

# OPEES MARCH WORKSHOP IN BILBAO 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March

**Bilbao** is the capital of Bizkaia (Biscay) and the most populous city in the Basque Country (with almost one million inhabitants in its metropolitan area) as well as its leading business, social and cultural centre. It is also one of the most advanced European cities as regards services and quality of life.

In recent years the city has been undergoing a brilliant period of revitalisation and transformation. Several different urban planning projects, under the leadership of prestigious architects, have transformed its appearance, converting it into a reference and "living museum" of world architecture: the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum by Gehry, the Metro by Foster, the new airport terminal by Calatrava, and the Master Plan for Abandoibarra designed by Pelli, are just some of the many architectural and infrastructure projects which have converted Bilbao into a city where strolling proves to be a true pleasure for the senses.

Reaching Bilbao and moving around the city and its surrounding area is easy, thanks to a comprehensive system of communications at the service of travellers, who can travel comfortably and safely in order to get to know the city and also the beautiful inland and coastal places in its hinterland, and who have an extensive range of quality hotel services available to help visitors unwind.

Bilbao has been established on the character of its people, who influence the life of a city that surprises us with the variety of ambiences it contains. The art in its museums, the music in its streets, the urban architecture, the night life, the varied and renowned range of restaurants, the pleasure of walking through its streets and enjoying its hospitality, the shopping at its leading stores...





# How to reach the centre from the airport?

Bilbao Airport lies 12 kilometres away from the city, in the Loiu district. The Bizkaian capital and its airport are linked by highway, which makes the journey quick and easy

Getting to the centre is best accomplished by either bus or taxi

## By bus

The bus that links Bilbao and the airport is Bizkaibus A3247, a yellow urban bus whose departure point is Termibús, a bus terminal providing connections with San Mamés station of Metro Bilbao, Euskotran, and RENFE short-distance trains.

Buses also stop at Gran Vía, 79; Plaza Moyúa and Alameda Recalde, the only three other stops in their way to the airport.

At the airport, the departure point is the stop in front of the Arrivals Terminal, and the stops in Bilbao are at Alameda Recalde, 14; Gran Vía (Government Regional Office); Gran Vía, 74. Then it reaches Termibús, where the route ends.



## **Recommended Hotels**

Hotel Carlton \*\*\*\*\*

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Hotel Villa de Bilbao \*\*\*\*

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#### Hotel Husa Jardines de Albia \*\*\*\*

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