

Hotel Miró

Bilbao, Bizkaia, Spain



The contemporary Miró Hotel sits on Bilbao's Nervión River a few blocks from the Old Town.

About your stay

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Our editors have been here and it has met our standards.

Hotel Miró's unassuming facade and minimalist look mimic the avant-garde aesthetic of its neighbor, the Guggenheim — but you don't have to be an art connoisseur to dig this spot's creative ambiance. The brainchild of Barcelona-based fashion designer Antonio Miro, this Bilbao hotel has a killer riverfront location and thoughtful interiors with a modern museum vibe.

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Jetsetter review

Multicultural Bilbao is known for its art and architecture, and this nearly ten-year-old riverside stay on the Golden Mile follows suit. Among a bevy of world-class museums, the 50-room boutique Miró Hotel blends right in with its artistically inclined surroundings.

The squared-off aluminum and glass exterior hints at the shape of the guestrooms inside but gives nothing else away. The futuristic rooms — with boxy red, black and white interiors — are the brainchild of Barcelona-based fashion designer Antonio Miró, whose designs are known for their simplicity yet simultaneously celebrated for their extreme attention to detail.



Junior Suites have the same minimalist look and the same Guggenheim views — with a little more space.

Downstairs you'll find the Courtesy Bar, dressed in sunshine yellows, where you can mingle with other travelers over complimentary wine and the like before hitting the town. Need to brush up on your Basque know-how? Head to the Library, a quiet space lined with white bookshelves filled with classic reads. Even with its old-school book collection, the Miró's also very much up-to-speed, with complimentary WiFi and two laptops available for use.

The hotel is well appointed, and its convenient location is a key selling point, but it's the service at the Miró that truly shines. The staff members, all of whom speak excellent English, bend over backward to help guests. In a country not particularly known for attentive service, the Miró's is a welcome departure. It's a touch of Old World care in a totally New World building — a stay that appeals as much to travelers who appreciate the finer things in life as it does to diehard Frank Gehry fans.

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What to do

- **See.** As mastermind behind the Spanish outpost of one of the world's most beloved art franchises, Frank Gehry managed to inject a newfound energy into Bilbao's [Guggenheim](#) when he opened the museum in 1997. Nearby, you'll also find the [Museo de Bellas Artes](#), the city's revered fine arts institution, which is well worth a visit.
- **Explore.** Stroll downtown to the area known as the Old Town; the entire *barrio* has been declared a national landmark. Many of the structures, such as the [Catedral de Santiago](#) and the [Basílica de Begoña](#), date back as far as the 14th and 15th centuries.

- **Eat.** The Basque region of Spain is known for its tapas (called *pintxos* locally), which place a heavy emphasis on seafood bites like cod. Get in on the action via a favorite Spanish pastime: a self-organized pub crawl of nearby establishments — of which there are many — serving such fare.
- **Sit.** The amount of park space per resident (75 square feet) is astronomically high. Take advantage of this asset and Bilbao’s year-round balmy temps and claim a plot of grass for your own at such popular parks as the century-old [Doña Casilda](#).
- **Shop.** In keeping with its artsy theme, Bilbao has no shortage of [fashion-forward boutiques](#) — both well-known international chains and one-off stores. Take a stroll along Gran Vía, the main shopping promenade, where you’ll find upscale shops and unique boutiques.

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What I liked

Excellent location. Centrally located and close to museums and great restaurants.

What I disliked

The option of a later checkout.

6 months ago

This was helpful



What I liked

The design of the hotel, the location and the free snacks - that was a nice touch.

What I disliked

nothing!

1 year ago

This was helpful

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What I liked

great location

What I disliked

The room was a little over used

1 year ago

This was helpful

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What I liked

Very clean and modern, just across the street from the Guggenheim Museum, and a fabulous snack and drink bar in the lobby area that was free!

What I disliked

Not a thing.

1 year ago

This was helpful

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What I liked

location,service and room size

1 year ago

This was helpful



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What I liked

It was a very comfortable atmosphere. There were free drinks at the bar, which was awesome because I could make evening teas and do some light reading. The people were especially friendly and willing to provide whatever assistance was possible.

What I disliked

The late night room service food was really disgusting, but I suppose this is to be expected of food that is microwaved when there is no chef on hand.

Anonymous User 4 months ago

This was helpful



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What I liked

Great Location

3 months ago

This was helpful



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What I liked

The complimentary snacks for the guests allows you to have a bit of a snack as you adjust to the dining schedule of local establishments in Bilbao. The room was well-appointed, and the staff was very kind and responsive.

1 year ago

This was helpful

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What I liked

Nothing besides its proximity to Bilboa Guggenheim.

What I disliked

The staff were rude. The rooms were run down. The menu of the room service was very limited.

2 months ago

This was helpful

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What I liked

Location terrific for visit to guggenhiem, staff very helpful. Lounge w complementary beverages a nice touch.Fun modern design throughout.

What I disliked

Beds were rather too firm

1 year ago

This was helpful

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