



# Loiola Sanctuary

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## Loiola Monumental Complex

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The Loiola Sanctuary monumental complex consists of a series of buildings that were gradually constructed around the medieval Tower House, known today as the 'Santa Casa' or Holy House.

In the centre, the Loiola Basilica stands out impressively among this group of religious and spiritual buildings, dominated by a dome and preceded by a wide portal decorated in Churrigueresque, the exuberant style of the Spanish baroque.

### The Loyola family's Tower House - the Holy House

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The old medieval Tower House, ancestral home to the Oñaz y Loyola noble family and the place where Iñigo de Loyola was born in 1491 and later devoted himself to God in 1521, is the core of the Loiola Sanctuary and its reason for being.

The lower half part of this impressive house is built of stone and is practically windowless; a genuine stronghold, it was built in the late fourteenth century by Iñigo's great-great-grandfather, Beltrán Ibáñez de Loyola.

The upper half, built of brick and clearly Mudejar in style, with numerous windows and four ornamental sentry-boxes at the angles, adorned with festoons of Mudejar interlacings, it is a palace rather than a military tower. It is a reconstruction built in 1460 by Iñigo's grandfather, Juan Pérez de Loyola.

#### Self audio guided tour:

Monday - Sunday: 10:00 - 12:30, 15:30 - 18:15

Open all year long.

Booking phone: 943 025 000

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## Nature

Set among the beautiful natural spaces of Izarraitz and Ernio and bounded by the Zumaia coast to the north, the Urola region gives visitors the possibility of enjoying its impressive natural landscape on a walk through Urola's official signposted network of footpaths, which includes several different round treks and provides a variety of alternatives as regards distances and degrees of difficulty.

### 3 Loiola Basilica

The basilica, a clear example of Baroque architecture, began to be constructed in the seventeenth century and was inaugurated in 1738, in honour of St. Ignatius.

This impressive church was designed by the Italian architect Carlo Fontana, a disciple of Bernini, in the form of a small Vatican, and built by the Basque masters Zaldúa, Lecuna and Ignacio Íbero. Consistently built in the same style; circular ground plan topped by a majestic dome and a graceful lantern.

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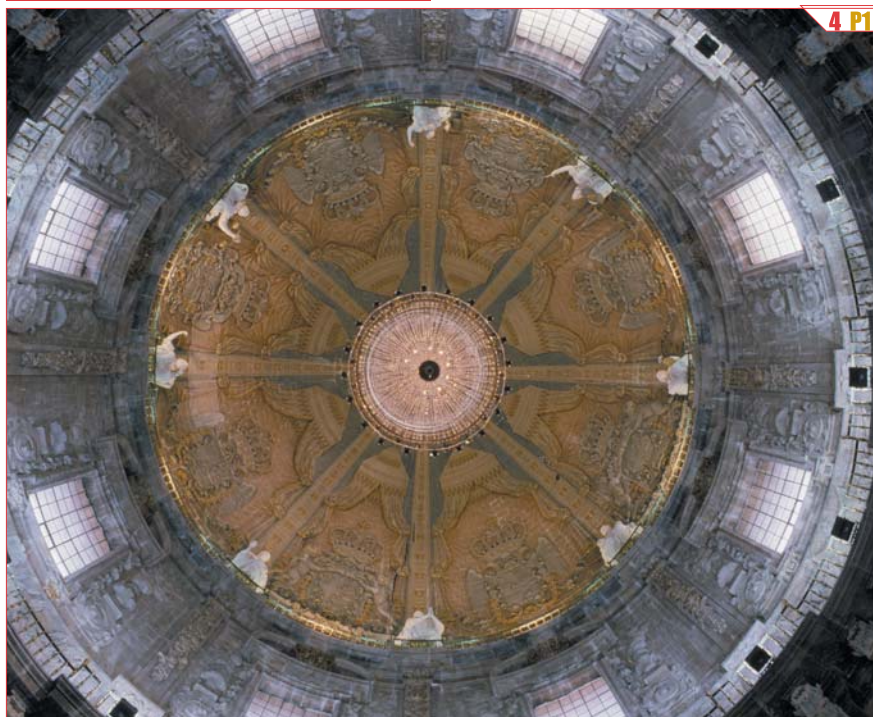
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#### Schedules:

- Winter: 10:00-13:30, 15:30-19:00
- Summer (From 15 July to 4 October): 10:00-13:30, 15:30-20:00

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## The Ignatian Way

Ignacio de Loyola in 1522 decided to become a pilgrim and traveled 650 km. in 27 stages from Loiola to Manresa.

[www.caminoignaciano.org](http://www.caminoignaciano.org)

You can have your credentials at the Sanctuary of Loiola.



## 7 Biography of St. Ignatius

- 1491** ➤ *Iñigo de Loyola was born.*
- 1505** ➤ *He settled in Arévalo, in the house of the Treasurer of Castile.*
- 1517** ➤ *He became a palace courtier.*
- 1521** ➤ *Wounded during the defence of the Citadel of Pamplona, he returned to Loiola to convalesce, and his conversion began.*
- 1522** ➤ *Beginning of his vital pilgrimage. He starts in Loiola with the intention of reaching the Holy Land but things of destiny he arrives to Manresa, where he will stay 11 months, vital time for him and which will mark his whole life.*
- 1533** ➤ *He began his university life in Barcelona, Alcalá and Paris, which was to last 12 years.*
- 1535** ➤ *He left Paris and returned to his birthplace in Azpeitia.*
- 1540** ➤ *He founded the Company of Jesus.*
- 1541** ➤ *He was appointed General of the Company of Jesus.*
- 1556** ➤ *He died in Rome on July 31.*



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Distances in kilometres:

Loiola Sanctuary to:	Donostia (45 Km.), Bilbo (70 Km.), Vitoria-Gasteiz (75 Km.), La Antigua Hermitage (20 Km.), Arantzazu Sanctuary (55 Km.)
La Antigua Hermitage to:	Donostia (57 Km.), Bilbo (71 Km.), Vitoria-Gasteiz (56 Km.), Loiola Sanctuary (20 Km.), Arantzazu Sanctuary (26 Km.)
Arantzazu Sanctuary to:	Donostia (85 Km.), Bilbo (82 Km.), Vitoria-Gasteiz (55 Km.), Loiola Sanctuary (55 Km.), La Antigua Hermitage (26 Km.)



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### Saint Ignatius, the pilgrim:

- From Loyola to Arantzazu. The Route of the Three Temples (GR-286)
- The Ignatian Way (GR-120): From Loyola to Arantzazu.

### A birthplace:

- Azpeitia: - Tower-House of Loyola and the farm called Egibar.  
- Hermitage of Our Lady of Elosiaga.  
- Parish Church of San Sebastián de Soreasu.  
- Olatz Hermitage.  
- Magdalena Hermitage and Hospital.

### Interior artwork (altarpieces of the 16<sup>th</sup> century):

- Azpeitia: - Chapel of the Loneliness and plateresque sepulcher of Martín de Zurbano (parish church of San Sebastián de Soreasu).
- Azkoitia: - Altarpiece of Saint John the Baptist (parish church of Santa María la Real)

### ...Between tower-houses and palaces:

- Azpeitia: Antxieta House.
- Azkoitia: Tower-houses of the Balda and Floreaga.

### The humanistic spirit.

### ...Rural life, ironworks, salt production.

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