



REVIEW: **Villa Soro, a neo-Norman style gem in San Sebastián**

An exquisite retreat just a stone's throw from the city center.

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Villa Soro

AMENITIES

- Bar
- Familiar
- Free Wi-Fi
- Spa
- Wifi

ROOMS

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Accommodation like this in San Sebastián, almost anywhere, is a *rare avis*. And staying there is a privilege. Because the first thing that distinguishes **Villa Soro** from other luxury hotels in San Sebastián is its location: in the Uliia neighborhood, **just a 10-minute walk from the center**. A location that, in turn, offers the **opportunity to disconnect from the noise and daily life of the city**. All this in a villa that, more than a hotel, is a magnificent, private home with every imaginable comfort.

Its impeccable team makes each and every guest feel like part of an exclusive family for the duration of their stay. Without a doubt, **Villa Soro's hallmark is its unparalleled personalized service**, with attentive staff who strive to make the stay as comfortable and memorable as possible.



HISTORY

The former villa—once owned by the Gaytán de Ayala family—was **designed by the prestigious architect Luis Elizalde at the end of the 19th century** and declared a Historic Heritage Site by the City of San Sebastián.

Today, this same space is owned by the Soldevila-Ferrer family – also behind Sant Francesc Hotel in Palma de Mallorca and **Can Ferrereta** in Santanyi – who have given it a new lease of life, turning it into a **classic and understated hotel** where good taste is reflected in the choice of décor and the details discovered throughout each day.

THE HOTEL

Once you enter, the hotel greets you through its **manicured gardens (originally designed by P. Ducasse)** and idyllic façade. Once inside, you're greeted by its majestic oak staircase, stunning high glass ceilings, and gleaming marble floors. The ambiance is that of a **private and intimate residence**, including a guest lounge with a wood-burning fireplace, a bar, and a **library curated by the expert Maison Assouline team**.



Alongside them, the small treasures that make up its **impressive modern art collection** begin to be revealed, celebrating the rich Basque heritage and the city's dynamic contemporary art scene. Pieces range from **vintage prints and paintings by Chillida** to **works by the celebrated Jorge de Oteiza**. Already in the gardens, Inigo Manterola's distinctive **sculpture "Time"** conceptualizes his experience at sea with coastal fishermen through "drawings in space."

ROOMS

The main house at **Villa Soro consists of 25 charming rooms**, most with large windows overlooking the gardens, the mountains, or the exterior views of the stately homes in the **Uliia neighborhood**. The furnishings throughout have been restored, maintaining the essence of the style that once occupied this very space, which combines with the **stately upholstered walls** and carefully selected pieces of art.

In the bathroom, **Diptyque amenities** await, both in the spacious showers and in the bathtubs that invite relaxation.

GASTRONOMY

Although Villa Soro doesn't have a full-scale restaurant, its commitment to the art of Basque cuisine is evident. And breakfast is proof of that. From early in the morning, **the hotel team revs up to welcome guests with a smile**, preluding to an exceptional display of resources for the first meal of the day: homemade, simple, and perfectly executed.



A buffet-style **selection of local specialties and fresh produce** awaits you, including cheeses and cured meats, fresh fruit, yogurts, and cereals, as well as artisan pastries and cakes. Freshly squeezed orange juice and freshly brewed coffee are served at your table (set with tableware from La Cartuja de Sevilla), as well as a freshly made potato omelet or eggs any style upon request.

After exploring the city and surrounding areas on a star-studded route or tasting signature **pintxos**, **a classic cocktail awaits you back at the hotel bar**, accompanied by comforting dishes like **creamed vegetables, Caesar salad, Cantabrian anchovies, and Iberian ham**.

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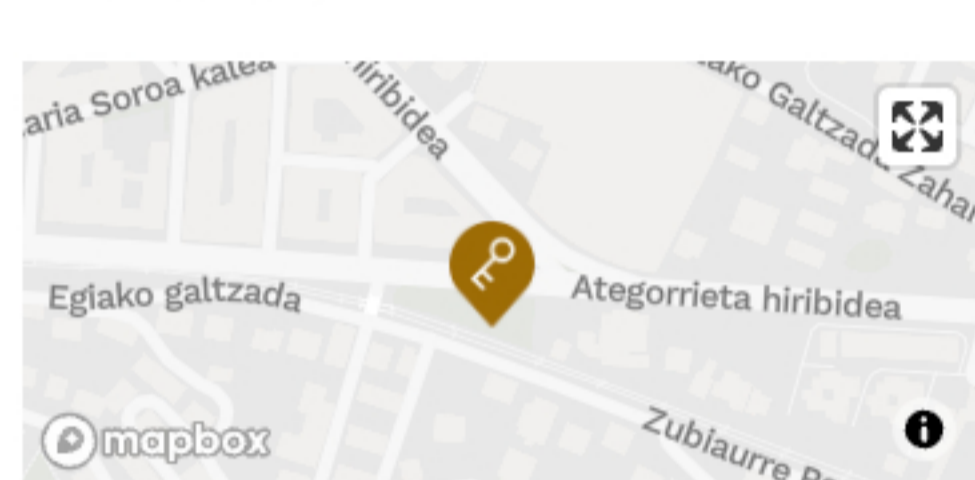
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