location.

5. ST. MICHAEL PARISH CHURCH
Gothic building dating from the 15th century. The cloister was added at the request of the

6. LAZARRAGA TOWER-HOUSE
Located in Atzeko Street, this tower with its turrets and two-tone etched facade was the home of the Lazarraga family from the 15th century onwards. Of the original building, only the main entranceway with its pointed arch still stands today.

7. ST. MARINA SQUARE
This square is flanked by three large eighteenth-century buildings: Madinabeitia, Antia and Baruena.

8. OTADUI JAUSORO HOUSE
Stately home with a corner balcony, built at the end of the 16th or the beginning of the 17th century.

9. URAIN OR ZUBIAUR TOWER
Its strategic location suggests that the aim of this tower was to defend or, at least, control the pass in order to ensure the collection of tolls.

10. BIDAURRETA MONASTERY
Building founded in 1510 by Juan López de Lazarraga, Chief Court Accountant. It contains a baroque altarpiece and a plateresque one which is the first renaissance altarpiece to be built in Gipuzkoa.

11. ST. MARTIN CHAPEL
This building is thought to date from the 16th century and is covered with a wooden framework (which rests on a straight pillar). It is a beautiful example of popular architecture and contains a central altarpiece that is the work of Pierres Picart.

12. ST. ANTHON SQUARE
Small triangular square containing a series of stone vaults which rest on the rock. In former times, these vaults formed part of a quarry.

13. 'DON PEDRUENA' HOUSE
Late baroque palace, rebuilt at the end of the 19th or beginning of the 20th century.

14. LOS FUEROS SQUARE
Designed at the end of the 19th century, this square has three arched facades and one which opens out onto the surrounding mountains and is flanked only by the town's pelota court.

15. 1st MAY SQUARE
One of Oñati's most beautiful squares. It is here that the market was held before Los Fueros Square was built. Surrounding the square are two buildings of special historical interest: Bergantzo house and Egaña house.

16. CHURCH OF THE REGULAR CANONS OF ST JOHN LETRAN
Dedicated to the Sacred Heart, this neo-gothic church was built in 1890 next to the monastery belonging to the same order.

17. ARANTZAZU
The vertical towers of the magnificent Arantzazu Basilica rise majestically against the ruggedly beautiful landscape. This wonderful example of modern religious art was designed by Sainz de Oiza and Luis Laorga and contains a series of splendid works by renowned artists such as J. Oteiza, E. Chillida, J. de Eulate, L. Muñoz and N. Basterretxea. Furthermore, this basilica is the traditional starting point for mountain hikes to the highest peaks in the province.

18. SISTER CITIES' SQUARE
This name of this square refers to the twinning programme which links Oñati with a number of different countries, including the Sahara, Mexico, France, Italy and Argentina.

19. ST. MICHAEL'S WATERMILL
Medieval watermill belonged to the count of Oñati, with original elements located in the tourist information office. Booked guided tours are offered.

Useful Information

Useful telephone numbers and addresses

Town Hall	Foruen Enparantza, 1	943 78 04 11
Culture Hall	Sta. Marina Plaza, 1	943 78 03 53
Historic Files of Guipúzcoa	Ibarra zelaia, 4	943 78 12 05
Basque Inst. of the P. Admon.	Unibertsitate Etorb.	943 78 20 11
Inter. Inst. for the Sociology of Law	Unibertsitate Etorb.	943 78 30 64
Post Office	Unibertsitate Etorb. 9	943 78 08 54
Court	Bidebarrieta, 1	943 78 02 54
Taxi Stop	Foruen Enparantza	943 78 03 65
Sports Center	Bidebarrieta, 6	943 71 63 75
Elders' Social Club	San Juan, 2	943 78 09 61
Tourist Office	San Juan, 14	943 78 34 53
Youngsters' Social Club	Foruen Enparantza, 4	943 71 60 94
Oñati's Tourism Develop. Agency	San Juan kalea, 5	943 71 88 08

Emergency telephone numbers

Local Police Station	Bidebarrieta, 1	943 78 04 11
Fire Station	Zubillaga s/n.	943 78 28 00
Medical Center	San Juan, 17	943 03 54 30
Valley Hospital	Zaldibar (Mondragón)	943 03 53 00
Ambulances	Gipuzkoa	943 33 03 30
Red Cross	San Prudencio	943 76 55 76
SOS Deiak	San Sebastián	112

Restaurants and Accommodation

Rte. Echeverria	Kalebarria, 19	943 78 04 60
Rte. Bar Polideportivo Zubikoa	Bidebarrieta, 6	943 78 22 34
Rte. Bar Garoa	San Lorentzo, 29	943 78 13 55
Rte. Bar Antxon	Euskadi Etorbidea, 1	943 78 21 61
Rte. Bar Etxe-Aundi H**	Torrauzo s/n	943 78 19 56
Rte. Bar Sindica HS*	Arantzazu Auzoa	943 78 13 03
Rte. Bar Goiko-Benta HS*	Arantzazu Auzoa	943 78 13 05
Rte. Bar Milikua	Arantzazu Auzoa	943 78 13 04
Rte. Hospederia Arantzazu H*	Arantzazu Auzoa	943 78 13 13
Rte. Bar Zelai Zabal	Arantzazu Auzoa	943 78 13 06
Rte. Bar Urtiagain	Uribarri Auzoa	943 78 08 14
Rte. Bar Txopekua	Uribarri Auzoa	943 78 26 98
Rte. Bar Urrintxo	Lezesarri Auzoa	943 78 34 79
Rte. Bar Soraluze H**	Uribarri Auzoa	943 71 61 79
Rte. Bar Goiena	Kale-Barria, 46	943 71 81 27
Rte. Bar Zotz	Zubillaga auzoa, 1	943 78 35 45
Rte. Bar Bikoitz	Garibai auzoa, 17	943 78 24 83
Rte. Bar Zurrust	Bidebarrieta, 6	943 71 62 96
Bar Arkupe	Foruen Enparantza, 9	943 78 16 99
Ongi Ostatu H*	Kale Zaharra, 19 bajo	943 71 82 85
Arregi Rural Guesthouse	Garagaltza auzoa, 21	943 78 36 57

Snack bars in the rural area

Lizar Etxe	Olabarrieta Auzoa	943 78 18 96
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Information and guided tours:



OÑATIKO TURISMO BULEGOA

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Timetable:

April-September
Weekdays: 10:00-14:00 / 15:30-19:30
Saturdays: 10:00-14:00 / 16:30-18:30
Sundays: 10:00-14:00
October-March
Weekdays: 10:00-13:00 / 16:00-19:00
Saturdays: 11:00-14:00
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General Information



Located at the headwaters of the River Deba, the town of Oñati is surrounded by high mountain ranges (Aketegi, 1544 m, Arrolamendi 949 m, Andarto 1076 m, Elgea-Artia 1177 m, Aizkorri 1528 m) that delimit the Oñati, Araatz and Arantzazu valleys, which lie between 200 and 500 m above sea level.

It is therefore hardly surprising that the two names by which the town has been known from earliest documentary history: Oñate and Oñati, both refer to the surrounding landscape, translating as 'foot of the pass' and 'abundance of hills', respectively.

The townsfolk have always tended to settle in the most accessible and flat areas of the valleys, rather than the highlands, which is why the Arantzazu district was not colonised until the late 19th century, and even then only partly. The other districts of the town (the centre, the two parishes of Araatz and Urrexola - each with their own parish church - and another 13 districts) were already well established as early as the 14th century.

History

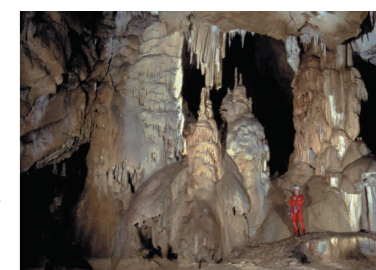
The first historical document that mentions Oñati dates from the beginning of the 14th century. It enjoyed the status of villa for a number of centuries and later became a County, a change which endowed the local Lord with a number of rights and privileges over the population. These rights were exercised first by the Vela family and later by the Guevaras from Alava. Zumeltzegi Tower (14th c) which overlooks the town from its high vantage point, stands as evidence of the power of the counts during this era.



The town's continuous struggles against the power of the local overlords, which started during the 16th century, culminated in 1540 with the town opting to legally become part of Gipuzkoa, thereby enabling the townsfolk to enjoy the rights and privileges of that province. The case was not resolved until 1652. The town lost and it was not until 1845 that Oñati finally joined Gipuzkoa and a decree was issued annulling the former rights of the overlords.

Arrikruz cave tourist project

The countryside around Oñati contains a number of elements of great interest and value. Among a number of other projects, the Oñati Town Council plans to define, create and set up a unique attraction in the Oñati-Arrikruz Karst, located near the Arantzazu Sanctuary under the Aizkorri massif. The project will be completed in 2007, and aims to inject new life and value into Oñati's natural, social and cultural environment by means of a highly advanced computer system which will provide internal guidance and information on a number of archaeological, ethnographical and speleological attractions.



Festivals

CORPUS CHRISTI

May-June.
Exceptional religious-folkloric rite which dates from the 16th century.

OUR LADY OF ARANTZAZU

9 September

SAINT MICHAEL

29 September - Oñati's patron saint's day festivals

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

First Sunday in October

INTERNATIONAL SHEEPDOG TRIALS

Third Sunday in September

