



DSBA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 19TH – SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024
BILBAO, SPAIN



Itinerary

Flight Options

Aer Lingus offer a direct daily flight from Dublin to Bilbao. A coach transfer will be offered to delegates who travel out on Thursday with Aer Lingus EI 748 and return on Sunday 22nd with Aer Lingus on EI 749.

Thursday 19th September 2024

- 1pm Check in for Aer Lingus flight EI 748 from Dublin to Bilbao
- 2.40pm Depart from Dublin to Bilbao with Aer Lingus
- 5.55pm Arrive in Bilbao and transfer by coach to the 5 Star Gran Hotel Domine
- 6.30pm Check in at the 5* Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao located next to the Guggenheim Museum
- 8pm - 10.30pm Welcome buffet dinner at hotel



Friday 20th September 2024

- 7am - 9am Group breakfast buffet at hotel rooftop terrace
- 9.30am Optional Tour - Depart by coach to La Rioja wine region for day trip including lunch and wine tasting
- 10.30am Arrive in Haro for a tour of the old town some free time & coffee
- 12am Tour at CVNE winery
- 1.15pm Depart from CVNE winery to Eguern Ugarte winery
- 2pm Lunch with wines in Eguern Ugarte winery, one of the oldest family run wineries in La Rioja.
- 4.30pm Return to Bilbao arriving at 6pm
- 8pm Optional 3 course dinner with wine in Bazuki or Café Iruna



Saturday 21st September 2024

- 8am - 9.30am Group breakfast buffet at hotel rooftop terrace
- 9.30am - 12.30pm Business Session at Bizcay Bar Association
- 7.30pm Meet in reception and depart by coach to Sociedad Bilbaina for Gala dinner – dress code smart dress jacket & tie
- 7.45pm Gala Dinner at Sociedad Bilbaina
- 11.30pm Return to hotel by coach
- 11.45pm Post dinner drinks at hotel bar



Sunday 22nd September 2024

- 8am - 9.30am Group Breakfast buffet at hotel on hotel rooftop terrace on Sunday
- 10am - 1pm Optional walking tour of old town of Bilbao with pintxos and cathedral tour via tram
- 12am Check out of hotel
- 2pm Depart for Airport by coach
- 3pm Check in at Bilbao airport for flight EI749
- 4.55pm Depart for Dublin with Aer Lingus
- 6pm Arrive in Dublin



Optional Tours



Rioja Region Wine tour

Located 60 minutes south of Bilbao, Haro is known as the capital of the Rioja region.

Our day trip includes a guided tour of the town of Haro with some free time followed by a tour and tasting at one of the oldest wineries in Haro, Compañía Vinícola del Norte de España, CVNE located in the old train station neighbourhood dating back to 1879.

The first wine produced by CVNE took the name of the company's initials. However, a simple and fortunate spelling error, confusing the V with a U, led to the creation of the iconic Cune brand, now the leading wine in Spain.

Cune wines have been produced every year since the company's inception, with the ongoing aim of producing a classic Rioja Alta wine: fine, with a long finish.

From CVNE we will travel on to the family owned winery Eguren Ugarte for lunch located close to Laguardia, 30 minutes drive from Haro. On route we will pass the hotel & winery Marques de Riscal designed by internationally renowned architect Frank Gehry who also designed the Guggenheim Museum.

Eguren Ugarte has over 130 hectares of vineyards in Rioja Alavesa, where they grow and control the production of the grapes in a traditional way. The harvest is carried out manually and mechanically so that the grapes reach the winery at their optimal moment. The sixth generation of the family run the winery today with its unique underground cellars and tasting rooms.



Cost per person: €140 including tour & tasting at CVNE & lunch with wines at Eguren Ugarte



Tram & walking tour of the old town of Bilbao – 2 hours

From the Gran Hotel Domine we will take the tram to the old town of Bilbao dating back to the 1400's for a guided walking tour. The old town is completely pedestrianized and offers a variety of historic sites, shops, bars & restaurants.

We will visit the church and then stop for some Pintxos and refreshments in the one of the largest covered food halls in Europe, La Ribera along the river before returning to the hotel by tram.

Cost per person: €45

Optional Group Dinner Basuki - Friday 20th September

Located 3 minutes walk from the Gran Hotel Domine Basuki offers creative Basque cuisine fused with the most innovative culinary techniques in a modern setting. It's capacity is limited to no more than 50 diners for lunch or dinner. A set menu will be forwarded to delegates early September.

Cost per person: €65 including half bottle of wine



Optional Group Dinner Café Iruña - Friday 20th September

Café Iruña located 10 minutes walk from the Gran Hotel Domine in front of the Jardines de Albai. It is one of the oldest restaurants in Bilbao dating back to 1903 serving traditional Basque cuisine. It is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere, traditional cuisine & baroque décor. Set menu will be forwarded to delegates early September.

Cost per person: €45 including half bottle of wine.



About Bilbao



Bilbao is one of the largest cultural and economic centres in Northern Spain, with a population of over 400,000 people and it is the capital of the Basque Country. It is very accessible with the airport less than 20 minutes away and offers excellent transport options within the city with a tram, bus and train network.

Bilbao has several impressive landmarks including the Guggenheim Museum located opposite the 5* Gran Hotel Domine, Arriaga Theatre, Convention and Music Hall Centre, the Fine Arts Museum which is the second largest museum in Spain, Bilbao Athletic soccer stadium and the Old Quarter of the city.

The weather is very mild during the summer with temperatures averaging 24 degrees. There are several beaches close to Bilbao which can be accessed on the metro including Ereaga, Sopelana, and Plentzia beach. San Sebastian is 90 minutes by coach with Santander 75 minutes by coach.



The Basque country and Bilbao is famous for its food with several restaurants offering daily specials along with several bars offering Pintxos which in the Basque Country are small portions of food which are very popular and very reasonably priced.

Bilbao offers a wide variety of independently owned shops along with the leading International brands and the department store El Corte Inglés located on Grand Via less than 10 minutes walk from the Gran Hotel Domine. Opening times are from 10am to 9pm with most shops closed on Sunday.

About the Gran Hotel Domine

The 5* Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao is ideally located directly opposite the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum and close to the city's main attractions. It features many works of art & sculptures and has an impressive roof terrace with views across the city where breakfast is served daily.

Address 61 Alameda Mazarredo, Bilbao

Telephone 34-94-4253300

Website: www.hoteldominebilbao.com



Booking Form



Please complete and return to Colette O'Malley at Marketing Initiatives Limited either by email colette@marketinginitiatives.ie or by post by **Tuesday 30th April 2024**.

Once your completed Booking Form is received you will receive a confirmation by email along with an invoice for your booking.

Delegate One Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____ First Name _____
Surname _____
Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Nationality _____
Passport No _____ Expiry Date _____
Name as per passport (if different) _____
Address _____

Email _____
Telephone _____ Mobile _____
Company Name (for invoicing) _____

Delegate Two Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____ First Name _____
Surname _____
Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Nationality _____
Passport No _____ Expiry Date _____
Name as per passport (if different) _____
Address _____

Email _____
Telephone _____ Mobile _____
Company Name (for invoicing) _____

Accommodation

Delegates will be accommodated in the 5* Gran Hotel Domine.

Accommodation required: Double Twin Single

Single room supplement €300. I am willing to share, if this can be arranged

Guests who wish to stay at the hotel up to 2 days in advance or after the conference can avail of the group accommodation rate €380 B&B per double room when booking rooms through the conference organisers Marketing Initiatives Limited.

Extra Nights at Hotel Yes No Dates _____

Conference Package

The all inclusive conference package cost is €1,095* per person sharing up to 30th April.

Package cost includes 3 nights B&B in Double/Twin Double room in 5* Gran Hotel Domine including city taxes, return airport transfers for those travelling from Dublin on Thursday & Sunday with Aer Lingus, Gala dinner including half bottle of wine per person, welcome buffet dinner at hotel with drinks and event management services throughout the trip.

*Reduced rate €695 for solicitors who qualified in the last ten years or for employed solicitors limited to the first 20 applications first come first served.

Are you eligible for the reduced conference rate €695? Yes No

Business Session

Delegate One Yes No Delegate Two Yes No

Booking Form

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Flights

Guests are advised to book their own flights with Aer Lingus direct from Dublin to Bilbao.

Have you booked your flight already? *Delegate One* Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

If Yes please provide us with your flight details _____

If No please provide us with your flight details at a later date by email to colette@marketinginitiatives.ie

Optional Extras

Please indicate if you wish to pre book any of the following extras.

Please note that these options have minimum and maximum numbers involved – if the minimum numbers are not reached we will contact you and advise you of any changes.

Guided tour of Rioja wine region including lunch and wine tasting

Cost €140 per person

Delegate One Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

Tram & guided walking tour of Bilbao old town

Cost €45 per person

Delegate One Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

Group dinner at Basuki Friday 20th September

Cost €65 per person

Delegate One Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

Group dinner at Café Iruna Friday 20th September

Cost €45 per person

Delegate One Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

Please note cost of optional tours may increase if the group size is less than 30.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that each delegate obtains travel insurance as soon as registration is made.

Payment Details

Deposit payment of €300 per person should accompany this booking form. Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer.

Payment: Cheque EFT transfer

Bank Details

Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin 2.

Account : Marketing Initiatives Limited

IBAN: IE65 BOFI 90001794771518

BIC: BOFIE2D

Dietary Requirements

Please inform us of any dietary requirements.

Delegate One Yes No *Delegate Two* Yes No

Booking/Cancellation Terms & Conditions

An initial non-refundable deposit of €300.00 per person prior to **30th April 2024** is required to secure a place. The balance will then be due by **30th May 2024**. Please note that availability is limited and is on a first come first served basis. Payment should be by bank transfer or cheque.

The conference secretariat must receive notification of all cancellations in writing or by email to Colette O'Malley, Marketing Initiatives Limited, 232 Blanchardstown Corporate Park 2, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15. Telephone 01-8665870 Email colette@marketinginitiatives.ie

All bookings received are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the deposit up to 30/05/2024. No refunds on the total package price will be given after 30/5/2024.

We recommend that each delegate obtains travel insurance as soon as registration is made.

The organisers reserve the right to alter any of the arrangements for this conference including cancellation of the event, should unforeseen circumstances require such action. The organisers accept no responsibility for resulting costs and inconvenience to delegates who are advised to have travel insurance in place. By registering for the DSBA Annual Conference, delegates give permission for their contact details to be used for official purposes, and to be included in the list of participants.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure that their passport is valid for travel.

I agree to the above terms and conditions

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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