



# *Cristóbal Menu*

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of Cristóbal Balenciaga.*

GETARIA

*Pelayo Baby Squid*

BEAUTY

*Shrimps, essential oil and flowers*

VOLUME AND FORM

*Tartar and vegetable gelée*

THE FABRIC

*Silky kokotxas*

GETARIA-PARÍS-GETARIA

*Brioche bread and farmhouse milk ice cream*

90€ menu

120€ menu paired with selected wines

VAT included

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## GETARIA: Txipirón Pelayo

*The journey begins in the waters of Getaria, where the txipirón (squid), a symbol of the Basque Sea, takes center stage as the first dish, transporting us to the origins of Cristóbal Balenciaga.*

*The designer was born in Getaria on January 21, 1895, into a working-class family where his father was a sailor and his mother, a key figure for Balenciaga, was a seamstress who worked for the family of the Marquis of Casa-Torres. The close contact with his mother's craft from a young age, combined with the elegance and taste of the marquise (who would become one of his first clients), helped nurture his talent.*

## BEAUTY: Shrimps, essential oil, and flowers

*This dish celebrates aesthetics and elegance, reminding us that beauty—central to Balenciaga's work—lies in the details.*

*After his early years in San Sebastián, Balenciaga moved to Paris and opened his salons at 10 Avenue George V. This move provided him not only with access to the best fabric suppliers and the top specialists in Haute Couture, but also with a cosmopolitan clientele of high social, economic, and cultural relevance, all under the international media spotlight.*

## VOLUME AND FORM: Tartare and vegetable gelée

*Inspired by the sculptural forms in Balenciaga's creations, this dish invites us to explore how gastronomy, like fashion, can transform simple ingredients into visual and sensory masterpieces.*

*Cristóbal Balenciaga's success began with the presentation of his first collection in Paris in 1937. His creations, based on comfort, pure lines, a reinterpretation of Spanish tradition, and innovative volume development, would define mid-20th-century fashion.*

## THE FABRIC: Silky kokotxas

*Starting with fabric as a foundation, these kokotxas (fish cheeks), a symbol of Basque culinary tradition, are presented with a silky texture that evokes the softness of the fabrics Balenciaga used.*

*Balenciaga's innovative capacity, in subtle and constant evolution, his knowledge of fabrics, his sense of proportion and measure, and his vision and interpretation of the female form, have solidified him as one of the most influential designers of all time.*

## GETARIA-PARÍS-GETARIA: Brioche and farmhouse milk ice cream

*The sweet part of the menu combines elements from both Getaria and Paris—one a fishing village and the other one of the world's most iconic capitals—both sharing a bond with one of the most influential designers in history.*