



Through the romantic area

The pedestrian's peace

Details

Location:

Donostia-San Sebastián

Route type:

Routes on foot

The centre of Donostia-San Sebastián is probably the best area to see this city's human nature. Comfortable streets, several of them pedestrian, wide avenues and squares link beautiful buildings and pleasant places that do not fail to show the city's romantic touch.





(1). Town Hall



(2). Cathedral of El Buen Pastor



(3). Bilbao Square



(4). Gipuzkoa Square



(5). Victoria Eugenia Theatre

For some people, the Romantic Area is the elegant Ensanche (Enlargement), made up by the centre of Donostia-San Sebastián, which was born from a design by the architect Antonio Cortázar after the demolition of the walls. A singular building of this area is the present [Town Hall \(1\)](#), a magnificent building that first housed the Grand Casino. The European high society moved through its rooms in the "belle époque".

The Alderdi Eder Gardens extend opposite the Town Hall and near La Concha Bay. We will go through them to get near La Libertad Avenue, the financial and commercial heart of the capital. We will continue through the pedestrian Loiola Street, with the recently opened San Martin Market. At the back, we can see the tapering tower of the [Cathedral of El Buen Pastor \(2\)](#). It is worth walking through the gardens surrounding this Neo-Gothic building. The Koldo Mitxelena Cultural Centre is located behind this building. It houses a library, exhibition and activity halls, and the headquarters of the Post Office.

Along one of the sides of El Buen Pastor Square, we will get to the **Bilbao Square (3)**, a smart circular space with a fountain in the centre. From here, we can get to the Maria Cristina Bridge or disappear in the Prim Street and its surprising modernist buildings, if we have enough time. This time, we rather take the pedestrian axis made up by the Getaria St and Churruca St that, crossing the La Libertad Avenue, end into the [Gipuzkoa Square \(4\)](#), a peaceful and romantic place dominated by the Palace of the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa. There we will find a lake with ducks, a vegetable clock, or a weather pavilion. In the direction of the Urumea River, through the Bengoetxea Street, we will get to the beautiful whole made by two big buildings that are almost twins, the Maria Cristina Hotel and the **Victoria Eugenia Theatre (5)**.



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