



**Saint Mary's
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International Centre
for Co-operative
Management



EXAMPLE ITINERARY

Co-operative Study Tour to Mondragon, The Basque Country (Spain)

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Based on Mondragon Study Tour 2024 Dates:

SATURDAY June 15 (arrival - Bilbao) to SUNDAY June 23 (departure - Bilbao)

Fly into BILBAO (or Seville or Madrid then take train to Bilbao)

Saturday

Participants arrive in Bilbao. *This necessitates a Friday, June 14 departure for those in North America.*
Impromptu social gatherings based on participants' arrival times (unstructured).

Sunday

Morning in Bilbao.
Option to visit the Guggenheim Museum (ticket provided).
Afternoon bus to Vitoria-Gasteiz (1 hour drive).
Opening session and group dinner.

Monday-Friday details are an example only (co-operative visits vary from year to year)

Monday (Tour days Mon-Fri are coordinated by Mondragon's Otalora Training Centre)

- 08:30 h. Departure from hotel (have breakfast at hotel before departure).
- 09:30 h. Reception at OTALORA, the Co-operative and Management Training Centre (located in the town of Aretxabaleta, in the neighbourhood of Aozaraza).
- 09:35 h. MONDRAGON Corporate video presentation.
- 09:50 h. Presentation covering the history and current situation of the MONDRAGON Co-operative Experience.
Coffee / Tea.
- 11:30 h. Continuation of the presentation covering the history and current situation of the MONDRAGON Co-operative Experience.
- 13:00 h. Lunch at OTALORA.
- 14:30 h. Visit Mondragon University. Presentation of LANKI, Institute of Co-operative Research.
- 17:00 h. Typical end of a tour day; transport back to Vitoria (hotel). Free to explore and have dinner of your choosing (unstructured).

Tuesday

- 08:30 h. Departure from hotel (have breakfast at hotel before departure).
- 09:00 h. Young co-operative entrepreneur/Special presentation.
Coffee/Tea.
- 11:15 h. Presentation of EROSKI, consumer co-operative (at OTALORA).
- 13:30 h. Lunch at OTALORA.
- 15:00 h. Presentation of LKS, co-operative consulting (at OTALORA).
- 17:00 h. Typical end of a tour day; transport back to Vitoria (hotel). Free to explore and have dinner of your choosing (unstructured).



Wednesday

- 08:30 h. Departure from hotel (have breakfast at hotel before departure).
- 09:00 h. Visit to MONDRAGON UNIBERTSITATEA (Faculty of Business), co-operative university. Coffee/Tea.
- 11:30 h. Visit to FAGOR AUTOMATION industrial cooperative.
- 13:30 h. Lunch at OTALORA.
- 15:00 h. Presentation of LAGUN ARO, social welfare co-operative (at OTALORA).
- 17:00 h. End of a tour day; transport to Arrasate/Mondragon town to explore (unstructured).
- 20:30 h. Dinner at Amaika Gazte, basque traditional gastronomical club in Arrasate/Mondragón

Thursday

- 08:30 h. Departure from hotel (have breakfast at hotel before departure).
- 09:00h. Visit to EDERTEK, co-operative Technological Research Centre. Transfer to OTALORA and coffee/tea.
- 11:30 h. Presentation of LABORAL KUTXA, credit co-operative.
- 13:30 h. Lunch at OTALORA.
- 15:00 h. Enterprise promotion by MONDRAGON.
- 17:00 h. Typical end of a tour day; transport back to Vitoria (hotel). Free to explore and have dinner of your choosing (unstructured).

Friday

- 08:30 h. Departure from hotel (have breakfast at hotel before departure).
- 09:00 h. Visit to FAGOR EDERLAN, industrial co-operative. Transfer to Otalora and Coffee/Tea.
- 11:30 h. Presentation of ELKAR LAN.
- 13:30 h. Lunch at OTALORA.
- 15:00 h. Visit to the little museum of the founder Jose Maria ARIZMENDIARRIETA.
- 15:30 h. Conclusions.
- 17:00 h. Typical end of a tour day; transport back to Vitoria (hotel). Free to explore and have dinner of your choosing (unstructured).

Saturday

- 7:30 h. Breakfast, pack, and check-out.
- 9:00 h. Departure from hotel and drive to San Sebastian.
- Mid-morning to late afternoon: Cultural day, closing lunch in San Sebastian
- Late afternoon: Drive to Bilbao; overnight in Bilbao.

Sunday

- Travel home.