



Zierbena presents a combination of country location and sea-side resort that makes it an ideal choice for those seeking enjoyment and leisure in a typical Basque coastal environment.



The small fishing village of **Zierbena** is on the western-most point of the left bank of the Nervión river, located in the Port of Abra.

San Román de Zierbena used to be part of the municipality of Abanto y Zierbena until 1995, when the town became independent.

Although the traditional activities have always been sailing and fishing; agriculture and stock-breeding are also important elements in its economic structure.

Today, thanks to its privileged location, **Zierbena** has developed an important business connected with port and leisure activities.





LA ARENA BEACH



This 966 metre beach is an ideal leisure location for visitors thanks to the turbulent seas, smooth dunes of fine sand and the surrounding mountains.

The provision of ample leisure areas, as well as a number of excellent hotels, has transformed the surrounding area into a resort that can be enjoyed by all ages all year round.



La Arena Beach is also an important meeting place for surfers.



THE PORT

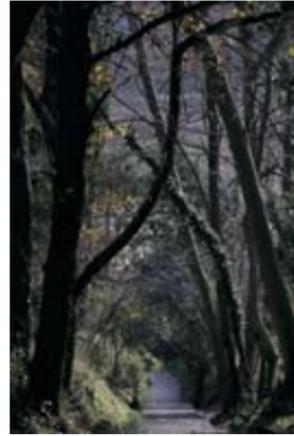
Zierbena Port, in spite of the changes introduced due to the construction of the port of Bilbao, still maintains its **traditional charm**, with its fishing boats and leisure craft, combined with an excellent selection of restaurants that will become the delight of all visitors.







Although Zierbena's history has been closely linked to its port, we must not forget the charm of the interior neighbourhoods; **La Cuesta, Valle, Kardeo and San Mamés**, full of interesting sites, including **Mounts Serantes, Montaño and Punta Lucero**, where visitors may enjoy impressive views of the surrounding area.





Zierbena offers a **wide range of hiking routes** that can be covered on foot or on bicycle and that introduce visitors to wonderful views of the sea and of the mountains. One of our main attractions is the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago, the northern branch of which passes through the town.



Mounts **Serantes, Montaña and Punta Lucero** offer magnificent views from their heights. Surrounded by the sea, the panorama includes views of the sea and mountains from the Basque coast to the coast of Cantabria and the inland towns of Gran Bilbao.

Zierbena also features the longest "bidegorri" (exclusive lane for bicycles and pedestrians) in Bizkaia. This 11 Km lane starts at La Arena Beach and reaches the neighbourhood of Kardeo, from where one may continue to the town of Abanto. The route ends in Portugalete.





Zierbena is home to a number of historic-artistic sites including the Parish Church of San Román, dating from the XII century, although rebuilt in 1880; the church of Our Lady of the Port (Nuestra Señora del Puerto), next to the Parish Church of San Román; and the Chapel of San Ignacio de Loyola which, as the latest chapel to be built in the town (it dates from 1907), is the only one that survived the destruction that took place during the Republican period.

The town hall, a modern building, is located on what used to be the school grounds and was officially opened on 15th October 1997.

We must also mention the sculpture by Xebas Larrañaga overlooking the port as a tribute to seafaring men and women





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A wide range of events are organised in the town all year round. The first week of October is the well known **Sea-food Fair-Itsaski Azoka**, where, in line with the seafaring tradition, sea-food is the main attraction for residents and visitors alike. During the summer, there are a number of popular festivities in the six neighbourhoods.



Concerning traditional sports, we must mention the "bolos a Katxete", a typical game in the district, and rowing. Zierbena is home to one of the oldest rowing clubs in Bizkaia, with an excellent track record. Such is the enthusiasm for this sport that, in the XIX century, the districts of Santurtzi and Zierbena entrusted the solution of a border dispute to their "arraunlaris" (rowers).





Zierbena is a privilege location from a gastronomic point of view, mainly based on its seafaring tradition.



The restaurants and bars in Zierbena offer a wide range of snacks for those who prefer this option.

The traditional fish and seafood recipes, based on the quality of the products used, co-exist with new culinary trends.





RESTAURANTS

Playa de La Arena

Asador Zelai	94 636 51 73
Itxas Gane	94 636 53 67
La Fábrica de Juan	94 636 53 61
La Maloca	94 636 51 57
La Parrilla	94 636 52 67

El Puerto

Arrondo	94 636 50 36
Batzoki	94 636 63 74
El Muelle	
El Marinero	94 636 50 58
El Puerto	94 636 53 48
Gloria	94 636 50 13
Lazcano	94 636 50 32
Punta Lucero	94 636 54 31
Taberna Eloy	94 636 53 13

Valle

Taberna Aitor	94 636 54 57
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Playa de La Arena

Hondartza	94 636 55 18
Kantauri	94 636 52 69
Leomar	94 636 51 40
Tetería La Jaima	94 636 63 89
Waitaki	94 636 51 94

El Puerto

Bar La Trainera	94 636 50 06
Pub Casablanca	94 636 51 38

Valle

Pub Nexo	663 724 137
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BARS + CAFETERIAS

ACCOMMODATION

Apartamentos Turísticos La Arena
La Playa de La Arena 94 636 54 54

Hotel Kaia
El Puerto 94 636 63 74



HOW TO ARRIVE

COACH

A3335. Sestao-Muskiz

A3321. Portugalete-Muskiz

Departures every hour.
Every half-hour in summer.

CAR

There are two possibilities
from the Motorway A8:

Take the Gallarta-Zierbena exit.

Take the Santurtzi Puerto exit and
continue along the N-639.