

- If you have time while attending the school, consider checking some of the Jaialdi events that'll begin on Tuesday, July 29. Here's a link to the schedule: <https://www.jaialdi.com/schedule-and-tickets>



Per [jaialdi.com](https://www.jaialdi.com)

The first Jaialdi was celebrated in 1987 at the historic Idaho State Penitentiary and was intended to celebrate the old and new, local and international aspects of Basque culture. More than 30,000 enthusiastic participants arrived and were treated to a parade, symposium, Mass, street dance, sports exhibitions, cultural performances, souvenir booths and food and drink.

In 1990, Idaho's then-governor, Cecil Andrus, requested that another Jaialdi be held as part of the 100th anniversary of Idaho's statehood. Jaialdi '90 took the same format, but with a few minor changes and improvements. It proved so popular, again, that organizers decided that Jaialdi would be a recurring festival that would happen every five years. Jaialdi is always held during the last weekend of July, which coincides with the Boise Basque community's celebration of San Ignatius de Loyola, the patron saint of the Basque people.

With upwards of 30,000 attendees at the last festival in 2015, Jaialdi is the largest Basque festival in the United States by far, and is larger than most Basque festivals in the world. Many Basques living in the Basque Country even make the trip to experience their own culture through the lens of the Basque-American diaspora.