

A One Day Trip in the Basque Country

To round off your Basque Country Experience, for those of you who are interested this is my touristic proposal.



We start off immediately after lunch on July 4 with a visit of Chillida Leku (www.eduardo-chillida.com), an old Basque style farm house transformed by the late Eduardo Chillida into a sculpture museum that houses many of his monumental granite and iron pieces. Chillida Leku is a short ten miles drive from San Sebastian.



After a leisurely visit of the building and a walk through the gardens, we climb back on the bus to drive some fifty odd miles first on the freeway and then through the Oma Valley to the Oma Forest, aka Enchanted Forest, aka Ibarrola Forest (http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bosque_de_Oma), where Agustín de Ibarrola has painted in wild colours and startling patterns a large patch of trees. There is some easy climbing to do up a wide forest path so bring along some sturdy shoes or sneakers.



By the time we are done with the forest we'll be feeling elated but hungry so the next stop will be Mundaka (<http://www.mundaka.org>), home of a world-class left-hand wave, and a remarkable Cofradía de Pescadores where we can enjoy an outstanding grilled sea-bream or turbot.



We'll spend the night in Bilbao and in the morning we will visit the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum (<http://www.guggenheim-bilbao.es>) which is the local pride and which, besides the permanent collection, will be housing an Anselm Kiefer exhibit. I am winging this one, but the cost of the whole thing should not be more than 300 euros. Time is running short and I should start organizing this pretty damned quick, so please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Cheers says Javier.

