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ERIH General Assembly Annual Conference 2023

Basque Country, 8th to 10th November

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The metropolitan area of Bilbao, structured by the Nervión Ibaizabal estuary (about 15 km), was **one of the south Europe's greatest industrial hubs.**

The former mines, factories, railways, docks or loading quays that are still standing have high historical, cultural, technological, social or even scientific value, plus **high tourism potential.**

All these elements have shaped a **unique landscape that deserves to be preserved**, explained and disseminated to future generations but also to visitors who wish to find out more about our history.

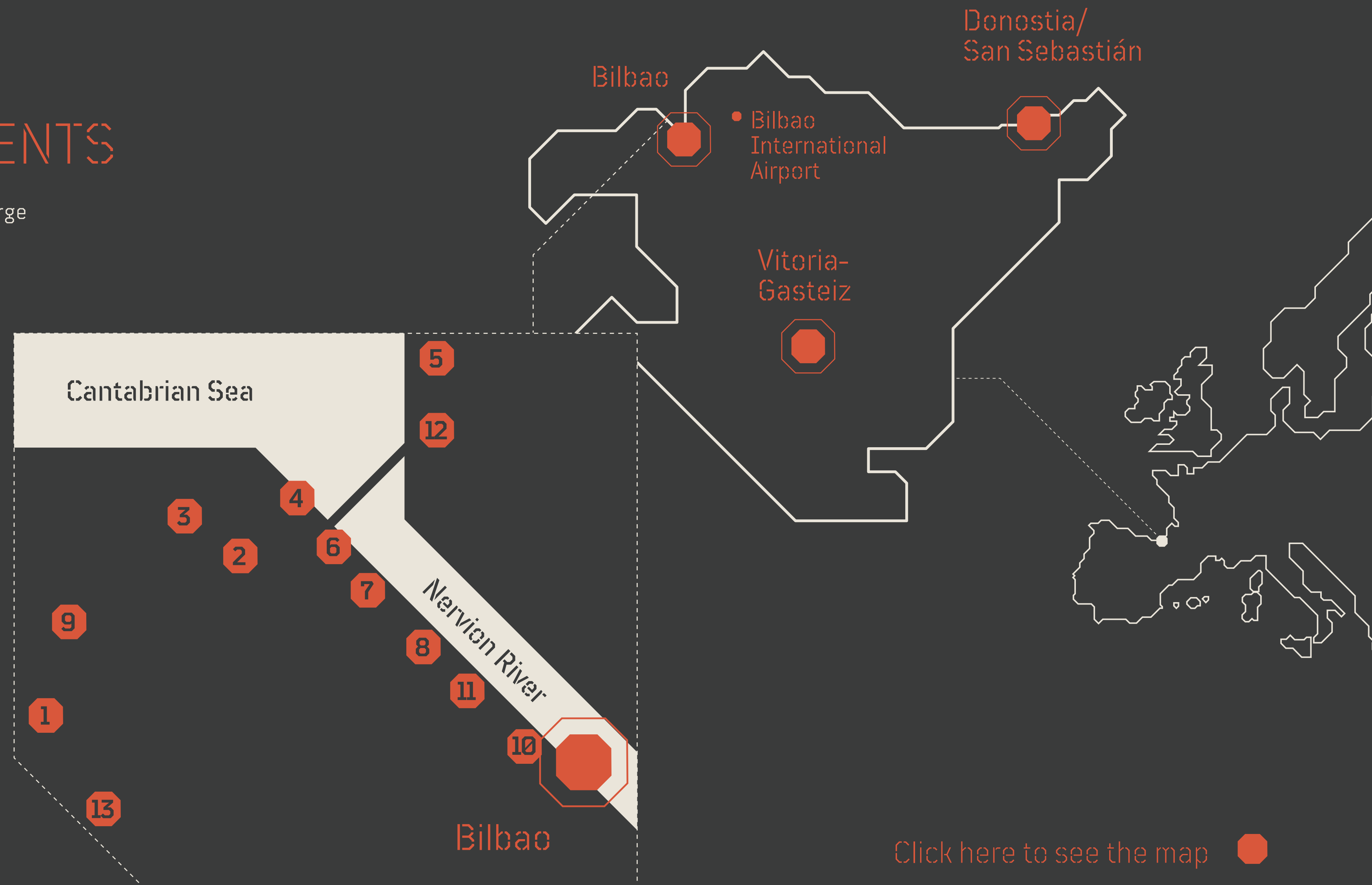




OUTSTANDING INDUSTRIAL MONUMENTS

In the surroundings of Metropolitan Bilbao, there are a large number of industrial monuments belonging to ERIH

- 1 Museum of Classic and Vintage Cars
Torre Loizaga
- 2 Larreineta Cliff Railway
- 3 Basque Mining Museum
- 4 Museum of the Sea |
'Agurtza' Fishing Boat
- 5 The Big Villas Promenade of Getxo
- 6 RIALIA: Museum of Industry
- 7 Sestao Blast Furnace No 1
- 8 Orkonera-Lutxana.
Basque Country Industrial
Heritage Warehouse
- 9 El Pobal Ironworks
- 10 Itsasmuseum Bilbao
- 11 Ilgner
- 12 UNESCO Bizkaia Bridge
- 13 La Encartada Factory - Museum





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WEDNESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER	SATURDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● GENERAL ASSEMBLY 15.30 - 19.00● UNESCO BIZKAIA BRIDGE (VISIT AND DINNER) 20.00 - 23.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CONFERENCE DAY 9.00 - 16.30● BOAT TRIP ALONG THE BILBAO ESTUARY 17.00 - 19.00● ITSASMUSEUM BILBAO (VISIT AND DINNER) 19.00 - 22.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● EXCURSION 1: 9.30 - 15.00 LA ENCARTADA FABRIKA MUSEOA (ANCHOR POINT) + EL POBAL IRONWORKS● EXCURSION 2: 9.00 - 15.00 AÑANA SALT VALLEY (ANCHOR POINT)● EXCURSION 3: 9.00 - 15.00 BASQUE RAILWAY MUSEUM (ANCHOR POINT)● OPTIONAL ACTIVITY (AFTERNOON): 17.00 - 20.00 OFFICIAL OPENING EVENT OF THE SESTAO BLAST FURNACE (SESTAO FIRE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OPTIONAL ACTIVITY 10.00 - 14.00● GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO● BILBAO OLD TOWN



WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- UNESCO BIZKAIA BRIDGE (VISIT AND DINNER)



WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

PROGRAM

PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR (optional).

14.30 Guided tour Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building.
Meeting point: main entrance.

Note: At 14:00 there will be a direct transfer from the bus stop in front of the Barceló Hotel to the venue of the General Assembly.

Note: After the General Assembly, ERIH will provide a direct transfer to the hotels for those delegates who will not be dining at the Bizkaia Bridge.

ERIH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Venue: Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building [Barakaldo].

14.30 Guided tour Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building. Meeting point: main entrance.

15.15 Check-in Online Participants via Zoom
[Login data will be sent two days before the meeting].

15.30-16.00 Arrival and refreshments.
Room: auditorium.

16.00 – 19.00 ERIH General Assembly.
[ERIH members only].

19.15 Transfer to Bizkaia Bridge [by bus].

19.45 UNESCO BIZKAIA BRIDGE
[Portugalete]

> **20:00 – 21:00** Guided tour.

> **21:00 – 22:30** Dinner at Hotel Puente Colgante.

22.30 Return to Bilbao by bus.

23.00 Arrival to Bilbao.



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Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building

The **Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building** is the only building still standing out of Barakaldo's entire Altos Hornos de Vizcaya (AHV) factory complex which was used for production. Altos Hornos de Vizcaya was the largest steel company in southern Europe during the 20th century.

This is a concrete building, both monumental and grandiose thanks to its construction materials and its plan. It was built in 1927 to house a substation with two Ilgner electrical transformers, hence its name, that were used to power a blooming lamination train. This warehouse was renovated to house the headquarters of the BIC Bizkaia Ezkerraldea (Public centre that is a business incubator for new start-ups).

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Ezkerraldea
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UNESCO BIZKAIA BRIDGE

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la Ciencia y la Cultura



Vizcaya Bridge
Inscrito en la Lista
del Patrimonio Mundial
en 2006

The **Bizkaia bridge** was the first transporter bridge built in the world with a metal structure. It stands at the mouth of the Nervión-Ibaizabal ría, at the point where the Bilbao's navigable estuary met the sea until de 19th century. In 2006 UNESCO declared it a World Heritage site as it is one of the most outstanding constructions from the European industrial revolution and iron architecture.





THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

- CONFERENCE DAY
- BOAT TRIP ALONG THE BILBAO ESTUARY
- ITSASMUSEUM BILBAO (VISIT AND DINNER)



THURSDAY

9TH NOVEMBER

PROGRAM

9.00 - 16.30 CONFERENCE DAY. *Next page.*

Venue: Ilgner Electrical Transformers Building [Barakaldo].

Note: At 8:30 there will be a direct transfer from the bus stop in front of the Barceló Hotel to the Conference venue.

Note: After the Conference, ERIH will provide a direct transfer to the hotels for those delegates who will not be taking the boat trip on the estuary.

17:00 Boat trip [guided tour]
along the Bilbao estuary.

We will pick up the boat at this pier,
close to the Ilgner pavilion.
<https://goo.gl/maps/KtY2eiReGtFn2g8v9>
We will go by boat to the Maritime Museum.

Dinner & guided tour
at Itsasmuseum Bilbao [Bilbao].

19:00 – 20:00 Guided tour.
Meeting point: main entrance.

20:00 – 22:00 Dinner
at the Maritime Museum.

Note: At 22:00, after the dinner, there will be a direct transfer from the Maritime Museum to the hotels.



THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

PROGRAM: 9.00-16.30

9.30-10.00 Welcome and introduction to the topic.

9:30 Opening of the Conference by Prof. Dr. Meinrad Maria Grewenig, President of ERIH.

9:40 Welcome by Mr. Javier Hurtado, Minister of Tourism, Trade and Consumer Affairs of the Basque Government.

9:50 Introduction to the topic, Javier Puertas, ERIH Board Member.

10.00-10.30 Industrial heritage as a driving force for sustainable social and economic development, Maria SPADA, National Centre for Industrial Culture [LUX].

10.30-11.00 ZEKIWA: a real-world laboratory for the New European Bauhaus, Katrin KANUS-SIEBER, New European Bauhaus Network Office Saxony-Anhalt and Roman MIKHAYLOV, Municipality of Zeitz [DE].

11.00-11.30 Global Legacies: a Roadmap for the Sustainable Management of Port Sunlight's Heritage, Heather ALCOCK, Port Sunlight Village Trust [UK].

11.30-11.45 Coffee Break.

11.45-12.15 Industrial heritage in the process of transition of the city of Rybnik into a sustainable, aesthetics and inclusive urban area, Marek GOLOSZ, Ignacy Historic Mine [PL].

12.15-12.45 Pfefferberg - Industrial monument meets Commitment, Anna THEIL, Pfefferberg Foundation [DE].

12.45-13.15 My Pants! – An educational programme where young people take action to reduce the over-production of textiles and the impact of the fast fashion industry, Ingrid HAUGRONING, The Textile Industry Museum, MUHO [NO].

13.15.-13.45 Not Like a Museum, Please! Model of a Rebirth, Stefania CARRETTI, Officine Reggiane Historical Archive [IT].

13.45-14.30 Lunch Break.

ONLINE Conference via ZOOM

9:00-9:30 Check-in Online Participants

9:30-13:45 Online Conference

WORKSHOPS

[only on site in Bilbao, not for online Conference]

14.30 – 16.00 Different Workshops (topics will be confirmed and announced early August).

16.00-16.30 SUMMARY-CONCLUSION.



THURSDAY
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BOATTRIP (GUIDED TOUR) ALONG THE BILBAO ESTUARY Afternoon excursion.





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ITSASMUSEUM BILBAO

Located in the docks of the former Euskalduna shipyard, the Itsasmuseum Bilbao reveals Bilbao and Bizkaia's maritime culture and heritage. The indoor exhibition reveals our maritime history, starting with trade and then the Port's industrial development, naval construction, the Ria's environmental recovery and the Port Center.





FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

MORNING DAY: EXCURSIONS TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE THREE

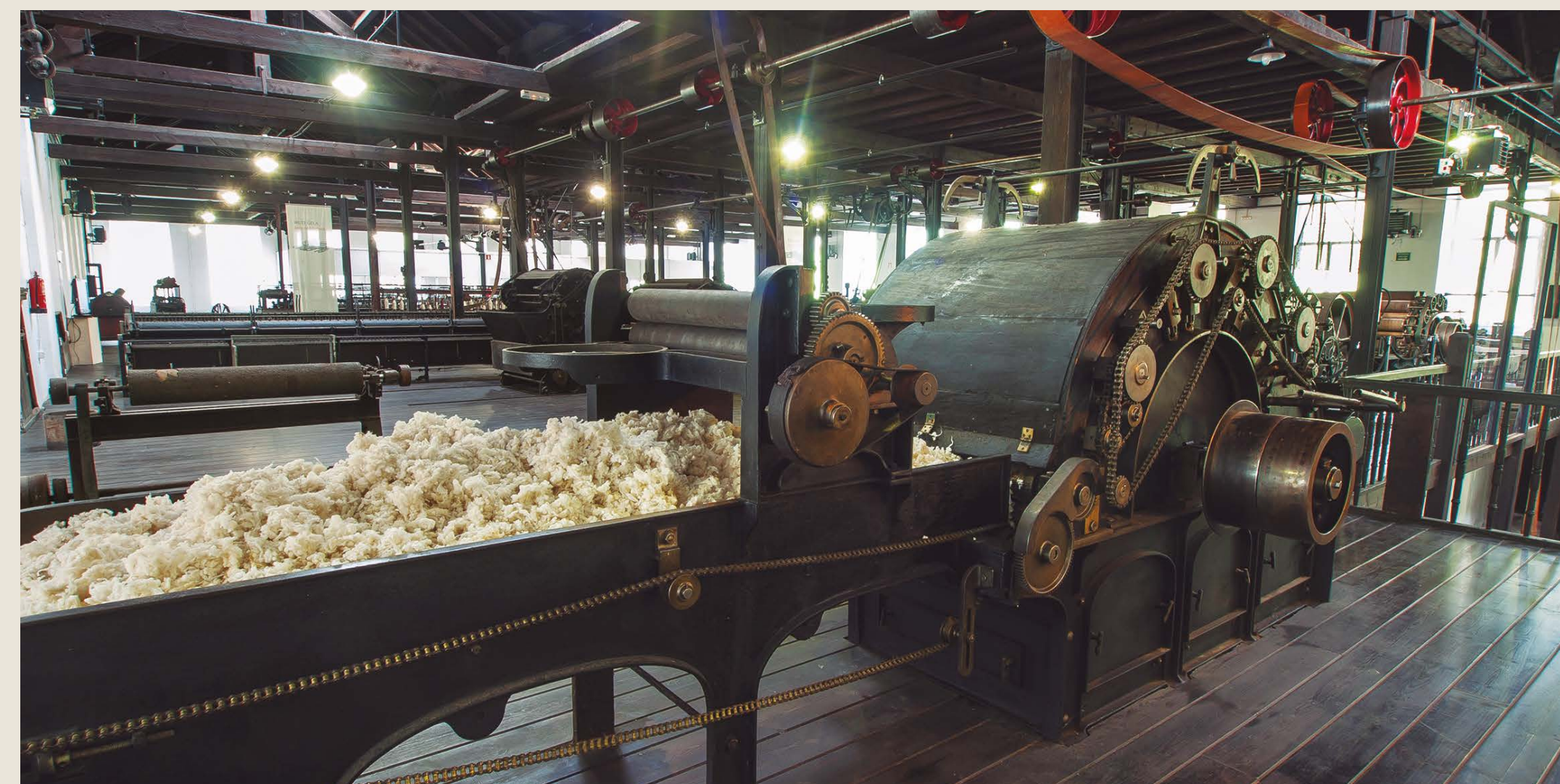
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LA ENCARTADA FACTORY-MUSEUM + EL POBAL IRONWORKS

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Excursion 01

9.30 Departure by bus
(from the bus stop in front of the Barceló Hotel)
10.00 Guided tour to La Encartada Factory-Museum
12.00 Guided tour to El Pobal Ironworks
15.00 Drop-off at Bilbao Airport.
15.30 Arrival at the hotels for those delegates
who will be in Bilbao for more days.





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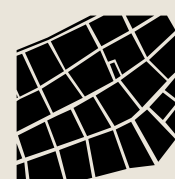
AÑANA SALT VALLEY

Excursion 02

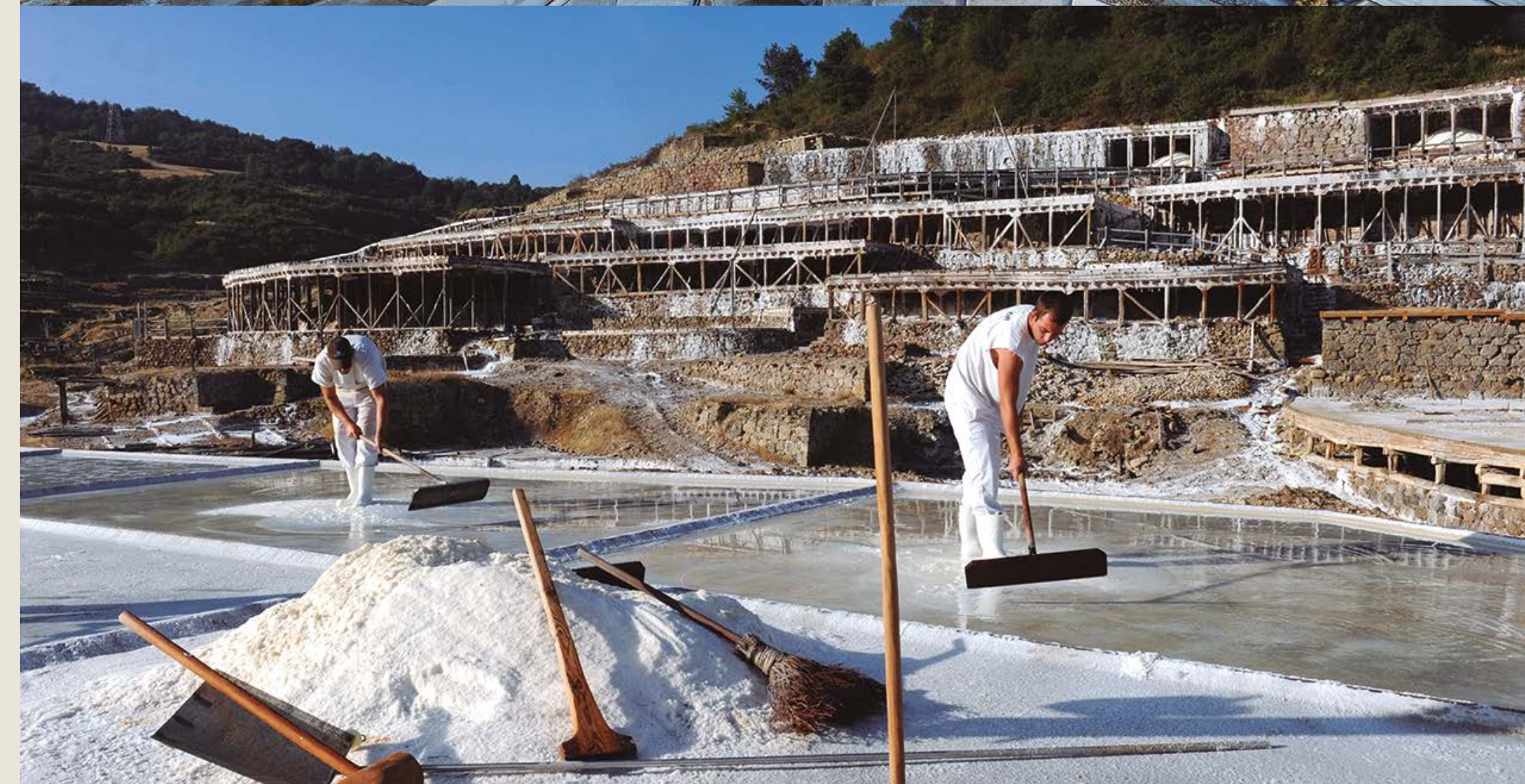
9:00 Departure by bus
(from the bus stop in front of the Barceló Hotel).

15.00 Drop-off at Bilbao Airport.

15:30 Arrival at the hotels for those delegates
who will be in Bilbao for more days.



AÑANAKO GATZ HARANA FUNDAZIOA
FUNDACIÓN VALLE SALADO DE AÑANA





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BASQUE RAILWAY MUSEUM

Excursion 03

9:00 Departure by bus
(from the bus stop in front of the Barceló Hotel).

15.00 Drop-off at Bilbao Airport.

15:30 Arrival at the hotels for those delegates who
will be in Bilbao for more days.





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SESTAO BLAST FURNACE

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY (FOR FREE)

17:15 Transfer from the bus stop
in front of the Barceló Hotel.

17:45 Welcome and guided tour
of the Sestao Blast Furnace.

18:45 Musical show with pyrotechnics.

19:15 Illumination of the Blast Furnace
and Basque Music

20:00 Return by bus to Bilbao





SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY (FOR FREE)

- GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO
- BILBAO OLD TOWN



DAY 04

Saturday, 11th November

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GUGGENHEIM BILBAO MUSEUM + BILBAO OLD TOWN

Optional activity (for free)

10:00 Guided Tour to the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.

12:00 Guided tour to the Bilbao old town.





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DISTANCES

Bilbao - Barakaldo (DAY 01 and 02):
10 km / 15 min.

Portugalete - Bilbao (DAY 01):
13 km / 20 min





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HOTELS

We ask you to book your own hotels
at your own responsibility during ERIH 2023.
We recommend that you make an early reservation.

Hotels arranged by ERIH:

- > HOTEL BARCELO
- > HOTEL CONDE DUQUE
- > HOTEL BILBAO PLAZA

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**** HOTEL BARCELÓ

Double Room Single Use > (i) 125 €/night

Double Room > (i) 140 €/night

Campo de Volantín 11 - 48007 Bilbao

Tel. +34 944 57 97 00

Web: <https://www.barcelo.com/en-es/barcelo-bilbao-nervion.html>

Please book by sending an email to reservas.norte@barcelo.com

and quoting "ERIH 2023" as the reference.

*Booking deadline: **8 September 2023**. After that date, booking will be subject to availability*

Cancellation Costs: Up to 72 hours before, free of charge. From 72 hours until arrival,

in case of cancellation 100% cancellation fees for all the nights reserved.



*** HOTEL CONDE DUQUE

Interior Double Room Single Use > (i) 89 €/night

Campo Volantín, 22 - 48007 Bilbao

Tel. +34 9444 45 60 00

Web: <https://www.hotelcondeduque.com/EN/home.html>

Email: reservas@hotelcondeduque.com

*Booking deadline: **30 August 2023**. After that date, booking will be subject to availability.*

Cancellation Policy, 7 days prior arrival.

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** HOTEL BILBAO PLAZA

Double Room Single Use until 10 November 2023 > 79 €/night

Double Room Single Use from 11 to 12 November 2023 > 88 €/night

Campo de Volantín 1 - 48007 Bilbao

Tel. +34 946 85 67 00

Web: <https://www.hotelbilbaoplaza.com/en/des-1902-hotel>

Please book by sending an email to info@hotelbilbaoplaza.com

and quoting "ERIH 2023" as the reference.

*Booking deadline: **30 August 2023**. After that date, booking will be subject to availability*

Cancellation Policy, 15 days prior arrival. It's possible cancel until 21 October 2023

The organisation has reserved a limited number of rooms at special rates in the above hotels. We therefore recommend you book as soon as possible.

Hotel Barceló: 40 rooms

Hotel Bilbao Plaza: 20 rooms

Hotel Conde Duque: 20 rooms

OTHER HOTELS:

If you prefer other accommodation, you can contact the Bilbao Reservation Centre.

Reservation Centre: +34 946 613 279

For more information about Bilbao and other accommodation BILBAO HOTELS.



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