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Donostia / San Sebastián
European Capital of Christmas 2022

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR
2022 / 2023

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Magic moments

Christmas is back in Donostia/San Sebastian with more excitement and joy than ever. This year our city has been named the European Capital of Christmas (alongside Genoa) in recognition of the values of solidarity and originality in its offerings for locals and visitors. The lights already twinkle on its streets and bridges and a multitude of attractions await



families; Basque traditions, its festivities and protagonists, permeate the celebrations; the markets, shops, bars and restaurants are full of the best and most delicious ideas...

San Sebastian is ready to welcome Christmas.

Enjoy and share it.

Lighting of the Christmas lights

Christmas comes alive in San Sebastian on 2 December.

That day the Maria Cristina bridge will host a spectacular visual display with fireworks. From the Urumea river the magic will spread towards the rest of the city with the lighting of emblematic buildings such as the Maria Cristina bridge itself, the Victoria Eugenia Theatre, the La Concha Clocks, the Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra, La Perla...

In addition, during all the festivities, you can also admire the colourful cubes above the Urumea river, overhead lights on a number of streets or the giant Christmas bauble of Alderdi Eder. In the same location a large Ferris wheel will be installed to enjoy the views over La Concha. In addition, the Christmas Markets installed in Paseo Urumea and Plaza Ramón Labayen consist of many stalls with the best Christmas products and a full programme of music and children's activities, plus more.

• 2 December - 6:00 p.m



Santo Tomas Fair

San Sebastian transforms into a rural market with a magnificent festive atmosphere. Craft stalls, agricultural products, animal exhibition, scarecrow competition, and much more.

- 21 December
- From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Plaza de la Constitución
- Old Town
- Boulevard
- Gipuzkoa Plaza
- Different neighbourhoods around the city.



Olentzero and Mari Domingi

On Christmas Eve, Olentzero and Mari Domingi take to the streets to hand out presents. In the morning, they will visit the neighbourhoods. At 15:30 they will visit the children at the City Hall. And the parade through the streets of the city centre kicks off at 6:00 p.m.

- 24 december

Parade of the Three Kings

Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar will tour different districts of the city. They will greet the children at the City Hall starting at 15:30 and later, at 18:30, they will travel in a procession through the city centre streets.

- 5 January



Nativity scene route

- **Nativity Scene in Gipuzkoa Plaza**
A Christmas classic in San Sebastian with the open-air representation of several scenes
- Christmas Market. Paseo de Urumea.
- Buen Pastor Cathedral
- Koldo Mitxelena Exhibition (dioramas, figures, books...)
- Church of the Capuchinos
- Gipuzkoa Provincial Council
- Amara Berri district: 15 shop windows
- CC Garbera
- Gipuzkoa Nativity Scene Association

Markets and stores

Christmas markets



Christmas Market.

Paseo de Urumea and
Ramón Labayen Plaza

This Market has become a charming and unmissable festive meeting point during Christmas in San Sebastian. **Almost 60 wooden stalls** line both banks of the Urumea river, offering **traditional gastronomy, toys, artisan items, gifts and Christmas decorations.**

This offering is complemented with activities for all ages: **choirs, concerts, workshops, talks, sledding, demonstrations for the old and young...** And this year, on occasion of the naming of San Sebastian as the European Capital of Christmas, special activities will be included with Genoa, the other Capital of Christmas.

- 2 December - 6 January
- *Timetable:*
 - Weekdays: 11:00 a.m-2:00 p.m and 4:30-8:00 p.m
 - Holidays and eves of holidays:
11:00 a.m-2:00 p.m and 4:30-8:30 p.m

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Craft Market in El Buen Pastor

Artisan stalls:

Textile / Glass / Glassware /
Jewellery / Leather / Wood /
Wooden glasses / Ceramics /
Bookbinding

- 16 December - 5 January
- Urdaneta / Reyes Católicos

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Come to San Sebastian and park for free

Park in Illunbe and the free bus brings you to the center.

- 3 December - January 7
- Stops: Illunbe - Plaza Centenario
- Frequency: every 20 minutes
- Timetable: 11:00 a.m - 10:30 p.m

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San Martin Merkatua

Located in the city centre, San Martin Merkatua joins the Christmas celebrations with spectacular decorations and programming *trikitixa* concerts on Saturdays. And on 17 December, **Olentzero and Txurdin** will go there to collect the children's letters.

www.sanmartinmerkatua.com

Old Town

San Sebastian's Old Town also dresses up for Christmas. In addition to the usual atmosphere of shopping and gastronomy, there will be overhead lighting and the performance by the **Santa Cecilia Choir**, which will pass through its lively streets on 30 December (5:00-7:00 p.m).

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Second hand toy drive

Thanks to the collaboration with different associations, toys will be distributed among Gipuzkoan families in a vulnerable situation.

Hegalak

- 1-15 December
- Cervantes Plaza, 2
- Free

www.hegalak.com

Exhibitions

This exhibition is made for a New dawn, New earth, and New solar system

Cibrian

- 29 September - 30 December
- José María Soroa, 12
- Free

www.cibriangallery.com



Group Christmas Exhibition + 3 AsteDesign

12th Edition

Ekain

- 16 December - 7 January
- Iñigo, 4
- Free

www.ekainartelanak.com

Plans with children

EUREKA! ZIENTZIA MUSEOA

Workshops:

- **Coding express**
- **Lego WeDo 2.0**
- **Spike**

3-14 years old

We will learn about STEM, educational robotics and programming in a creative and fun way.

- 21 December - 6 January
- Workshop duration:
55 minutes (Basque /Spanish)
- 6€ / person

Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult

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Collection of letters by Galtzagorris

(mythical imp-like creatures)

Entertainment on the streets of the Old Town, collecting letters and handing out sweets accompanied by the Music School.

- 22 - 23 December
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m
- Old Town

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Looking for Olentzero and Mari Domingi

Two figures who represent the main characters of Christmas in the Basque Country will hide in a shop in the Old Town. Try to find them!

- 28 November - 24 December
- Old Town

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SAN TELMO

Christmas workshops for children

- 27-30 December
- 10:30 to 12:30 a.m
- 2,5 € /
Registration: 13 December

Animated short films

- 3 January
- 5:00 p.m
- Free

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Sledding slope

- Federico García Lorca Plaza
- Mondays: €1 / 2 descents
- All other days: €2 / 2 rides

Children's train

- Cervantes Plaza
- Mondays: €2.50 / 1 ride
- All other days: €3,50 / 1 ride
- Voucher for 5 rides: €15.00



Escapades in San Sebastian

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1 Escapade Coolture and Fusion

A REAL FESTIVAL.

This escapade is fusion, casual and cultural, for the coolest participants.



2 Escapade Wellness & made in SS

ENJOY IT.

A real treat, experiences for self-care and pampering.



3 Escapade Foodie

TASTE IT.

For lovers of local, zero-kilometre products, designed for tasting and savouring.



Create well-being and smiles on a tricycle



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Driven by volunteers, these **rides on tricycles adapted for older people and people with functional diversity** promote the improvement of quality of life, social commitment, and the creation of intergenerational bonds through sustainable mobility.



Plans near San Sebastián

Oarsoaldea

Exhibition of baserritarra costumes

- **Date:** 5 December - 7 January
- **Location:** Jantziaren Zentroa (Erretereria)
- **Time:**
 - Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m./5 to 8 p.m.
 - Sundays and holidays: noon to 2 p.m.
- Free

www.jantziarenzentroa.eus



Basque book fair in Lezo

- **Date:** 17-23 December
- **Time:** morning and afternoon
- **Location:** Lezo Culture Hall

Ordizia

Special Christmas Market

Farm products, animals and handicrafts, with the atmosphere set by *trikitilaris* and *dulzaineros* (traditional Basque music), at a special edition of one of Gipuzkoa's most important fairs.

- **Date:** 28 December
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Ordizia

Astigarraga

"Gabon Giroan"

Guided tour and special tasting of different types of cider for the Christmas period: natural cider, ice cider and sparkling cider.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 December
- **Location:** Sagardoetxea Museoa (Astigarraga)
- Adults: 6€
- Children aged 10 to 17: €3
- Children aged 0 to 9: free

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Sports



Galarreta Pelota Court

Final of the doubles Remonte Tournament

- **Date:** 29 December
- **Location:** Frontón Galarreta Jaialai (Hernani)
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Price:** 15€/30€

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San Silvestre Race

- **Date:** 31 December
- **Route:** 7,8 km.
- **Start:** c/ Easo - **Ends:** c/ Easo.
- **Time:** 4:00 p.m

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illuminations, marchés et attractions de Noël

Christmas lights, markets and attractions

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- 1** Pont Maria Kristina Bridge
Arcs de lumière /
Arches of light
- 2** Paseo Federico García Lorca
Rampe de luge pour enfants
et Marché de Noël
(chapiteau igloo, exposition
de Crêches, ateliers,
concerts, stands de vente) /
Children's sledding and
Christmas Market (igloo tent,
Nativity scene exhibition,
workshops, concerts,
product stalls)
- 3** Place Urumea square
Marché de Noël (vente et
consommation de produits
de Noël) / Christmas Market
(sale and consumption of
Christmas products)
- 4** Paseo Urumea
Marché de Noël (vente et
consommation de produits
de Noël) / Christmas Market
(sale and consumption of
Christmas products)
- 5** Fleuve Urumea River
Illuminations cubes de
cadeaux / Illuminated
Christmas gift boxes
- 6** Pont Sta. Catalina Bridge
Illumination arbres de Noël/
Christmas tree lighting
- 7** Place Ramón Labayen
square
Marché de Noël (stands de
vente, photocali,
illumination spéciale et
concerts) / Christmas
Market (product stalls,
photocali, special lighting
and concerts).
- 8** Hôtel Maria Cristina Hotel /
Théâtre Victoria Eugenia
Theater
Illumination de la façade /
Christmas lights on its
façade
- 9** Place Gipuzkoa square
Crêches / Nativity scene
- 10** Vieille Ville / Old Town
Toit de lumière /
Overhead lighting
Bibliothèque / Library
Illumination de Noël de la
façade / Christmas lights
of your facade
- 11** Mairie / City Hall
Boule de Noël /
Christmas ball
- 12** Rue Elkano street
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 13** Rue Andia street
Grande roue, chataignes et
food-truck / Ferris wheel,
chestnuts and food-truck
- 14** Place Cervantes square
Train pour enfants /
Children's Train
- 15** Askatasunaren hiribidea/
Avenida de la Libertad
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 16** Rue Txurrutka street
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 17** Rue Getaria street
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 18** Rue Loiola street
Toit de lumière /
Overhead lighting
- 19** Façade de San Martin
Merkatua / Facade of
San Martin Merkatura
Effet lumineux / Lights
- 20** Rue Urbieta street
Arcs de lumière
Balustrade de La
Concha / Arches of Light
La Concha railing
Rue San Martin street
Arcs de lumière en
hommage à Chillida et
Basterrechea / Arches of
Light Homage to Chillida
and Basterrechea
- 21** Kontxa / La Concha
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 22** Koldo Mitxelena
Chapiteau des artisans /
Crafts marquee
- 23** Place Easo square
Parapluie de lumière /
Umbrella of light
- 24** Pont Zurriola Bridge
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights
- 25** Place Katalunia square
Illumination de Noël /
Christmas lights

