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Vitoria

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Located in the northeast of Spain, Vitoria-Gasteiz is the capital of the Basque country and has more open space per capita than anywhere else in Spain. With its forty parks and plethora of forests, it has one of the best standards of living in Europe. Home to the best preserved medieval old quarter of the Basque region, designated a "historical site" since 1997, Vitoria has then adapted its aesthetic tradition to contemporary styles of architecture. For a region that is legendary for its fiestas and celebrations, Vitoria will certainly not disappoint you!

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THE CITY

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Vitoria's origins go back to 1181 when King Sancho VI founded a walled town to protect the Kingdom of Navarre. Today there are many reasons to go there. The medieval quarter is one of the best historic centres preserved in the north of Spain. You will discover a rich history, such as the churches dating from the Gothic period, and the several palaces which reflect the splendour of the Renaissance.

The Baroque style also left its mark, with a special mention for the Church of San Miguel. Vitoria has harmoniously combined its historic past and modernity. The neoclassical urban expansion to the south is characterised by the many balconies which overlook the bustling streets, adorned by the works of numerous Basque sculptors. There you will enjoy magnificent walks in finely conceived parks and greens.

DO & SEE

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This "human scale" city has definitely been built with respect to the environment. Cultural dynamism is also part of Vitoria's identity. The Basque country is home to hospitality, traditions, happiness and fiestas.

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Address: Calle Cuchilleria, 24

Palace of Escoriaza Esquibel

The best-preserved Renaissance mansion in the old city.

Address: Calle Fray Zacarias Martinez 7, Vitoria-Gasteiz

La Florida

La Florida is a beautiful Romanesque garden with a variety of species of trees, located in the Senda district, near the 3 km walkway lined with parks, stately homes and museums.

Address: La Florida

Cathedral of Blessed Virgin Mary

This Neo-Gothic building - Catedral Santa María - has a nice crypt and various sculptures and carvings. It houses the Museum of Religious.

Address: Catedral Santa María
Phone: +34 945 18 19 18
Internet: www.catedralvitoria.com

Basque Museum of Contemporary Art

One of the best permanent collections of Basque and Spanish art from the 20th Century.

Address: Calle Francia, 24
Phone: +34 945 20 90 20
Internet: www.artium.org

Medieval Quarter

This oval-shaped old quarter is home to museums, beautiful Medieval and Renaissance buildings architecturally kept alive today. Don't miss the outstanding towers of Cathedral of Saint Mary, Church of San Pedro, Church of San Vincente and the Paris Church of San Miguel.

Address: Barrio Medieval
Phone: +34 945 16 15 98

Fine Arts Museum

The Fine Arts Museum is located within the Augusti Palace, with typical Basque paintings from the 17th and 19th centuries.

Address: Paseo de Fray Fransisco, 8, Senda
Phone: +34 945 18 19 18

EATING

Photo: Séamus McPálás

Vitoria's gastronomy is excellent, based on fresh and seasonal ingredients, which fits perfectly with the famous wines of the Rioja Alavesa region or the Txakoli of Alava (a young white wine).

Special mention goes to the sheep's cheese From Idiazabal and potatoes From Alava, as well as the wild mushrooms or "perretxikos" (also called St George's mushrooms). There is much more to try: Porrusalda (leek soup), snails "a la alavesa", roast suckling pig, river crabs in a sauce... enjoy!

Zaldiaran

Expect some of the most exquisite gastronomy in town at Zaldiaran. The restaurant has been awarded one Michelin star.

Address: Avenida de Gasteiz, 21, 01008 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 13 48 22
Internet: www.restaurantezaldiaran.com

Arkupe

Akrupe is very popular in town as it offers great food at affordable prices.

Address: Calle Mateo de Moraza, 13
Phone: +34 945 23 00 80
Internet: www.restaurantearkupe.com

El Portalon

In the heart of the medieval city, El Portalon is an emblematic venue preparing some of the best of the

traditional Basque cuisine.

Address: Calle Correría, 147-149, 01001 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 14 27 55
Internet: www.restauranteelportalon.com

El Clarete

In a cosy stone-walled cave, you will be able to try some great local dishes prepared from fresh and seasonal ingredients.

Address: Calle Cercas Bajas, 18, 01008 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 26 38 74
Internet: www.elclareterestaurante.com

Dolomiti

Dolomiti pride themselves in their handmade products such as pizza dough and fresh pasta. The menu holds mostly Italian food and the pizza is baked in a wood oven.

Address: Calle de Ramón y Cajal, 1 01007 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 23 34 26
Internet: www.dolomiti.es

CAFES

Photo: Séamus McPálás

In Vitoria-Gasteiz, you will find dozens of cafés every few meters, as well as pinchos bars which is the best way to enjoy the Basque culture. Pinchos are delicious creations of miniature cuisine, similar to tapas in southern Spain. At any time of the day, bar crawling is simply a crucial experience!

Saburdi

The most famous café/restaurant in Vitoria. Great variety of small snacks and everything is of the highest quality.

Address: Calle Eduardo Dato, 32, 01005 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 147 016
Internet: www.saburdi.com

Toloño

Toloño is a family-driven café/bar in the medieval quarter, and they regularly participate in "pinchos" competitions. Ask for the Tierra.

Address: Cuesta San Francisco 3, 01001 Victoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 23 33 36
Internet: www.tolonobar.com

La Riojana

La Riojana is a popular venue with good coffees, Rioja and pinchos. Special mention for one of its specialities: the Tartaleta de Bacalao.

Address: Calle Cuchillería, 33, 01001 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 25 02 39

Dolar

Although it sounds American, Dolar is a typical Basque venue with a special mention for its speciality, the Champi Dolar, but you may also try the Solomiloo Con Peras Al foie.

Address: Calle la Florida 26, 01005 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 23 00 71

Cafétaza

Pinchos, good coffees and drinks, and on the top of that, great music.

Address: Plaza de la Unión 2, Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 336 828
Internet: www.cafetaza.es

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Photo: Bastien Deceuninck

Vitoria-Gasteiz is a vibrant city at night, with something for everyone. The medieval district is where the youth heads, mainly on Zapateria and Cuchilleria streets. In the city centre, the pedestrianised zones attract those who look for a quieter time.

Chupitería Zanzibar

Chupitería Zanzibar is very popular among the early 20's crowd. It gets very busy on the weekends. Cheap drinks.

Address: Kanpokale Berria Kalea, 5, 01001 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 28 81 93
Internet: http://vitoria.chupiteriazanzibar.com

La Comarca

One of the best venues for live rock performances every Friday.

Address: Mateo de Moraza, 15 01001 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 13 98 84

Amadeus

Amadeus Club attracts lots of students every weekend, and the tempo is high, so prepare yourself for a good time.

Address: La Paz, 5
Phone: +34 945 14 70 39

Circulo Culture Club

Circulo Culture Club is one of the most popular discotheques in town. Spanish folks know how to party and you might want to stay hydrated, if you're gonna try to keep up.

Address: General Ã lava, 5, 01005 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 138 801
Internet: www.circuloculturecLub.com

Hell Dorado

Check this place out if you're interested in watching a good concert.

Address: Venta de la Estrella, 6 Pab. 44, 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 230 131
Internet: www.helldorado.net

SHOPPING

Photo: Max Bosio

Beyond its cultural dynamism and renowned gastronomy, Vitoria is also a city of shopping. Throughout the year, there are popular markets and fairs, such as the street market in Calle Correria and medieval quarter every first Saturday of the month. The Christmas Handicrafts' Fair is also a not-to-be missed place for the winter visitors.

The medieval quarter and the districts of the centre, Gorbea, Avenida and Lakua are the main shopping areas. Dendaraba Shopping Centre and Cortes Ingles are some of the best places to go in the city centre, you will find any kind of products. Those looking for souvenirs, handicrafts, antiques and young people's designer shops may head to the medieval district (especially on Calle Correria) where you can easily combine your cultural tour with shopping activities. There are also many craftsmen specializing in pottery, ceramics, leather and wood carving.

On Correria 120, Uztintza's proprietor turns and fires all kinds of pots and plates on the premises. One of its specialities is the hand-turned plate decorated in the simple "Sobria" style of the Basque country. Rarities and quality products can be found in the many well known antique businesses located on Calle Correria. In Plaza de la Provincia , the famous Fournier playing cards are available from papelerias such as Mayner. They are reproduced from historic designs held by the House of Fournier.

SLEEPING

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There is always something happening in Vitoria and there are lots of museums and great "pinchos", bars and restaurants.

Gran Hotel Lakua

This modern hotel is perfectly located close to the airport, featuring high international standards. The right place for the business travellers or those who like modernity.

Address: Calle Tarragona 8, 01010 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 18 10 00
Internet: www.granhotelakua.com

Silken Ciudad de Vitoria

With its overwhelming facade and contemporary interior, the Silken hotel is located walking distances from downtown, near the new Cathedral.

Address: Portal de Castilla, 8 Vitoria-Gasteiz 01008
Phone: +34 945 14 11 00
Internet: www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-ciudad-de-vitoria

Almoneda

Almoneda is located in the center of the city next to the Park of Florida, and close to the main places of historical interest, with a family atmosphere.

Address: Calle Florida, 7, 01005 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 15 40 84
Internet: www.hotelalmoneda.com

Iradier

Reasonable prices in the heart of the commercial and administrative part of the city, with good comfort.

Address: Calle Florida, 49, 01005 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 27 90 66
Internet: www.hoteliradier.com

Hotel Desiderio

2-star Hotel Desiderio lies in the medieval quarter, very close to museums and cathedrals. An excellent budget alternative, the hotel has spacious rooms with separate bathrooms.

Address: Colegio San Prudencio, 2, 01001 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Phone: +34 945 251 700
Internet: www.hoteldesiderio.es

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Airport

Vitoria is served by an international airport, located about 9 km from the city.

There is a line which connects the airport with several hotels in the city in 25 minutes. (Price depends on the journey). Otherwise you can head to the Vitoria-Gasteiz bus station (Calle Los Herrán, 50) in the city centre by autobus. www.autobuseslaunion.com
+34 945 264 626

Address: Vitoria-Gasteiz airport
Phone: +34 945 16 35 91 / +34 945 16 35 00
Internet: www.via-vitoria-airport.com

Public transport

The city bus system (TUVISA) runs an efficient network of public buses with 16 lines. You can purchase tickets on board. Buses usually run from 7am to 22:20 during the week and 8:20am to 23h00 on weekends).

Taxi

Radio Taxi

Phone: +34 945 27 35 00

Post

Stamps are available from kiosks and newsagents.

Address: Calle Postas, 9
Opening hours: From Monday to Friday: 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Saturdays from 9:30 am to 2 pm.
Phone: +34 945 15 46 89
More Info: Oppening hours in Summer are half day hours in some offices.

Pharmacy

Phone: +34 945 23 07 21

Doctor

Txagorritxu Hospital
+34 945 00 70 00

Santiago Hospital
+34 945 00 76 00

La Esperanza Clinic
+34 945 25 25 00

San José General Hospital
+34 945 14 09 00

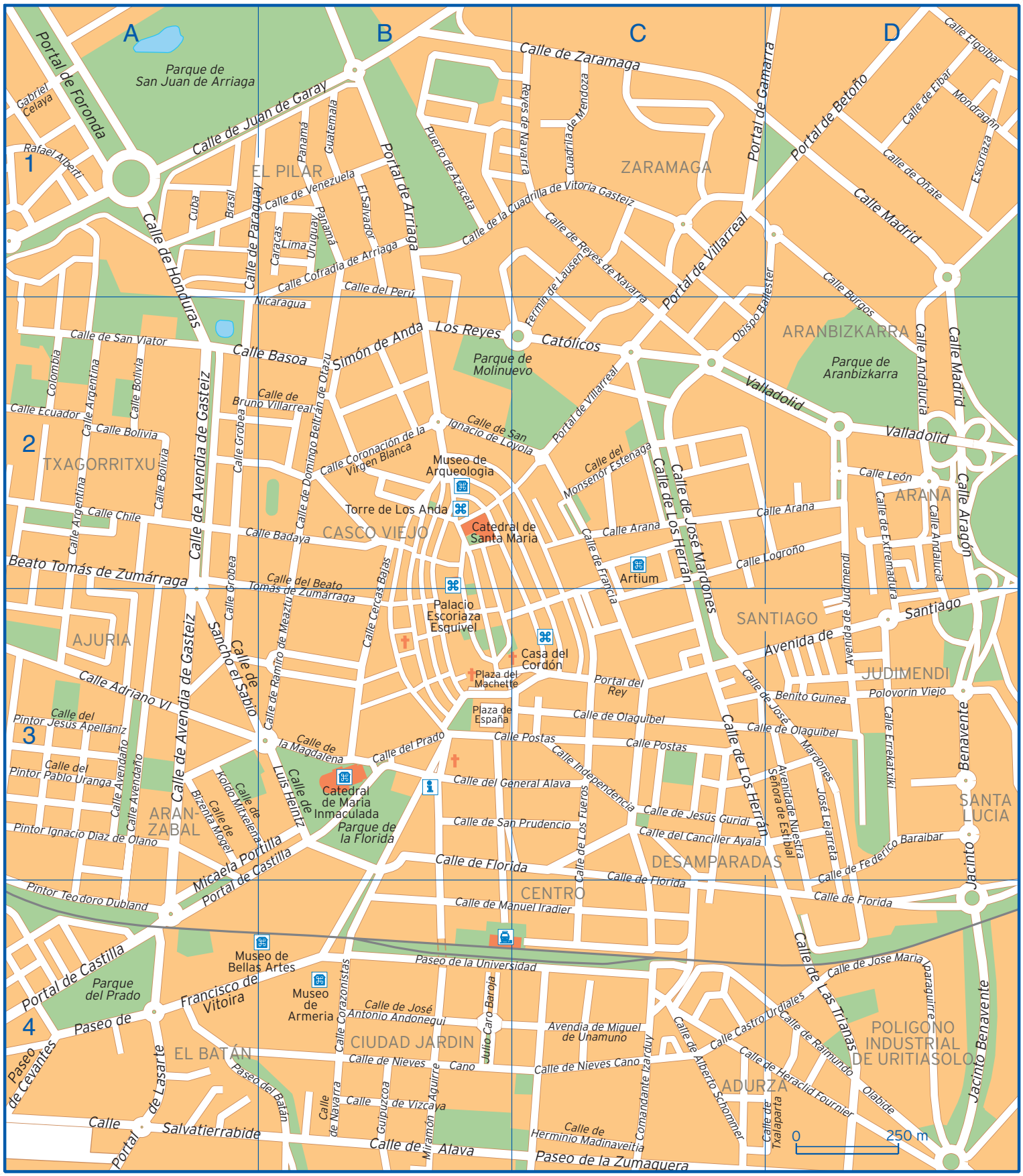
Telephone

Country code: +34

Area code: 945

Electricity

220/240 V AC, 50Hz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Calle de Paraguay
Calle de Venezuela
Calle Cofradía de Arriaga
Calle del Perú
Nicaragua
Calle de la Cuadrilla de Vitoria Gasteiz
Calle de Reyes de Navarra
Portal de Villarreal
Portal de Gamarra
Portal de Betoño
Calle Madrid
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Obispo Ballester
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Valladolid
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Calle de Avendia de Gasteiz
Calle de Bruno Villarreal
Calle Coronación de la Virgen Blanca
Calle de San Ignacio de Loyola
Museo de Arqueologia
Torre de Los Anda
Catedral de Santa Maria
CASCO VIEJO
Calle Badaya
Calle del Monsenór Estenaga
Calle de Los Herrán
Calle de José Mardones
Calle León
ARANA
Calle Arana
Calle Logroño
Calle Aragón
Calle Chile
Beato Tomás de Zumárraga
Calle del Beato Tomás de Zumárraga
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Palacio Escoriaza Esquivel
Artium
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Calle de Ramiro de Meaztu
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Calle del Pintor Jesús Apellániz
Plaza de España
Calle de Olaguibel
Calle Postas
Calle Independencia
Calle del Prado
Calle de la Magdalena
Calle del Pintor Pablo Uranga
Calle Avendaño
Calle de Luis Heintz
Catedral de María Inmaculada
Parque de la Florida
Calle del General Alava
Calle de Jesús Guridi
Calle del Canciller Ayala
Calle de San Prudencio
Calle de Los Fueros
Avenida de Nuestra Señora de Estibial
José Lejarreta
Calle Errekatxiki
Calle Benavente
SANTA LUCIA
ARAN-ZABAL
Calle de Bizenta Mogel
Calle de Koldo Mitxelena
Pintor Ignacio Diaz de Olano
Micaela Portilla
Portal de Castilla
Calle de Florida
DESAMPARADAS
Calle de Federico Baraibar
Jacinto Benavente
Pintor Teodoro Dubland
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Calle de Manuel Iradier
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Calle Cercas Bajas	B2 B3
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Pintor Ignacio Diaz de Olano	A3
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