



BASQUE COUNTRY WEEK AT THE SPANISH PAVILION

13th June to 19th June 2005

During next week, the Spanish Pavilion will celebrate the Basque Country region week. On the 16th of June, the Basque Country will be celebrating its official day. For this special occasion the Spanish Pavilion is honoured to receive the Official Delegation from this region headed by the Industry, Tourism and Commerce Councillor, Ana Aguirre Zurutuza.

Spain is divided into seventeen autonomous regions, each of them with its own government. During EXPO Aichi 2005 the Spanish Pavilion will have the participation of its regional governments and autonomous cities to show Spain's natural diversity and cultural pluralism. Each Spanish autonomic region will have the use of the Pavilion for an entire week in order to display its cultural roots as well as the most outstanding features of its land and peoples, through dance, musicians, theater, exhibitions, and an audiovisual projection in the Plaza.

Spain's regions will use this opportunity to show typical products and objects of their cuisine, customs, and craft traditions. The flag of each region will fly alongside the Spanish, Japanese and European flags over the main gate for a week. During its featured week, each region will have a special day.

Baskland is of particular interest for its completely autochthonous culture, including a language of its own of quite mysterious origins. Its folklore is autochthonous too, including their traditional dances, music and gastronomy.

Today it is one of the most industrialized regions of Spain. Despite of that there are still many areas of almost untouched nature, notably the natural parks of Valderejo, Urkiola, Urdaibai and the magical landscapes along Guernica river. It is a great region for hiking, riding, golf and all kind of mountain sports.

SCHEDULE FOR THE BASQUE COUNTRY WEEK

Monday 13th June

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| 11:30 – 11:35 | Brief presentation of Euskadi |
| 11:35 – 12:15 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 16:00 – 16:05 | Brief presentation of Euskadi |
| 16:05 – 16:15 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Dance class |
| 17:30 – 18:15 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 18:15 – 19:00 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |

Tuesday 14th – Wednesday 15th June, Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th June

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| 10:15 – 10:20 | Brief presentation of Euskadi |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Dance class |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 15:30 – 15:35 | Brief presentation of Euskadi and the performances |
| 15:35 – 15:45 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 15:45– 16:15 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Dance class |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 17:30 – 18:15 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |

Thursday 16th June (Basque Country Day)

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| 15:30 – 15:35 | Brief presentation of Euskadi and the performances |
| 15:35 – 15:45 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Dance class |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 17:30 – 18:15 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |

Friday 17th June

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| 10:15 – 10:20 | Brief presentation of Euskadi |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Dance class |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 12:15 – 13:00 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Performance by Japanese choir - Wakayama Jidou gasshoudann |
| 15:30 – 15:35 | Brief presentation of Euskadi and the performances |
| 15:35 – 15:45 | Musical performance – Txalaparta |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Class of Txalaparta |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Dance class |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |
| 17:30 – 18:15 | Tasting of products of Euskadi with wine of the Rioja Alavesa |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Musical performance – Txalaparta – Alboka – Trikitixa - Dance |

Txalaparta

The Txalaparta is a percussion basque instrument mainly played in celebrations and weddings; always in a festive environment. This instrument is made of two wooden boards (sometimes even iron, stone or glass) and is played by two people.



Alboka

La alboka is a Basque instrument which can be compared to a double clarinet or a hornpipe. This instrument is made of two reed pipes, one with five holes, the other with three. With the technique of the continuous breath, one can play various notes, with a sound which can resemble the bagpipe. A similar instrument is represented on the Spanish manuscript of Cantigas of Santa-Maria (XIII E century).



Trikitixa

The trikitixa is a diatonic accordion which came to the rest of Europe in the early to mid 19th century via Italy. It most likely came to Basque country through the port of Bilbao much later. The word "trikitixa" originally referred to instrumental group made up of traditional Basque instruments (txistus, alboka, etc ...) and the accordion. Now it refers as much to the instrument itself as to the ensemble.



