

THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Basque Country: (Location)



THE HISTORY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Extension of the Basque Country: approximately 20664km².

The Basque Country was dominated by the kingdom of Navarre in the XII century.

1512: The Kingdom of Castile conquered Navarre and the independent kingdom of Navarre disappeared.

Suffered social repression during the Franco's dictatorship



BASQUE TRADITIONAL SPORTS

Harri jasotzailea (stone-lifting):

- Lifting on to the shoulders
- Square, round or cylindrical
- More or less 300 kg in weight



Aizkolari (log-chopping):

- Using an axe
- Standing on a log with legs apart
- Try to chop the log quickly



Orka-jojo/Andartza (cart game):

- Lifting up the back of a cart of 350kg, and completing as many as possible.
- Other non-Basque sports : arm wrestling and donkey races



Our language: Euskara

Euskara: the language usually spoken in the Basque Country.

Is one of the oldest languages of Europe, it is an isolated language with no family language, it isn't an indoeuropean language.

There are several theories:

- 1 The language came from North Africa 2000 years ago.
- 2 The language came from Caucasus.
- 3 The language is the last rest of an ancient European language.

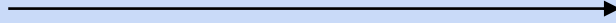
St. James Way

-St. James Way is a religious route that the merchants and christian pilgrims used to do walking or by horse since the Middle Ages.

-The end of this route is in Santiago de Compostela



PILGRIMS



SYMBOL

St. James Way in Lizarra

Lizarra is in the St. James Way

And that's why there are a lot of monuments.



Monuments in Lizarra

This are some monuments that you can find in the St. James Way in Lizarra:

Palace of the
Kings of Navarre



Church Santo
Sepulcro



Church San
Miguel



Church San
Pedro



