

Talaia - The coastal footpath

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PASAIA TO DONOSTIA – SAN SEBASTIAN



Donostia – San Sebastián

A short stage, but with a rich variety of landscapes... With vertical views over Pasaia from the Plata lighthouse to the bucolic wooded balcony above the ocean, your emotions will be continually stirred until the cliffs of Ulia, before the magical discovery of the bay in Donostia...

Getting to the start :

After Irun, in Spain, follow the A8 motorway and exit at Rentería (number 3). Straight ahead, join the Madrid-Irun 'carretera' GI636 towards Lezo then on the right the Avenida de Jaizkibel which bypasses Lezo on the right (GI3440). Next, turn left towards Pasai-Donibane. The car park is at the entrance of Pasaia, on the right side of the harbour.

For your return :

Local network bus and train, or taxi from Pasaia to Hondarribia.

From the right-hand side of Pasaia harbour (town hall), catch the little boat (below the restaurant Casa Mirones) acting as a shuttle to the left-hand bank of the harbour and the Centro Kultural Maritimo (5' for the crossing and €0.6 per person). When you arrive on the quay, follow a little tarmac road to the right that extends into a concrete path (12', 0.9km). Climb the steep stairs carved into the cliffs that go through 10 hairpin bends before reaching the road. **1** Road, (1,3 km). Take the road on the right descending to the 'faro de la plata' lighthouse. When it ends, continue towards the left on the flat footpath. Pass a pretty thalweg (old aqueduct on the right, picnic table and spring). Continue over flat terrain, pass a second thalweg (old aqueduct with beautiful arches), and wind along the balcony to reach a junction of footpaths. **2** Junction, (3,5 km). Ignoring the Camino de Santiago on the left, go strongly to the right towards Donostia. Ten metres on, keep following a wide path on the right that descends to the pine forest. After 3 or 4', twice go past a track on the right signposted in yellow and indicating 'coast', and instead go straight on the main path, initially descending then climbing. Arrive higher up at a little col, marked with a concrete ramp. **3** Col, concrete ramp, (4,4 km). Cut straight across on a slightly

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1h10

1h20

2h00

2h45


rising footpath, then go straight on a wider path. Reach an explanatory sign for the Basque coast, and a junction of paths: take the right-hand path down towards Donostia (1h45; 5.1km) on a footpath now signposted in white and red and green and red... on the balcony above the water. When the footpath goes through a large bend to the left, make sure you don't miss the view of the cliffs of Ulia, 200m above the sea. Keep climbing on a briefly paved road, go through a right-hand hairpin bend, then come out of the forest for a view of a cape that extends far out into the sea (ruins of a small fort on its shoulder). Arrive at a junction of footpaths. **4** Junction of footpaths (6,3 km). Continue straight, staying on the main footpath into the forest, passing a small thalweg, and at another crossroads take the main track going down to the right. In a bend to the left, notice the large beach of Donostia, now very close, on the right. The track extends straight on, descending as a little tarmac road: you should leave this on the right by a concrete ramp ending in stairs that give out onto the 'Zemoria Kalea' road. Descend this Zemoria Kalea until a traffic light. Go right and reach the seafront from Avenida Navarra. Follow the seafront towards the left until Kursaal... Donostia (7,9 km).

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 Pasaia - Town Hall

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8km



300m

Signposting :  on the GR121.

Don't miss :

- Climbing up from the harbour in Pasaia on a magnificent stairway carved into the rock.
- The views of the ocean.
- The cliffs of Ulia.
- A coastal sector with very little construction.
- The arrival at the bay and beach in Donostia.

The Maison de Victor Hugo.

The Pasaia Tourist Office is located in the Maison de Victor Hugo, where the great French writer once stayed, and which now has a curious museum devoted to him. The visitor will find all tourist information regarding Pasaia here, as well as other places in the Oarsoaldea region (Errenteria, Lezo and Oiartzun).



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Further information at :

• Pasaia Tourist Office

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