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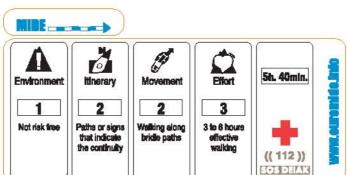


### **ROUTE OF THE THREE SANCTUARIES GR 286**

This mountainous route (GR) which originally linked the Sanctuary of Loiola (Azpeitia) with the Sanctuary of Arantzazu (Oñati), passing the Chapel La Antigua (Zumarraga) called the route of the Three Sanctuaries is today made up of another longer GR route that crosses Guipuzcoa from north to south, namely from Zumaia to Arantzazu, and which is called GR-286 ARAINDARRI-ROUTE OF THE THREE SANCTUARIES.

## Stage 1: AZPEITIA - LA ANTIGUA









Route which unlike the first part of the Ignatian Way (GR 120) goes along mountain tracks and paths, starting at Loiola going towards the rural area of Oñaz, heading to La Antigua in Zumarraga through the hills of Igarate and Pagotxeta.

Points of interest:

Sanctuary of Loyola

- Pagotxeta Hill

- La Antigua Chapel and Interpretation Centre

### Stage 2: LA ANTIGUA - BRINKOLA



Immersed in a rural setting, the route gains height under the vigilance of mounts Argizao and Trapalata. The route skirts the hillock of Aizakeku and brings us to Santa Marina, the chapel at the foot of Aztiria. Arriving at the town of Legazpi we come to Mirandaola Park and following the signs we reach the neighbourhood of Telleriarte. Following the paved country path we reach Brinkola.

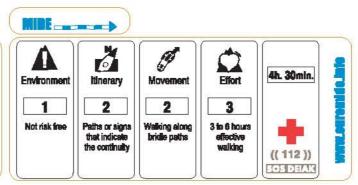


Points of interest:

- Mirandaola: cultural-tourist area
- Mirandaola Forge

## Stage 3: BRINKOLA - ARANTZAZU









Points of interest:

- Barrendiola Reservoir - Duru
- O Katabera Mines
  - Alzkorri-Aratz Natural Park. Parketxea - Sanctuary of Arantzazu

From the rural neighbourhood of Brinkola we come to Barrendiola Reservoir to start the ascent to Biozkornia following the GR signs after passing Jarondo. Later, passing Duru meadowlands we descend to the Sanctuary of Arantzazu.





In March 1522 Ignatius of Loyola commenced the pilgrimage that would take his whole life, unaware of the influence which his decision would have on the development of history. He left his home intending to go to Jerusalem, the first stop on his long journey being Arantzazu, and then continuing in the following weeks to Manresa. Although initially he had not planned to stay in Manresa, for circumstances beyond his control he was forced to spend 11 months there, time that was of vital importance in his life, and for this reservant forms and of another story.

In this leaflet we present one part of his long pilgrimage, the one belonging to the historic land of Guipuzcoa. The two options are significant for people in Guipuzcoa, two routes that share the same start and finish. The starting point, the places on route and the finish are significant for us.

The Sanctuary of Lovola, the Chapel La Antiqua and the Sanctuary of Arantzazu.

Here we have two options which, through sport and fresh air, allow us to enjoy the countryside and heritage, from the Sanctuary of Loyola to Arantzazu.

1.- GR 120 THE IGNATIAN WAY. 2.-GR 286 ROUTE OF THE THREE TEMPLES.