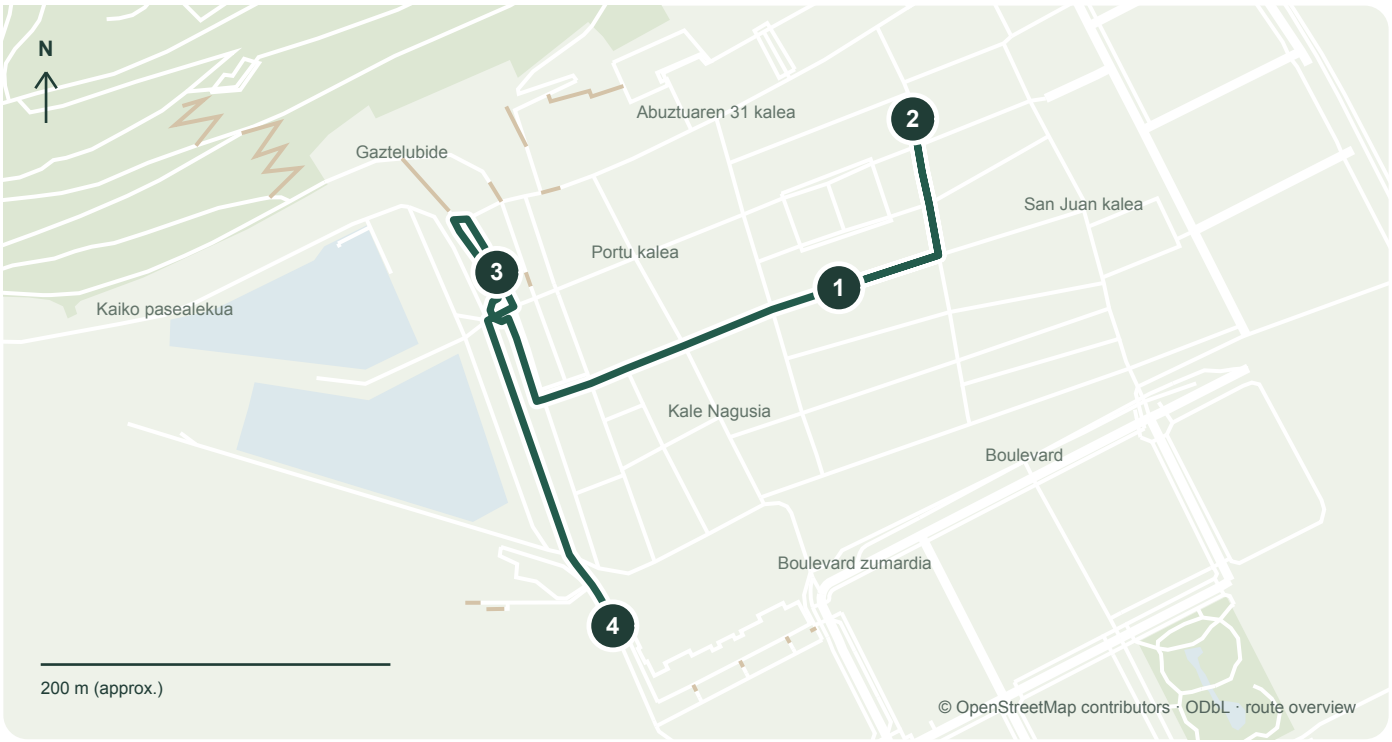
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Old-town squares to the bay

Walk through Donostia / San Sebastián's old town from Plaza de la Constitución to the waterfront at Alderdi Eder. The route favours public squares and exterior church views, leaving the harbour and hill climbs optional.

0.86 km / 4 stops / 40-65 min with pauses / one way



1. Plaza de la Constitución

2. San Vicente exterior

3. Santa María del Coro exterior

4. Alderdi Eder and City Hall

Start & finish

Start in Plaza de la Constitución. Finish by the City Hall and Alderdi Eder gardens at the bay. The beach is optional and not needed for any activity.

Make it shorter

Visit Plaza de la Constitución and San Vicente, then return to the square. Add the bay when the weather and group energy suit you.

Desk-reviewed 30 October 2026. Not field-tested. Follow current local signs.

Look closer at each stop

01 Plaza de la Constitución

Begin in the arcaded square and look for the numbered balconies. They recall the square's former use for bullfights; today it is a central gathering place.

Next: 139 m to stop 2. Route includes Fermin Calbeton kalea, Calle Fermín Calbetón, Narrika kalea.

02 San Vicente exterior

Look at the church's pointed details from the public space outside. Compare the stonework with the regular balconies seen in the square.

Next: 493 m to stop 3. Route includes Narrika kalea, Calle Narrica, Fermin Calbeton kalea.

03 Santa María del Coro exterior

The elaborate church front anchors the end of a narrow street. Stand aside to compare its curves and sculpture with San Vicente's different forms.

Next: 229 m to stop 4. Route includes Mari kalea, Calle Mari, Portu kalea.

04 Alderdi Eder and City Hall

Finish at the gardens and bayfront beside City Hall. The open sea view is a clear contrast with the enclosed old-town lanes; stay on the public promenade.

Underfoot & access

Stone streets, busy pedestrian lanes and occasional deliveries. The route avoids the steep harbour access described in the tourism itinerary and does not climb Monte Urgull. Watch crossings near the Boulevard.

Before you go

Church interiors, museums and food stops are separate choices. The lanes are residential and commercial spaces; keep entrances clear. Sea conditions and rain can affect comfort on the waterfront.

Sources & route review

San Sebastián Tourism: old-town route and access notes

San Sebastián Tourism: centre and old town

Map: OpenStreetMap / Valhalla pedestrian routing. Distances follow the mapped line; suggested visit times include pauses and are editorial estimates, not a timed on-site walk.