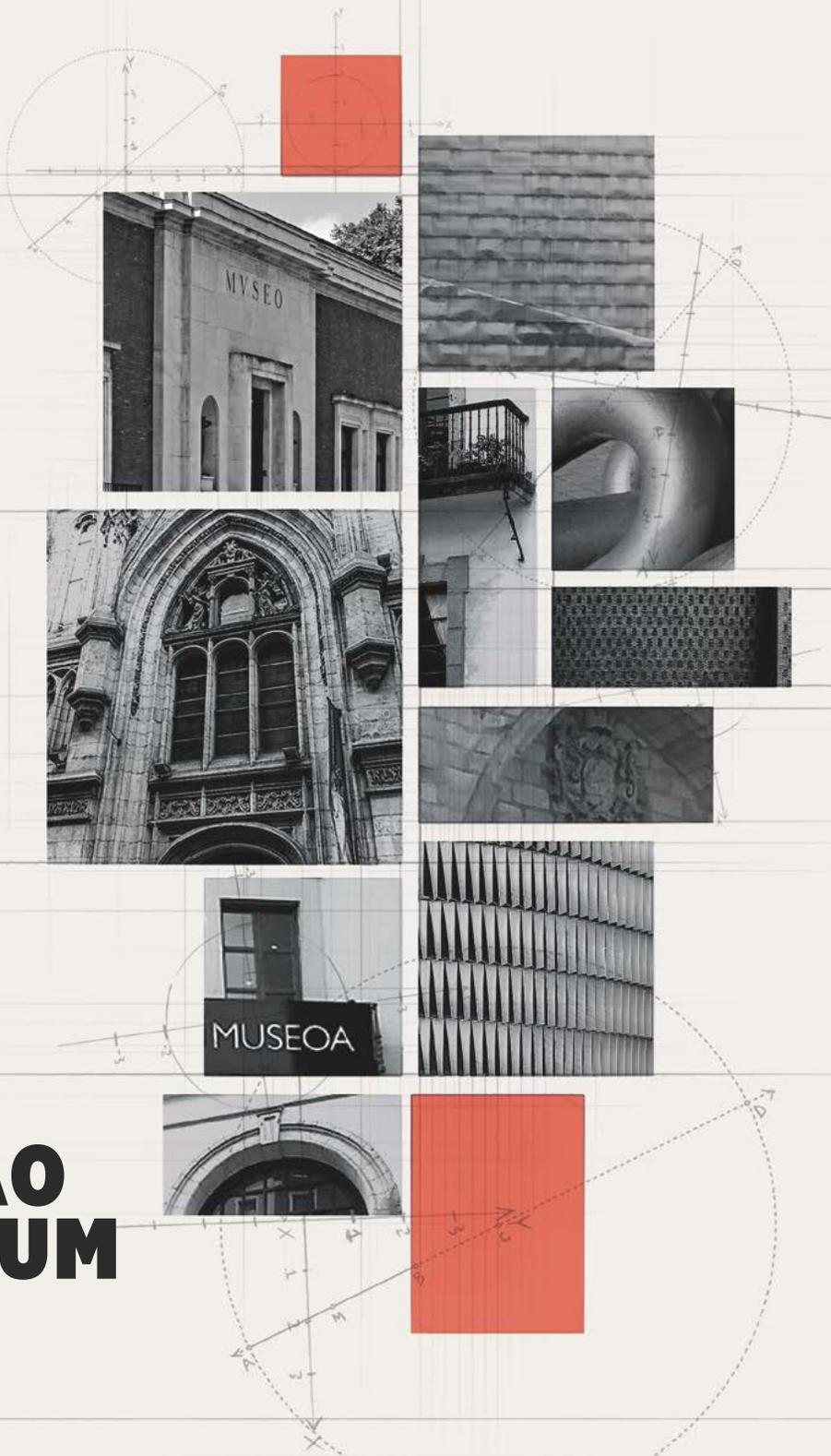


BILBAO MUSEUM MAP



**BILBAO
MUSEUM
MAP**



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Bilbao has become a city known throughout the world for its urban transformation process, which has given way to a new model of development based on people and always oriented toward the future.

But Bilbao is also a city attached to its roots and those intangible values that have allowed us to overcome all the difficulties of seven long centuries of history, with the thrill and pride of being in one of the best places in the world to live and work and where everyone can live a fulfilling life.

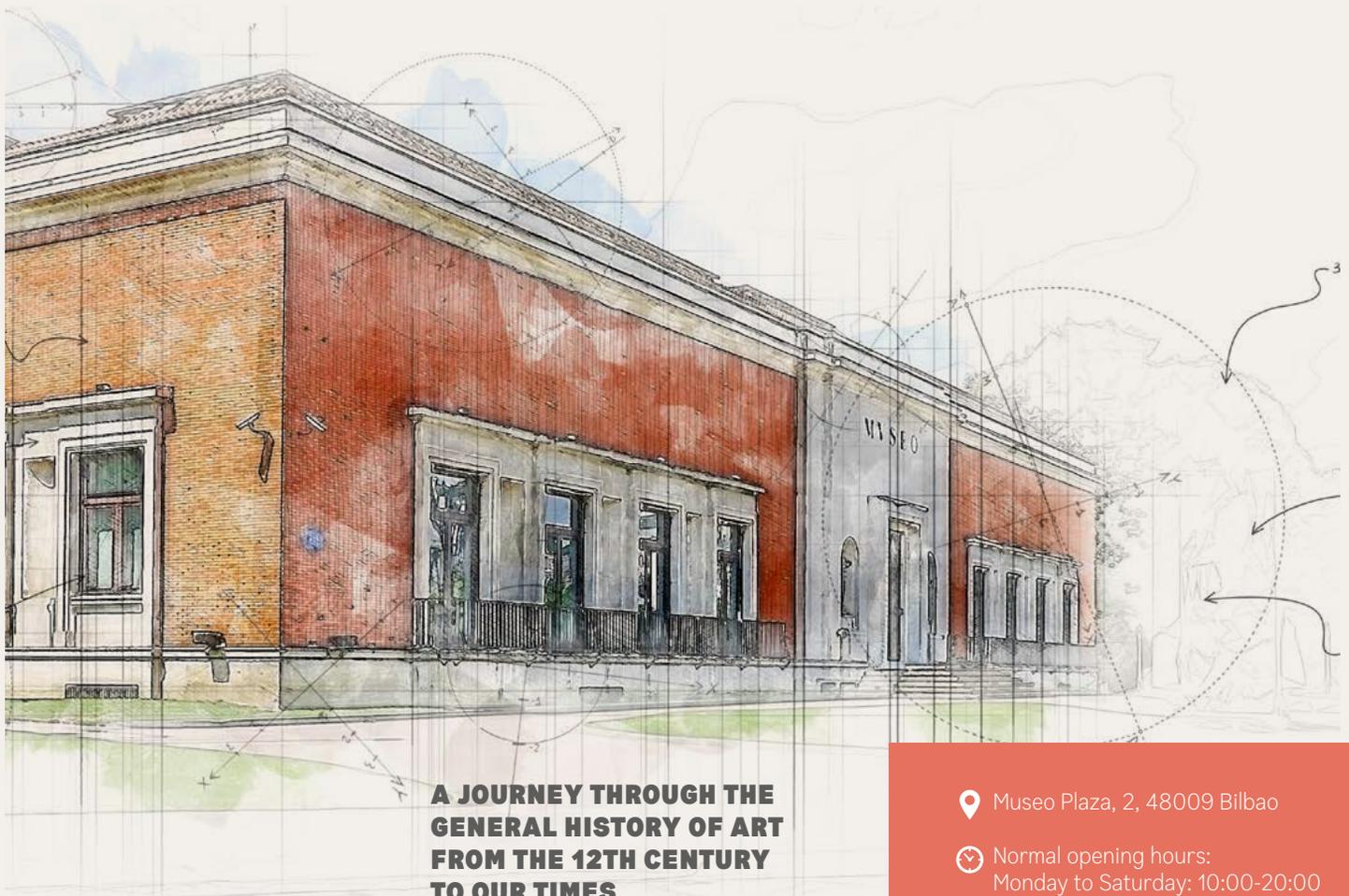
This short guide to Bilbao's museums reflects the importance that culture has always had in our community. Like almost everything in our city, the tour starts in the historic heart of Bilbao, in the surroundings of the Old Town, where the Basque Museum, the Museum of Artistic Reproductions, the Museum of Sacred Art, the Archaeological Museum and the Museum of Pasos of Easter are located.

The Abandoibarra neighbourhood, on the banks of the ría, opens the doors to Bilbao's two great art collections: The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, a reference for international art and architecture, and the Museum of Fine Arts, considered one of the best of its kind in Europe.

The tour is completed with Itsasmuseum, witness to the naval and shipping past of the Villa; the Athletic Club Museum, in the San Mamés football "cathedral"; and the Bullfighting Museum, at the Vista Alegre Bullring.

In short, this short guide offers locals and visitors alike, an extensive journey through the art, history, religiosity and ways of life of hundreds of generations, beginning in prehistory and leading us to this special moment in history we are in.

Juan Mari Aburto
Mayor of Bilbao



FINE ARTS MUSEUM

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GENERAL HISTORY OF ART FROM THE 12TH CENTURY TO OUR TIMES

The Bilbao Fine Arts Museum is located in Doña Casilda Park in the Indautxu district.

The Museum houses an extensive collection of paintings and sculptures, offering an enjoyable tour of art history up to the 21st century.

It features works by the most prominent figures of Basque art: Arteta, the Arrue brothers, Losada, Guiard, Iturrino, Zuloaga, Quintín de la Torre, Juan de Echevarría, Chillida, Oteiza, Ibarrola, Gal, Herrero, Lazkano...

 Museo Plaza, 2, 48009 Bilbao

 Normal opening hours:
Monday to Saturday: 10:00-20:00
(Tuesday closed)
Sunday from 10:00-15:00.

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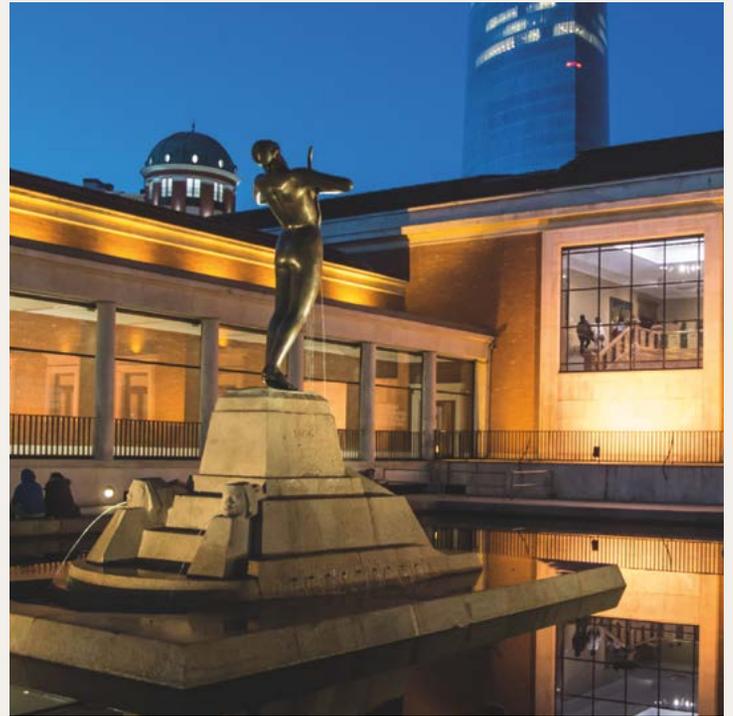
FREE ADMISSION:

Due to the start of work on the first phase of the museum's expansion, all the exhibition and public activities will be based in the modern building. During this period, admission to the museum will be free.



www.museobilbao.com





Outside the museum you can see the monument to the Bilbao musician Juan Crisóstomo de Arriaga, a spectacular modernist work by Francisco Durrio.

And artists who are an essential part of art history: El Greco, Luís de Morales “El Divino”, Cranach the Elder, Gentileschi, Murillo, Zurbarán, Van Dyck, Ruysdael, Goya, Cézanne, Cassatt, Sorolla, Gutiérrez Solana, Vieira da Silva, Tàpies, Bacon, Paul Gauguin, Barceló...

Among the many activities of this museum we highlight:

- The magnificent temporary exhibitions
- The extensive educational programme
- Film screenings
- The online collection and the image bank on their website

BILBOKO ARTE EDERREN MUSEOA MUSEO DE BELLAS ARTES DE BILBAO

AGRAVITAS



EXPANSION

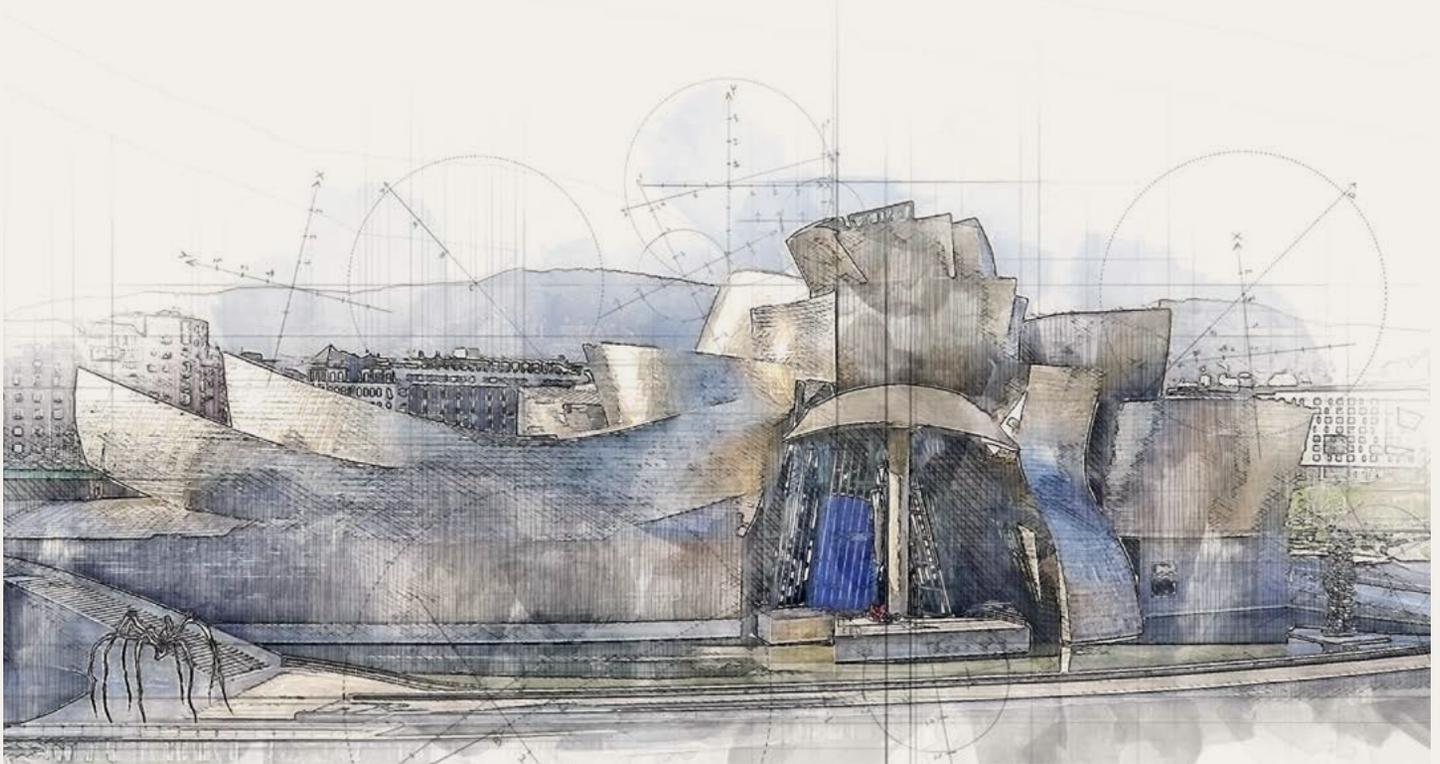


The project plans to expand the facilities with approximately 5,140 m² of new construction, respecting the two existing buildings.



The proposal made by Norman Foster and Luís María Uriarte was the winner of the competition to expand the Bilbao Fine Arts Museum. The project, called Agravitas, plans to create a large 2,000 m² open gallery that will overlay the current

building, held up by a small number of supports. Below this gallery will be the monument to Arriaga, illuminated by natural light that will enter through the oculus that will cross the gallery.



📍 Abandoibarra, 2, 48009 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00-19:00
Monday: Closed

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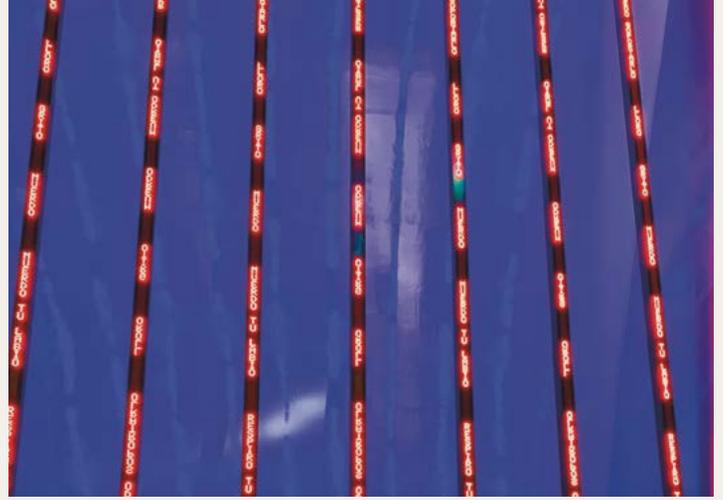


GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO

**BOTH THE BUILDING AND THE
CONTENT OF THIS FAMOUS
MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
ARE NOT TO BE MISSED**

The creation of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, inaugurated in October 1997, was the result of an unprecedented alliance between the Basque Government and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation. With an international outlook and a special focus on the local, the Guggenheim Bilbao has exceeded the most ambitious artistic and cultural expectations and it has made an extraordinary contribution to the urban, economic and social regeneration of the city and its surroundings.

GUGGENHEIM BILBAO



From left to right: Jeff Koons, Puppy, 1992; Jenny Holzer, Installation for Bilbao, 1997; Louise Bourgeois, Maman, 1999; Richard Serra, The Matter of Time, 1994–2005.

Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the building that houses the museum is a sculptural structure of titanium, glass and limestone that has become a sign of identity and a true icon of the city, recognized worldwide. The museum represents an architectural landmark of audacious configuration and innovative design, providing a seductive backdrop for the art on display within.

The exterior of the Museum, whose perimeter can be completely explored, presents different configurations from different perspectives and also houses pieces such as the sculptures Puppy and Tulips by Jeff Koons; Maman by Louise Bourgeois; Tall Tree and the Eye by Anish Kapoor; Yves Klein's Fire Fountain; Jenny Holzer's augmented reality work Like Beauty in Flames; Fujiko Nakaya's installation Fog Sculpture #08025 (F.O.G.); and Daniel Buren's Arcos Rojos installation on the La Salve Bridge.

The Museum's artistic programme consists of exhibits from its Collection as well as an ambitious calendar of special exhibitions which aim to present to the public a complete panorama of the art of our time. The Museum's artistic treasures include important works by artists such as Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning, Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, Anselm Kiefer, Georg Baselitz, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Eduardo Chillida, Jorge Oteiza and Cristina Iglesias. Other highlights include works created expressly for specific spaces, such as Richard Serra's fascinating installation *The Matter of Time*, located in a colossal, diaphanous gallery. The building's exterior runs under the La Salve Bridge and ends with a sculptural tower that embraces the bridge, effectively integrating it into the building.

The Museum also organizes a varied programme of complementary activities covering diverse disciplines, such as the performing arts, cinema, music and gastronomy. These initiatives are designed to be socially inclusive, and in the spirit of reaching a wide variety of audiences with different interests and needs.



GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO



Robert Rauschenberg, Barge, 1962-63 (detail).



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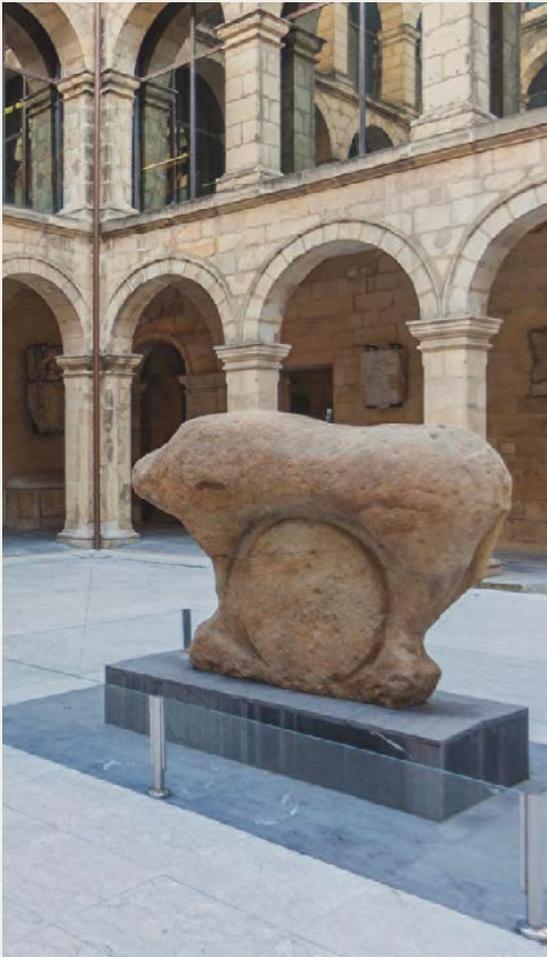
BASQUE MUSEUM

DISCOVER THE ETHNOGRAPHIC AND CULTURAL LEGACY OF THE BASQUE PEOPLE

Inaugurated in 1921, in the heart of the Old Town of the Villa de Bilbao, occupying the building of the old San Andrés College of the Society of Jesus, the Basque Museum of Bilbao, has temporarily closed its doors to the public, to undertake a comprehensive renovation.

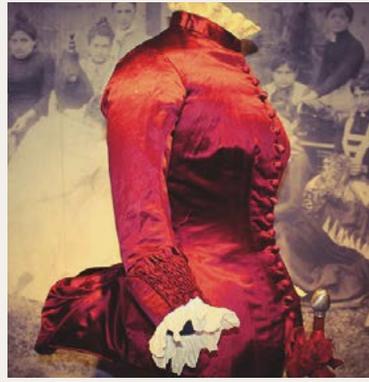
The Museum, dedicated to history and ethnography, has not stopped its work and continues to research, catalogue, document, conserve and restore its collections. And to prepare them for future exhibitions.

The museum's collections have more than 50,000 pieces and 38,000 photographs that tell us about the daily life and work of the Basque people throughout their history: their relationship with the sea and fishing, shepherding culture, ironworking and traditional trades and crafts such as folk pottery and textiles,...



The Mikeldi Idol, a strange animal holding a disc between its belly and legs, a sculpture, which even today conceals a great mystery.

The Mikeldi Idol, a zoomorphic sandstone sculpture dated to the Second Iron Age, 5th to 1st centuries B.C., and found in the long-gone Mikeldi Hermitage, Iurreta (Biscay); the 200 m2 model of Biscay; The Chamber of the Consulate of the Sea, are some of the pieces that visitors remember most. Not forgetting the magnificent photographs of Eulalia de Abaitua (1853-1943), a pioneer Bilbao photographer whose work is bestowed with an invaluable ethnographic vision.



PROJECT

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COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION



The Basque Museum aspires to become the great museum of Basque culture and to achieve this objective it is undertaking an extensive renovation project. This will also involve a considerable extension to the museum with the Bilbao City Council and the Biscay Foral Council having acquired the adjacent Kurtze building for this purpose.

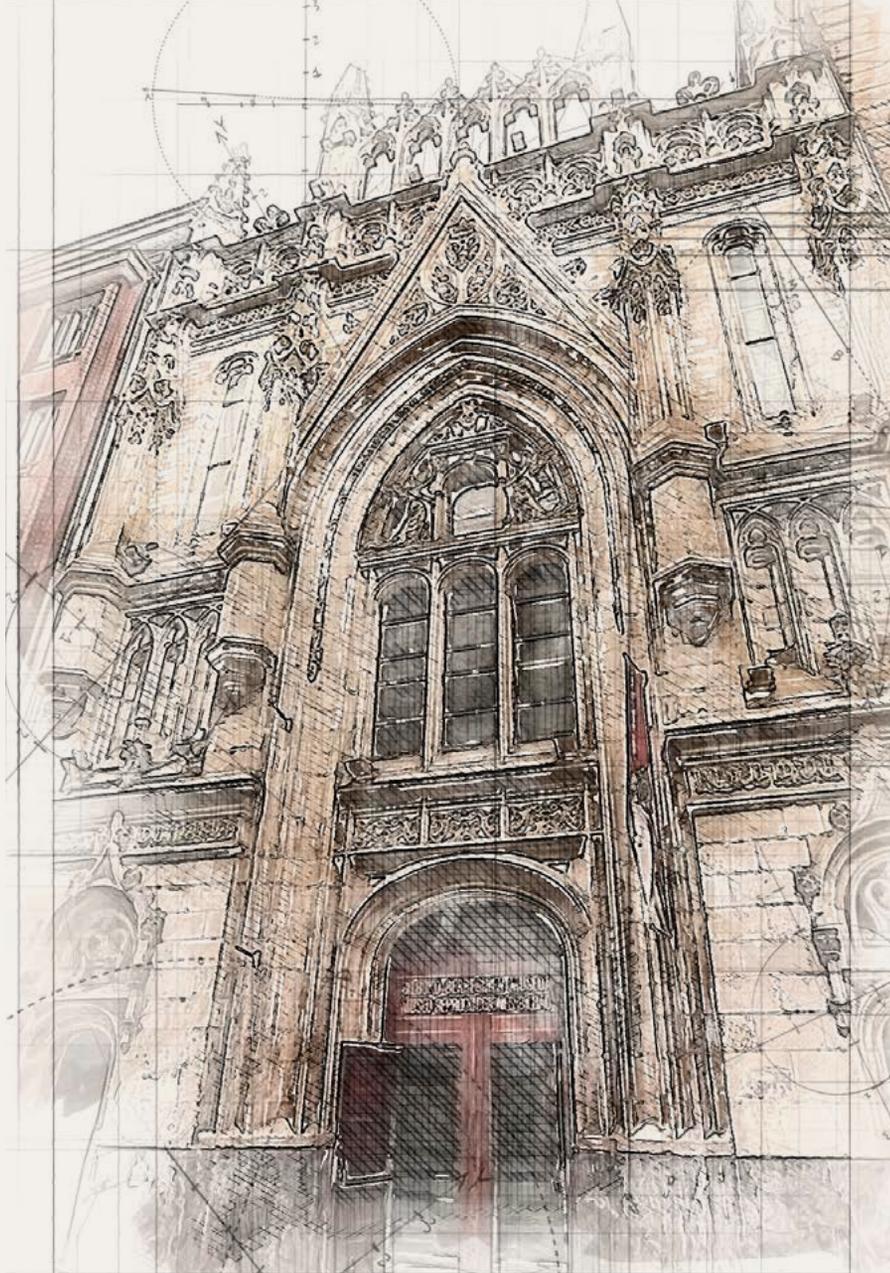
With this renovation, which will allow the reorganization of its collections, the Basque Museum will have a vastly expanded exhibition space and a new auditorium.

The proposal from Vaillo+Irigaray Architects and associates was the winning entry from the selection competition.



THE NEW MUSEUM PLAN IS CALLED ARETZ BIZIA, THE LIVING OAK: THE MUSEUM (AND BASQUE CULTURE) MUST BE LIKE AN OAK, A LIVING BEING WITH STRONG AND DEEP ROOTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH CONTINUES TO GROW AND BEAR FRUIT.





REPRODUCTIONS MUSEUM

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📍 San Francisco, 14, 48003 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Saturday:
10:00-13:30 and 16:00-19:00
Sunday: 10:00-14:00
Monday: Closed

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☎ 946 79 02 55

Check the website for public holidays
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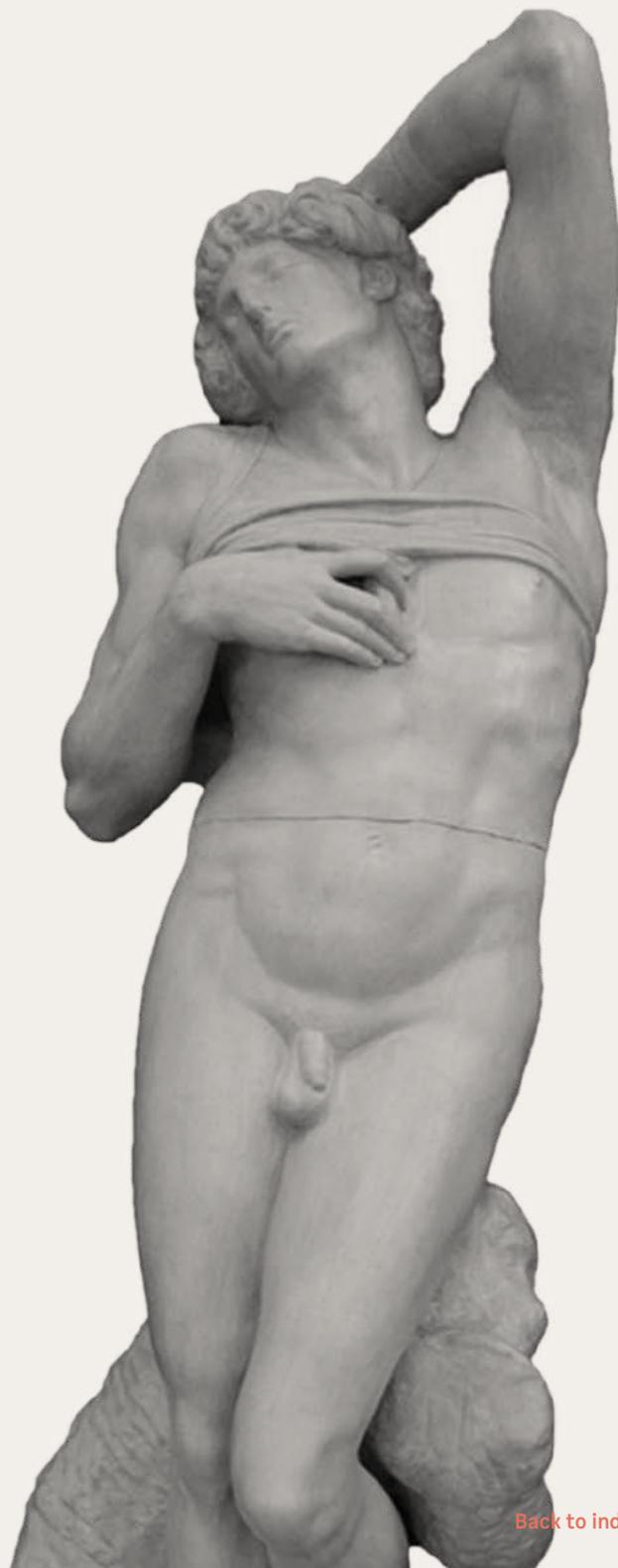


**A STROLL THROUGH
THE BEST MUSEUMS
IN EUROPE WITHOUT
LEAVING BILBAO**

This museum, dedicated to artistic reproductions, is located in Bilbao La Vieja, in the San Francisco district. Its home, the ancient Corazón de María Church, is a little jewel of the Gothic Revival, by the architect José María de Basterra.

Its collection consists of exact reproductions of masterpieces, first copies of the originals preserved in the most prestigious museums.

Visitors get to see up-close and appreciate life-size reproductions of some of the most important statues in the history of art: The Panathenaic Frieze of the Parthenon of Athens, the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, the Apollo Belvedere, the Apoxyomenos, Laocoön and His Sons, the Slaves and Moses by Michelangelo...





📍 Plaza Corazón de María, 48003 Bilbao

🕒 Monday to Friday:
08:00-14:00

☎ 944 150 231

Reservation must be made



A REAL TREASURE JUST A FEW METRES UNDERGROUND

Access to the site is through the headquarters of Bilbao Bizkaia Museoa, located at Calle Conde Mirasol, 2.

In this building, which formerly housed the Reproductions Museum, drawing and painting courses are still run, continuing the work of the fondly remembered Professor Manuel Balsa, “el Ruso”.



PLAZA DEL CORAZÓN DE MARÍA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE



In Bilbao La Vieja, under the Plaza del Corazón de María, you can visit the remains of the Convent of San Francisco. The Gothic-style convent began to be built in the 15th century and gives name to the neighbourhood where it is located.

After the demolition of the convent in 1856, the Barracks of Prince Alfonso were built on the same site, which in turn was demolished in 1930.





ITSASMUSEUM BILBAO



Located on the site of the old Euskalduna shipyards, Itsasmuseum aims to protect and spread maritime culture, especially that of the Bilbao Estuary and the Gulf of Biscay.

📍 Ramón de la Sota, 1, 48011 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00-19:00
Monday: Closed

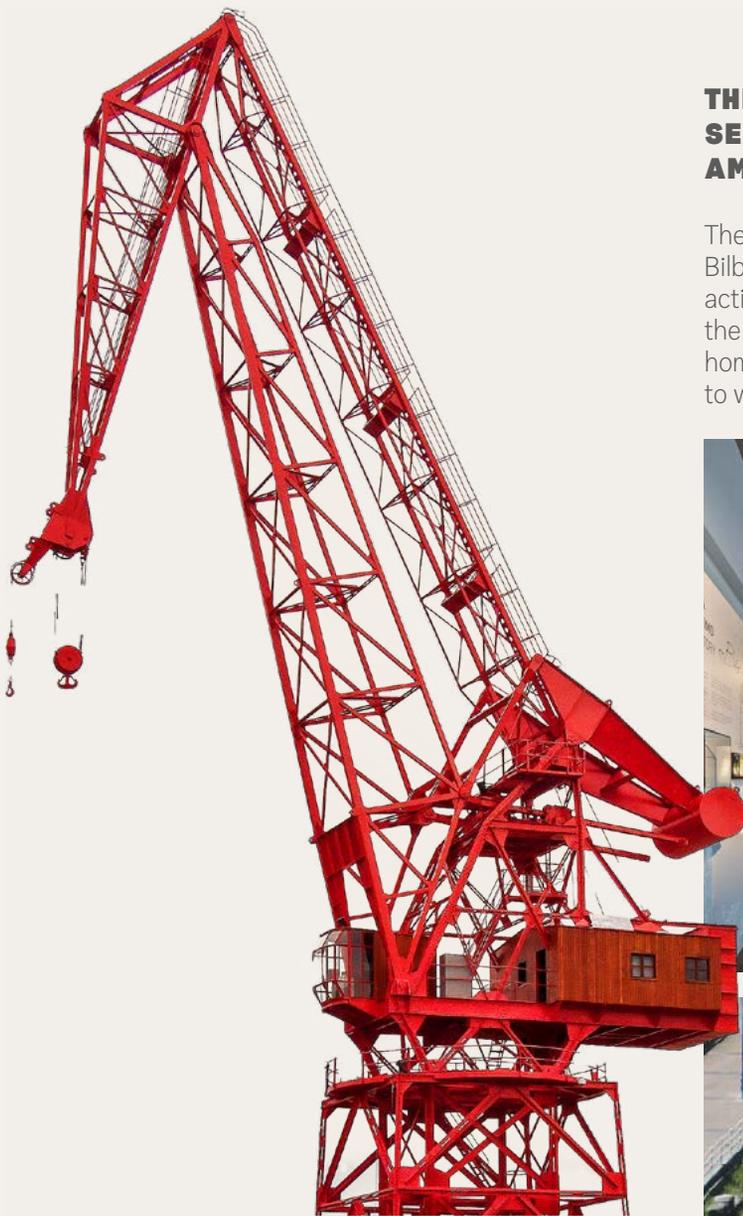
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THE WILD CANTABRIAN SEA HOLDS MANY AMAZING STORIES

The permanent exhibition explains the historical relevance of the Bilbao Consulate created in 1511, the commercial and industrial activities of the Port, the shipyards, the riverside carpentry and the maritime rescue service. Leisure and sport craft also have a home in the museum: From traineras (rowing boats) to surfing, to which the Museum dedicates a specific area.



Outside, next to the “Carola” crane, in the historical docks that are more than 150 years old, there are outstanding boats from the museum’s collection including the symbolic Gabarra Athletic (barge); the Portu hopper barge dating from 1902, the first vessel built in Euskalduna shipyard; and the fishing boat Nuevo Anchústegui which is undergoing a scientific restoration. All these boats live alongside others which, coming from all over the world, frequently dock at the museum.





📍 Plaza de la Encarnación, 9B, 48006 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Saturday:
10:30-13:30 and 16:00-19:00
Sundays and public holidays: 10:30-13:30
Monday: Closed

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MUSEUM OF SACRED ART

**SCULPTURE AND PAINTING BLEND
WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS IN THIS
CHARMING SETTING**

The Museum of Sacred Art of Bilbao is located in the Atxuri district, in the former Dominican convent of the Incarnation.

The building, restored and inaugurated in 1995, preserves the historical flavour of the old convent. Its beautiful cloister and the well-kept rooms create an atmosphere of peace and calm that add to the enjoyment of your visit.



MUSEO DE ARTE SACRO
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It exhibits ancient and modern paintings and sculptures, as well as gold and silversmithing and religious ornaments. Most of the works come from churches, convents and hermitages of Biscay.

The museum is also the setting for the “Atxuri Abbey” Escape Room.





BULLFIGHTING MUSEUM

Opened in 1995, this museum is located in the Vista Alegre bullring, in the Ametzola district.

It covers the history of bullfighting through didactic texts illustrated with more than a hundred photographs, Goya prints, original posters from various bullfights, bullfighting costumes, books and models of the old bullrings of Bilbao, and more.

📍 Martín Agüero, 1, 48012 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Thursday:
10:30-13:00 and 16:00-18:00
Friday: 10:30-13:00
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

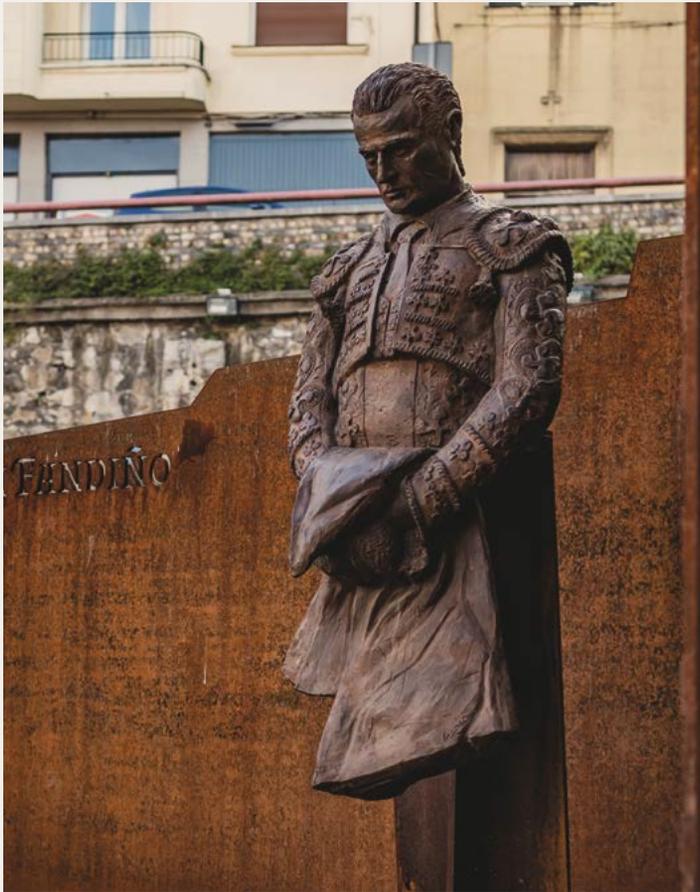
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The didactic unit marks eight general sequences in the History of bullfighting: bullfighting in the Age of Enlightenments, the bullfighters of Romanticism, the bullfighters of the Generation of '98, the era of "Guerrita", the so-called silver age that runs until the generation of the Second Republic, the era of "Manolete", the 1950s and the era of "el Cordobés".

THE HISTORY OF BULLFIGHTING ON THE FAMOUS GREY SAND OF THE BILBAO BULLRING



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

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📍 Calzadas de Mallona, 2, 48006 Bilbao
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🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Saturday:
10:00-14:00 and 16:00-19:30
Sundays and public holidays:
10:30-14:00
Monday: Closed

✉ arkeologimuseoa@bizkaia.eus

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THE TRACES OF OUR HISTORY

The Archaeological Museum of Bizkaia, in the Old Town, next to the Mallona Steps, occupies the building which formerly housed the Lezama train station.

On Calle Prim there is a municipal lift which allows you to access the Museum without climbing steps.



The Archaeological Museum showcases the history of the Biscay region through the remnants left by its inhabitants, from prehistory to historical times. It has become the reference and dissemination hub for archaeological research in Biscay through its activities aimed at spreading knowledge of the region's history, promoting archaeological studies and ensuring the reception, conservation and restoration of archaeological materials.

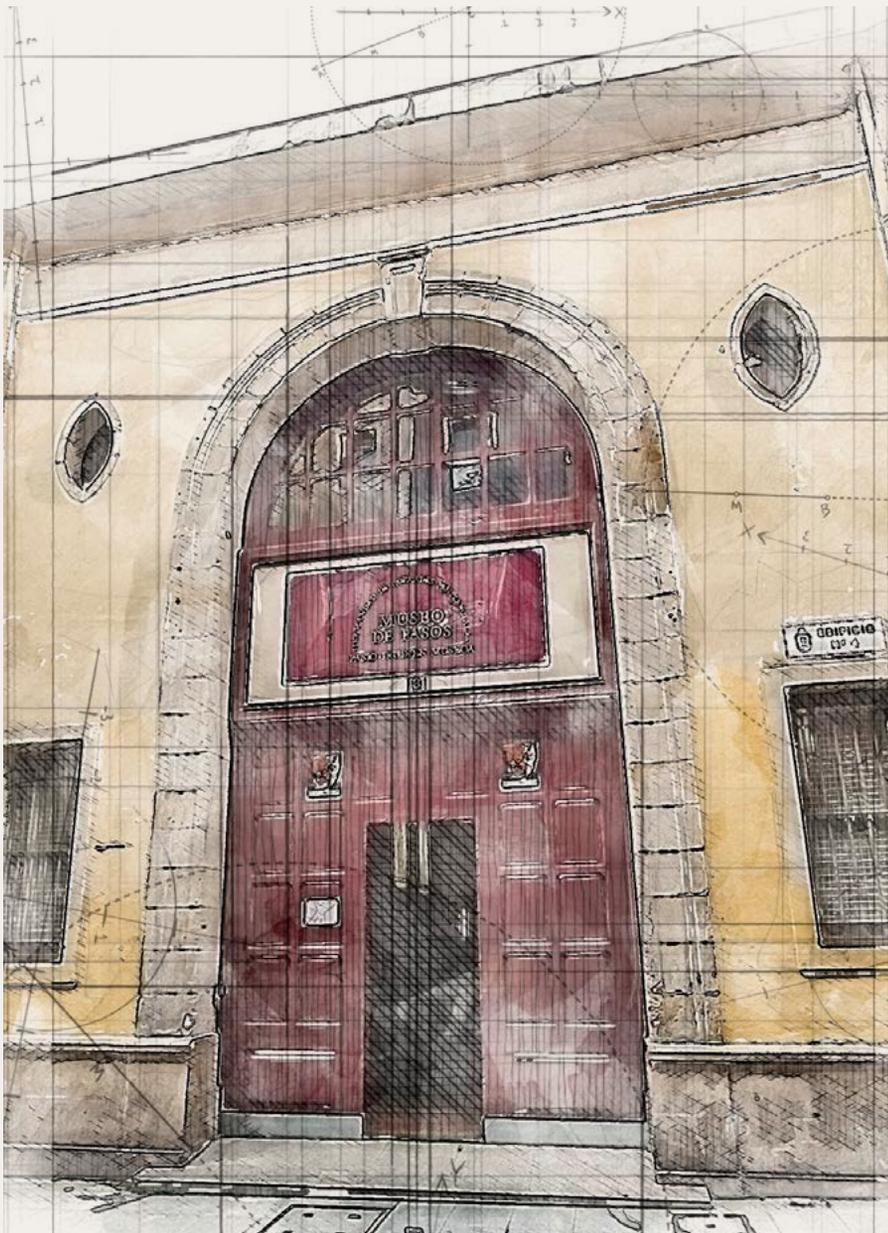
On their website you can find a very detailed guide to the museum and the excellent Arkeologi Notebooks, monographs on more specific subjects.



Mesterika bust



Isis. Fortuna (Forua)



MUSEUM OF PASOS

A PLACE TO FEEL AND EXPERIENCE THE DEEP ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK

📍 Iturribide Kalea, 3, 48006 Bilbao



✉ info@museodepasosbilbao.org

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HERMANDAD DE COFRADIAS PENITENCIALES
MUSEO DE PASOS
PASIO-IRUDIEN MUSEOA

www.museodepasosbilbao.org



The Museum of Pasos of Easter of Bilbao is located in Calle Iturribide, in the Old Town, occupying an 18th century neoclassical building.

The museum exhibits many of the pasos (floats representing the Stations of the Cross) that are carried by the brotherhoods during the Holy Week processions, along with other pasos that are kept in the churches of Bilbao.

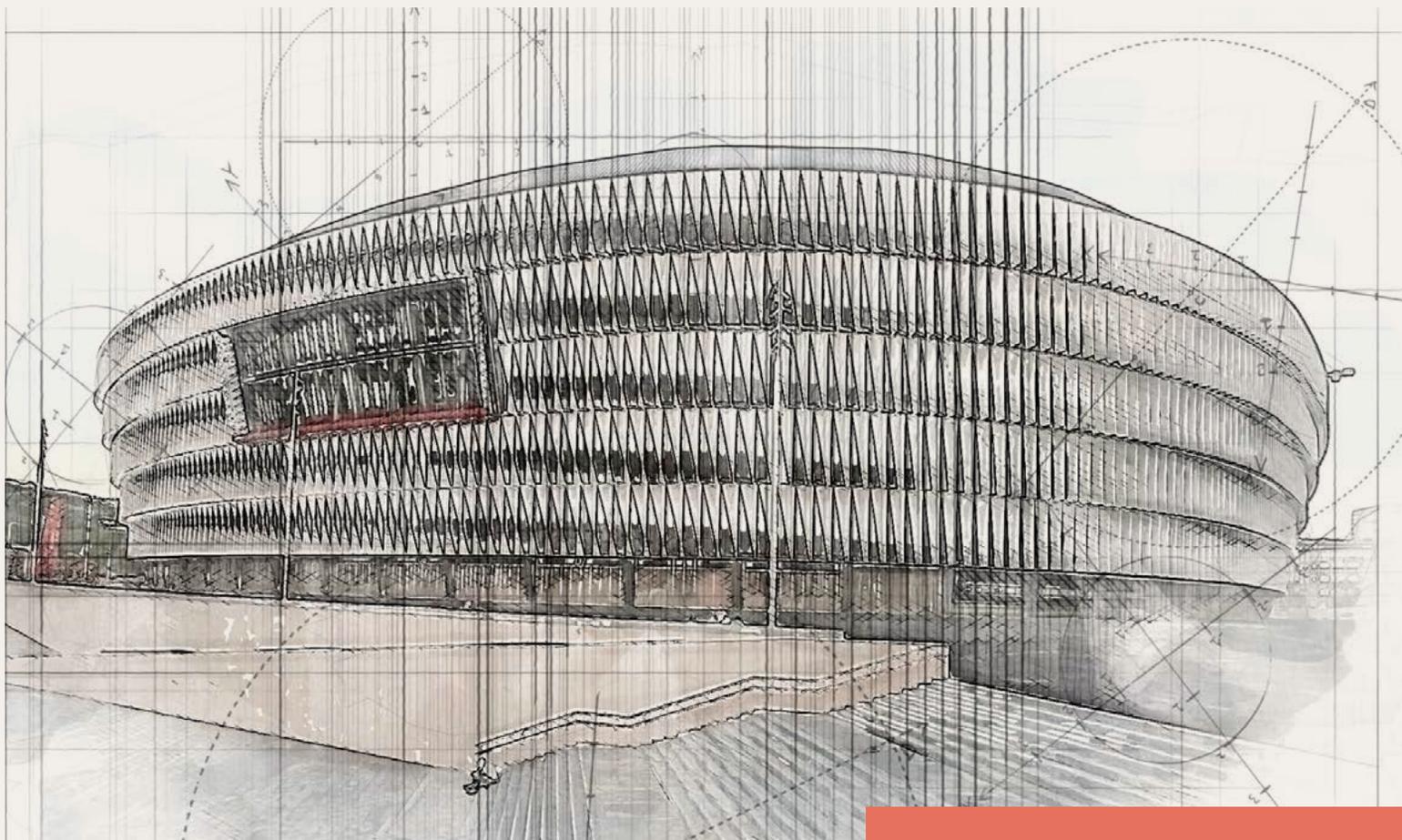


These floats have been paraded countless times through the streets of Bilbao. Some of them were built in the 16th and 17th centuries. Others are from the 20th century, made by Basque sculptors such as Quintín de la Torre and Ricardo Inurria.

One of the most modern float is that of Santa María Magdalena, made in 2007 by the Sevillian imaginera (sculptor of religious images) Lourdes Hernández.

In the museum you can also see dioramas about the life of Jesus, banners, the robes of the brotherhoods and an extensive collection of posters and photographs depicting Holy Week in Bilbao.

The museum is managed by the Brotherhood of Penitential Fraternities.



ATHLETIC CLUB MUSEUM



MUSEOA

AN EXCITING JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF A CLUB WITH A UNIQUE PHILOSOPHY

Located in the district of Basurto, in San Mamés Stadium, the Cathedral of Football.

📍 Rafael Moreno Pitxitxi, 48013 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours:
Tuesday to Sunday:
from March to October
10:00 to 20:00.
from November to February
10:00 to 19:00.

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Access to the museum is between gates 19 and 20 of the stadium, in the street dedicated to Rafael Moreno “Pichichi”, the brilliant Bilbao footballer who gives name to the trophy for the top scorer in the Spanish league.

The museum allows you to delve into the history of a legendary Club, founded in 1898, which maintains a unique sporting philosophy and values.

The museum exhibits the jewels of its valuable collection, gathered over the 100+ years of the club’s history. More than 1000 pieces and 900 videos selected from the Museum Archive presented on a tour that explores the history of Athletic Club and treasures its collective legacy.

The exhibition gives you the opportunity to watch countless videos that recount a multitude of stories and features an immersive 102-screen video-wall.

The Club Museum also offers you the possibility to take the San Mamés Stadium Tour with a guided group tour or individually accompanied by a navigable audio guide on your mobile device.



FINE ARTS MUSEUM

- 📍 Museo Plaza, 2, 48009 Bilbao
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- 🌐 www.museobilbao.com
- ☎ 944 39 60 60



REPRODUCTIONS MUSEUM

- 📍 San Francisco, 14, 48003 Bilbao
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- 🌐 www.bilbokoberreginenmuseoa.eus
- ☎ 94 679 02 55

BULLFIGHTING MUSEUM



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- 🌐 www.bilbao.bmftoros.com
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GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM

- 📍 Abandoibarra, 2, 48009 Bilbao
- 🕒 Normal opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00-19:00 Monday: Closed
- 🌐 www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus
- ☎ 944 35 90 00



ITSASMUSEUM

- 📍 Muelle Ramón de la Sota, 1, 48011 Bilbao
- 🕒 Normal opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00-19:00 Monday: Closed
- 🌐 www.itsasmuseum.eus
- ☎ 946 08 55 00



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

- 📍 Calzadas de Mallona, 2, 48006 Bilbao c/ Prim s/n 48006 Bilbao
- 🕒 Normal opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00-14:00 and 16:00-19:30 Sundays and public holidays: 10:30-14:00 Monday: Closed
- 🌐 www.bizkaikoa.bizkaia.net
- ☎ 944 04 09 90



BASQUE MUSEUM

📍 Plaza Miguel de Unamuno, 4, 48006 Bilbao

🕒 Temporarily closed for renovation work.

🌐 www.euskalmuseoa.eus

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MUSEUM OF SACRED ART

📍 Plaza de la Encarnación, 9B, 48006 Bilbao

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Sundays and public holidays: 10:30-13:30 Monday: Closed

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MUSEUM OF PASOS

📍 Iturrubide, 3, 48006 Bilbao

🕒 Normal opening hours: Tuesday to Friday: 11:00-13:30 and 17:00-19:30 Saturday 11:00-14:00 and 17:00-20:00
Sunday 11:00-14:00 Monday and public holidays: Closed

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ATHLETIC CLUB MUSEUM



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