

BASQUE COUNTRY



ENJOY THE DIVERSITY OF THE FRENCH BASQUE COUNTRY WITH ALL YOUR SENSES

This cycle tour provides a unique insight into a country whose history and tribal diversity fascinate us every day. This wonderful cycle tour is accompanied by the mild climate, which allows for a great diversity of plant species. The newly created coastal cycle path with stops in Biarritz and its historic villas up to Saint Jean de Luz, the train ride on the cog railroad La Rhune from 1924 and the wine-growing region near the town of Pau "Jurançon" offer a fantastic mix. Every day is rounded off with exquisite Basque cuisine.

LEVEL



KM

247

DURATION

8 Days
7 Nights

TRAVEL DATES

28.06 – 05.07.2025
05.07 – 12.07.2025

Day 3 Biarritz - Train de la Rhune 25 km

Biarritz is also known as the Queen of the Basque Country. Our cycle tour begins with some historical and architecturally striking stops in Biarritz. The most important buildings were built during the Belle Epoque and Art Deco periods and form an interesting backdrop against the deep blue sea. The route then continues through the hinterland to Ascain.

After a picnic, we climb to the top of the Rhune mountain on the cog railroad and get off at 905 m to enjoy a fantastic 360° panoramic view of the Atlantic coast and the Pyrenees landscape. Wild horses and flocks of sheep spend the summer months here. Transfer back to the hotel.



Day 1

Journey to Biarritz. Napoleon III and his Empress Eugénie had a palace built in this beautifully situated town. Biarritz has a charm all of its own. Check in to the hotel, welcome and first Basque dinner.



Day 2 Biarritz - Bayonne 51 km

Along the Vélodyssée, we follow the cycle path along the Atlantic coast accompanied by magnificent views of the sea to the capital of the French Basque country, Bayonne. The port city at the foot of the Pyrenees was the chocolate capital of France in the 19th century. Bayonne's cathedral is a real gem. During the city tour, Bayonne reveals its eventful history. This makes you hungry, so our historical tour ends with a tasting of Bayonne's famous ham at the ham producer. In the afternoon, our cycle route takes us along the banks of the old River Adour. For a long time, merchant ships characterized the old shipping passage. Our cycle tour ends back at the hotel.



Day 4 Biarritz - Hendaye 40 km

The Vélodyssée Atlantic cycle route offers fantastic coastal impressions, starting in Biarritz and ending in Hendaye. On the way there, we stop in the famous seaside resort of Saint-Jean-de-Luz before arriving in Ciboure. It is worth staying longer in Ciboure. Its lighthouse by André Pavloski, the Fort Socoa and the monastery "Le cloître des Reclus" and its fountain, donated by Cardinal Ma-zarin. A special visit is the Château Abbadia, a curious building. During a 45-minute guided tour, we learn more about its interesting inhabitants. And now on towards the Spanish border. Our cycle tour ends in Hendaye with a stroll through the fashionable seaside resort.



We've been traveling to France with FAV for a week every year for 10 years without interruption - that says it all about our enthusiasm, doesn't it? The 11th tour for 2025 is being planned!

Helga & Hanspeter



I would like to thank the organizers Christiane and Philipp, who made a significant contribution to making our trip to Biarritz unforgettable in our hearts. Thank you!"

Régine

Day 5 Ainhoa - Saint Jean Pied le Port 48 km

We start today's cycling day with a visit to one of the most beautiful villages in France: Espelette. The history of Espelette and its famous "Piment" dates back to the 16th century. During the tour of a farm, we will learn more about the cultivation and production of piment d'Espelette. Of course, we will taste various products before continuing our cycle tour towards one of the most beautiful valleys in the south of France: Saint Jean Pied de Port. Saint Jean Pied de Port is a small town at the start of the "Camino Frances" that has been preserved in its original state. Gothic and Romanesque architecture are worth a longer stop. Transfer back to Biarritz.



Day 6 Sainte Marie - Jurançon - Pau 41 km

Transfer to the province of Béarn and leisurely cycle along the wine route of the Jurançon wine-growing region. Vineyards, picturesque wine-growing villages and castles lie along the cycle route, which ends at a wine-growing estate with wine tasting. A highly interesting stop at La Commanderie de Lacommande provides an insight into how the numerous pilgrims on the way to Santiago de Compostella were supplied. The pilgrim station with its Romanesque church is a very special experience. Continue to just before Pau.

Day 7 Cycle tour Piedmont Pyrenees 42 km

Transfer to just before Lourdes, in the so-called Piedmont of the Pyrenees. Our cycle tour is initially accompanied by an impressive panorama of the Pyrenees mountain range. There are almost no climbs, but mainly downhill and parallel to the Gave de Pau. afternoon in the direction of Pau. On the way to Pau, small streams, villages in the typical Béarn style and views of the mountains again and again. Pau is the former royal city and capital of the province of Béarn. We drive along the famous Boulevard des Pyrenees, a 1.8 km long avenue offering a majestic view of the Pyrenees chain, to reach Pau Castle, the birthplace of King Henry IV. The castle is at once a medieval fortress, a Renaissance palace and a royal residence and is one of the most visited national museums in France.

Day 8

Departure or extension for a swim on the Atlantic coast or a stop in nearby Lourdes.



GUIDED BIKE TOUR



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INCLUDED SERVICES

- 5 nights in a 4-star charm hotel in Biarritz in a room with bath/shower/WC
- 2 nights in a 4-star charm hotel in Pau in a room with bath/shower/WC
- Use of the swimming pool
- Daily breakfast buffet
- 4-course menu in the evening
- 6 lunch picnics with regional specialties incl. drinks
- Qualified tour guide during the entire trip
- 1 wine tasting
- 1 cheese tasting
- 1 chocolate tasting
- Guided tours as per program
- All transfers mentioned
- All entrance fees
- Train journey "La Rhune
- Spa and local taxes

PER PERSON

ROOM

DBLE/DU/WC/VP	1524 €
SGL/DU/WC/VP	1890 €

BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear- Hybrid bike	90 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	170 €

POSSIBLE OPTIONS

- Pick up at Bordeaux or Biarritz airport
- Day 8: Transfer back to Biarritz airport and train station

