



IS IT SAFE?

San Sebastian

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL RATING

Very safe — one of Spain's safest cities for solo travelers, including women traveling alone

San Sebastián is consistently ranked among Spain's safest cities, and solo travelers — including women traveling alone — routinely describe it as comfortable to explore independently, day or night.

Violent crime against tourists is very rare. The realistic risk is limited to occasional opportunistic pickpocketing in the busiest Parte Vieja pintxos bars and on La Concha beach during peak summer season.

Neighbourhood Safety at a Glance

AREA	RATING	NOTES
Parte Vieja (Old Town)	■■■■	Very lively and generally safe; watch belongings in the densest bar crowds.
La Concha / Centro	■■■■■	Elegant, well-patrolled, and uneventful at all hours.
Gros	■■■■■	Relaxed, local, and safe — including late evening.
Monte Urgull / Monte Igueldo	■■■■■	Safe throughout opening hours; well-trafficked walking paths.
Egia (near train station)	■■■■	Fine by day; standard station-area awareness at night.
RATING SCALE■■■■■ Very safe ■■■■ Safe ■■■ Use awareness ■■ Avoid at night ■ Avoid		

Transport & Common Scams

Getting Around Safely

D'Bus city buses are safe and reliable at all hours; standard bag awareness on crowded summer routes is sufficient. Taxis are metered and safe to hail via app or from official ranks throughout the city.

Common Scams to Know

- Unofficial pintxos 'tours' sold on the street sometimes overcharge for a self-guided experience easily done independently — book any guided food tour through a recognized local operator instead.
- A handful of Parte Vieja bars quietly charge tourists more for the same pintxos locals pay less for — pointing at what locals are eating and paying is a reliable way to avoid this.

Health, Solo Travel & Emergency Contacts

Health & Medical

Hospital Universitario Donostia is the city's major hospital, with full emergency services.

Tap water is safe to drink throughout the city. Pharmacies (green cross sign) are plentiful and can help with minor issues without an appointment.

Solo Travelers

San Sebastián is an exceptionally comfortable city for solo travelers, including solo women — its entire pintxos bar culture is built around standing solo at a counter, and the compact center is easy to navigate confidently at any hour.

Standard precautions apply in the busiest Parte Vieja crowds late on summer weekends — otherwise the city is comfortable to walk unaccompanied well into the evening.

Emergency Contacts

SERVICE	CONTACT
Emergency (all services)	112
National Police	091
Local Police (Policía Local)	092
Hospital Universitario Donostia	+34 943 007 000
US Consulate (nearest, Madrid)	+34 91 587 2200

Before You Go

- ☐ Save 112 and your accommodation address in Spanish before you land
- ☐ Book guided food tours through a recognized local operator, not a street seller
- ☐ Point at what locals are ordering if a pintxos bar's pricing feels off
- ☐ Carry a printed or downloaded copy of this guide offline

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