

Alliance Schlumberger Reunion Bilbao, Spain

September 4th - 8th ,2023



Reunion Headquarters: Carlton Hotel Bilbao

Bilbao



Bilbao access and transport

- Largest city in the Spanish Basque region
- Major port with ferries to the UK and Northern Europe
- Bilbao (12 km) and Biarritz (France, 130 km with bus service to Bilbao) are international airports,
- Well-connected to the major Spanish cities by air, rail and road
- Major attractions can be explored on foot or by metro or tram

Local attractions incl surrounding area

- Bilbao old town – cathedral, museums, wine and pintxos (tapas).
- Guggenheim modern art museum opened 25 yrs.
- First class restaurants (over 20 with Michelin stars)
- Boat trips on the Nervión river.
- The Vizcaya transporter (suspension) bridge
- San Juan de Gaztelugatxe

Trips from Bilbao



Santander (100-150km)

- Royal city built around a spectacular bay, cathedral and museums
- Nearby
 - Pre-historic Altamira Cave paintings
 - Medieval villages including Santillana del Mar along the Camino de Santiago pilgrim route



Other Trips

- La Rioja wine country – **Haro**, **Laguardia**, **Logroño** (100-150 km)
- País Vasco (Euskadi) – Basque country
 - **Guernica** (Gernika) (30 km),
 - **Vitoria-Gasteiz** (90 km),
 - **San Sebastián** (Donostia) (100 km),
 - **Pamplona** (120km)

Northern Spain

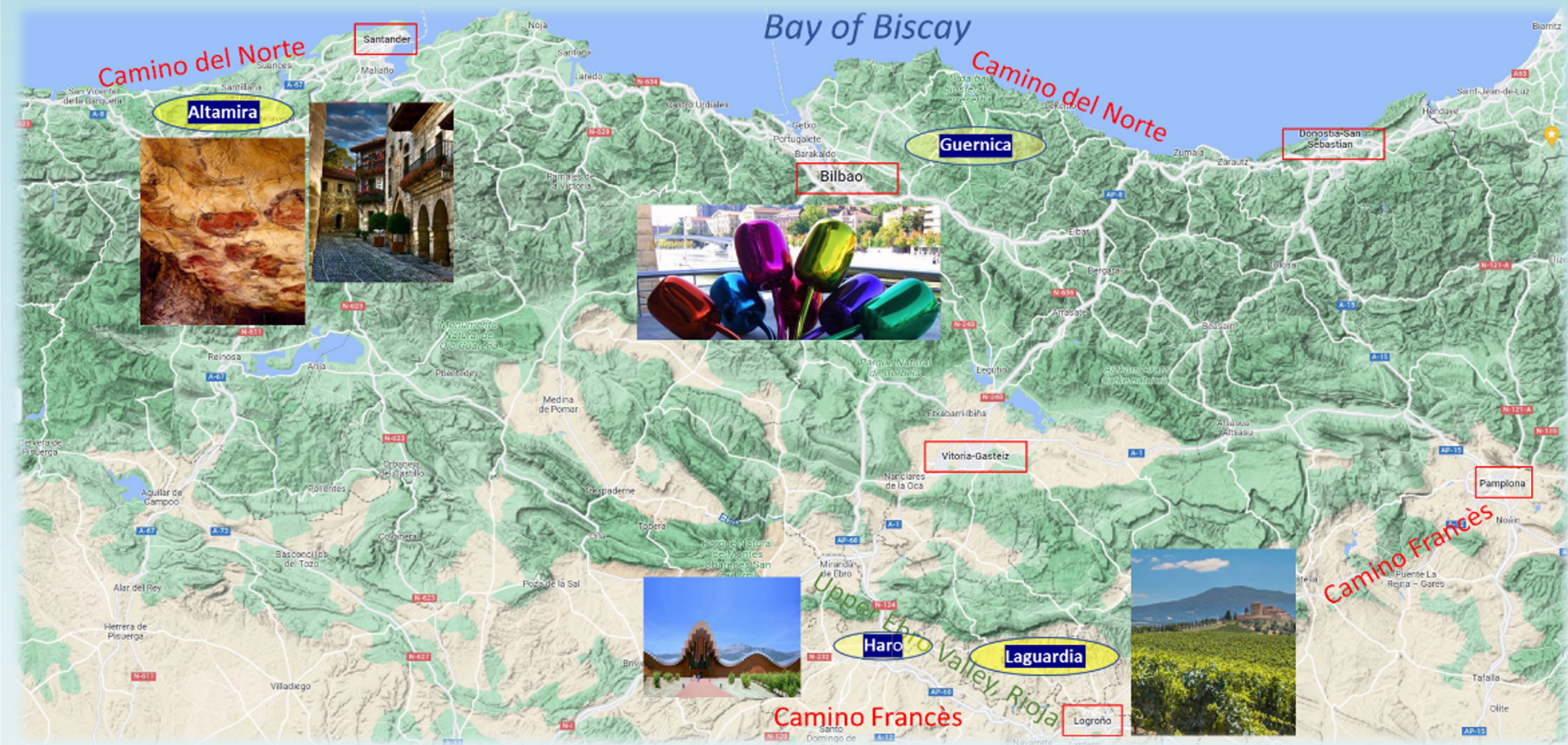


Provincial capitals



Laguardia

Places of interest





Museums

Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao

Abando Hotel ****
(155€)

Carlton Hotel ***** (195€)
(Reception, Gala Dinner)

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Casco Viejo

Schedule – Alliance Schlumberger Reunion

Bilbao, September 4-8, 2023

Monday (Sept 4)	Arrival, welcome cocktail in Carlton Hotel, introduction to Bilbao talk (30min))
Tuesday (Sept 5)	Bilbao walking tour (metro and tram optional) • Museums (including the Guggenheim) • Casco Viejo (Cathedral, Erribera market, bars and pintxos) • Business/information meeting • Gala dinner in Carlton Hotel
Wednesday (Sept 6)	Santander area, Altamira, Santillana del Mar, coastal villages
Thursday (Sept 7)	Rioja vineyards (Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa)
Friday (Sept 8)	Golf, short trips close to Bilbao, free-time in Bilbao and departures





DAY 1

Arrival in Bilbao

15:00h-18:00h

Check in to the Hotel Carlton
or the Hotel Abando

The hotels are centrally located and approximately 500m apart. The Hotel Abando backs on to Calle Ledesma (for copas y pintxos)

18:00h

Welcome cocktail reception
in the Cristalera Hall of the
Carlton Hotel



The Cristalera Hall, Hotel Carlton



DAY 2

BILBAO CITY TOUR, MUSEUMS, PINTXOS,..... AND GALA DINNER

09:00h-12:00h

Split the reunion party into groups of 20 people

60 people will visit Guggenheim museum

60 people will visit Ensanche-Abandoibarra

60 people will visit Casco Viejo (Old Town)

20 people will visit Fine arts museum

We will divide the group in 20 people groups to enjoy different kinds of visits. All our guides will meet the groups at the hotel and start the tours from this point.

12:30-15:00h

Pintxos lunch in different bars in different parts of the city.

16:00h - 18:00h

Business meeting at the Carlton Hotel

20:00h - late

Gala dinner at the Carlton hotel.





DAYS 3 & 4

08:00h-12:30h

Group A. SANTANDER sightseeing with local guide. Life in the life revolves around the bay and the sea front. The royal family of Spain used to holiday in Spain and built the Magdalena palace overlooking both the bay and the sea.

Group B. HARO VINEYARDS visit. The world's largest concentration of historic wineries.

Meet with guides and depart to Santander or the Rioja region. The reunion group will be split in two. Half will go to Santander on Day 3 and the other half will go to La Rioja. On day 4 the groups will be reversed.

13:00 - 15:00h

Lunch. We will look for a venue, restaurant, winery, where groups can have lunch together.

16:00h-18:00h

Group A. SANTANDER In the afternoon the group will visit Altamira which is an important examples of prehistoric rock art. The paintings are some 14,000 years old and have the World Heritage designation.

Group B. LA RIOJA After lunch Laguardia visit. This is the most important town in La Rioja of Alava, and one of the most beautiful.

18:00h

Return to Bilbao. Time for rest before dinner.



DAY 5

08:00h-18:00h

Optional visits:

GOLF

VIZKAYA BRIDGE VISIT

BOAT TRIP ON THE NERVION RIVER

BIKE TOUR

LONGER GUGGENHEIM VISIT

Or Excursions to:

SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE

GERNIKA