

THE MOST INTERESTING TRADITIONAL FIESTAS AND FESTIVALS



WINTER FIESTAS

October

"ERREBONBILLOS" PARADE AND "AURRESKU" DANCE
- 1st Sunday in October -
Elorrio

November

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL
- Around 1 November-
Tolosa



December

" SAN NICOLÁS OBISPILLO"
- December 6-
Segura

SANTA LUCIA FAIR
-December 13 -
Zumarraga and Urretxu

SANTO TOMÁS FAIR
- december 21 -
Fairs in Bilbao, Donostia- San Sebastián and Azpeitia

OFFERING TO THE SHEPHERDS ON CHRISTMAS EVE
- December 24 -
Labastida

"OLENTZERO". Parading of the Olentzero through the streets of most towns and village.
- December 24 -



January

"ASTOTXO"
- 1st Sunday following the Epiphany-
Lazkao

"TAMBORRADA"
- January 19-20 -
Donostia-San Sebastán and Azpeitia



"CACHI"
- January 22-
Oyón-Oion

February-March

SINGING FOR SAINT AGEDA
- February 4 -
Singing of popular songs in the streets of most villages and towns

" CALDAREROS "
-1st Saturday in February -
Donostia-San Sebastian
-On the Saturday prior to Carnival -
Tolosa



CARNIVAL
Paricularly interesting are those of Tolosa and Zalduondo (with "Mrkitos" the outlaw as its protagonist),not forgetting of Amezketa and Abaltzisketa with their groups of youngsters,known as txantxoak.

"ARATUSTES"
- on the Sunday prior to shrove Tuesday-
Mundaka

"IÑUDEAK ET ARTZAIAK"
- Sunday following "Caldereros" -
Donostia- San Sebastián



EASTER AND SPRINGTIME

March-April

EASTER
Performed in Balamaseda and Durango.
Pageants in Segura, Hondarribia and Azkoitia



COUNTRY FIESTA IN THE FIELDS OF ARMENTIA
- April 28-
Vitoria-Gasteiz

CORPUS CHRISTI PAGEANT
- Sunday following Corpus Christi Thursday -
Oñati



May

COUNTRY FIESTA AND SETTING IN MOTION OF THE MIRANDAOLA FOUNDRY
- Sunday following may 3-
Legazpi



THE "EIGHTHS OF MAY"
- May 8 -
Orduña

June

COUNTRY FIESTAS
URKIOLA SANTUARY
- June 13-
SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE
- June 24 -

"BORDON DANTZA"
- June 24 -
Tolosa



DANSES AND WAVING OF THE FLAG
- June 24 -
Laguardia

"KAIXARRANKA", "EGUZKI DANTZA" AND "SOKA DANTZA" PERFORMED BY WOMEN
- June 29 -
Lekeitio

EZPATA-DANTZA
- June 29 -
Berriz

SAN MARCIAL. MILITARY PARADE
- June 30 -
Irun



SUMMER FIESTAS

July

EZPATA-DANTZA AT THE ANTIGUA HERMITAGE
- July 2 -
Zumarraga

INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL
- 2nd fortnight in July -
Portugalete

FLORAL OFFERING TO OUR LADY OF CARMEN
- July 16-
Santurtzi

PILGRIMAGE TO IZARO ISLAND
- July 22-
Bermeo

"KUTXA" FIESTA
- July 25-
Hondarribia



"ALARDE DEL MORO"
- 2nd or 3rd Saturday in July-
Antzuola

"AURRESKU DE SANTANEROS"
- July 27 -
Ordizia

"SANIGNACIOS"
- July 31 -
Azpeitia

August

"VIRGEN BLANCA" FIESTA
- August 5-
Vitoria-Gasteiz



"SEMANA GRANDE"
- Week of 15th August -
Donostia -San Sebastián



ASTE NAGUSIA "SEMANA GRANDE"
- 1st Saturday following 15th August-
Bilbao

"EZPATA-DANTZA DE SAN ROKE"
- August 16 -
Deba

FIESTA OF 31 AUGUST
- August 31 -
Donostia- San Sebastián

September

"OUR LADY OF THE SQUARE" PROCESSION
- September 8-
Elciego

INTERNATIONAL SHEEPDOG COMPETITION
- Sunday prior to 29 September-
Oñati

EUSKAL JAIA-BASQUE FIESTA
- September 9 -
Zarautz

ARMS PARADE
- September 8 -
Hondarribia



GOOSE FIESTA
- September 5, St. Antolín -
Lekeitio

FISHING BOAT RACES "La Concha" flag
- the first two Sundays in September-
Donostia-San Sebastián