



## 3rd UNWTO World Forum on Gastronomy Tourism

San Sebastián, Spain, 8-9 May 2017

### GENERAL INFORMATION



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## **1. DATE AND VENUE**

The Conference will be held on **8-9 May 2017** at the:

### **BASQUE CULINARY CENTER**

Paseo Juan Avelino Barriola, 101

20009 Donostia-San Sebastián (Gipuzkoa)

[www.bculinary.com](http://www.bculinary.com)

In 2009, the Basque Culinary Center Foundation was created thanks to Mondragon Unibertsitatea, the Basque chefs and the public institutions. The Basque Culinary Center has the aim of guaranteeing the continuity of cuisine as a centre for innovation in the future, which also implies the generation of high-level knowledge and the training of qualified professionals; promoting research and knowledge transfer among haute cuisine professionals and business sectors and knowledge related directly and indirectly to gastronomy; and to achieve international projection.

## **2. REGISTRATION AND BAGES**

We kindly ask all delegates to confirm your participation in the Conference [here](#).

Badges will be available for collection prior to the conference at the registration desk on 8 May from 8:30-9:00.

Participants will be required to wear the identification badges in the area reserved for the Conference. They will also be required for entry to the dining areas.

## **3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **4. ENTRY FORMALITIES**

Participants are requested to refer to the webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Spain in order to obtain information on visa requirements and procedures:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>

#### **5. SANITARY REQUIREMENTS**

No vaccinations are required.

#### **6. TRANSPORT**

Its strategic location and excellent infrastructures make San Sebastián a place easy to reach from anywhere in the world, no matter what your method of transport.

##### **BY PLANE**

San Sebastián has 5 airports (3 international) within just over 100 km of the city. Only 20 minutes from the city centre, San Sebastián Airport has connections to the major Spanish cities; Madrid and Barcelona.

Bilbao Airport, with connections to all Europe, is 100km from the city, and Biarritz Airport, served by French and international low-cost companies, 40km.

<a href="#">San Sebastián Airport (EAS)</a>	20 km
<a href="#">Bilbao Airport (BIO)</a>	105 km
<a href="#">Biarritz Airport (BIQ)</a>	40 km
<a href="#">Pamplona Airport (PNA)</a>	90 km
<a href="#">Vitoria Airport (VIT)</a>	120 km

##### **BY TRAIN**

The train station in the centre of San Sebastián, the "Estación del Norte", offers connections to numerous Spanish cities including Madrid and Barcelona, and to international destinations such as Paris and Lisbon.

Train journeys to and from San Sebastián will gain enormously in speed with the new Tren de Alta Velocidad (high speed train), due to connect the city with other destinations in the near future.

There is also an underground railway, the Metro Donostialdea, a narrow-gauge train connection with Bilbao and cities along the Basque Coast, such as Zarautz, and a service linking it with France (Hendaye) popularly known as the "Topo" or "Mole".

## BY BUS

San Sebastián bus station has lines to cities throughout Spain and part of Europe.

## BY CAR


Getting to San Sebastián by car is extremely easy. The city is connected to the rest of Spain and France by the N-1 (the national highway connecting Madrid to Irun), the AP-8 (Bilbao-Irun) and A-63 (Paris-Irun) motorways and the A-15 highway (Pamplona-San Sebastián).

Once in San Sebastián, you can leave your car in one of the more than 6,000 parking places found in different parts of the city.

More information: [www.sansebastianturismo.com](http://www.sansebastianturismo.com)

## 7. ACCOMMODATION

### Special discounted fares for participants:

Hotel <i>(Breakfast and taxes included)</i>	Special UNWTO Rate ( EUR per night)		
	Dates	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
<b>Official Hotel</b>  <b>Barceló Costa Vasca ****</b> <a href="http://www.barcelo.com">www.barcelo.com</a> <a href="mailto:costavasca@barcelo.com">costavasca@barcelo.com</a>	07/05 – 09/05	115	130
<b>NH Aranzazu ****</b> <a href="http://www.nh-hoteles.es">www.nh-hoteles.es</a> <a href="mailto:nharanzazu@nh-hotels.com">nharanzazu@nh-hotels.com</a>	07/05 – 09/05	152	166
<b>Hotel Astoria 7 ****</b> <a href="http://www.astoria7hotel.com">www.astoria7hotel.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@astoria7hotel.com">info@astoria7hotel.com</a>	07/05 – 09/05	124	139

\* Special rates only applied until 31 March 2017. Reservations must be made directly. When making the reservation it is necessary to identify yourself as participant to the Forum.

## **8. LANGUAGES AT THE CONFERENCE**

The languages for the Conference will be Spanish and English. Simultaneous translation will be offered for these languages.

## **9. SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

To be confirmed

## **11. BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT SAN SEBASTIÁN**

**San Sebastián** is a medium-sized city with almost 186,000 inhabitants. It is a tertiary, tourist city, eminently commercial, with strong emphasis on services and congresses. In recent years, San Sebastián has moved into the leading position among European cities, largely because of its commitment to science, technology, sustainable development and culture. Its designation as European Capital of Culture confirms this pledge.

Its smart urban layout and short distances make San Sebastián perfect for getting around on foot, with sprawling pedestrian precincts bike lanes and promenades that hug the city coastline from tip to tip.

A city of deep-rooted international tourist tradition dating back to the 19th century, San Sebastián offers an excellent clean public transport service, an icon of architecture the Kursaal Congress Centre and Auditorium, a varied choice of hotels and, above all, what is now one of the best known creative gastronomies in the world.

### **Distance from other major cities**

<a href="#">Bilbao</a>	102 km
<a href="#">Vitoria</a>	100 km
<a href="#">Biarritz</a>	50 km
<a href="#">Pamplona</a>	82 km
<a href="#">Madrid</a>	451 km
<a href="#">Barcelona</a>	565 km