Visit Oma’s Forest, Santimamiñe’s cave, Bermeo, Mundaka and Gernika!

All day trip
Forest of Oma

Located at 8 kilometers of Guernika and right in the middle of the Uradaibai biosphere reserve, the Oma forest offers to its visitors an image between art and mystery thanks to the piece of art of Agustín Ibarrola. 20 years ago, this Basque artist had the idea of giving life to the trees by painting them. That way, in a narrow and large valley, away from the civilisation and its noise, you can find a mixture of colours, figures and symbols that can make you feel all sorts of different sensations. Without any established rout, the visitor himself will have to find out their own vision of the forest.
Santimamiñe’s Cave

Located in the Biscay town of Kortezubi and figuring in the list of the Human Patrimony, Santimamiñe’s Cave represents one of the principle prehistorically site of Biscay. They have found in it remains and cave paintings who age back from the Palaeolithic Superior in the period of “Magdalenienese”. Nowadays, the paintings have been shut down for the public as they have been damaged through the age. However, you can still get the possibility to get a guided visit in all the rest of the cave, with a maximum of 15 people. Closed on week ends and Holidays. (phone 944067737)
Bermeo represent, apart from one of the main fish port of the Basque country, it’s one of the most charming village of Biscay coast. Situated in the hillside of mount Sollube, it presents a coast line full of cliffs and rocks. In the centre of Bermeo, you can find the beautiful beach of Aritzatzu, the rocky beach of Talape, Izaro Island, cape Matxitxako, among other interesting spots.

Moreover, Bermeo seduces to all its visitors because of the fishermen’s houses painted different colours, its bars and its street life.
Mundaka

The best left wave in Europe drags thousands of surfers every year to enjoy a unique natural show and to get to know an unforgettable spot of cliffs and green hills that end in the sea. Moreover, it is located in the Urdaibai, an environment declared Reserve of the Biosphere from the UNESCO.
Gernika

Gernika is a village with a strong symbolic meaning for the Basque people as a result of the bombing that suffered the town April, 26 of 1937 during the period of the Spanish Civil War. The bombing was responsibility of the German Condor Legion and the Italian legion air force that were fighting in favour of the rebels. This event converted the Biscay village in a peace symbol known in the whole world. Pablo Picasso immortalized this event in one of his most famous painting.

- The Assembly House and the Tree of Gernika

The Assembly House is the home of the General Assembly of Bizkaia. It stands beside the great oak where in olden days the kings of Castile swore to uphold Basque laws and privileges. It is a meeting point of the Basque country, which share the same cultural and ethnographic traditions, extending beyond political frontiers. Nowadays, it is where are celebrated the political session of Vizcaya, where the president of the Basque country, “lehendakari” and the General deputy, swear their allegiance next to the great oak, just as the Lord of Vizcaya used to do with Basque laws, “fueros”.

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• The Gernika peace museum

This interactive museum takes visitors back to April 26, 1937, when bombs and fire rained down from the sky and the streets of Guernica were raised to the ground. Its impressive, comprehensive exhibition of photographs and audiovisual records containing accounts of survivors of the tragedy make it a place not to be missed.

- Salida de Gernika
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