

THE TRAIN MUSEUM OF AZPEITIA

The most famous museum of Azpeitia is The train museum. The railway was opened on February 22, 1926 by Alfonso XIII. Before it was a train station and the train made the way between Zumarraga and Zumaia, Urola train travelled a distance of 60 kilometers. To construct this trajectory it took 29 tunnels and 20 bridges. But actually this way doesn't exist and the station has become a museum, and sometimes the train goes to Lasao carrying the tourist in the special train of steam, 5 kilometres. The museum is situated in the north of Azpeitia, near the "Damaso" street. In other words it's situated in the centre of Guipuzkoa.



This train was the first in the railway of Urola.

The museum has got a lot of variety of trains. You can also see buses, wagons and electric and the most important the steam train.

THE ELECTRIC TRAIN:

Electric train appeared around the turn of the 20th century. But these were crude likenesses. Model trains today are more realistic. Today modellers create model railway / railroad layouts, often recreating real locations and periods in history.

THE STEAM TRAIN:

A **steam locomotive** is a locomotive that produces its power through a steam engine. The locomotive is usually fueled by coal, wood or oil. What is more, this fuel is burned to produce steam in a boiler, which drives the steam engine. Beginning in Britain, steam locomotives dominated railway transportation from the start of the 19th century, until the middle of the 20th century. They were gradually improved and developed in their over 150 years of use. Now the steam train isn't used and because of it the museum of Azpeitia is so important.

The typical steam locomotive employs a steel fire-tube boiler that contains pressurized water and steam. A firebox is normally located in the rear of the boiler (chimney in front). Moreover the firebox has a water filled steel chamber surrounding the top and sides of the flame in the firebox.

To sum up, this museum is very important for tourism in Azpeitia, every year receives many visitors from different nationalities. And sometimes it makes a small trip to Lasao, teaching how the old trains of steam were. According to “euskotren”, they are thinking in the possibility to open a part of the old trip which would be between Azpeitia and Zumaia.



This bus was used to transport people to the train station and now is in the museum.

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