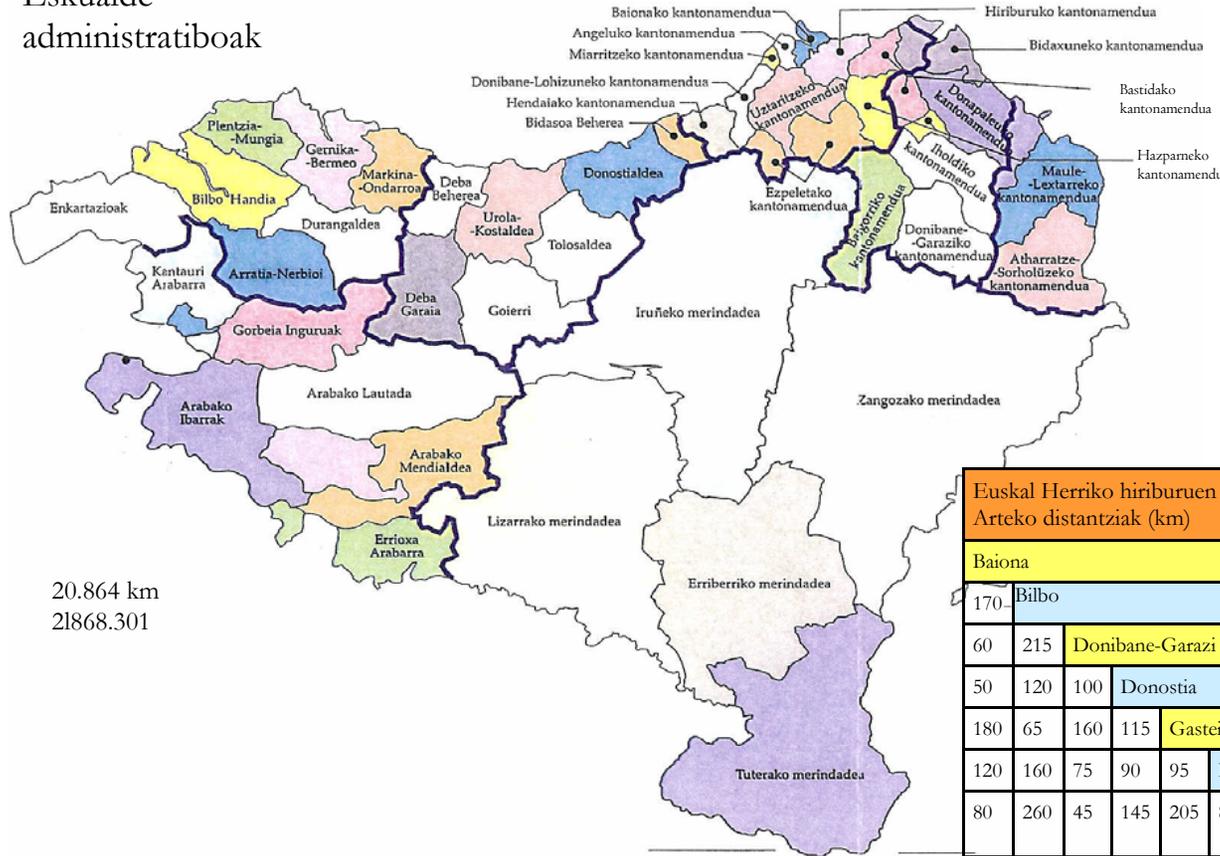


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Euskal Herriko hiriburuen Arteko distantziak (km)					
Baiona					
170	Bilbo				
60	215	Donibane-Garazi			
50	120	100	Donostia		
180	65	160	115	Gasteiz	
120	160	75	90	95	Irunea
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This guide is prepared to allow you to pray through the land of the Basques -- all seven provinces -- with a special emphasis on the four larger Spanish areas. Three of these comprise the autonomous region known as the Basque Country (Araba, Bizkaia, and Gipuzkoa) as well as a fourth province that is considered one of the 17 Spanish autonomous regions in and of itself -- Nafarroa.

To give the U.S. reader some idea of the size of land area and population being examined, consider the following comparison. The size of New Jersey is 20,168 square kilometers while the size of all seven provinces is 20,864 square kilometers -- almost identical. The total population of New Hampshire is 1,105,000 people while the population of all seven provinces is 2,846,976 or about three times as many people.

DAY 1: The tiny homeland of the Basques -- barely a hundred miles in diameter -- straddles the crest of the western Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. It is a land of deep oak forests, green mountain valleys, and the rugged seacoast of the Bay of Biscay. In these mountains and on these shores dwell an ancient people called the Basques. Where they came from, nobody knows. One thing is certain, the Basques are a distinct people who by blood and language are unrelated to the Indo-Europeans who dominated the rest of Europe. The mystery of their origins has never been unlocked. Robert Laxalt in "A Time We Knew". The Basques are also an "unreached people group". We are praying that God will change that status, because only He can.

DAY 2: The land of the Basques is comprised of seven provinces -- four larger areas in Spain and three smaller ones in France. (See first map.)

Nafarroa -- 10,421 sq. kil. -- 519,217 people -- 18.2%

Araba -- 2,811 sq. kil. -- 280,021 people -- 9.5%

Bizkaia -- 2,384, sq. kil. -- 1,139,340 people -- 40.2%

Gipuzkoa -- 1,997 sq. kil. -- 678,393 people -- 23.6%

Nafarroa Beherea -- 1,374 sq.kil. -- 29,341 people -- 1%

Lapurdi -- 858 sq.kil. -- 197,424 people -- 6.9%

Zuberoa -- 765 sq. kil. - 15,706 people - 0.6%

DAY 3: Nafarroa is technically one of Spain's 17 Autonomous regions by itself. Nevertheless, there are many Basque speakers there, and, historically, it has been considered part of the land of the Basques. It makes up over half the land area of the Basque people, but only 18.2% of their total population. Of their population 55.5% live in its major city -- Iruna or Pamplona. 5 sq. kil. -- 15,706 people -- 0.6%

DAY 4-8: There are five "counties" within Nafarroa. The numbers below represent surface area, population, and number of "townships".

- 4 - Tuterako M. -- 1,530 sq. kil. -- 79,219 -- 23
- 5 - Erriberriko M. -- 1,392 sq. kil. -- 42,402 -- 27
- 6 - Lizarrako M. -- 2,067 sq. kil. -- 61,435 -- 72
- 7 - Iruneko M. -- 2,450 sq. kil. -- 287,690 -- 81
- 8 - Zangozako M. -- 2,982 sq. kil. -- 48,195 -- 65

DAY 9-15: Araba is the interior province of the remaining three Spanish provinces that make up the autonomous region known as the Basque Country. It also has the government "capitol city" of the Basque Country --- Gasteiz -- that comprises 79.1% of the total population of that province. There are six "counties" within Araba. Again, the numbers represent surface area, population, and number of townships.

- 10 - Kantauri Arabarra -- 328 km. sq. -- 33,887 -- 5
- 11 - Gorbei Inguruak -- 332 km. sq. -- 5,290 -- 5
- 12 - Arabako Ibarak -- 548 km. sq. -- 3,860 -- 9
- 13 - Arabako Lautada -- 800 km. sq. -- 215,403 -- 9
- 14 - Arabako Mendialdea -- 487 km. sq. -- 3,199 -- 6
- 15 - Errioxa Arabarra -- 316 km, sq. -- 9,382 -- 15

DAY 16: What Nafarroa represents in surface area to the homeland of the Basques, Bizkaia represents in population. (40.2 % of the total). Of that population, 78.2 % live in greater Bilbao.

DAY 17 – 23: There are seven “counties” within Bizkaia. Again, numbers represent surface, area, population, and number of townships.

- 17 - Enkartzazioak – 431 km. sq. – 29,655 – 10
- 18 - Bilbo Handia – 372 km. sq. – 898,785 – 26
- 19 - Plentzia-Mungia – 212 km. sq. – 35,339 – 15
- 20 - Gernika-Bermeo – 446 km. sq. – 44,835 – 19
- 21 - Markina-Ondarroa – 206 km, sq. – 27,123 – 11
- 22 - Durangaldea – 318 km, sq. – 91,398 – 15
- 23 - Arratia Nerbioi – 399 km. sq. – 21,156 – 14

DAY 24: Gipuzkoa is the last of the three provinces that make up the Spanish autonomous region known as the Basque Country. It is by far, the most Basque of the four Spanish provinces in terms of Basque speakers. It’s main city, San Sebastian or Donostia, makes up 45.8% of the total provincial population.

DAY 25 - 31: There are seven “counties” within Gipuzkoa. Once again, the numbers represent surface area, population, and number of “townships”.

- 25 - Bidasoa Beherea – 72 km.sq. – 66,282 – 2
- 26 - Donostialdea – 189 km. sq. – 307,542 – 11
- 27 - Urola Kostaldea – 387 km. sq. – 62,022 – 11
- 28 - Deba Beherea – 182 km. sq. – 59,601 – 6
- 29 - Deba Garaia – 345 km. sq. – 65,034 – 8
- 30 - Goierri – 393 km. sq. – 66,303 – 20
- 31 - Tolosaldea – 345 km. sq. – 44,887 – 28



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Basque Prayer Guide #1

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- ANDREW MURRAY

I agree with Andrew Murray. Nothing is more significant and strategic to the cause of Christ among the Basques – or any other people group or region – than that of “WIELDING THE FORCES OF PRAYER”.

For this very reason, this series of prayer guides is being prepared. We want to encourage you — no URGE you — to pray persistently for the Basque people with insight and understanding as well as a keen sensitivity that will listen to the Spirit even as you pray. Thank you for making an eternal difference among the Basques!