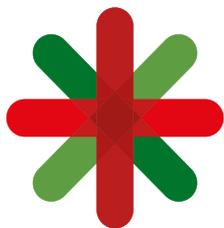


VISIT
Bayonne*
BAIONA-PAYS BASQUE



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An incredibly varied city but with a unique character

Discovering Bayonne is full of surprises and rare discoveries. Let yourself be guided by the unique atmosphere of its three quarters, Grand Bayonne, Petit Bayonne and Saint-Espirit. Absorb the Basque and Gascon influences which have fashioned the incomparable soul of Bayonne. From the spires of the historical Cathedral of Sainte-Marie to the urban fresco of the award-winning artist, Deih, embark on a journey in time between history and the present day.

Bayonne statistics

 **21,68**
LAND AREA **KM²**

 **MOTTO** Nunquam Polluta.
"Never taken"

LANG  French
UAGES  Basque
 Gascon

 **REGION**
Nouvelle
Aquitaine

 **DEPARTMENT**
Pyrénées-Atlantiques

 **RIVERS**
the Nive and the Adour

40 % IS GREEN BELT



160 ha including
20 ha of sports fields

 **40 km**
OF CYCLEWAYS



POPULATION
50 566
inhabitants (2015)

 **Highest point**
52 metres

 **3 m**
Altitude at the
TOWN HALL

  
IMPORTANT EVENTS
The Bayonne Festival
July 25 - 29
  



Visit

1 CHATEAU VIEUX

Rue des Gouverneurs

The "Old Castle" was first built in the 12th century to defend the town and also as a residency for Bayonne's governors. Today it is a regimental officer's mess and is not open to the public. Visits by guided tours only.

2 THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME DE STE MARIE (Our Lady of Saint Mary's)

Mgr Vansteenberghe Place

This Gothic cathedral was rebuilt between 1258-1450 after the original Romanesque building was damaged by fire. The two spires were added in the late 19th century. The coat-of-arms with three lions representing the Kings of England may be seen on the keystone in the first bay of the nave.

The cathedral is listed as world heritage by UNESCO as part of the pilgrim road to Santiago de Compostela.

Opening Monday to Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12.45 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m..

3 CLOISTER

Pasteur Place

Also built in the Gothic style, the cloister is one of the most spacious in France and has been entirely restored.

Open every day except Christmas Day and New Year's day.

Sept.15 to May 15: 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
May 15 to Sept. 15: 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4 PORTE D'ESPAGNE

"The gateway to Spain" was the fortified entrance to the town on the road to the border. It opens to the shopping pedestrian street, "Rue d'Espagne", first built by the Romans and for centuries, part of the national highway to Spain.

5 FORTIFICATIONS

Reflecting the town's strategic position in the South West. Bayonne has an important variety of fortifications dating from the Romans (five towers and parts of the walls remain), The Middle Ages, 16th, 17th and 19th centuries. This listed, defensive network provides the town with a natural green belt including public and botanical gardens, playgrounds, tennis courts and rugby fields.

6 TOWN HALL - THEATRE

Place de la Liberté

Opened by the riverside in 1842, this impressive building houses town hall administration and the theatre. The peristyle arcades reflect the old canal architecture of the nearby Rue Part Neuf as well the Rue Rivoli in Paris. The main façade is crowned by statues representing the arts and economic activities of the time.

7 QUAY SIDES OF THE NIVE

Quai du Commandant Roquebert

An ideal Bayonne stroll in front of the narrow, stone and half-timbered facades, cafes and restaurants and market hall.

8 MUSÉE BASQUE ET DE L'HISTOIRE DE BAYONNE

37 quai des Corsaires

Housed in an early 17th century trader's home, this is the most important cultural museum in the Basque Country. The exhibitions relate local identity, history and traditions as well as the story of Bayonne and its port.

From October 01 to March 31: 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Monday and public holidays.

From April to September 30: 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. except on Monday and public holidays.

July 8 August: Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

- Adult: 7.50€
- Disabled persons, students, groups : 5€
- Free for under 26 years old.

www.musee-basque.com

9 MUSÉE BONNAT-HELLEU

5 rue Jacques Laffitte

Closed for renovations and extensions until 2019.

10 LE TRINQUET SAINT-ANDRÉ

Rue du Jeu de Paume

One of the oldest pelota halls in the world (early 17th century) in the heart of the Petit Bayonne quarter.

Demonstration matches featuring the "main nue" (barehand) pelota game, can be enjoyed on Thursdays, 4p.m., October to June.

- Adult: 10€

11 SAINT-ANDRÉ CHURCH

Place Paul Bert

A Neo-Gothic church built in the 19th century. The spires were later dismantled, as they were too heavy for the foundations.





12 CHÂTEAU NEUF

Place Paul Bert

The "new castle" was first built as a town gateway by Edward 1, King of England, using the same architect who built Caernarfon Castle in Wales. The French King, Charles VII, completed the work at the end of the Hundred Years' War. Today, it houses the administration for the Musée Basque and is also part of Bayonne's university campus.

The castle is not open to the public.

13 SAINT-ESPRIT CHURCH

Place Pereire

A mixture of Romanesque and Gothic styles, the original priory was a stopover for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela.



14 SYNAGOGUE

Rue Maubec

The synagogue was opened in 1837 and is important testimony to the Jewish history of the Saint Esprit quarter. Fleeing the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal, Jewish families settled in this part of Bayonne from the late 16th century. Not only did they play a major trading role for the port but were also pioneers of Bayonne's chocolate tradition.

The synagogue is not open to the public except by special reservation.

15 "LE COURSIC" RIVERBOAT EXCURSIONS

From January to June: From the jetty, Port de Urt

From July: the jetty, Allées Bouffiers, Bayonne.

Riverboat rides, exploring the Adour and its tributaries.

Every day from February 15 to December 31.

Departures for fifteen people or more.

www.croisiere-bayonne-atourri.fr

16 DIDAM - ESPACE D'EXPOSITIONS CONTEMPORAINES

 FREE

6 quai de Lesseps

This Art-déco building hosts temporary exhibitions alternating with contemporary and local artists.

From Tuesday to Sunday and bank holidays: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

www.bayonne.fr

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Founded as a roman fortified town at the junction of the Nive and Adour Rivers, Bayonne later prospered during the Middle Ages under the Plantagenet kings of England. Thanks to important trade, the town enjoyed a "golden age" with the building of the cathedral, cloister and castles. In the late 16th century the diversion of the Adour river mouth ensured a second period of prosperity. Privateers, ship owners and traders made up the elite of the town. Throughout the centuries, in order to fulfill its military, defensive role, Bayonne was equipped with fortifications from at least four different eras. Today, apart from the visible heritage, there are hidden treasures such as stairwells with remarkable wrought-iron railings, medieval cellars, casemates... This river junction town, with its three distinctive quarters, forms a harmonious ensemble with restored facades in the protected historical sector and a festive, flourishing cultural life.

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Gastronomy

17 LOREZTIA BOUTIK'EXPO

52 quai des Corsaires

A discovery of modern and traditional beekeeping.

Free entrance and exhibition: "Man and bees throughout the centuries in the Basque Country"

Discovery of the world of the bee, its life in the hive and its products (honey, pollen, royal jelly...)

Open Tuesday to Saturday:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

July and August everyday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Children's area with teaching aids.

Free sampling and discovery of home made products (honey, jams made from honey...) and produce of the hive.

Free visits and free tasting all day.

Visits in English, Spanish and Basque languages

www.loreztia-miel.com

18 BAYONNE HAM PRODUCER PIERRE IBAIALDE

41 rue des Cordeliers

The "Jambon de Bayonne", is a famous, regional cured ham, associated with the town since the Middle Ages when it was exported from the port and celebrated by the annual, Easter trade fair. Pierre Ibaialde welcomes you to his shop and production site in the Petit Bayonne. He will explain the art of making a fine "Jambon de Bayonne" and, after the visit, will offer a free tasting of the ham and other specialities.

Open Monday to Saturday:

9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

July and August everyday 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Guided tours : www.pierre-ibaialde.com



19 BAYONNE HAM MUSEUM

41 rue des Cordeliers

In the historical heart of Bayonne discover the history of the Maison Aubard, the Basque pig variety, Kintoa, and the main stages during the production of the Bayonne ham (regional quality and a controlled designation of origin label) as well as our other fine meats specialities.

Open all year, Tuesday to Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. July and August, open from Monday to Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

www.charcuterie-aubard.fr

20 MONSIEUR TXOKOLA

11, rue Jacques Laffitte

Monsieur Txokola welcomes and invites you to discover his on-site chocolate processing workshop and boutique and offers samples to taste during the different stages of fabrication.

Open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

www.monsieurtxokola.fr

21 THE BAYONNE CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

7 allée de Gibélou

The «Atelier du Chocolat» belongs to the Chocolate Academy of Bayonne and has nearly 40 shops in France. Visit the chocolate workshop in the Saint-Esprit quarter to watch the confectioners in action but also to discover the history of the cocoa bean and its introduction to Europe, (panels are written in English). The visit is completed with a film (in English, on request) and above all, a generous sampling of the produce!

Visits from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The chocolate confectioners are present during weekdays only.

Last visit 1h30 hours before closing (11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.).

• 6 € adults,

• 3€ children from 4 to 12 years old

www.atelierduchocolat.fr



Green spaces

22 LE JARDIN BOTANIQUE (BOTANICAL GARDEN)

Allée des Tarides (Near the Memorial)

Nestled high in a 17th century bastion the botanical garden has over 1000 species of flowers and plants from all over the world (from as far away as New Zealand), with a Japanese garden as a centerpiece.

Open from Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 17 to October 13.

23 LE JARDIN PUBLIC (PUBLIC GARDEN)

18 rue Poissonnerie

Composed of two gardens:

- "Le jardin Bonnat": in the classical French style.
- "Le jardin Cassin": in the more natural English style.

Open all-year round.

24 LA PLAINE D'ANSOT

Avenue Raoul Follereau / Pont Blanc

The Anso river plain, upstream on the Nive, is a protected natural zone open to the public in order to discover local flora and fauna.

Winter (Oct 15 to April 14)

The Plaine d'Anso: From Tuesday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Maison des Barthes: From Tuesday to Friday:

1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer (April 15 to Oct 14)

Plaine d'Anso: From Tuesday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m..

Maison des Barthes: From Tuesday to Sunday: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

www.ansot.bayonne.fr

25 THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Plaine d'Anso

The "Museum d'Histoire Naturelle" is a permanent exhibition dedicated to life on the river plains with the local flora and fauna of the "Barthes" of the Nive, the biodiversity of the Western Pyrenees and numerous temporary exhibitions.

From October 15 to April 14: Museum: From Tuesday to Friday: 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m..

From April 15 to October 14: Museum: From Tuesday to Sunday: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.. On

Thursday morning: students and groups only. Reservation is obligatory.

www.ansot.bayonne.fr



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all along the year.

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