



Trip description

3-day bike trip in the heart of the Basque Country

A self-guided bike trip in the Basque country to discover the best spots of the region during a short break. From Biarritz, you cycle to the Pyrenean foothills and back to the coast through Saint-Jean-de-Luz.



Destination	France
Location	Basque country
Duration	3 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From april to october
Minimum age	14 years old
Reference	BPB0301

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



This self-guided bike trip takes you across the Basque country during 3 days on an ebike (or touring bike if your legs are strong enough). You ride on low-traffic roads or cycle paths. On the way, you will visit the traditional town of Bayonne, the Arnaga villa which belonged to the family of writer Edmond Rostand, the nice villages of Espelette or Sare and finally, you will be biking along the Basque coast from Saint-Jean-de-Luz to Biarritz on

the Velodysséy cycle route. You will be amazed by the variety of landscapes, the beauty of the villages and the taste of the food. This tour will take you along the best places of the Basque country by bike, an experience you shouldn't forget.

Day 1

Biarritz - Cambo-les-Bains

Bike
36km

Altitude
±195m

E-bike (touring bike available)

On this first riding day, you leave behind the luxury hotels and wonderful houses of Biarritz to follow the coastline and the Adour river towards Bayonne. It is worth a break to admire its nice colourful houses, enter the cathedral and sense the atmosphere of the historic town. Then, you enter the Basque hinterland and cycle along the Nive river banks to the village of Ustaritz.

You cycle on small country roads to reach the spa town of Cambo-les-Bains. Do not miss to visit the beautiful Villa Amaga, house of the French writer Edmond Rostand, author of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

Day 2

Cambo-les-Bains - Sare

Bike
35km

Altitude
±645m

E-bike (touring bike available)

You leave Cambo-les-Bains to reach Itxassou, then the charming village of Espelette where dried peppers are hanging in front of the facades. On your way, do not hesitate to make a short break and buy some regional products in the local farms. After crossing the Pinodieta pass, you reach Ainhoa ranked among the most beautiful villages of France.

From there, you are not so far from the French-Spanish border. Pass the old customs' office before cycling on the Spanish roads. You may make a stop in the beautiful village of Zugarramurdi, well-known for its caves and its "Witches' museum". Finally, you arrive in the traditional village of Sare, also ranked among the most beautiful villages of France. You can make a detour of 8km to visit the impressive caves of Sare if you want.

Day 3

Sare - Biarritz

Bike
32km

Altitude
±365m

E-bike (touring bike available)

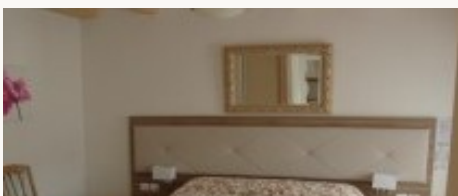
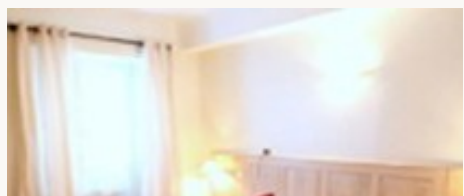
You leave Sare and cross the Saint-Ignace pass. Take the "Petit Train de La Rhune" and discover the breathtaking views at the summit of La Rhune. This authentic vintage rack railway train dating from 1924 will take you on a 35-minute ride, up to 905 meter high, where you will enjoy one of the loveliest panoramic views on the French and Spanish Atlantic coast and the peaks of the Pyrenees.

A few pedal strokes further, you reach Saint-Jean-de-Luz and its sumptuous houses built in the neo-Basque style. Your cycle itinerary follows the "Vélodyssée" along the Atlantic coast, its beaches, its cliffs and waves loved by surfers. On your way discover the town of Guéthary, famous for its sumptuous villas. Finally, you come back to Biarritz and enjoy its relaxed atmosphere in the evening.

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend th night in these friendly and family-run hotels.





* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point :

By plane: flight to Biarritz.

By train: Direct TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse. The duration of the trip is about 4h10. Then, take a bus to reach the city center (20-25min). To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking:

It is very difficult to park in downtown Biarritz, especially in high season. If you wish, you can park your car in the secure car park at Biarritz SNCF station (~4km from the city center). The price is 45€/7days. You must then, take the bus to reach the city center (20-25min).

Otherwise, you can also park in Anglet (~4km from Biarritz). Parking is usually much easier. Our bike partner has a shop in Anglet, so you can pick up your bikes directly and cycle to Biarritz (30min).

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive at around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located in the city center and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

290 €/pers

Double room fare

2 nights in **/** hotels

2 breakfasts

3-day rental of a fully-equipped **electric bike** (front pack, locks, toolkit)

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

24h/24 hotline

High season (*)

15 €/pers

Half-board

25 €/dinner

Extra for a single room

42 €/night

Extra night in Biarritz

60 €/pers

Extra night in Biarritz - High season
(from 01/07 to 15/09)

85 €/pers

Options

Luggage transport **(4 persons basis)**

45 €/pers

Luggage transport **(2 persons basis)**

90 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-95 €/pers

(*) High season :

- from 01.07.2019 to 15.09.2019

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location
the drinks
the meals which are not included
the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 year : -70%
5-11 year : -50%
12-17 year : -30%

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