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THE THREE KINGS’ PARADE
5 January
City centre
The day before Three Kings’ Day is one of the most magical days of the year. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar visit San Sebastian to pick up letters from boys and girls, followed by the traditional parade through the city.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 48 11 68

DOCK OF THE BAY
13 to 18 January
Principal Theatre and Trueba Cinema
The musical documentary film festival celebrates its tenth edition this year. Music meets cinema in the Dock of the Bay, which showcases screenings and concerts at different venues across the city.
www.dockofthebay.es
677 742 220

TXOTX OPENING
15 January
Cider houses in San Sebastian and Astigarraga
The cider season runs from the second fortnight in January until the end of April. To celebrate the opening of the txotx a great party is celebrated.
Astigarraga (Sagardoaetxea)
www.sagardooa.eus
943 336 811

SAN SEBASTIAN DAY (TAMBORRADA)
20 January
Citywide
San Sebastian’s biggest party of the year kicks off at midnight on 19 January, when the sound of drums begins to flood the city. After months of rehearsing, over 100 drummers (tamborradas) take to the streets to celebrate San Sebastian Day. Kids have their own tamborrada on the morning of the 20th.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168
GIMNÁSTICA DE ULÍA
INTERNATIONAL RACE
9 February
Paseo de Zurriola
This race is a San Sebastian classic. Runners battle it out on a course that stretches from the Kursaal to Ategorrieta, with Zurriola Beach as a backdrop.
www.gimnasticadeulia.es
943 278 195

POCKET THEATRE
February
City’s districts
A sample of theatrical shows of small and medium format. The program brings together various proposals that combine music, humor, theater, magic or monologues.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

CALDEREROS
1 February
Citywide
True to tradition, the caldereros (tinkers) flood the streets in the days leading up to Carnival, filling San Sebastian with the sounds of banging pots and pans.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

IÑUDE ETA ARTZAIK
2 February
Old Town and Gros district
Another traditional parade that features nursemaids and shepherds. The nursemaids parade with babies in their arms while the shepherds court them. High society during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will also be represented.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

CARNIVAL
20-24 February / 29 February : Riberas
1 march : Altza / 7 march : Bidebieta
The carnival parades will take over the city and fill the streets with colour and rhythm. Locals and visitors alike can enjoy an extensive programme of exciting and extravagant activities.
www.donostiakultura.eus
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943 481 168
march

LILATON
1 March
Citywide
5 km women-only race, a leading event that introduces a significant number of women to a passion for running.
www.lilaton.es
943 21 53 54

SPRING RACE
15 March
Every year, at the start of the spring, Donostiarrak Sports Club and the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) organise this 10,000 metre race, offering popular athletes a high-quality race designed for and by runners. Meanwhile, this also allows UPV/EHU to promote sport and volunteering among its students, in the knowledge that this is a way to improve their personal development and complement their academic education.
www.donostiarrak.com

SEVATUR. LEISURE AND TOURISM TRADE FAIR
13 to 15 March
Kursaal
This trade fair offers the opportunity to discover different parts of the world through a range of booths, photo and craft exhibitions, competitions, etc. A total of 7,000 square meters will host 65 booths that provide leisure and tourism information and opportunities.
www.sevatur.com
943 410 806

DONOSTIA ANTZERKI SARIAREN GALA
27 March
Every year, around World Theatre Day on 27 March, the Donostia Theatre Award is given to the best play performed in the Basque language in the city in the last year.
www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

DFERIA
11 to 12 March
Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Principal Theatre and other locations
Dferia is a trade fair that aims to showcase the performing arts market, bringing together agents and presenting the latest Basque and international creations.
www.dferia.com
943 483 860

CLUB DE CREATIVOS
26 to 28 March
Kursaal Auditorium
Unic professional forum. Three days of talks, workshops and exhibitions, ending with the National Creativity awards.
www.clubdecreativos.com
SAN SEBASTIAN INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN
4 to 10 April
Frontón Carmelo Balda (Anoeta)
The San Sebastian International Chess Open celebrates its 42 edition this year, an event that brings together national and international grandmasters.
www.fsgajedrez.org
943 474 604

SAN SEBASTIAN HALF MARATHON
5 April
Citywide
San Sebastian hosts a new edition of its annual half marathon. Athletes must run the traditional 21.097 kilometres on a course that runs through the city centre.
www.mediadonosti.com
943 459 106 / 670 332 272

BOOK DAY
23 April
Plaza de Gipuzkoa
The Plaza de Gipuzkoa will once again host Book Day, the perfect opportunity to buy the latest bestsellers or all-time classics. A number of authors will be on hand to sign copies of their books.
943 425 557

HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL
23 to 30 April
Victoria Eugenia Theatre and other locations
The Human Rights Film Festival is back to raise the public awareness and promote the values of solidarity, justice and equality, among others.
www.zinemaetagizaeskubideak.eus
943 481 975

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DANCE
29 April
Victoria Eugenia Theatre
True to its philosophy, the XXIII International Day of Dance Gala will showcase a wide range of dance styles, thanks to the altruistic collaboration of dancers and companies, with a special focus on the local performers and companies.
www.donostiakultura.eus

COMIK•D
3 to 5 April
Kursaal Congress Centre
San Sebastian’s Fourth International Comic and Manga Fair brings together publishers, international artists and fans in round table discussions and professional meetings.
www.saloncomicdonostia.com

TANGO FESTIVAL
1 to 3 May
Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Kursaal Conference Centre
Tango returns to San Sebastian with live demos and free courses.
www.agatatango.es
652 755 707
SAINT JOHN’S EVE

23 June
Citywide

The summer solstice is celebrated on Saint John’s Eve. Bonfires are lit across the city on this night to keep evil spirits at bay and bring good luck.

www.donostiakultura.eus
943 481 168

WOMEN TRIATHLON

27 June
Concha beach and city center

Swimming TM 300m, Cycling TM 8km, Running TM 2km

www.triatlonatleticoss.com
652 754 558

TXAKOLI EVENT

27 June
Boulevard Donostia

Tasting of txakoli wine in the wineries registered for the Getariako Txakolina Designation of Origin.

www.getariakotxakolina.com
943 14 03 83

ONDITZ OROITUZ TRIATHLON

28 June
Concha beach and the city districts

Swimming 1500m, Cycling 38.5km, Running 10km

www.triatlonatleticoss.com
652 754 558

SUMMER COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY

June to September
Miramar Palace

The Summer Courses at the University of the Basque Country offer an outstanding and extensive range of classes, seminars, workshops and conferences. There will be a break during the second and third weeks of August.

www.uik.eus
943 219 511

HORSE RACES

June to September
San Sebastian Racetrack

The summer horse-racing season kicks off in June with races on different dates through September.

www.hipodromoa.com
943 373 180
FOOTBALL: DONOSTI CUP
5 to 11 July
Anoeta Mini-Stadium and 15 other locations
Over 200 teams from around the world come together each year to play in one of the best youth football tournaments around. Six days of intense matches in which thousands of young players battle it out to reach the final in Anoeta Stadium.
www.donosticup.com
943 467 954

SAN SEBASTIAN REGATTA
11 and 12 July
La Concha Bay
This international regatta features two races. The first covers 32 miles and starts in Hendaye and ends in San Sebastian. The second stays in the city and takes place entirely in La Concha Bay.
www.regatamunilla.com
943 423 575

SAN SEBASTIAN - SAN SEBASTIAN CYCLING CLASSIC
25 July
Boulevard (start and finish)
Cycling fans will have the chance to enjoy one of the city’s most legendary races. Classic enthusiasts won’t want to miss this qualifying event on the international UCI World Tour calendar.
www.gtxe.eus
943 460 540

55 HEINEKEN JAZZALDIA: JAZZ FESTIVAL
22 to 26 July
Plaza de la Trinidad, Kursaal Conference Centre, La Zurriola Beach and other locations
One of Europe’s biggest jazz festivals takes over San Sebastian with massive concerts, bands playing in the streets and outdoor performances.
www.heinekenjazzaldia.eus
943 481 900
August

**81 Musical Fortnight**

1 to 31 August  
Kursaal Conference Centre, Victoria Eugenia Theatre and other locations  
This is the oldest festival in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe.  
www.quincenamusical.eus  
943 003 170

**Glad Is The Day**

2 August  
Cristina Enea Park  
Concerts, DJ's and market. Cristina Enea park  
www.donostiakultura.eus  
943 481 168

**International Fireworks Competition**

8 to 15 August  
La Concha Bay  
This is one of the biggest events during Semana Grande (Big Week). Firework experts from around the world will compete each night to see who can offer the most spectacular show.  
www.donostiakultura.eus  
943 481 168

**Semana Grande (Big Week)**

8 to 15 August  
Citywide  
San Sebastian's Semana Grande (Big Week) will pack the city with concerts, rides for kids and countless activities scheduled throughout the week.  
www.donostiakultura.eus  
943 481 168

**Swim Around the Island**

29 - 30 August, depending on the waves.  
La Concha Bay  
Adults 3km swimming. Children, 600m. La Concha beach.  
www.atleticosansebastian.com  
Concha: 943 47 37 2  
Bera-Bera: 943 21 53 54

**Dantz**

Last week in August  
Citywide  
The Dantz Festival is an international electronic and modern music event that showcases a wide range of cutting-edge music: from the most experimental music to the most danceable and contemporary music.  
dantz.eu
REGATTAS: BANDERA DE LA CONCHA
6 and 13 September
La Concha Bay
La Concha Bay will host the final rounds of the Bandera de La Concha regatta over the last two Sundays in September. The qualifying rounds are celebrated on the Thursday before the first Sunday of the month.
www.donostiaikultura.eus
943 481 168

ZINEMALDIA - 68 INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
18 to 26 September
Kursaal Congress Centre, Príncipe and Antiguo Berri Cinemas, Victoria Eugenia Theatre, Principal Theatre and Velodrome
San Sebastian turns into the world capital of glamour during its International Film Festival. Outstanding films, exhibitions, and retrospectives share the spotlight with the famous film stars who visit the city for the event.
www.sansebastianfestival.com
943 481 212

DONOSTIA FESTIBALA
18 and 19 September
San Sebastian Racetrack
Donostia Festibala is a platform that showcases the work of young artists in the fields of music, film, comics and fashion.

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**SAN SEBASTIÁN GASTRONOMIKA CONFERENCE**

5 to 7 October  
Centro Kursaal Elkargunea  
San Sebastian becomes the culinary centre of Europe over this three-day event, which brings together hundreds of chefs and culinary experts from across the world to present their culinary innovations.  
The public will also be able to sample exquisite products at the 200+ booths set up for the event.  
www.sansebastiangastronomika.com  
943 410 857

**THREE-BEACH RACE**

11 October  
Ondarreta Royal Tennis Club (start and finish)  
San Sebastian’s three beaches are included in the course of this popular 10-km race that draws in almost 3,000 participating runners.  
www.gafatletismo.com  
943 451 757

**GDM SAN SEBASTIÁN FASHION FESTIVAL**

16 to 20 October  
Tabakalera, San Telmo Museum  
San Sebastián Fashion Festival.  
www.donostiamoda.eus

**POPULAR ROAD RACE CLASSIC**

18 October  
City centre  
The streets of San Sebastian’s city centre will turn into the course of the 15-km Popular Road Race Classic.  
www.15kdonostia.com  
943 451 757

**HORROR AND FANTASY FILM FESTIVAL WEEK**

31 October to 6 November  
Principal Theatre, Victoria Eugenia Theatre and Kursaal Congress Centre  
The Horror and Fantasy Film Festival Week will once again offer its unique perspective on cinema with movie marathons and parallel activities.  
www.sansebastianhorrorfestival.eus  
943 48 11 53

**LITERAKTUM**

12 to 23 November  
Cultural centers, museums and theatres  
Literaktum is a network festival. A combination of energies that spreads all over the city letters and languages.  
www.literaktum.eus  
943 48 11 52 / 943 48 28 18

**UNDERWATER FILM SERIES**

19 to 21 November  
Principal Theatre (Calle Mayor)  
The Underwater Film Series offers a free film series that showcases life in the depths of the sea.  
www.ciclo.subacuaticasrealsociedad.com  
943 395 476

**RUNNING: BEHOBIA - SAN SEBASTIAN**

8 November  
Behobia (start) / Boulevard (finish)  
The route between Behobia and San Sebastian is the location of Gipuzkoa’s biggest running event of the year. This 20-km race drew over 25,000 participants last year.  
www.behobia-sansebastian.com  
943 214 900

**RUNNING: MARATHON**

29 November  
Anoeta Mini-Stadium (start and finish)  
This 42nd edition of this marathon is a classic race for running enthusiasts. The 42.195 kilometre course crosses the city.  
www.zurichmaratondonostia.com  
943 47 43 41

**65º CROSS INTERNACIONAL DE DONOSTIA**

1 November  
San Sebastian Racetrack  
The San Sebastian racecourse is switching activities for the day and welcoming the athletes who are competing in the Donostia International Cross. Gipuzkoa Athletics Federation  
www.krosdonostia.com

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943 395 476
**EUSKERA’S DAY: BASQUE LANGUAGE**

3 December  
Citywide

Euskara, the Basque Language, is spoken everyday in Donostia, but December 3rd is a special day, it is The International Day of Basque Language, with a lot of different events are organized throughout the city.

[www.sansebastianturismo.eus](http://www.sansebastianturismo.eus)

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**SAGARDO APURUA**

6 to 8 December  
Boulevard (Next to the kiosk)

The freshly made cider is transported through the Urumea river to Donostia. Afterwards, a party is celebrated on the culture and customs of the cider.

[www.donostiakultura.eus](http://www.donostiakultura.eus)

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**SAINT THOMAS FAIR**

21 December  
Old Town, City Centre and Gros district

The smell of txistorra (Basque-style cured sausage) will once again waft through the streets of San Sebastian on 21 December. This traditional fair will bring together thousands of locals and visitors alike in the city centre to taste txistorra and buy cheese, honey and vegetables. As always, a pig will be presented in Plaza de la Constitución.

[www.donostiakultura.eus](http://www.donostiakultura.eus)

943 481 168

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**FEMINISTALDIA**

December  
Tabakalera

Feministaldia is a feminist culture festival that pretends to draw attention to all those creative and activist women who work to tell new stories.

[www.feministaldia.org](http://www.feministaldia.org)

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**OLENTZERO**

24 December  
City centre

Olentzero, a character in Basque Christmas tradition, will greet the children of San Sebastian before visiting each home to drop off presents.

[www.donostiakultura.eus](http://www.donostiakultura.eus)

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**SAN SILVESTRE RACE**

31 December  
Plaza Easo (start and finish)

The last race of the year celebrates its 36 edition this year with an around 8 km race that will run through Old Town, the Gros district, the city centre and the Amara district.

[www.sansilvestredonostiarrako.com](http://www.sansilvestredonostiarrako.com)

634 592 614

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**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

1 December to 7 January  
The Buen Pastor Cathedral Square and the Urumea riverside walk

Inspired in Central Europe Christmas Markets, this Gabonetako Azoka has a wide commercial offer, leisure space, its activities program...

[www.donostiagabonetakoazoka.eus](http://www.donostiagabonetakoazoka.eus)

943 482 800

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**PINTXOPOTE**

Every Thursday  
City’s districts

As the name itself suggests, this is an initiative promoted by the city’s restaurants and bars that offers a pintxo (tapas) and a pote (drink) at a discounted price for two or three hours on certain days of the week.

There are several Pintxopote locations across the city and the price depends on the area.

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**GASTROPOTE**

Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.  
San Martin Market

The San Martin Market in San Sebastian has turned in a unique space for enjoying outstanding cuisine and live performances.

[www.gastropote.com](http://www.gastropote.com)

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**ORCHESTRA SEASON IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY**

Throughout the year  
Kursaal

Over the course of the Season we will have the opportunity to attend 10 concerts performed by the Basque Symphony Orchestra, one of the country’s leading musical groups. Each programme is performed twice.

[www.euskadikoorkestra.eus](http://www.euskadikoorkestra.eus)

943 01 32 32

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**DONOSTIKLUBA**

All year round  
City’s districts

Electronic Music Festival.

[www.dkluba.eus](http://www.dkluba.eus)

943 482 818

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