

Gijón

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Atlantic Botanic Garden
Laboral City of Culture

What to See in Gijón/Xixón in 3 Hours

We invite you to embark on a brief yet enriching exploration of our city, designed to maximise your experience in just a few hours. Be sure to indulge in our local gastronomy, where fresh fish and seafood take centre stage, and do not depart without tasting our signature drink, natural cider. Immerse yourself in the culture and savour Gijón like a local—you're at home here.

1. Gijón/Xixón Marina.

Begin your journey with a visit to the Marina, where a photograph at Las *Letronas* ① and the unique sculpture, *The Cider Tree*, ② crafted from 3,200 cider bottles, is essential. Take a moment to admire the Cantabrian Sea's waves at *Punta Lequerica*. ⑧

2. Plaza del Marqués.

Dominated by the statue of King Pelayo, the first monarch of the Kingdom of Asturias, ③ this square also hosts the Revillagigedo Palace. At the centre lies the *well of La Barquera*, historically used to announce the election of council officials.

3. Plaza Mayor.

Since 1867, this square has housed the Town Hall. ⑦

RECOMMENDATION.

This is an excellent time to enjoy a “culín” (short pour) of cider or purchase local crafts and souvenirs from nearby shops.

4. Playa de San Lorenzo.

As Gijón/Xixón's main beach and one of the most iconic along Spain's northern coast, San Lorenzo offers a 3-kilometre promenade known locally as *El Muro* (the Wall). ④

Be sure to visit staircase number 4, *La Escaleroná*, a popular gathering spot that features a thermometer, barometer, tide gauge, three square clocks and the flag of Gijón/Xixón.

5. Church of San Pedro and Roman Baths.

One of the city's most photographed landmarks, the *Church of San Pedro*, ⑤ stands proudly above the *Roman Baths of Campo Valdés*, an archaeological site featuring public baths dating back to the 1st century AD. Admission is free. ⑪

6. Cerro de Santa Catalina and Elogio del Horizonte.

Atop the *Cerro* or *L'Atalaya*, you'll find *La Fontica* and remnants of the city's ancient defences.

The views from here are spectacular—on clear days, you can even see the Picos de Europa mountain range. Don't miss the *Elogio del Horizonte*, ⑥ a sculpture by Eduardo Chillida that amplifies the sound of the sea.

Capture a photo next to *Nordeste*. ⑨

7. Cimavilla.

The upper quarter, Cimavilla, is the historic heart of the city.

RECOMMENDATION.

Wander through its narrow streets and squares such as El Llavaderu, where you'll find the former convent and church of the Augustinian Recollects, later transformed into a state tobacco factory.

Visit the Birthplace of Jovellanos, ⑩ now the *Museum of Fine Arts* with ⑫ free admission, along with the chapels of *Los Remedios* and *Soledad*.

RECOMMENDATION.

This is the perfect moment to savour Gijón's diverse culinary offerings—fish, seafood, fabada, and cachopo, to name a few.

Cuesta'l Cholo and *Tránsito de las Ballenas*, commemorating the city's whaling history (the last whale was captured in 1722), serve as popular meeting points for locals and visitors alike.

8. The Enlightened and Modernist Gijón/Xixón.

As the city expanded from the 18th century onwards, several notable buildings emerged. The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Iglesiona*), crowned by a 7.5-metre-tall Carrara marble statue of Jesus, is a standout. ⑫

Opposite, the *Jovellanos Public Library*, formerly the Bank of Spain and site of Spain's first bank robbery, invites exploration.

A visit to the *Citadel of Celestino Solar*, ⑬ an example of late 19th-century working-class life in Gijón, is a must and offers free access.

RECOMMENDATION.

Stroll through the city centre's streets to discover buildings of historicist, art-deco, modernist, and rationalist styles, alongside cafés that have stood for over a century.

In Plaza de Europa, you will find the *Nicanor Piñole Museum*, ⑭ dedicated to a 20th-century Gijón artist.



Download the Gijón de compras mobile app and follow the city's themed shopping routes.



Purchase the Gijón Goloso voucher and taste the specialities of confectioneries and ice-cream parlours.

9. Return to the Marina and Poniente Beach.

In front of *Poniente* or *Pando Beach*, you will find the *Asturias Railway Museum* ⑮ (free access) and the *Gijón Aquarium*. ⑩

What to See in 5 Hours

I. Muséu del Pueblu d'Asturies, El Molinón, and Isabel la Católica Park.

At the end of *San Lorenzo Beach* lies *Isabel la Católica Park*, the city's historic park. Nearby, you can visit the *El Molinón* stadium, Spain's oldest football stadium, or the *Muséu del Pueblu d'Asturies*, an open-air ethnographic museum with free access that also houses the *Bagpipe Museum*. ⑮

II. Atlantic Botanical Garden and Laboral City of Culture.

Alternatively, head east to explore Laboral Ciudad de la Cultura, Spain's largest building, originally built in the mid-20th century as a mining orphanage and later transformed into the first Labour University in Spain. ⑯

Just a short 500m walk away is the Atlantic Botanical Garden, a 25-hectare space home to a natural forest with trees over 400 years old.

Useful information

Distance from the Port of Gijón/Xixón to the City Centre.....	6 km
Airport.....	40 km
Train station.....	5 km
How to get to the city centre from the Port of Gijón/Xixón	
Taxis.....	desde 18 €
City Buses.....	Líneas 4 y 6

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