

ZUMAIA



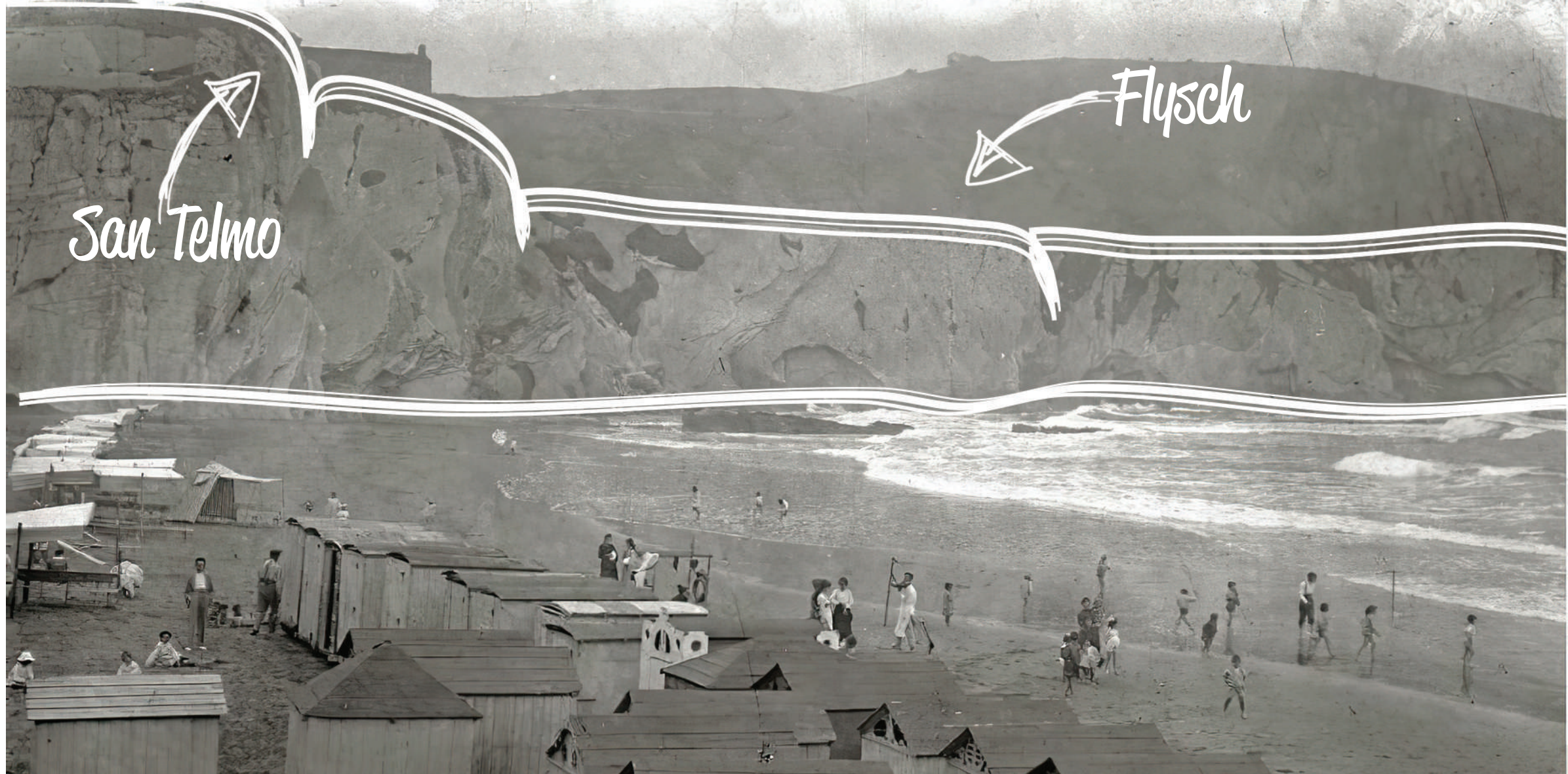
SORAYA LOPEZ



You'll be amazed!

Many years ago, Zumaia's marine waters and warm baths turned it into a popular destination. Today, the town welcomes plenty of visitors every year. You too can enjoy our customs, our gastronomy and our local environment.

WE'LL WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!



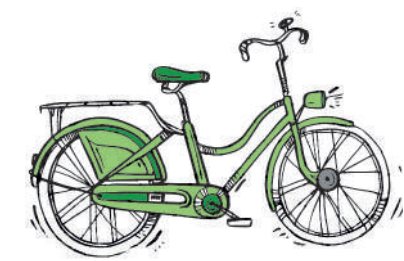


Perfect
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walking

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Whether you arrive by train, bus or car, the best way to get to know Zumaia is on foot. Our excellent public transport network provides a range of services from San Sebastián and other locations. If you choose to get about by car, you'll find plenty of free parking. From there, head to the centre on foot or by boat. It's up to you!



THE COAST HOLDS A GEOLOGICAL RECORD THAT TELLS US THE STORY OF THE EARTH

The rocks of the Basque Coast Geopark (part of the UNESCO world network) provide 100 million years of history on Earth. There are two great ways to discover this amazing story: walking the coastal trail, or heading out into open sea. Zumaia is one of the gateways to the Geopark, and a guided visit is the best way to learn about the flysch rock formations, the area's geological heritage and other interesting features. Go to geoparkea.us and book now. You won't regret it!

No doubt you've seen photos of the hermitage of San Telmo and its stunning views. But did you know that you can walk over fossils as you head out onto its balcony? Look down at the paving stones!

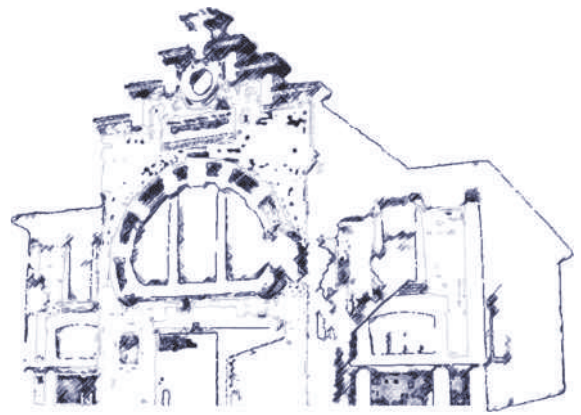




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THE SECRETS OF THE FLYSCH REVEALED

The **ALGORRI INTERPRETATION CENTRE** will show you the beauty of the coast around Zumaia and tell you all about the Geopark and the Protected Biotope between Deba and Zumaia. Audiovisual installations and information panels reveal the diversity of natural spaces in Zumaia in stunning detail. And, you can take a journey back in time – on foot or by boat – with our Geopark guides to learn about the most important events in the history of the Earth recorded in the flysch.



In Zumaia, there are a range of excursion options for getting to know the natural environment and the coast. Starting in the centre of town, you can choose from several places and experiences. One option takes you to the Artadi neighbourhood, famous for producing a long line of great pelota players. After spending the morning playing this sport in the three-walled fronton, head into town, take a dip at Playa de Santiago or stroll through the marina. There's plenty to do!

A BEACH PACKED WITH HISTORY



It's a strange concept, but to get to this beach you have to climb a hill. You won't be disappointed – it's the most fascinating beach in the world. Itzurun has provided stunning scenery for series and films and may well be the best backdrop of your life. Once at the beach viewpoint, look to your left to see Algorri and cliffs perforated with caves (can you make out the shapes of elephants?), and perhaps surfers dancing on the waves. To the right, a line of rocks, and people fishing for octopus on the wave-cut platform. To complete the scene, the 'golden spikes' at the flysch mark the different geological stratotypes and turn Itzurun into a global reference in this field.

Beyond the landscape, geology and biology of the area, the sea water provides numerous health benefits. Back in the day, tourists at the Zestoa spa would come to Zumaia to bathe in the sea. Today, you can enjoy the benefits of sea water in the thalassotherapy centre on the beach. Just imagine it, after a walk along the cliffs... A real treat!



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It's not
summer in
Zumaia
without a
drink and a
good bite to
eat!



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Playa de Santiago is a great spot for a family day out. There's plenty of space, calm waters for bathing, and lots of sports on offer. Head to the end of the beach to walk among the dunes, and enjoy their unusual plant life with the help of information panels situated along the way. At the top of the beach, soak up the summer atmosphere in the modern snack bar. To get there from the centre of town, use the boat service or enjoy a lovely walk.



Next to Playa de Santiago is the "Z Espacio Cultural" museum. Created by the painter Zuloaga, it brought together some of the main intellectuals and artists of the Generation of '98. You can visit part of the stunning art collection put together by Zuloaga, a hermitage from the Way of St. James and an exhibition of modern and contemporary art.



WHEN THE TIDE RISES...

The River Urola and the sea converge in Zumaia to create a hugely diverse natural environment. The *Santiagotxiki* and Bedua marshes provide habitat for migratory birds. Heading up the River Urola (by canoe, SUP or rowing), you'll pass the restored Flores jetty, experience the stunning fauna of Bedua and Artadi, and encounter a bucolic area surrounded by woodland near the Mantzizidor Bridge in Oikia. Immerse yourself in this beautiful protected area!



Zumaia has a huge 'bathtub' that fills up and empties twice a day: the Urola estuary. The locals use this huge aquatic space for fishing, boating, swimming and recreation. Choose from a range of aquatic activities. Find out what's on offer and take your pick!





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HEAD INTO THE OLD TOWN!

Zumaia was built around the parish church of San Pedro. The streets adjacent to the church have famous sights, including the *Sanjuaniturri* fountain. However, Zumaia also has plenty of lesser-known places with a charm of their own. Take a stroll through its streets and you'll soon come across them. Of special interest is the parish church, which formerly served as a fort, protecting the town from attacks from the sea. Like any good fortress, it holds many secrets, such as the altarpiece by Juan de Antxieta, which has been declared a National Monument. Visiting San Pedro church also offers you the chance to learn about the Battle of Trafalgar.

Zumaia has the only historical Basque fish auction machine. You'll find it in one of the most historical and symbolic buildings in the area: the San Telmo guild. It's the only place where you can see how fish were once sold. Take an informative guided visit to find out more!



JAVIER CARBALLO

WE ARE A TOWN OF BASQUE SPEAKERS. WHY NOT LEARN A FEW WORDS AND MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE OLDEST LANGUAGES IN EUROPE. IF YOU PLUCK UP THE COURAGE TO USE YOUR NEW VOCABULARY DURING YOUR VISIT, YOU'LL WIN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!



The Basque language is very special. It's the reflection of our identity, our culture and our history. Little is known about its origin, but you can still learn its secrets. Join the 'Basque Language Enigma' guided visit to discover a few of them.



Ongi etorri!



J. CARBALLO

THE TRAIL TO SANTIAGO, WITH VIEWS OF THE CANTABRIAN SEA

If you walk the coastal Camino de Santiago, you'll have the Cantabrian Sea for a travel companion. Arriving from Getaria, you'll be met by spectacular views of the area. Follow the arrows to head into the old town and take a rest in the four-hundred-year-old Carmelite convent. Once you've got your strength back, pick up the trail that will take you to land's end, with the sea as your sporadic companion along the way.





JORGE MURGIONDO

INDUSTRIAL AND MARITIME HERITAGE

Despite being intimately linked to the sea, the driving force of Zumaia has been industry. This is due, in no small part, to the local geology. The characteristics of the surrounding land led to the construction of several cement factories (*Cementos de Zumaya*) in the late-19th century which supported shipbuilding and engine manufacture. Take a self-guided tour with the aid of information panels to discover the area's immense industrial heritage. If you're interested in Zumaia's maritime legacy and fishing heritage, visit the San Telmo guild to see the only remaining example – a working one at that – of the auction machines once used to sell fish in the Basque Country.



Zumaia has one of the few remaining shipyards in the Basque Country. Numerous estuary shipyards were once the main source of industrial activity at the mouth of the River Urola. Keep your eyes peeled for the remains of the hulls of old wooden boats exposed at low tide, including in the area by the marina.



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Pintxo bars

An octopus pintxo and a txakoli, please! Going from bar to bar for pintxos is one of the most deeply rooted customs in the Basque Country. The bars in Zumaia have an ample selection of these culinary delights on offer. Bon appétit! Or as the Basque say, on egin!

During periods of famine, people here relied on molluscs and other seafood captured from the coastal rocks (the wave-cut platform in what is now the protected biotope). Zumaia has a strong culinary relationship with octopus, hence the local speciality of octopus soup. Try it for yourself!



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Accommodation for all tastes

Zumaia is just as great for being active as it is for a spot of relaxation. Whether you're visiting with a partner, friends or family, you'll find something to meet your requirements. Choose from country houses, small lodgings, hotels, apartments, camp sites and more. Stay the night in Zumaia and awaken to the smell of the Cantabrian sea air!



A BUZZING TOWN

Take a pleasant stroll through the streets of Zumaia for some sightseeing, shopping and recreation. Local establishments sell a huge variety of excellent products and fill the streets with joy and colour. If there's something you need, or you feel like treating yourself, you're sure to find what you're after in Zumaia.





Customs and roots

Whether lifting stones weighing more than a hundred kilos, cutting tree trunks with axes, or flying through the waves in traditional rowing boats, we bring a celebratory spirit to keeping our ancestral traditions alive. In Zumaia, you can revel in our local fiestas while getting to know some of our most deeply rooted traditions.

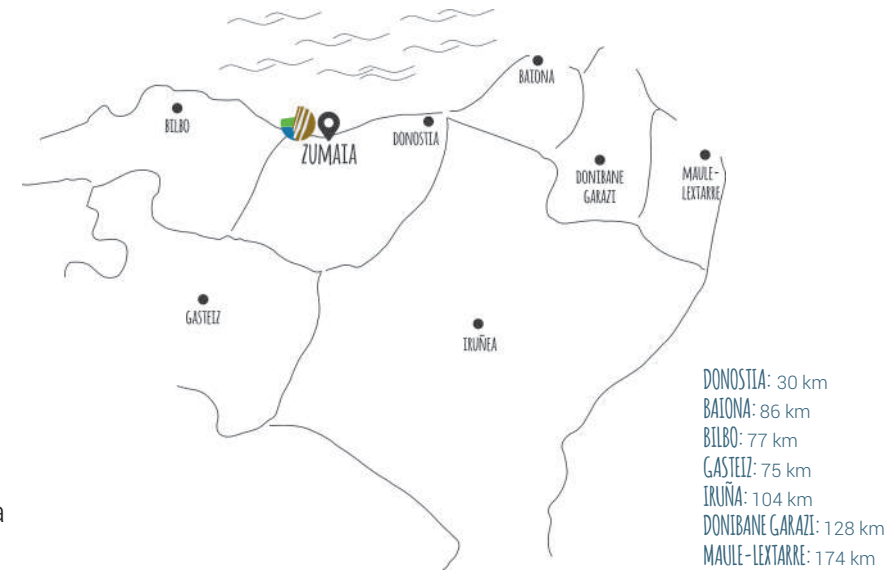
- After Holy Week (Easter), the town puts on its sailor garb to celebrate the **SAN TELMO** fiestas. And since one weekend isn't enough, we do the same the following one!
- The start of summer also marks the fiestas to celebrate **SAN PEDRO**.
- In August, it's the turn of Oikia and its fiestas in honour of **SAN BARTOLOMÉ**.
- August is an explosion of Basque folklore with **EUSKAL JAIA**, a festival where cider flows and people wear *baserritarra*, the traditional Basque dress.
- In September, the area pays tribute to the humble octopus. Sample different variations of this seafood during **OLARRO EGUNA** or Octopus Day.





STRATEGIC LOCATION

Zumaia is the perfect gateway to discovering the Basque Country. By car, the three capitals of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country are less than an hour away, and other coastal locations can be reached in under 10 minutes. If you're looking for something different, head into inland Urola and check out the Basque Railway Museum, Lili Palace, Pagoeta Natural Park or the replica of the Ekain Cave, among other sights.



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