

ST-GERMAIN / WINCHESTER JUMELAGE TRIP PROJECT IN BASQUE COUNTRY (OCTOBER 2022)



KEY ATTRACTIVE FEATURES OF OUR TOUR SELECTION:

- ✓ Fair weather conditions at that time of year in that region
- ✓ Good access via TGV & train from Paris (group reservation)
- ✓ The Basque Country has exceptional wealth of history, customs, legends & exceptional cultural sites
- ✓ Great local gastronomy and regional vineyards
- ✓ Saint-Germain has now a strong inter-city relationship with St-Jean-de-Luz (reception by Municipality planned)
- ✓ Great variety of outdoor activities & unique charming villages
- ✓ Single comfortable hotel, centrally located for all visits & excursions
- ✓ We will have our private luxury coach for all excursions & local visits
- ✓ Reasonable budget proposed

OUR 2022 JUMELAGE TRIP PROJECT IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Situated in the extreme South-West of France, the French **Pays Basque** is part of the “département” of the Pyrénées Atlantiques, which also includes Béarn. Much of the population has been calling for the creation of a recognized **Pays Basque** “département” for many years.

The Basque Country is nevertheless a cultural entity which goes far beyond the French part, further south in Spain, the **Basque Country on the south side** is made up of 4 other provinces, which grouped together with the north side in France, forms the Basque Country whole.

To travel in the Basque mountains & villages of this great region is to touch the heart of the Basque Country, its customs, its gastronomy, its legends, its men and women with a powerful and generous character at the same time. The Basque Country climate is temperate and mild.

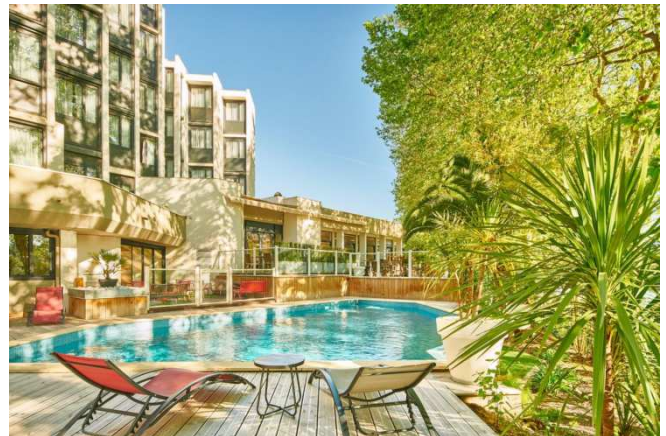
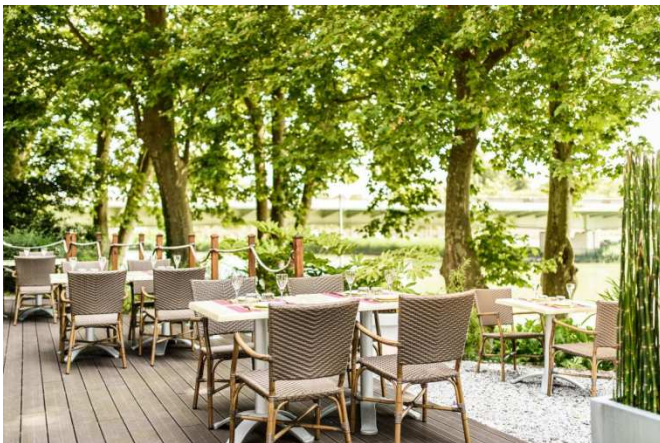


LIST OF PLANNED VISITS & FEATURES IN OUR BASQUE COUNTRY TRIP PROJECT



- Guided tour of Bayonne city: Sainte Marie Cathedral, the cloister, the old streets & et house facades & possibly visit of « Hermione » ship renovation site (time permitting)
- Visit of the charming village of Espelette, famous for its red spice (« piment d'Espelette »)
- Visit of the Aldudes Valley & pig farm of Oteiza with visit of its traditional pork meat shop
- Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de Luz with special reception by the Municipality (new « twinning » relationship with St-Germain)
- Visit of a typical Basque shoe « espadrille » factory and pottery shop & exhibit at Goicoechea
- Guided tour of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port (St-John of Compostelle Route & near site of Roncevaux)
- Private visit of the Iroulegy vineyard with wine tasting
- Short visit of Biarritz & drive to admire its beautiful beaches
- Guided visit of the colorful & charming villages of Labastide Clairence & Arcangues
- Gala dinner in Bidart at the Ilbarriz golf « Le Socket » restaurant
- Part of day spent in Spain in Saint Sébastien with guide
- Private visit of the « Lauak » plant, a regional aeronautical supplier
- Joint Board Meeting & free time organized for shopping
- Travel to Combo-les-Bains & visit of Villa Arnaga (Villa of Edmond Rostand)

OUR ACCOMMODATION IN BAYONNE



Hotel Le Bayonne enjoys an outstanding location on the banks of the Nive, close to Bayonne's historic center, which you can explore with ease, admiring its Basque facades and the Sainte Marie cathedral, strolling along its quays and taking part in its many local festivals. Services & features include:

Telephone with direct line (wake-up call)

LCD television with digital channels and Canal+.

Free Wi-Fi internet access.

Reception 24/7

Relaxation Area (sauna and steam room)

Outdoor heated swimming pool from April to October

Rooms for people with reduced mobility.

Private enclosed parking

TRANSPORT FROM ST-GERMAIN TO BAYONNE, ROUGH BUDGET ESTIMATE & DOWNPAYMENT REQUIRED

- **Transport from Saint-Germain-en-Laye to gare Montparnasse in Paris and back by private coach**
- **Travel to Bayonne & back from Paris by TGV (direct to Bordeaux), then regional train to Bayonne (reduced rate with group reservation)**
- **Single 4 star hôtel in Bayonne for 7 nights**
- **1 luxury Coach reserved for the whole week with driver**
- **Support from Tourist offices with professional guides**

Initial budget estimated with 38 participants, including TGV & all travel expenses from St-Germain & back is as follows:

Cost per person (double occupancy): 1 260 €

Cost per person (single room): 1 440 €

In order to reserve for the trip, a first down payment of slightly over 50% of the above needs to be received by the Association before May12 in order to quickly firm up all travel & hotel reservations from our side:

650 € for double occupancy

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