

Basque Country: Food Sovereignty & Cooperative Production
Sept. 8 - 16, 2012

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Sept. 8

- Arrival and pick-up at Bilbao Airport
- Hotel check-in at farmer-owned Bed and Breakfast in Ajangiz
- Welcome Dinner

Sept. 9

- Visit the fish market in Bermeo (Bizkaia)
- Lunch in Bermeo at el Kafe Antzokia.
- Visit the town of Lekeitio
- Visit ecological reserve of Urbaibai in Mundaka
- Return to Ajangiz Bed and Breakfast

Sept. 10

- Visit local farmers market in Guernica and tour the town. Guernica was the site of Franco's devastating saturation bombing in 1937, that destroyed the town and 1645 civilians during the Spanish Civil War. The bombing happened on a monday, the day of the market that we will visit, so due to the activity at the market, the casualties were even higher than they may have otherwise been.
- Eat at a "txoko" (Basque gastronomic society) in Errigoiti
- Visit agricultural cooperative in Bizkaigane affiliate of the local farmers union - EHNE Bizkaia, where they produce milk, cheese, and livestock.
- Travel to Bed and Breakfast in Bergara
- Dinner at Bed and breakfast

Sept. 11

- Mondragón Cooperative
- Lunch near Mondragón in Leintz-Gatzaga
- Visit the Jakion Cooperative in Leintz-Gatzaga where they conserve vegetables
- Return to Bed and Breakfast
- Dinner and discussion in Bergara on the sociopolitical context of the Basque region with local hosts.

Sept. 12

- Travel to French Basque Country
- Visit Idoki, Basque farmers association.
- Lunch in the town of Hendaye on the border
- Free afternoon in San Sebastian

Sept. 13

- Wine tasting in la Rioja region
- Travel to Abadiño hotel
- Cultural exchange with Basque hosts at Kafe Antzokia de Durango, broadcast on local radio station

Sept. 14

- Travel to Elorrio, to learn about local production of meat products
- Visit local farm for lunch
- Discussion about Nekasarea network that links food producers and consumers at the local level and their vision of food sovereignty

Sept. 15

- Return to Bilbao
- Visit the Guggenheim museum
- Visit local ciderhouse
- Farewell dinner and discussion

Sept. 16

- Return to U.S.