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Welcome to Oñati and to the IISL: FAQ and practical information



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Transport: How to get to Oñati

BILBAO

If you travel by plane:

The closest international airport to Oñati is Loiu/BIO (Bilbao). There are also airports at San Sebastian, Vitoria and Biarritz.

Bilbao-Loiu airport: located 74 km from Oñati, get [driving directions](https://www.aena.es/en/bilbao.html). (<https://www.aena.es/en/bilbao.html>). It is a small airport. Only one gate. Buses and taxis are at the same area.

- You can take a **bus from the airport to Bilbao city** (12 km) (single ticket 3 €) - ☎ 34 902 222 265 <https://www.aena.es/en/bilbao/getting-there/bus.html>
- You can reserve a **taxi** by telephone ☎ 944 800 909 or via the booking form on their website www.taxisaeropuertobilbao.com. And also call a (taxi driver from Oñati: Josu Lertxundi - ☎ +34 663 031 322 (taxilear@gmail.com))

Tickets from Bilbao and Bilbao airport (Loiu) are available online <http://www.pesa.net/pesa/en/compra>, but tickets town to town must be paid cash in the bus or with **the MUGI card** (info below)

A ticket machine is also available at Bilbao Airport (Loiu)



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Buses From/To Bilbao Airport To Bilbao City

<https://www.eusko-guide.com/es/espana/bilbao/como-llegar-a-bilbao-desde-el-aeropuerto/>

Bilbao airport (BIO) is located 12 km north of the city center. To get from the airport to the city center, there are several options:

From Bilbao to the airport:

- **By bus:** The A3247 bus line of Bizkaibus connects the airport with the center of Bilbao in about 20 minutes. A ticket costs 3 € and its timetable is as follows: One bus every 15 minutes from 5:15 am to 10 pm.
- **Using a cab** or private transfer is a very comfortable way to travel. You will be in the city center in about 15 minutes. Expect to pay around 20 - 25€. ([Radio Taxi Bilbao](#): (+34) 944 448 888 / [Tele Taxi Bilbao](#): (+34) 944 10 21 21)

From the airport to Bilbao: a bus every 15 minutes from 6:15 am to midnight.

In Bilbao, the bus makes four stops: one at Alameda Recalde, two on Gran Vía and a last stop at the Bilbao Intermodal Station (former Termibus).

From Bilbao airport to San Sebastian

The company PESA operates buses from Bilbao airport to San Sebastian. There is a bus every hour during the day (from 7:45 am to 11:45 pm). The trip takes 1 h 20 min and a ticket costs 17€. The bus also stops in Zarautz (total travel time: 1 h / price: 14,80€).



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If you travel with the PESA bus company, you will probably need to switch buses at San Prudentzio. You need to buy the ticket in the machine you will find in the bus station.

The San Prudentzio bus stop, located next to a traffic circle, connects three towns: Arrasate, Bergara and Oñati. There is only one stop.

The ticket machine is also available at Bilbao Airport (Loiu)
<http://www.pesa.net/pesa/es/noticias/2186>

(photo bus stop in San Prudentzio)

one stop.



Please check the bus timetables at the PESA website:
<https://www.pesa.net/pesa/en/horarios>

There are three bus stops in Oñati. The main bus stop is in front of the IISL building, at a 10' walking from the Residence (Correos bus stop).

Taxis: from Bilbao airport or city to Oñati the price is about 105€, (taxi driver: Josu Lertxundi - ☎ + 34 663 031 322 (taxilear@gmail.com))

Bus timetable from Bilbao airport to:

- 1st option direct to Oñati (from Monday to Sunday) (only one bus)
- 2nd option : direct to San Prudentzio and then you need to take another bus to Oñati:

More info: <https://www.pesa.net/pesa/en/horarios>

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If you travel by car:

Road GI-2630. Get your driving direction on this map

<https://goo.gl/maps/tX4JtBCR724zyvZM8>

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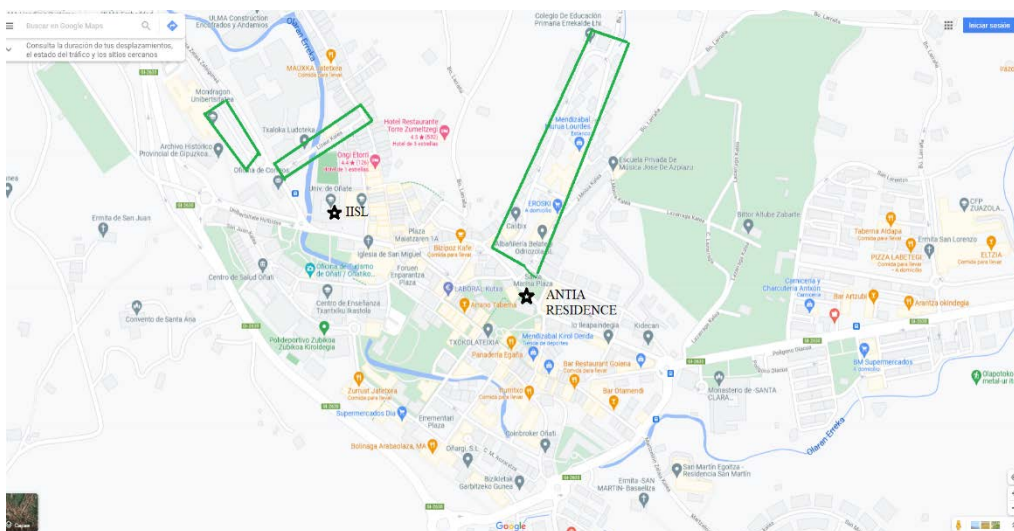
Access to town:

The **downtown access to Oñati** is closed from 16:00 Fridays to 21:30 on Sundays.

Where to park:

The area immediately surrounding the Institute is reserved for residents or limited to 1 hour free parking during weekdays and Saturday mornings (charges are applied after that).

For free



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DONOSTIA – SAN SEBASTIAN

If you travel by bus:

Donostia-San Sebastián airport: located 93 km from Oñati, get driving directions. <https://www.sansebastian.travel/aeropuerto-de-san-sebastian-fuenterrabia-hondarribia/>

From the airport to the city of San Sebastian

- Taxi - 30 €
- Bus (every hour and it takes 25') Cost : 3 € (approx..) **BUS NUMBER E21** (EKIALDEBUS Company)
<https://ekialdebus.eus/es/e21-hondarribia-aeropuerto-donostia/>

From the bus stop F. GARCIA LORCA 2 to the main bus stop in San Sebastian there is a one minute walk.





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The main bus station is in the center of San Sebastian (downstairs). Next to the RENFE train station (upstairs).

From the main bus station to Oñati, there is no direct bus. You need to buy the ticket in the machine you will find in the bus station.

You need to take a bus from:

- Donosti-San Sebastian to San Prudentzio (It takes one hour) Timetable: from 06:05 to 22:00 every hour
- San Prudentzio – Oñati . from 05:00 to 22:55 (it takes 10')

The San Prudentzio bus stop, located next to a traffic circle, connects three towns: Arrasate, Bergara and Oñati. There is only one stop.

If you travel by train:

The long-distance train arrives at Zumárraga (18 K, from Oñati), from where you can catch a bus to Oñati. The timetable and tickets for the train are available at:

<http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/> (tickets and timetable)

If travelling from San Sebastian or Biarritz, it is also easiest to catch a local train from the airport.

TRAIN

From SAN SEBASTIAN to ZUMARRAGA

Timetables and tickets for the local train are available at: local: [San Sebastián \(renfe.com\)](http://www.renfe.com)
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At the same train station, there is a bus stop. You take there the bus to Oñati (30')

BUS

From ZUMARRAGA – OÑATI

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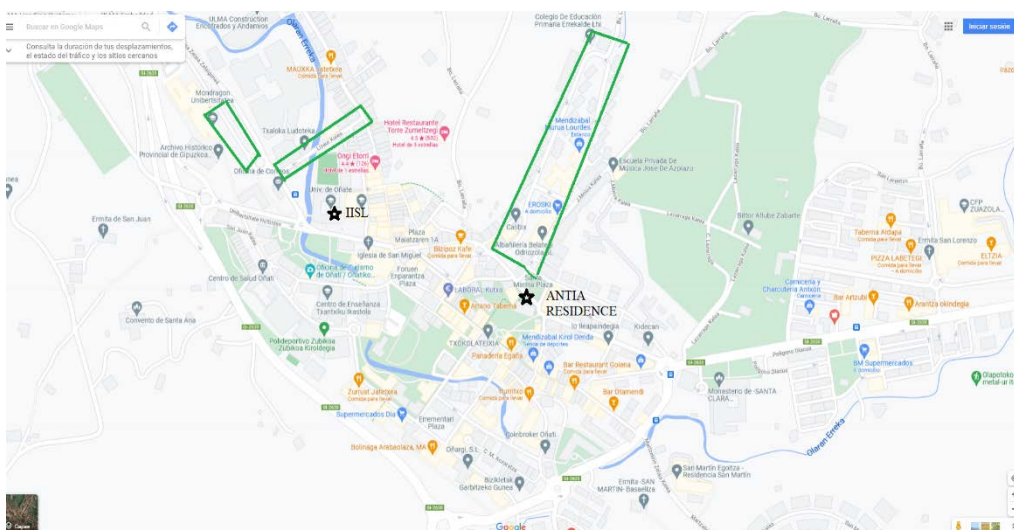
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VITORIA-GASTEIZ AIRPORT

Vitoria-Gasteiz Airport: 42 km from Oñati [driving directions](#).

There are buses from the airport of Vitoria to Vitoria city. There you need to take another bus from Vitoria city to Oñati (or San Prudentzio, depending on the time).

You need to buy the ticket in the machine you will find in the bus station.

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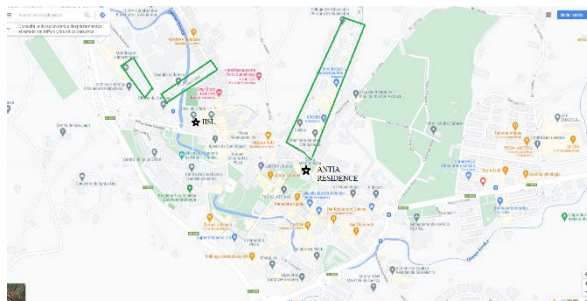


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BIARRITZ AIRPORT

Biarritz Airport: 121 km from Oñati. [driving directions \(enlace\)](#)

There are buses from the airport of Biarritz to San Sebastian city.

From the San Sebastian bus station to Oñati, there is no direct bus.

IISL Residence

The IISL Residence ("Residencia Antia") is in Plaza Santa Marina nr. 5, in the center of Oñati. If you come by bus, ask the bus driver. It is five minutes walk from the main (first) bus stop (Correos).

Once you find the building, you will see a box on the main door. Enter the code number in order to open the door (you will be informed about the code number in September).

<https://goo.gl/maps/B1yriM21DScAKJEv6>



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Practical Information

Mugi card (Public transit card)

(<https://www.mugi.eus/index.php/en/>)

This integrated ticketing system means that the same card - known as the Mugi card - can be used to travel on all the main forms of transport in Gipuzkoa (and Bizkaia).

The Mugi system offers great advantages to frequent users of public transport, in the form of:

<https://www.mugi.eus/index.php/en/mugi>

Types of card available:

<https://www.mugi.eus/index.php/en/cards/types-of-card>

Travelcards: (you can buy it in several shops in Oñati: ALTUNA, HARITZA, IRIZAR)

This is a transferable ticket which offers a 32% discount on normal fares. It is suitable for groups travelling together (schools, businesses) and tourists, etc. It costs €5 and can be purchased from authorised sale points in the application & top-up network (no forms need to be filled in).

Ordinary non-transferable card: (you can request it in ALTUNA shop / Address: Kale Barria 19 Street or on INTERNET)

<https://www.mugi.eus/index.php/en/cards/purchase-and-reload-points>

A non-transferable card bearing the full name and a photo of the holder. Users can enjoy all the advantages of the MUGI system. Only the card holder can travel with them. You need to fill in a form and ask for it.

How does the MUGI CARD work?

- On inter-city coaches (Lurraldebus) cards must be validated both upon boarding and upon leaving the vehicle. Upon boarding, simply hold your card up to the incoming validation device located either on the ticket machine or behind the driver's seat. Before alighting, you must again validate your card by holding it up to the reader by the exit door. Failure to do this will result in you being charged



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the single-ticket (paper ticket) fare for an end-to-end journey on the line in question.

- **On city bus lines** (Donostia/San Sebastian, Irun, Errenteria, Eibar, Zarautz, Arrasate, Hernani, Lasarte-Oria and Oiartzun) the card only needs to be validated upon boarding.
- When the driver validates your card, you do not need to re-validate it when you leave the vehicle.
- **On rail services (Euskotren and Renfe)**, cards must be validated upon entering and leaving the station or platform.

Mugi FAQ: <https://www.mugi.eus/index.php/en/users-attention/frequently-asked-questions>

Meals/Breakfasts

Food is an important part of the culture of the Basque Country and cooking is a usual topic of conversation and a good excuse for meeting and celebrating. Breakfast and dinner are normally lighter meals, while lunch or the meal served in the middle of the day is the most important. Mealtimes are normally as follows: breakfast from 06:30 to 10:00, lunch from 13:00 to 15:00 and dinner from 21:00 to 22:30.

The Bars in Oñati are distinguished by their specialities in tapas or assorted **pintxos**, **sandwiches** and **set main courses**. The **new trend that some establishments offer** (one evening per week, usually Thursdays) is the “**pintxo-pote**”, one pintxo served with a glass of wine or beer.

<https://www.xn--oatiturismo-1db.eus/es/listings/onatiko-tabernak/>

Restaurants in Oñati

[Restaurants – Oñati \(xn--oatiturismo-1db.eus\)](https://www.xn--oatiturismo-1db.eus/)



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Holidays at the IISL (2023)

Christmas break: The Christmas break will be from 24th December 2022 to 1st January 2023 (both days included).

Public Holidays in Oñati:

6 – 8 December: Spain's national holidays

25 – 31 December: Christmas

6 January: Epiphany Day (Reyes)

6-7-10 April: Easter (Semana Santa)

29 September: San Miguel, Patron Saint of Oñati

12 October: El Pilar, Spanish national holiday

1 November: All Saints' Day (Todos los Santos)

Supermarkets

Please note that most shops close during public holidays, including supermarkets. You need to make sure that you are fully stocked with groceries before a public holiday. **There is a Supermarket open on Sundays (COVIRAN: open until 22:00 pm. Address: Kale Barria 52).** Some greengrocers' and convenience stores also open on Sundays and other holidays.

Mail/Phone

To receive mail, you can give the address of the IISL: Avenida de la Universidad nº8 / Apdo. 28 / 20560 Oñati / Gipuzkoa / Spain. Phone: +34 943 78 30 64. If you receive a package or letter, we will keep you informed so you can go to the post office (building next to the IISL).

There is no public telephone at the University. You can make calls from a locutory in the town, 2 minutes from the Residence (kale barria Street 41). You could also buy a prepaid phone card (Pepephone, Euskaltel, Simyo).

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Languages

The Basque Country has two official languages: Basque (Euskara) and Spanish (español/castellano). All citizens of the autonomous community speak Spanish. Signs on motorways, airports, government offices and other official places are given in both languages. In Oñati, most people speak mainly in Euskara, but Spanish is also widely used.

Climate

The climate is Atlantic, mild in spring and autumn. In summer, the average temperature ranges from 18 to 23 degrees, and the nights are cool. In winter, it snows very little, although the highest of the mountains which surround the town (Aloña, 1232 m) can be covered in snow for several months. The average temperatures in winter range between 4 and 12 degrees, and there can be steady and/or heavy rain.

Currency

The currency used in Spain is the euro (€).

Business hours

Small and traditional shops and offices open normally from 09:00/10:00 to 13:00 and from 16:00 (or 16:30)/17:00 to 19:30/20:00. Larger shops normally have more extended business hours and are open from 10:00 to 20:00/21:00.

Official institutions and banks, however, are only open to the public in the mornings from 09:00 to 13:00/14:00. Some open also from 15:00 to 17:00 on weekdays. Some banks offer management services on Thursday evenings as well; if interested, please ask at your bank office.