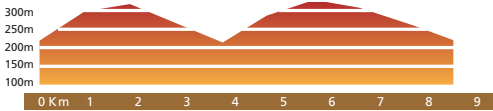


EAST OÑATI SL-Gi-10 At the foot of Aloña

8,5 km.- simple-2:00'



Classic route which offers beautiful views over the town of Oñati. The route begins in the historic quarter and passes through the town's most rural districts, offering hikers wonderful glimpses of both natural and ethnographic treasures. Points of interest: Zumeltzegi Tower (Middle Ages) and the Larraña, Olabarrieta and Murgia districts.

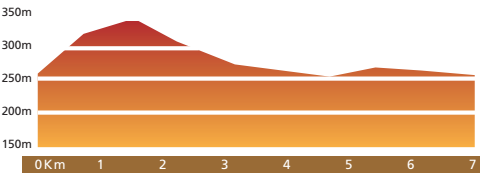


WEST OÑATI PR-Gi-107 Route around the Garagaltza district

6,5 km.- simple- 2:00'



Route which offers an interesting view over the Oñati valley. The route leaves from the town centre and runs past a series of farmhouses in the Garagaltza district, along several old paths and roads that still survive in the area. Points of interest: historic quarter of Oñati, Garagaltza district, Usako recreational area.

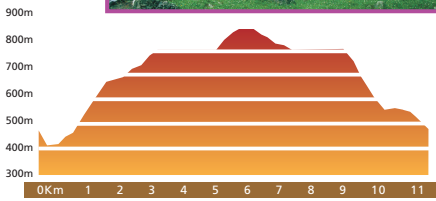


ARAOZ PR-Gi-102 The water path

11,5 km.- medium. 4:30'



This route, which runs through six of Araoz's neighbourhoods, takes us to an intensely rural world, offering a series of stunning views. After visiting the magic cave of Aitzulo, we arrive at the Araozta reservoir and from there the path leads on to The Chapel of the Holy Cross. Near Andarto Txiki we turn around again towards Araoz, and enter an area punctuated by farmhouses. Points of interest: Araoz's St. Michael Parish Church, Chapel of the Holy Cross, the house in which General Elorza was born, etc.

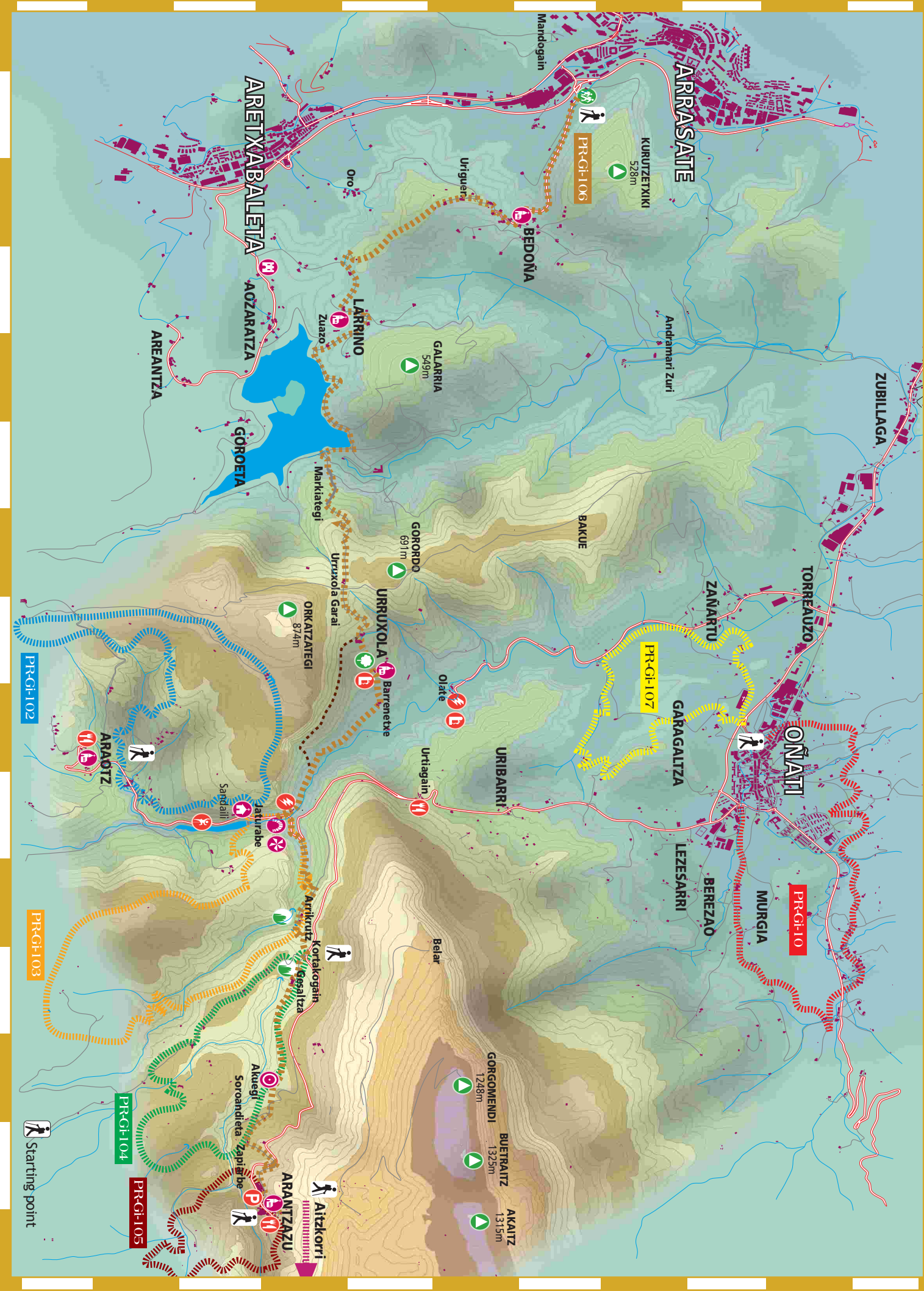
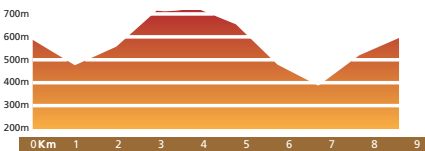


ARRIKRUTZ PR-Gi-103 The smugglers route

8,5 km.- medium -3:30'



Extremely beautiful route which leads us first along a section of the old road to Calahorra, before heading off towards the Madina district. The route links part of the Arantzazu and Araoz districts, as well as passing through the beautiful Jaturabe area. Points of interest: Arrikruz, Calahorra Road, Jaturabe, etc.

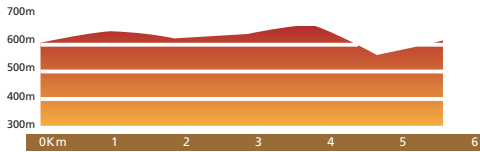


KORTAKOGAIN PR-Gi-104 Past the Arantzazu farmhouses

5,5 km.- simple-1:30'



Route which passes through most of the Arantzazu neighbourhood and which takes us first through an intensely rural area and later around all the hidden enclaves of Okola and Iritegi. After passing a historical mill, the path leads us back to where we started, passing over a canal. Points of interest: 18<sup>th</sup> century Arrola farmhouse, Okola hollow, Akuegi bridge and reservoir, etc.

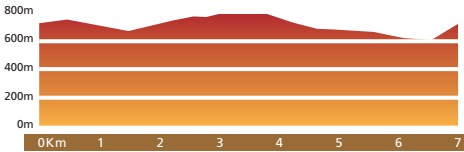


ARANTZAZU PR-Gi-105 The hidden road

7 km.- simple-2:30'



Route which shows us the darkest side of Arantzazu. After walking down the ravine of the River Arantzazu and crossing the Iturigorri area, the path takes us around the summit of Arriona, through a stunningly beautiful forest and two of the area's wide open pasturelands. Points of interest: Arantzazu basilica, rocky summit of Gazteluaitz, Arantzazu gorge, etc.

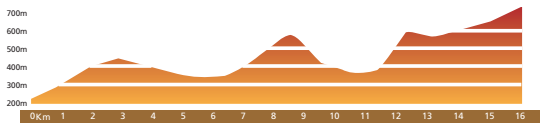


ARRASATE- ARANTZAZU PR-Gi-106 Pilgrim route

16 km.- demanding-5:00'



Beginning in Mondragón and ending in Arantzazu, this is the longest and most demanding of the routes. It is a classic pilgrim route which passes through lands belonging to three municipalities in quick succession: Arrasate, Aretxabaleta and Oñati. The route leads us through the Bedoña and Larriño districts, the Urkulu reservoir, the Urruxola district, the slopes of Orkatzategi, the surprising Jaturabe valley and the old Arrikutz and Gesaltza inns, before finally arriving in Arantzazu along the old road. Points of interest: St. Eulalia Parish Church (Bedoña), Orkatzategi crags, Gesaltza-Arrikutz galleries, etc.

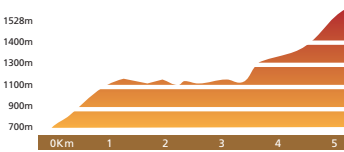


CLASSIC ASCENT TO AIZKORRI Through the Urbia fields

820 m. climb -demanding.-2:00'



Route which leads up to the Urbia fields and then on to the summit of Aizkorri, one of the most emblematic mountains in Gipuzkoa, watershed between Atlantic and Mediterranean waters and the mythical mountain of the legendary Mari. The path starts at the car park in Arantzazu (708 m) and in approximately one hour arrives at the Urbia fields and restaurant (1130 m). The second part of the climb, which takes approximately another hour, passes by the Arbelar huts up to the summit of Mount Aizkorri (1528 m).



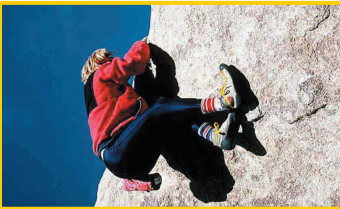
# Outdoor Activities

## POTHOLING

Due to the existence of a large limestone mass, the area has many karstic formations such as caves and potholes. Among these, some of the most interesting are San Elías Cave (Araotz), the Subiondo sink (Oltza), the Ubao upwelling (Aloña) and, in particular, the Gesarribe system located in the Arantzazu and Araotz Valley. This system is formed by the Gesaltza, Arrikutz y Jaturabe cavities which, at 15 kilometres, constitute the largest network of galleries in Gipuzkoa.



## CLIMBING



8 kilometres from Oñati, the Araotz district and the area surrounding San Elías Cave is an obligatory point of call for climbing enthusiasts. Being one of the most popular areas in the Basque Country for this sport, and without doubt one of the best for high-level climbing, the site is visited by a large number of climbers every year, from both the Basque Country and other parts of Spain.

## FISHING

During the fishing season, enthusiasts can fish (mainly trout) in a number of different areas from San Pedro bridge to Olate or the Araotz reservoir and its tributary streams, as well as Olabarrieta and Zubillaga.



## HIKING

In addition to an area of stunning natural beauty, the Aloña range and the mountains of Alava and surrounding landscape are also a favourite spot for hikers. With mountains of a variety of different heights, people of all ages and levels of fitness can enjoy this exciting sport. Mount Aizkorri, standing at 1528 m above sea level and located in the range of the same name, is topped by a small chapel and a shelter in

good condition that provides a roof over the head of those who decide to spend the night on the summit.  
Information: Aloña Mendi K.E. - Atzeko kale, 18 - Tel: 943 780810.

## PARAGLIDING

Mount Aloña and the Oñati Valley constitute one of the best spots in Gipuzkoa for hang-gliding and paragliding. Gliders take off from a summit which is accessed by a path beginning one kilometre before Arantzazu and, after a north-south flight over a 5 km slope, land in the St. Lucy district beside the Zelabarre farmhouse. The Ipar-Haize club, which has over 25 members, runs both beginner and advanced courses. Tel: 943 781909.



## BRIDGE SWINGING

In the Araotz district, just before the climbing area, there is a bridge 17 metres high and 5 metres wide, which is often used for the popular sport of bridge swinging. With just a bridge and two ropes, bridge swinging enthusiasts are guaranteed a thrilling few moments in a beautiful natural setting.



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountaineering and cycling come together in this exciting sport which is very popular with outdoor enthusiasts. Mountain biking is enjoyed by a wide range of enthusiasts determined to make the most of their bicycles in even the most rugged terrain.

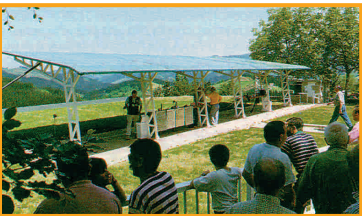


## SHOOTING

The town has an Olympic pit shooting range equipped with the very latest technology, located in the Uribarri district (Txopekua Restaurant). The range is open several days a week for training sessions and official championships.

## GOLF

IRELORE golf school is located next to the Soralueze Hotel, on the road which links Oñati with Arantzazu. The school runs both individual and group classes. For further information, call: 678 727 284.



# 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	Foruen Enparantza, 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 Deia	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 Lorenzo, 29	943 78 13 55
Rte. Bar Antxon	Euskadi Etorbidea, 1	943 78 21 61
Rte. Bar Etxe-Aundi H**	Torreauzo 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 05 71
Rte. Bar Urrintxo	Lezesarri Auzoa	943 78 34 79
Rte. Bar Soralueze 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 Zurrust	Bidebarrieta, 6	943 71 62 96
Bar Arkupe	Foruen Enparantza, 9	943 78 16 99
Ongi Ostataua 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**  
Turismo Bulegoa  
San Juan, 14  
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E-mail: turismo@oinati.org  
www.oinati.org  
20560 OÑATI (Gipuzkoa)

## 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

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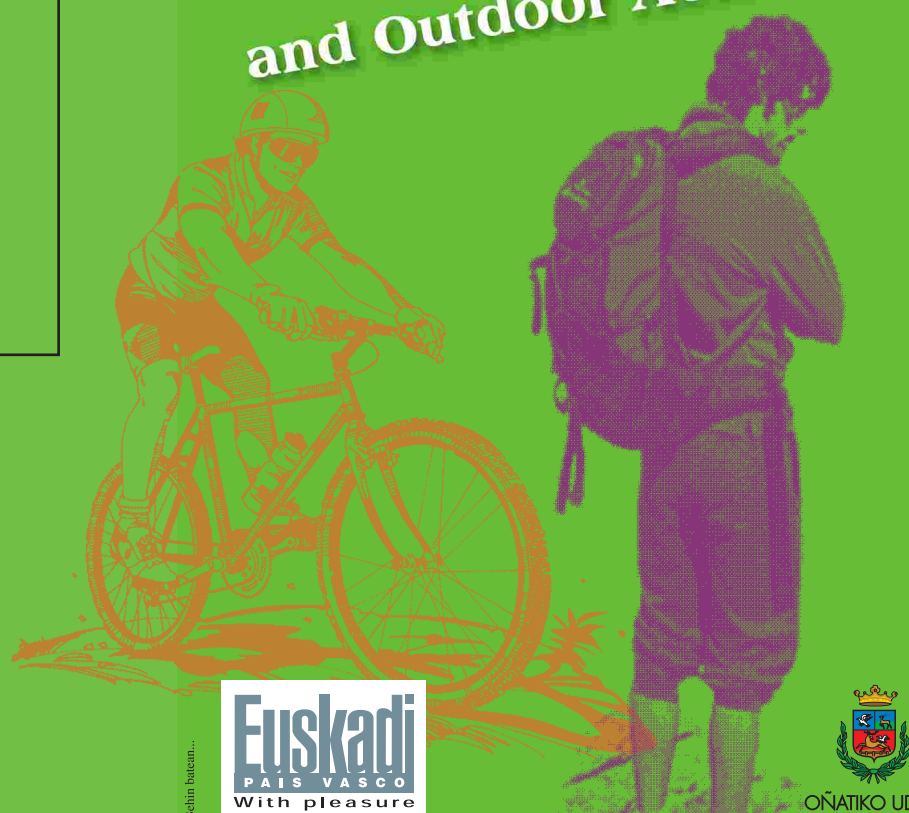
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San Juan Kalea, 5  
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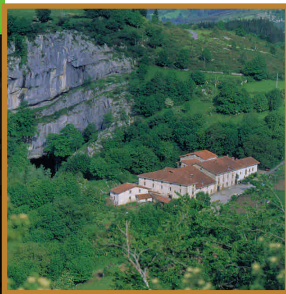


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## Rocky crags and deep ravines

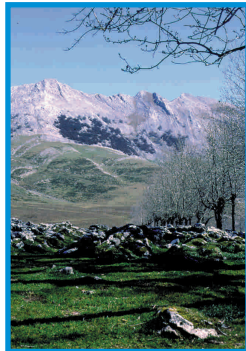
A region steeped in history and the site of numerous memorable monuments, one of Oñati's most valuable assets is its stunning natural environment. Most of the area is located on sandstone and limestone, and the landscape is filled with the formations typical of these rocks: caves, potholes, dolines and karsts, etc. Some underground complexes, such as Gesaltza-Arrikutz, are the most important of their kind in the Basque Country, and are extraordinarily deep and long, as well as breathtakingly beautiful. Some of these cavities have been used by humans for aeons,



and are linked with a wide range of different beliefs. Flocks of sheep, beech groves, limestone rock faces, cliffs and peaks together form a magnificent landscape, watched over from the skies by griffon vultures soaring majestically in circles and criss-crossed all over by the constant comings and goings of sheep and horses. By far the best way of exploring this wonderful region is to use the routes described below.

## Aizkorri Nature Reserve

This Nature Reserve is one of the natural wonders of Gipuzkoa and contains the highest peak in the province. The massif, which is made up by a number of different ranges, takes its name from one of the most emblematic peaks of the highest range, Aizkorri, a rocky summit crowned by the chapel of the Holy Christ. The old medieval road which linked Flanders and Castile runs by the range on the southern side, passing through one of the most famous passes in the territory: St. Adrian's Tunnel. The Urbia fields, which form the heart of the Nature Reserve, have been known to mankind since prehistoric times, as is evident in the numerous dolmens scattered around this beautiful valley. The most common tree is the beech, and the area boasts one of the most important beech groves in Gipuzkoa.



## Arrikutz 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-Arrikutz Karst, located near the Arantzazu Sanctuary under the Aizkorri massif. The project is already underway, although it is not yet completed, 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.



## A walk around Oñati

A walk around Oñati provides an insight into the art and unique history of this town. The old quarter contains a wealth of monuments and palaces, including the Sancti Spiritus University, St. Michael Parish Church, Bidaurreta Monastery and Lazarraga Tower-House, among others.

