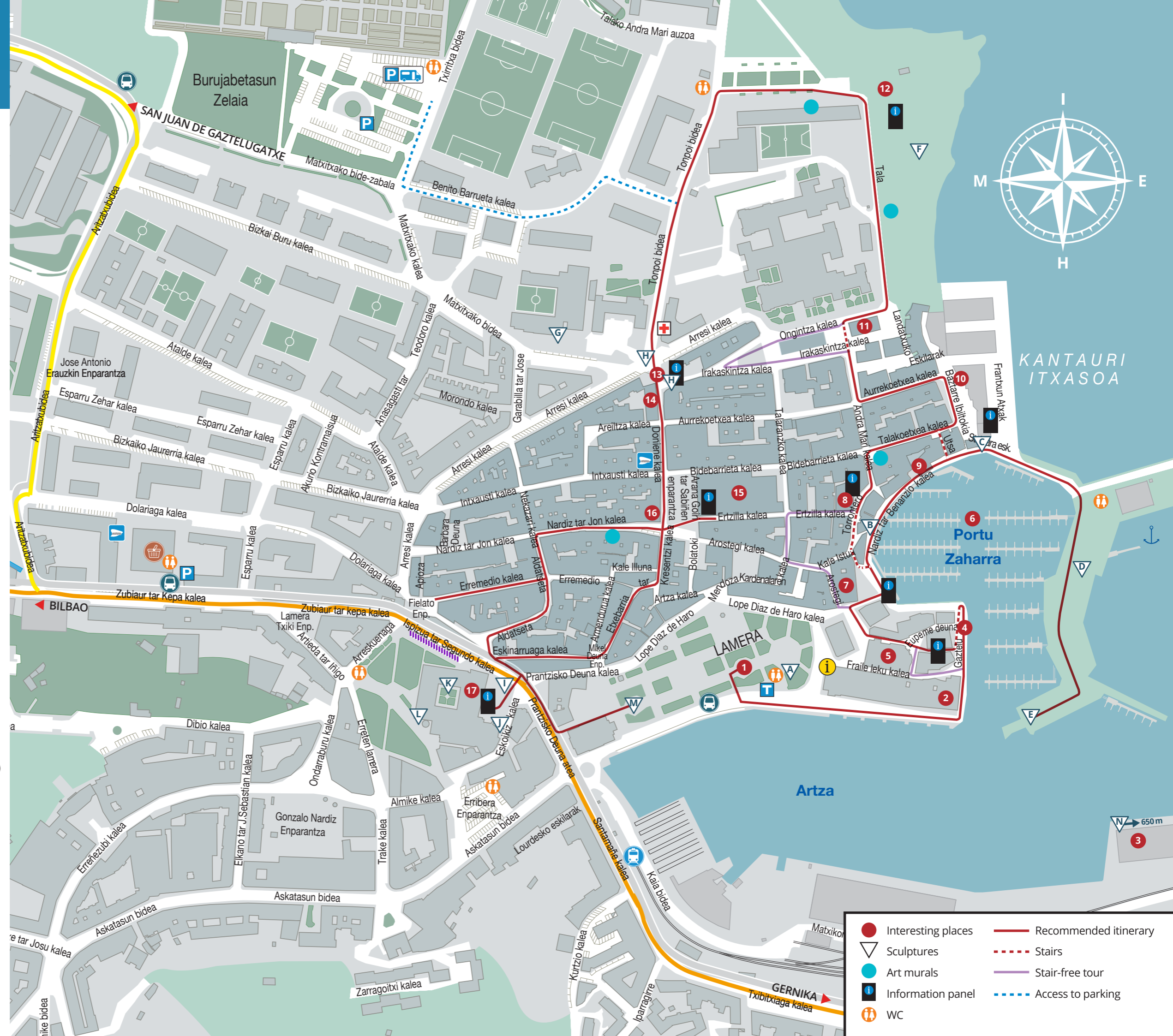


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1 Lamera Park

Nowadays a place of leisure thanks to the land reclaimed from the sea. Until 1905 it was a place for anchoring boats. From Lamera we can see places of interest relating to the fishing industry: the freezing plant, the shipyard, slipways... located on the southern quay.

2 The Old Guild of St. Peter

Not in use since 1993 when the new guild, which is located on the quay in front, opened. The siren of the brotherhood that once served to convene fish buyers only sounds nowadays during the Arrain Azoka (Fish Festival) in May, the feast of St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) and during the epiphany parade (January 5), or on days when there is an undercurrent and, by ringing it, it notifies the owners of vessels that a dangerous situation exists.

3 Fishermen's Guild

Point of sale of fish between fishermen and whole salers. Open only to professionals.

4 Gaztelu viewpoint

After passing the small square of Eupeme Deuna, possibly one of the most beautiful squares in Bermeo, this viewpoint in the built up area gives us a magnificent view of the port. From here, in a southerly direction, stands Kikunbera house, in the Basque rationalist style, which resembles a boat.

5 Church of Saint Eufemia

Also known as the port church (due to its location) or as the church of oaths (due to being the place where the oaths of respect for Biscay law were sworn by its lords and ladies, recognizing the rights of Biscayans). It is the smallest church in Bermeo as it was built on an island. Today, it has adapted to the town which surrounds it.

6 Old port

The line of façades with very colourful houses is striking and almost all of them have an external staircase for access. The pontoon poles have a series of drawings at the top, a reminder of the funnels on the steam fishing boats in the early twentieth century.

7 Goizeko Izarra

Fishermen's guild that was created in 1908 after breaking away from the guild of Saint Peter, but that lasted only 3 years. The plaque with its name and year of creation still survives.

8 Ercilla Tower / Fisherman's Museum

The fisherman's museum is a must visit for discovering the world of fishing and you won't be disappointed by your visit. More information on www.bizkaikoa.bizkaia.eus or by phone: 34- 94 688 11 71. The tower house of the Ercilla family, whose best known member was Alonso de Ercilla y Zuñiga, author of The Araucana.

9 The Two Fountains

Erected during the reign of the emperor Charles I at the end of the sixteenth century and the oldest surviving in Biscay. There are 3 coats of arms: those of Bermeo, the empire and Biscay. It was the main fountain in the old port until, in 1827, due to a landslip, the spring dried up.

10 Baztarre viewpoint

Square with magnificent views of the sea, in particular the island of Iزارo where there was a small Franciscan monastery, although only ruins remain. July 22 is the feast of St. Magdalene, to ratify the ownership of the island as the territorial boundary of Bermeo.

11 Nautical School

Crowning Andra Mari street, the former main street of the old town.



Lamera Park



The Old Guild



Fishermen's Guild



View from Gaztelu (Kikunbera house)



Church of Saint Eufemia



Old port



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12 Tala Lookout

Magnificent park above the cliffs with sea views, from Cape Matxitxako (NW) to Cape Ogoño (E), the island of Iزارo (E) and the Gaviota (Seagull) gas platform (N). Wooded area, picnic area and swings. A beautiful 60-metre long mural explains what whaling was like in the past.

13 St. Juan's Arch

It is the only one still standing of the seven that originally formed part of the medieval wall. At St. Juan's Arch there is a vaulted niche with the image of Saint John the Baptist and on the floor a tile with a footprint because, according to legend, St. Juan came to Bermeo and in three strides arrived at San Juan de Gaztelugatxe.

14 Houses in Doniene Street

The oldest ones in Bermeo.

15 Church of St. Maria

The church of Santa Maria is one of the most important references of the neoclassical architecture of Bizkaia. On August 12, 1912, funerals were held for the 114 fishermen who died in a sea storm.

16 The town hall

Striking solar clock in the facade. As a result of the fire that took place in the old town in 2013 this building has been completely rebuilt.

17 Church and Cloister of St. Francisco

The cloister is one of the few to be found in an urban area. In the floods of 1983 both church and cloister were seriously affected, having reached the water inside the church two meters high. In the rear left chapel we find a copy of the sculpture of the Virgin of Begoña that is located at the bottom of the sea, in the bay of San Juan de Gaztelugatxe. The cloister is open throughout the day being a place that transmits great tranquility.



Baztarre viewpoint



Nautical School



St. Juan's Arch



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The town hall



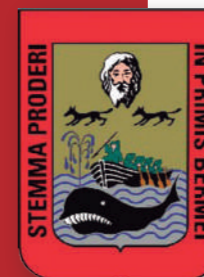
Church of St. Maria



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The Bermeo coat of arms provides us with a lot of information:

- The head of the old man represents Bermeo being the head of Biscay from 1476 to 1602, when Bilbao became the capital of Biscay
- The two wolves represent the house of Haro, who gave the founding charter to the town of Bermeo in the thirteenth century.
- The rowing boat and whale represent the way of life of the Bermeans, with whaling being the main economic activity in the town in the middle ages
- The test in Latin has two possible translations: "The one who shows up in the first place" or "the first is the shield of Bermeo". This refers to the supremacy of Bermeo over other towns of Biscay.



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