

## HOW TO GET TO BILBAO, IRUN AND HENDAYE

### If you arrive by plane

#### **Bilbao Airport (BIO)**

Bilbao Airport is an international airport with direct connections to major European cities; among others, it offers regular flights to Madrid, Barcelona and Paris.

#### **To get to Bilbao city centre**

- From the airport you can take the Bizkaibus A3247 line directly → <https://www.bizkaia.eus/eu/web/bizkaibus>  
Destination: Bilbao Intermodal  
Duration: 20–30 minutes
- Getting around Bilbao: metro, bus and tram → <https://www.metrobilbao.eus/> / <https://www.bilbobus.eus/>

#### **To Irun / Hendaye**

- From Bilbao Intermodal you can take bus or train to Irun.
- Irun and Hendaye are very close; you can cross on foot, by Euskotren Topo or using local transport.
- If you need help managing the Bilbao–Irun/Hendaye trip, contact the organisers so they can help arrange transport.

#### **San Sebastián Airport (EAS)**

The San Sebastián Airport is located in Hondarribia and has regular connections with Madrid and Barcelona.

#### **To Irun / Hendaye**

- Ekialdebus lines → <https://www.lurraldebus.eus/>  
Airport ↔ Hondarribia ↔ Irun (15–30 min)
- Hendaye: cross on foot, by Euskotren Topo or local transport from Irun → <https://www.lurraldebus.eus/>

#### **To Bilbao**

- E20 and E21 lines: Airport → Donostia
- From Donostia: DO01 direct bus → Bilbao Intermodal).

## **Biarritz Airport (BIQ)**

### **To Hendaye / Irun**

- The TXIK TXAK bus at the airport (all information is available there):  
<https://www.txiktxak.fr/>
  - Line 3: airport → Biarritz / Line 4: Biarritz → Hendaye
- Train: Biarritz → Hendaye.
- Irun → Hendaye: cross on foot, by Euskotren Topo or local transport.

### **To Bilbao**

- The easiest option is a direct bus, usually operated by FlixBus or BlaBlaBus  
→ <https://www.flixbus.es/>  
These buses depart from the airport or nearby bus stations (e.g. Bayonne) and go directly to Bilbao Intermodal.
- Another option is to go via Hendaye or Irun, reach Donostia and take a direct bus to Bilbao Intermodal (Pesa / Lurraldebus DO01 → Donostia → Bilbao Intermodal).
- If you need help managing the Irun/Hendaye–Bilbao trip, contact the organisers.

## **Adolfo Suárez Madrid–Barajas Airport (MAD)**

- **Bilbao:** direct flights (approx. 1 hour). Also direct bus (ALSA) or train (Renfe), 4–5 hours.
- **Irun / Hendaye:** no direct airport connection; usually travel to Donostia (by plane or train) and then to Irun / Hendaye by Euskotren or bus.

## **Barcelona–El Prat Airport (BCN)**

- **Bilbao:** direct flights (1h15). Also possible by AVE train or bus.
- **Irun / Hendaye:** train or bus to Donostia (5–6 hours), then cross the border by Euskotren or Renfe.

## **Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)**

- **Bilbao:** direct flights (approx. 1h45) or direct bus (8–10 hours).
- **Hendaye:** from the airport go to Montparnasse station and take the direct TGV to Hendaye (4–5 hours).
- **Irun:** after arriving in Hendaye, you can cross on foot or take a short train to Irun, as the distance is very small.

### **Paris Orly Airport (ORY)**

- **Bilbao:** no direct flights. From Orly, go to central Paris using Orlyval and RER (train) or metro, then take a FlixBus. Is also possible to take a connecting flight from Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG) to Bilbao airport.
- **Hendaye:** from Orly go to Montparnasse station and take the direct TGV to Hendaye (4–5 hours).
- **Irun:** after arriving in Hendaye, you can cross on foot or take a short train to Irun.

## **IF YOU ARE ARRIVING BY TRAIN**

### **Bilbao-Abando Indalecio Prieto**

- Bilbao-Abando Indalecio Prieto is Bilbao's main railway station.
- It is connected to the Renfe rail network, providing links to Madrid, Barcelona and other major Spanish cities.
- To reach Irun Railway Station, the most common route is via San Sebastián. Travellers usually take a train to San Sebastián and then transfer to another train bound for Irun. The journey generally takes between 2.5 and 3 hours.
- Once in Irun, Hendaye can be reached on foot or by a short train ride.

### **Irun Railway Station**

- Irun Railway Station is one of the most strategic railway hubs in the Basque Country.
- It offers direct connections to San Sebastián, Bilbao, Madrid and Barcelona.

- Through connections in Hendaye, passengers can access the French high-speed rail network (TGV) via [SNCF Connect](#) and travel to major cities across France.
- Hendaye can be reached on foot, by [Euskotren](#) or by local rail services.

### **Hendaye – Gare d'Hendaye**

- Hendaye station is one of the main gateways to the French railway network in the Basque Country.
- It offers direct trains to Paris as well as connections to many other French cities through [SNCF Connect](#).
- Through connections with Irun, it provides easy access to the Spanish railway network operated by [Renfe](#).
- As the border is very close, travel between Irun and Hendaye is quick and convenient.

### **BILBAO – IRUN – HENDAYE RAIL CONNECTIONS**

The stations of Bilbao, Irun and Hendaye form one of the main railway mobility corridors in the Basque Country and for international travel.

- [Renfe](#) services connect Bilbao and Irun, usually via San Sebastián.
- Irun station is the main transition point between the Spanish and French railway networks.
- From Hendaye onwards, the French TGV network operated through [SNCF Connect](#) connects Paris, Bordeaux and other major cities.
- There is no direct train between Bilbao and Hendaye, but the connection is straightforward via: Bilbao → San Sebastián → Irun → Hendaye.

## **IF YOU ARE ARRIVING BY BUS**

### **Bilbao – Bilbao Intermodal**

- Bilbao Intermodal is Bilbao's main bus station.
- National and international bus routes depart from here.
- Direct services are available to Madrid, Barcelona, San Sebastián and other cities in the Basque Country.
- The main operators are [ALSA](#), [FlixBus](#) and [PESA](#).

### **Irun Bus Station**

- Irun Bus Station is an important cross-border transport hub.
- It offers connections to San Sebastián, Bilbao, Bayonne, Bordeaux and other cities in southern France.
- Due to its proximity to Hendaye, travel between the two cities is often completed on foot or by a short bus ride.

### **Hendaye – Hendaye Bus Station**

- Hendaye Bus Station is an important part of the public transport network in the French Basque Country.
- It provides connections to Bayonne, Bordeaux and many other French cities.
- It is also connected to Irun and San Sebastián.
- Owing to the nearby border, cross-border travel is very common.

### **BILBAO – IRUN – HENDAYE BUS CONNECTIONS**

Bilbao Intermodal, Irun Bus Station and Hendaye Bus Station form part of one of the main east–west mobility corridors in the Basque Country.

- There are direct bus connections between Bilbao and Irun, mainly operated through PESA and Lurraldebus. Some services stop in San Sebastián.
- The connection between Irun and Hendaye is quick and easy and can be made on foot, by bus or by train.
- There are no major direct bus services between Bilbao and Hendaye; San Sebastián or Irun are usually used as transfer points.

## **Public Transport (Getting Around Bilbao, Irun and Hendaye)**

### **Bilbao**

Public transport in Bilbao is highly developed:

- The metro is the main transport system and runs across the city.
- The tram can be used to connect the main areas of the city centre.

- The Bilbobus network serves all neighbourhoods of the city.

## **Euskalduna Conference Centre**

- Metro (L1 or L2): get off at “San Mamés” station and walk for 3–5 minutes.
- Tram (Euskotran): “Euskalduna” stop.
- Bilbobus: several routes pass through the San Mamés and Abando areas.

## **Irun**

Public transport in Irun is smaller in scale but very efficient:

- Urban bus services are available through DBUS and Lurraldebus.

## **FICOBA Exhibition Centre**

- From Irun Railway Station (IRN): 10–15 minutes on foot.
- Lurraldebus bus (Donostia–Irun route): “Ficoba / Bentak” stop, 2 minutes on foot.
- Train (Euskotren / Renfe): “Irun Ficoba” station, one minute on foot.

## **Hendaye**

Within Hendaye, most journeys are made on foot, as it is a small town and its main locations (railway station, town centre, beach and border crossing) are all very close to one another.

There is also the Txik Txak bus network, which serves Hendaye and nearby towns, although it is not commonly used for local travel within the town itself.

## **Borderline Fabrika**

- Located within Hendaye railway station.
- Train: “Gare d’Hendaye” station; Borderline Fabrika is situated directly at the station.
- Bus (Txik Txak network): “Gare d’Hendaye” stop, one minute on foot.

## **IRUN – HENDAYE CONNECTION**

- Irun ↔ Hendaye = 5–10 minutes on foot.
- Euskotren (train): direct connection between “Irun Ficoba” station and “Gare d’Hendaye” station.

- Lurraldebus + Txik Txak: integrated cross-border bus network.

## **Informazio gehiago / Más información / More Information / Plus d'informations**

### ***Aireportuak / Aeropuertos / Airports / Aéroports***

- [Bilbao Airport \(BIO\)](#)
- [San Sebastián Airport \(EAS\)](#)
- [Biarritz Pays Basque Airport \(BIQ\)](#)
- [Vitoria Airport \(VIT\)](#)
- [Madrid-Barajas Airport \(MAD\)](#)
- [Barcelona-El Prat Airport \(BCN\)](#)
- [Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport \(CDG\)](#)
- [Paris-Orly Airport \(ORY\)](#)

### ***Trenak / Trenes/ Trains / Trains***

- [Renfe](#)
- [Euskotren](#)
- [SNCF Connect](#)

### ***Autobusak / Autobuses / Buses / Autocars***

- [Bilbao Intermodal](#)
- [ALSA](#)
- [FlixBus](#)
- [PESA](#)
- [Lurraldebus](#)
- [Txik Txak](#)

### ***Garraio publikoa / Transporte público / Public transport /***

- [Metro Bilbao](#)
- [Euskotren / Euskotran](#)
- [Bilbobus](#)
- [DBUS](#)
- [Lurraldebus](#)
- [Txik Txak](#)

