

## DONOSTIA CITY CENTRE: From the Romantic City to the Old Quarter

The City Centre is divided in two parts: the Romantic Part, simply called The Centre (El Centro) and The Old Part (La Parte Vieja). The Boulevard divide both parts and constitutes the neuralgic centre of the city. It is also the meeting point for many citizens of San Sebastián and the best place to start any visit for the city.



If you want to go to the city centre by bus, cross Avenida Tolosa and take bus number 5 or 25, "BENTA BERRI", direction to the beach. The ticket costs 1,10€. Take the 7<sup>th</sup> stop (BOULEVARD). If you prefer to walk, the distance is 30-45 minutes along the beach.





Many buildings of the zone have architectural interest. A tour should cover the Plaza del Buen Pastor and the NeoGothic Cathedral with the same name, the bridges over the Urumea River, the Alderdi Eder Gardens with the City Hall and the zone around Plaza Gipuzkoa, including Theatre Victoria Eugenia and Hotel Maria Cristina belonging to the Belle Époque of San Sebastián.

In the old part the highlight is the bars and restaurants with the famous pintxos of San Sebastián, authentic gastronomic jewels in miniature. Street 31 de Agosto and the surroundings of Plaza Constitución, formerly used as bullring, are the best places to taste some pintxos and drinks. The Church of Santa María with the sculpture of San Sebastián in its façade and a beautiful cross by Eduardo Chillida in the interior and the Monastery of San Telmo, today a museum, are the best heritage buildings of the zone.

