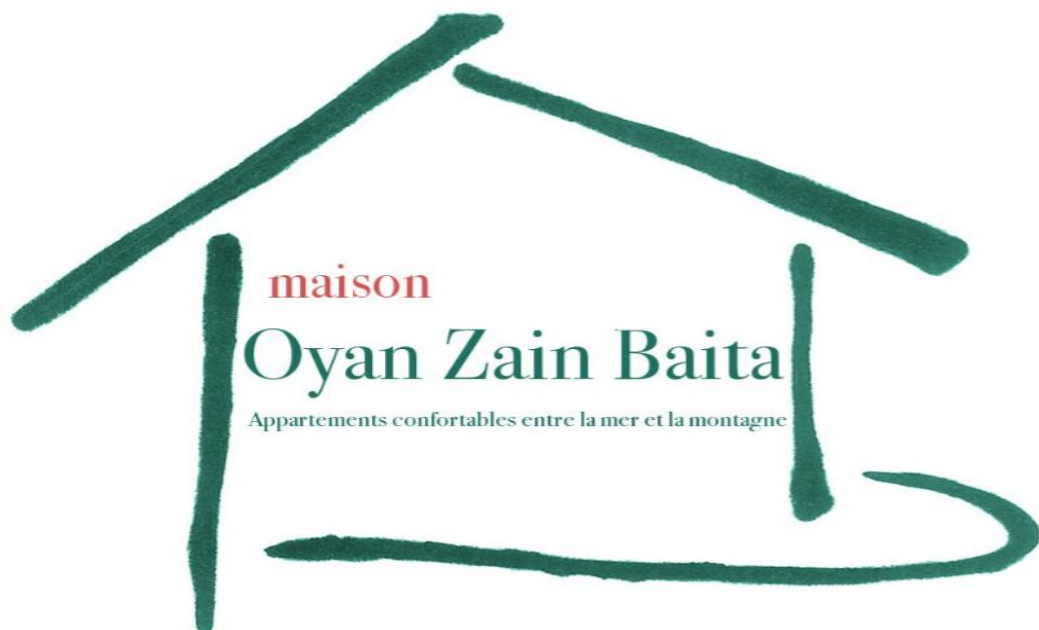


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General guide of the surrounding area

The focus of this travel guide is the côte basque in the French Basque country, the adjoining Spain is of course also illuminated. I will try to give you a quick overview, so that your trip can be a nice adventure. To any place or topic, you will of course find even more details in the Internet or other tour guides.

Beaches:

I start with the southwest beach on the border with Spain in Hendaye and then move north along the côte basque (Hendaye, Ciboure, Saint Jean de Luz, Guéthary, Bidart, Biarritz and Anglet). The local websites of the tourist offices have all the information online. A visit is always worthwhile in a tourist office, where there are also maps where all the beaches are listed. After Anglet begins the region les Landes, known by its immense Atlantic beaches which reach as far as Arcachon. The beaches of Ondres, Capbreton or Hossegor are worth a visit.

Hendaye:

My recommendation for families and surfers. A 3-4 km long beautiful and safe sandy beach with lots of space. From Ciboure to Hendaye is an imposing drive along the beautiful coastline of the Corniche.



Surfer am Strand von Hendaye mit Sicht auf Biarritz

In Hendaye you can take the ferry from the sports port to Spain (Hondarribia). In less than 5 minutes you are already on the Spanish side and can spoil yourself with excellent tapas. Furthermore, Hendaye has a super water sports shop / outlet from the brand Tribord (Decathlon), since there is everything from bikini to neoprene.

In the high season (mid-July to August), there may be shortages in parking slots, so either you arrive early from around 10.30 am or use the lunch time after 1 pm. On the beach there is always enough space.

Saint Jean de Luz:

The Grand Plage in the beautiful protected bay of Saint Jean de Luz in the city. After the beach you can stroll through Saint Jean de Luz and enjoy an ice cream at Txomin.



Le grand plage de Saint Jean de Luz . (Quelle: www.saint-jean-de-luz.com)

In front of the Grand plage, there is the slightly smaller beach of Ciboure, where the maritime sports harbor, with its restaurants and the ancient fortress of Socoa, which formerly protected the whalers and the Corsairs, invites you to visit.



Beach of Ciboure from Saint Jean de Luz photographed.

The beach Erromardie is located at the northern end of Saint Jean de Luz with open access to the Atlantic.



The beach of Lafiténia (great surfing scene), Maiarko and plage de Cenitz, are located about 2-3 km north of Saint Jean de Luz, in the district of Acotz. In these beautiful natural bays one can feel the Atlantic at first hand. At the plage d'Mayarco there is a mini golf course with a good bar (Bibam Bar), which has an incredible view of the Atlantic. There are two, three completely relaxed beach bars in this corner. Nearby there is also a Carrefour supermarket and the ultimate Sufshop boardrider from Quicksilber.

Impressions of the beach Lafiténia



Guethary und Bidart

Guethary is a very attractive former fishing village with access to the sea. There are also a few great and relaxed restaurants with sea view. The plage d'Uhabia is just to the left of the road between Guethary and Bidart. The beaches of Bidart then reach Ilbaritz, where you really feel like already in Biarritz. If you are once at the beach of Ilbaritz make sure to have a drink or a meal at the “blue cargo”.

Biarritz und Anglet:

In Biarritz, the surfing culture of the region began more than 30 years ago. The Grand Plage is the famous beach in the center of Biarritz, the plage de la Côtes de Basques to the left of the Rocher de la Vierge and the Aquirum is well known for longboard surfers.



The Grand plage in winter at high tide.

In Anglet the long Atlantic beaches begin. The first beach is Chambre d'amour, where you can also hang around with nice cafes. This is followed by a beach after beach, therefore Anglet is also known as little California.



Anglet with a view of the lighthouse of Biarritz.

Les Landes:

Starting from Anglet almost until Arcachon you have more than 100 km of beaches. Hossegor and Capbreton are also a first class surfing spot. Take the motorway direction to Bordeaux and exit Hossegor.

San Sebastián:

In the famous beach La Concha even the king used to take a bathe. For the surfers I recommend La Zuriola, which is located in the neighborhood of Gros. So after sightseeing the city, you can have a nice bath and prepare yourself for the long Spanish nights. There is even a parking garage at Zuriola.

Cities:

Also in the cities I refer to the closer environment. Bilbao, Pamplona, Bordeaux and Lourdes are only briefly exposed, but can be reached in a day trip.

Saint Jean de Luz:

Donibane Hoizune is the Basque name for Saint Jean de Luz . In the old days the whale boats went out into the ocean, you can also look back on a past with corsairs and a royal wedding. Since the last century, Saint Jean de Luz has developed into a very attractive seaside resort. With its beautiful pedestrian zone, where the shops are also open on weekends, many nice restaurants and a beautiful beach in the bay, Saint Jean de Luz is my favorite. I've been living here for many years, but Saint Jean de Luz still makes my heart beat faster.



Place Louis XIV and the Market Hall of Saint Jean de Luz



The beach with view of Socoa and the port of Saint Jean de Luz.

Biarritz:

Biarritz is an elegant city where you can still breathe the air of the belle époque. Biarritz is the birthplace of surfsports in the region and the Atlantic is omnipresent. Here Ernest Hemmingway and many other celebrities have spent the summer, so you have a very active cultural life, with ballet, concerts etc .. Biarritz was discovered in the 19th century by the French nobility as a summer residence, the Russian nobility often spent the autumn At the côte basque. Biarritz is not mocked despite its reputation, there are also very relaxed corners. The charm of Biarritz is the strong relation to the atlantic sea, Bayonne is certainly the more beautiful location of both.

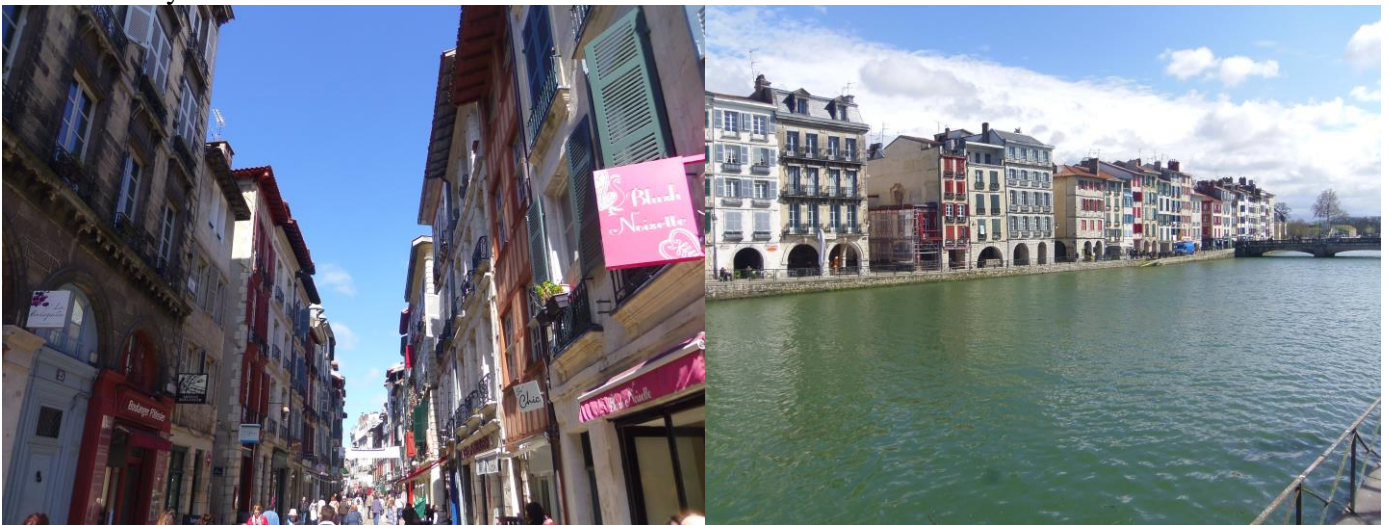


Hôtel du Palais, former residence of Napoleon III and his wife Eugénie and "Rocher de la Vierge"

Bayonne:

Bayonne has a spectacular old town with a very nice pedestrian zone, also the two river banks invite you to be discovered. Bayonne was once the political and cultural (seat of the bishop) center in the French Basque country. The cathedral and the huge fortifications testify to a great past. The pedestrian zone reminds me a bit of Colmar, so definitely worth a visit. Bayonne and Biarritz can be visited in just one day.

Center of Bayonne with the River Adour.



San Sebastian

San Sebastian is the culinary capital of the Basque Country. It is the city with the most Michelin stars per inhabitant worldwide. With the world-famous beach "La Concha", the surfer's beach La Zuriola and the very lively old town and much more, it was the summer residency of the Spanish kings. For me the most attributive city I know with the best tapas you can imagine



(Quelle: www.sansebastianturismo.com.)

Bilbao

Bilbao was formerly the industrial forge of the Basque Country, the city has lost nothing of its economic strength, but it is all the more attractive by the Guggenheim Museum and an international airport. For me, San Sebastian is more attractive than Bilbao, but that also depends on subjective perception.

Pamplona

The city festival of Pamplona "San Fermes", where the bulls are running through the city in the morning and the Bullfights in the afternoon is really the most extraordinary festival I have ever had. Even if you do not like bullfights, the energy that goes through the old town streets these days is fascinating. Also the trip to Pamplona as you pass the mountains coming from the coast, the journey will lead you through a breathtaking landscape. Moreover, in Pamplona, one feels more in Spain than in the Basque country.

Bordeaux

Bordeaux is the economic and cultural center of the French Southwest. The town is known for its delicious wine, a very good cuisine and a very nice city center. Also the nearby Arcajou with its hiking dikes is worth a trip.

Lourdes

Lourdes is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage places in the world

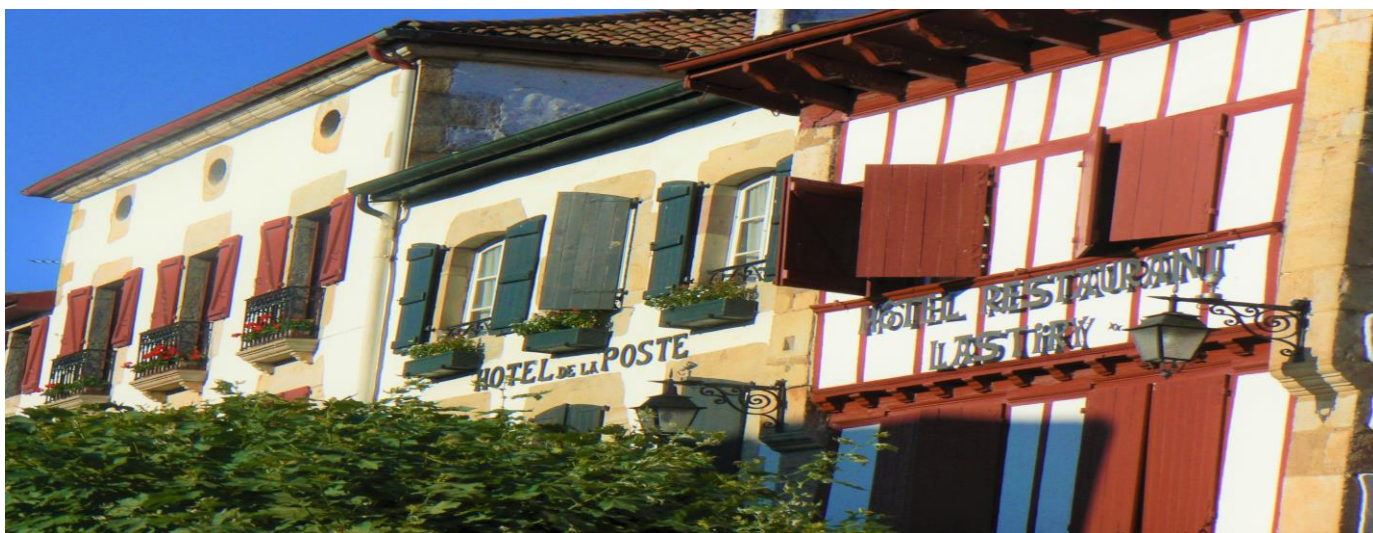
Idyllic villages

Sare/Ainhoa/Arcangues

Situated at the foot of the La Rhune and Axuria mountains, Sare is officially recognised as one of the most beautiful villages in France; it has also been awarded "station verte" (rural holiday centre) status. This French enclave shares a 36km-long border with Spain and projects into the Spanish Navarra region. The Sare region is in the heart of smuggling territory and is known as Garrazko lana in Basque, a nickname which translates as "night work".

Situated on the Spanish border, Ainhoa was declared a "charming village" in 1925 and is also officially recognised as "one of the most beautiful villages in France". It has a wealth of fine architecture, attractive landscapes, an original "bastide" layout, high-quality hotels and restaurants, a wide variety of shops and authentic, traditional arts and crafts. Ainhoa developed as a stopping point for pilgrims on the route to Santiago de Compostela. Its attractive main street, which is lined with magnificent Labourd-style houses, has remained virtually unchanged in appearance for almost four centuries.

Arcangues is a very charming village and for me more attractive than Espelette.



Sare

Urrugne/Ascaïn/Ciboure

The parish of Urrugne, which once occupied all the land between the Nivelle and Bidassoa rivers, now covers an area of almost 5,000 hectares between La Rhune and Socoa. At the entrance to the village, the Château d'Urtubi is strategically located between two neighbor valleys.

This charming village, with its typical Labourd- and Basque-style architecture, is crossed by the Nivelle river and dominated by three peaks: Bizkarzun, Esnaur and Larrun, known as La Rhune (905m). Numerous excursions are possible from Ascaïn, either by car or by foot. In the village center, the pelota wall and trinquet court demonstrate that Ascaïn has been the home of several famous pelota champions. The Hôtel de la Rhune near the pelota wall was mentioned by French writer Pierre Loti in his book "Ramuntcho", which was inspired by a character from Ascaïn, a hunter and pelota player by the name of Otharre. The village of Ascaïn also inspired Churchill, who painted a water color here..

Situated at the end of the Pont de la Nivelle, between the sea and the mountain Bordagain, Ciboure is striking for its beautiful location, unspoilt natural landscapes and picturesque quays. The Basque name of the village, Zubiburu, means "head of the bridge". Originally a suburb of Urrugne, Ciboure is now popular

with artists, many of who have settled in the town, transforming the port and its surrounding streets into a veritable outdoor studio. The famous composer of "Boléro", Maurice Ravel, was born in the town in 1875.



(Quelle: www.ciboure.fr.)

Saint Jean Pied de Port

Saint Jean Pied de Port is the port to the Pyrenees and the last pilgrim station before passing the Pyrenees heading to Spain. It is a very lovely city where you can spend a very nice day.

Hendaye/Hondarribia/Getari

Hondarribia is already on the Spanish side and does have a fascinating old part of the town. As it was a place with frontier and harbor it does have an impressive city wall and the old cobblestones makes you feeling like the three musketeers have been passed just a couple hours ago. A nice trip is taking the ferry boat from the harbor of Hendaye to Hondarribia. The nice restaurants in the fisher district makes the trip a pleasure. Getari is a very nice fisher village on the basque spanish coast.

Mountains/Hiking:

We really recommend the webpage rando.64, after reading the information you get so motivated that you will pack your rucksack immediately. I recommend the hiking guides „De la Nive au littoral basque“ (ISBN: 2-9519410-1-3) and „Le Guide Rando Pays Basque (ISBN: 978-2-84182-284-3), you get them at Carrefour and Leclerc, at local bookstores and the tourism office.

The famous trail GR10

The long trail GR10 is crossing the Pyrenees from the Atlantic sea until the Mediterranean. This marvelous route is just a 10 minute walk from our house away. This gives you various alternatives to hike one of the stages of the trail. You find more information about this route in hiking guides or in the internet.



On the Col d'Ibardin you have the possibility to buy Spanish products like wine and ham and you can start a variety of hikes where you always have great views.

The hike „Rando du Lac“

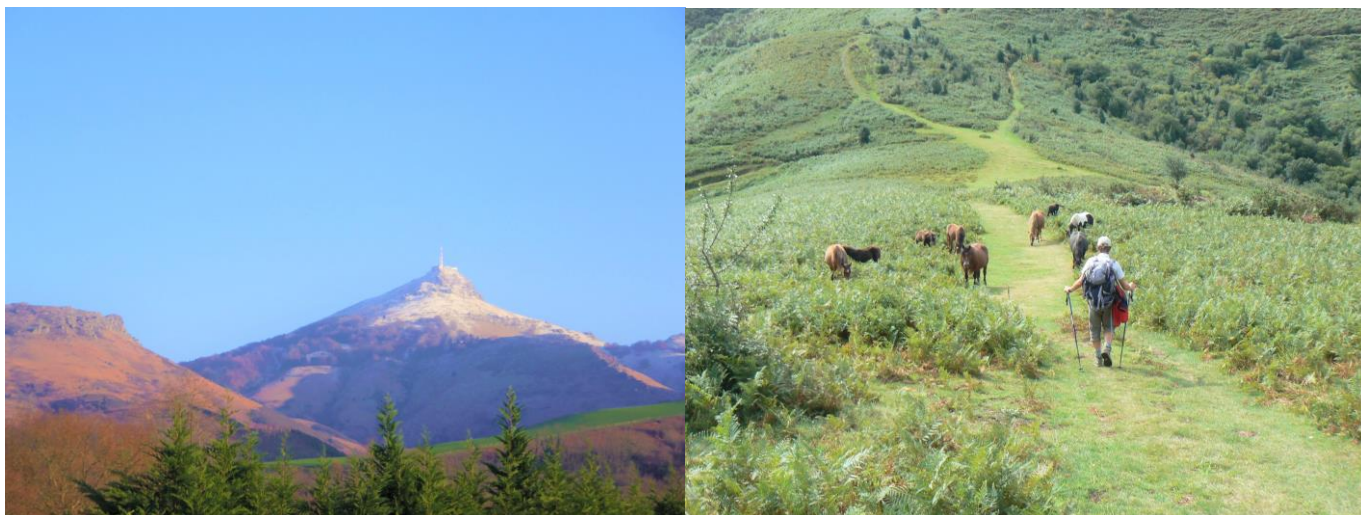
Leave your car at the large car park of Col d'Ibardin and just walk straight ahead. On the left, leave the shopping malls behind you and continue along the path until you reach the lake. You can then round it. A 2 hour hike with very nice motifs.



The lake with view to the Atlantic.

La Rhune

The mountain la Rhune is the highest mountain of the close region (905 meters). La Rhune is a mystique mountain of the Basque people and you can see the peak already from our house. It is a hike between 2,5 and 3 hours from our place. You have to hike a difference in 850 meter of altitude. The descent takes you less time. There is also a cog railway which takes you to the peak.



La Rhun in the winter, but there is rarely snow and a hiker and potok (a typical horse-breed of the region which lead a "half-wild life" in the mountains).

Venta Inzola/Venta Zahar

Venta Inzola is a typical restaurant in the forest of Urrugne, it does have a simple menu and is opened on weekends and bank holidays. The trail takes you through a natural park and is always along a river. Venta Zahar is a nicer place than Inzola.



The Venta (restaurant) Zahar and the bridge just before.

Hiking along the coast Cabo de Figuer (Hondarribia)

The most beautiful coastal walk can start at Cabo de Figuer (at the extreme end of Hondarribia). From there, hiking trails lead up to San Sebastian and the mountain Jaizkibel. The Corniche (section between Ciboure and Hendaye) is indeed beautiful, but the hiking pleasure is limited by the close traffic. Starting point is the parking lot opposite the campsite and the lighthouse of Cabo de Figuer.



View to Hendaye, Chateau d'Abbadia the coast line of Corniche.

Park “de las Peñas de Aya”

Immediately after the Spanish border in Irun is the natural park Peñas de Aya. The park is little touristy and offers great nature in the immediate vicinity.

The natural park covers an area of 6,913 hectares and has an exceptional profile due to its three granite peaks Irumugarrieta, Txurumurru and Erroilbide of over 800 meters.

The Aiako Nature Park also has a 2,000 year old mining area, while Arditurri has a lot more information on the Internet.

Camino de Santiago

The famous Camino de Santiago should not miss in this chapter. From our place you find within 10 minutes by car access to the Camino de Santiago. The most important stations of the region are on the French site Saint Jean Pied de Port (last station before crossing the Pyrenees) and the Spanish Roncesvalles (first station in Spain after crossing the Pyrenees) with its famous hospital for the pilgrims.

Parque Natural de Señorío de Bertiz

The park de Señorío de Bertiz in Navarra (Spain) is for people how like the nature, the fauna, the forest and the people who used to live there and their histories. The park does have a multitude of different trees and plants. It is so extraordinary because this forest wasn't exploited economically for hundreds of years. They do have a very good center of interpretation.

Sports Adventure

Basically, it should be emphasized that you can perform almost all sports in the environment. Through the Atlantic and the surrounding mountains, the nature and the infrastructure offer almost all possibilities to water, land and air.

I have prepared a list with sellers of many sports. Basically Hendaye is the beach where you can learn to surf the best. Ciboure and Hendaye have a sports harbor with many possibilities. As I described in the chapter Partner I work with the surf instructor Franck von Hendaye and the standup Paddle distributor Bertram. Both of these I personally know and recommend this further. All other providers I can't judge, since I do not know them personally.

Enterprise, objet

École de surf
L'Hendayse Pêche et Promenade
Paddle-Trott
Loisirs au Pays Basque
Surf school
Centre Nautique
Nivelle V
Ecole de surf
Ecole française de surf Goldcoast
Hydro Speed, Airyak, Canoraft,
Canoying
Office des Sports
Bask Pêche nature
Pêche en Mer
Louer de bateau
Rando en Gyropode Segway
Ecole française de surf New surfschool
Pêche au Thon
Ecole de surf
Centre de plongée
Oihana Parcour aventure en forêt
Olhaldea
Paramoteur
Location vélo électrique
Centre de plongée
Larrun Alde
Scooter-Loisirs
École de voile et croisière
Centre de plongée
Thalasso
Ur-Bizia
Ecole de voile
l'Atelier Bizikleta

Lieu

Saint Jean de Luz
Hendaye
Cole de Ibardin (Urrugne)
Bidarray
Hendaye
Hendaye
Saint Jean de Luz (Port)
Hendaye, Boulevard de la Mer
Hendaye/Saint Jean de Luz

Bidarray
Pays Basque
Sare
Hendaye
Saint Jean de Luz
Biarritz
Hendaye/Saint Jean de Luz
Saint Jean de Luz/Ciboure
Hendaye, Boulevard de la Mer
Socoa-Ciboure
Urrugne Route d Glacière
Sare
Urrugne
Biarritz
Hendaye
Urrugne
Saint Jean de Luz
Hendaye
Socoa-Ciboure
Espaces, Loisirs& Forme
Bidarray
Ciboure
Saint Jean de Luz

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www.ur-bizia.com
www.ycbasque.org

Travelling with kids

Often it is destined to the sea, build beach castles and enjoy the Atlantic. As said the beach at Hendaye is the safest. The beaches of Les Landes I would not recommend with small children, as mostly strong currents and waves make bathing a little more dangerous, but bodyboard makes all the more fun.

I start times with my favorite is the WOW Park between Urrugne and Hendaye. They do have developed from a former botanical garden a game and climbing park where children up to 14 years have a lot of fun and the parents either play along or have a nice rest under an exotic tree in the hammock.

Parks

Climbing and adventure park Oihana between Urrugne and Behobi. Because of my high altitude, I prefer the WOW Park just opposite oihana), because you can spend wonderful afternoons in the shade and the games are super child-friendly. There are different levels of difficulty, so children up to the age of 14 can have fun.

TTIKI LEKU

The park Ttiki Leku is somewhat smaller than WOW Park and also for the somewhat smaller ones thought. I think where to 10 years. The ride is very nice as it goes through the hinterland of Saint Pée sur Nivelle and Souraïde.

Le petit tren La Rhune

The little train offers you great views to the Atlantic and the surrounding mountains with a fascinating nature. In just 35 minutes the cog railroad is climbing up to the peak of la Rhune.

Touristenbahn und Kinderparks am Strand von Saint Jean de Luz

In Saint Jean de Luz there is a small tourist train starting from the fishing port at the roundabout. On the beach of Saint Jean de Luz there are children's parks in summer.

Aquirium at Biarritz and San Sebastián

The Musée de la Mer of Biarritz and the Aquirium of San Sebastián are both really well done. In the high season I would recommend to buy the tickets via internet. For larger children and adults the Cité del Ocean in Biarritz is definitely a great place to get interactive information about the Atlantic Sea.

The beach of Hendaye

The beach of Hendaye is very child-friendly because of its small waves, a large manageable beach and a secure entry into the sea. In Hendaye there are also small children's parks on the beach during the season.

The beach of Ilbaritz/Biarritz

The beach of Ilbaritz is very small but a huge sand playground and a very nice bistro, since you can spend a very nice afternoon. Ilbaritz is just before Biarritz.

Kayak Sail and Surf schools in Hendaye, Ciboure and Saint Jean de Luz

As described in the chapter on Sports / Adventure, there are all possibilities to learn how to sail in Ciboure from the optimist to the catamaran. In Hendaye there is also a sports harbor. At Tribord there are also many water sports courses (diving, sailing, etc.). Surfing, that is, waves is very pronounced in the region and you find an enormous offer in Hendaye.

The prehistoric Caves of Sare and Isturitz

The caves of Sare and Isturitz are definitely worth the trip and offer the necessary coolness in the summer and much for children.

Animal park Etxola

Located just 2 km from the caves of Sare and you can admire more than 300 animals and borrow a pony for the tour.

Indoor park Luzi park

The Luziland play park is located near the Carrefour shopping center on the motorway exit Saint Jean de Luz Nord. The park is more for the smaller ones, can save a day over a rainy day.

The lake of St. Pée sur Nivelle

In St. Pée sur Nivelle there is a beautiful lake which invites to bathing. There are also other activities offered.

Swimming pool of Ascain

The public swimming pool from Ascain is at the sport center.

Indoor swimming pool of Saint Jean de Luz

The indoor pool is located on the road from Ascain to Saint Jean de Luz.

Leisure park of Bidart

Just opposite the beach of Bidart is a leisure park, which is closed on rainy days. The park reminds one of his own childhood, so a bit retro, but perhaps that is also the charm.

Some Adresses:

Lieu

Saint Martin d'Arberoue
Bidart face a la plage
Saint Pée sur Nivelle
Saint Jean de Luz
Sare (route des Grottes)
Ascain/Sare
Urrugne Route d Glacière
Labenne
Saint Jean de Luz

Site internet

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www.pottokak.jimdo.com
www.rhune.com
www.wowpark.fr/
www.zoo-labenne.com

Description

Ferme educative
Manège, Attractions - Snack, Parc Animalier, Balade à Poneys, A
A la découverte de la culture du Piment d'Espelette et des anim
Parc pour les enfants
Promenade à dos de pottok
un authentique train cremaillere vers un panorama exceptionel
LE PLUS GRAND PARC LOISIRS NATURE DU PAYS BASQUE
5 hectare 60 espèces
Horaires et departs rond-point du port de pêche

Culture

I do not need to mention the Guggenheimmuseum in Bilbao because of its world-famous reputation. I am more interested in smaller and regional events and institutions.

The castle Château Observatoire Abbadia

The Château d'Abbadia is definitely an eye-catcher and definitely worth a stop when you're in Hendaye. It is not a classical castle from a former nobility house, but by an astrologer and world traveler built castle from the 19th century.



Quelle: Hendaye Tourismusbüro

The castle Château d'Urtubie

The castle of Urtubie is a great place to learn more about the history. As the castle is owned by the same family since 1341 it reflects the amazing history being so close to the Spanish border. The castle gave shelter to the king Louis XI and the king Louis XIV and later to the famous general Wellington.

Music academy Maurice Ravel

Ciboure (just in front of Saint Jean de Luz) is the birthplace of Maurice Ravel and offers all year round concerts and events in their academy.

Villa Arnaga in Cambo le Bains, the museum of Edmond Rostand

Villa Arnaga is located at Cambo-les-Bains, in the heart of the Basque Country, 15km from Bayonne and Biarritz. It is the fruit of the imagination of a great author and poet Edmond Rostand.

The domain Arnaga symbolizes both facets of the author of Cyrano. The grandeur and splendor of the royal garden and reception halls and the modesty and simplicity of his own home in which he lived.

Basque dances, concerts, sports like la Pelota and Cesta Punta

At the tourism offices of Urrugne, Ascain and Saint Jean de Luz you find a great offer of events of the Basque culture.



Stones lift with different techniques at a competition in the port of Socoa.

Basque museums and facilities

In Bayonne the Musée Basque et de l'histoire de Bayonne, in Saint Jean de Luz the Musée des traditions basques. In Sare, a small local museum with the name Ortillopitz was built from a 17th century farmhouse. You can visit the farmhouse only during an hour-long guided tour. I can really recommend this tour. In Saint Pée the Ecomusée de la Pelote et du Xistera.

The film festival of San Sebastián

The film festival of San Sebastián gives this nice city even more glamour and a great atmosphere. It always takes place in mid September. Stars like Julia Roberts, Robert de Niro, Woody Allen showed up in the past. In Anglet and Saint Jean de Luz there are also film festivals with the theme of surfing.

The jazz festival of San Sebastián

The Jazz Festival which takes place normally at the end of July is another highlight in the region and another argument to visit San Sebastian.

The museum San Telmo in San Sebastian

A great museum which won a European price in 2013. A part of the museum is located in an old monastery.. San Telmo really combined tradition, classic and modernity. Moreover the museums does have a very good restaurant. Moreover you find in San Sebastian the Museo Naval and the Kutxespacio de la Cienca also recommendable for kids.

Irun as an ex roman village offers the museum Oiasso

The romans came 80 before Christi in this region and used Irun as a strategic place heading forward to Spain.

Some ideas:

Lieu

Pasai San Pedro España
 San Sebastian
 Saint Jean de Luz
 Ciboure
 San Sebastian
 Oiartzun España
 Cambo-les-Bains
 Hendaye
 Urrugne
 Biarritz
 Sare
 Hasparren/La Bastide Clairence
 Irun
 Sare
 Biarritz
 Bayonne
 Biarritz
 Sare
 Urrugne /Hondarribia
 Saint Pée sur Nivelle
 San Sebastian
 Saint Jean de Luz

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Description

Building a replica of a 16th-century whaleship
 Agenda cultural/actividades/Festivals
 Musée
 Academie Ravel
 Stadt und Reiseführungen
 Minera romana, Parque natural Peña de Haya
 Un petit Versailles en plein coeur du Pays Bas
 Monument Historique
 Monument Historique
 Espace muséal scientifique et interactif
 Grotte, salle de projection, musée de site, par
 Grottes préhistorique
 Museo romano
 Musée basque
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Shopping

If you are tired from the beach or a rainy day, there are nevertheless some possibilities to spend time with shopping. The shops in Saint Jean de Luz are also open on Sundays. In nearby Spain, there are two larger shopping centers open until 10 pm (Monday - Saturday).

Saint Jean de Luz

The pedestrian zone in Saint Jean de Luz is really a feast for the eyes and the shops are also open on Sundays. The market in Saint Jean de Luz with many regional specialties and of course fresh fish is a pleasure for the eyes and senses. The market hall is open every morning. On Mondays and Fridays there is also a market outside.



Biarritz and Bayonne

Biarritz as well as Bayonne have nice pedestrian zones which invite to the strolling and also nice market halls.

Tribod at Hendaye

Tribord is Decathlon's water sport and has its development center in the port of Hendaye. One leads there as a kind of outlet and can get everything at reasonable prices, from the bikini over the bodyboard to the neoprene suit. Tribord also has a cafeteria with terrace on the roof of the building with a view to Spain. Lunch is convenient, reasonably priced and delicious. (Quai de Floride, 8 rue de Orangers 64700 Hendaye)

Quicksilver

The best and most beautiful surf shop far and wide. Quicksilver on the Quicksilver campus in Saint Jean de Luz, you can already see from the motorway just before the exit of Saint Jean de Luz Nord. (162 Rue Belharra, 64500 Saint-Jean-de-Luz).

Col d'Ibardin (Venta Peiyo and others)

If you want to buy Spanish wine, cheese or olives you can go to the Col de Ibardin (between Urrugne and Bera de Bidasoa, right on the Spanish border). The ambience is getting used to but the prices for spirits are hard to beat and on the trip to the mountain you have a great view of the coast.

Shopping mall Txingudi:

Another way to buy Spanish wine or cheese, the supermarket has a huge selection. There is also a Decatlohn there. The shopping center of Txingudi is about 5 minutes after the border. The highway exit (A8 direction

San Sebastian) to Hondarrabia and its airport, there is already the market as Merkatal signposted. To find clothes or more appealing stores I recommend the shopping center Garbera (see below).

Garbera shopping mall

To get to Garbera take the A8 towards San Sebastián. The market is also signposted at the motorway exit. As I said the Garbera shopping center has more beautiful clothes stores. The address is Centro Comercial Garbera, Travesía Garbera 1, 20017 San Sebastián.

Shopping in San Sebastián

San Sebastián has many zones for shopping. There are several smaller shopping centers, e.g. La Bretxa and all well-known brands.

Buying wine in Spain:

A good location to buy Spanish wine is Col de Ibañeta just 10 minute away from our house.

Paternina Rioja (Crianza). (around 5 Euros)



Banda Azul
Crianza

A very good Crianza is “El coto” (around 6-7 Euros).



“Marques de Riscal” a good Reserva. (between 12 und 15 Euros)

Introducción	Clima	Atributos gustativos				
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Also a great wine is the Reserva „Beronia“.



The wine from Rueda del Duero are also very rich.

Good white wines are the wines “Albariño” from Galicia.or in summertime the Basque wine Txakoli.

Great sheep cheese is the Idiazabal



Spa:

You find in our close area very nice Spa's. They do have all views to the ocean and you have also access to the beach. It means you can have a swim after the Sauna and enjoy the fresh Atlantic water.

The Spa of Saint Jean de Luz :

Great views, great place to relax. You can have also massages and treatments.

The Spa of Hendaye

Also recommendable place.

The Spa „La Perla” in San Sebastián:

Right on the world famous beach La Goncha, they even do have a restaurante.

The Spa of Biarritz:

At the so called beach of Marbella.

Golf:

Saint Jean de Luz (Chantaco) and Ciboure (Golf de la Nivelle) have beautiful golf courses with views of the Atlantic and the Pyrenees. So you can indulge your hobby, admire the Atlantic Ocean, explore the Pyrenees, enjoy Basque cuisine or just relax.

A nicer highlight for the golf players is the area of Biarritz, just 20 minutes away from our place. The golf course “le Phare” is the second oldest golf course in the continent. The Biarritz Cup the oldest amateur tournament, takes also place in Biarritz. The golf course “Ibaritz” does have a great view over the Ocean and more over offers a very sophisticated trainings center.

Golfplatz von Ibaritz:



(Quelle: www.golf-ibarritz.com)

Golf at Chantaco (in Saint Jean de Luz) :

Just 10 minutes from our place. We are pleased to give you more information if requested.



(Quelle www.golfdechantaco.com)

Golf at Nivelle (in Ciboure)

Also just 10 minutes from our house. More information at www.golfdechantaco.com We are pleased to give you more information if requested.

Golf around Biarritz

With the golf pass Biarritz (www.golfpassbiarritz.com) you can play at the following golf courses:

Golf d'Arcangues www.golfdarcangues.com

Golf de Biarritz Le Phare www.golfbiarritz.com:

Golf de Ibarritz www.golf-ilbarritz.com

Makila Golf Club Bayonne – Bassussarry www.makilagolfclub.com

Golf de Moliets www.golfmoliets.com

Golf de Seignosse www.touradour.com/golf/seignosse

Moreover you find in the port of Ciboure good restaurants with good food and great views to the Atlantic.



(Quelle [www. www.ciboure.fr](http://www.ciboure.fr))

As well in Guethery you find good places with views to the ocean.



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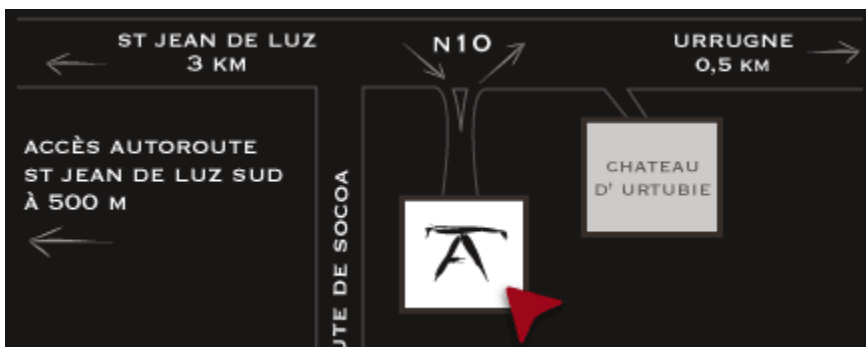
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In Ascaïn we can recommend the “**Atelier Gourmand**” (www.ateliergourmandbasque.com). It does have this kind of style “nouvelle Cuisine”. The restaurant is at the center of the village just after the fronton. Place du Fronton Tel: 0559544682 bzw. 0033-559544682.

In Urrugne close to the castle of Chateau d’Urtubi you will find a great location, it is fabulous old Basque farmer house, with an old stone ground, old ceilings, very good service and food it is called “**Ferme Lizarraga**” (www.lizarraga.fr). Tel. 0559470376 bzw. 0033-559470376.



The Restaurant “**Milesker**” in Sokoa (which is Basque and means like thousand thanks), does have a very modern design good food and competitive prices. You drive direction to the highway and then turn left direction Hendaye. (11 Rue Poutillenea , 64122 Urrugne. Tel: 0559546175 bzw. 0033-559546175)

The closest spanish restaurant is “**Benta Okalarre**” (www.bentaokalarre.com) and does have spectacular views to the mountains and great meat plates.



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Restaurants in Hendaye:

The restaurant ”La Pinta” is behind the beach promenade, just in front of the port with the sailing boats.



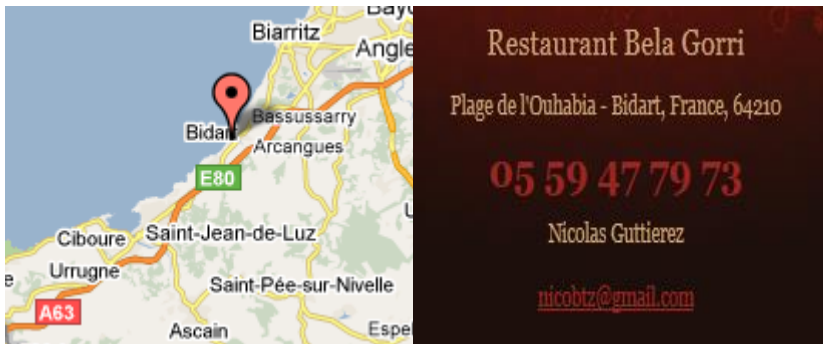
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121 Boulevard Mer
64700 Hendaye, Francia
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La Cabane du Pêcheur 
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64700 Hendaye, Francia
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Restaurant in Bidart:

The restaurant **“Bela Gori”** (www.belagorri64.com) is like a lounge, great place to chill out right on the beach.



Restaurants in San Sebastian:

San Sebastian is the place to go to get the best pintxos in the area. San Sebastian does have a great history of world famous chefs and is the place with more Michelin stars like no other place in the world. I really recommend to walk to the old part of town and just go from bar to bar.

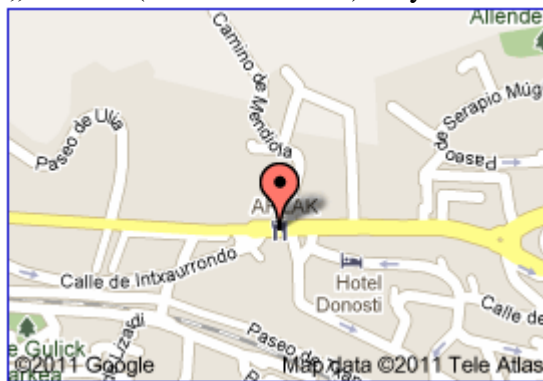
The “**ni neu**” (www.restaurantenineu.com) in building of Kursaal, with the famous chef Martìn Berasategui.



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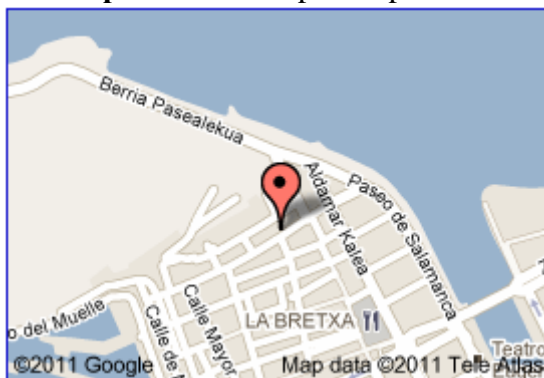
„**Arzak**“ (www.arzak.info) maybe the most famous chef of San Sebastian.



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“**La Ceba**“ a classice pintxo place in the old part of town.

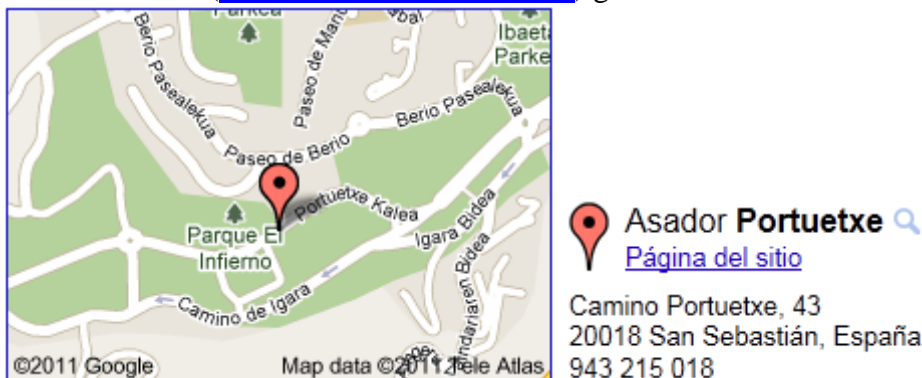


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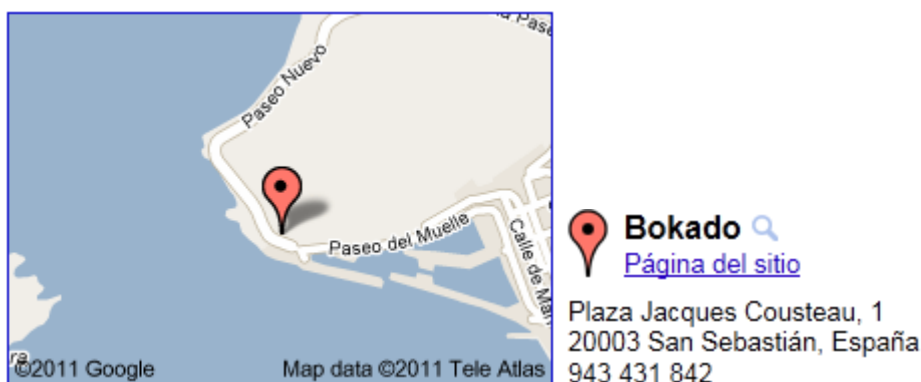
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“**La Perla**” (www.la-perla.net), great views to the bay of San Sebastian, very enjoyable even with rain because you feel like in submarine looking straight to the see.

“Portu Etxe” (www.asadorportuetxe.com) great fish and meat made on the barbecue.



“Bokado Aquarium” (www.bokadogruppo.com) great design, views and great kitchen. Take a impressive walk along the Paseo Nuevo and have lunch or dinner in an exclusive atmosphere.



Views over San Sebastian from the restaurante “Alai Monte Igeldo” (www.restaurantealaia.com). You can take the historical train (Funicular) to the mountain of Monte Igeldo.



Great pintxos at „Bergara“ (www.pinchosbergara.com).



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