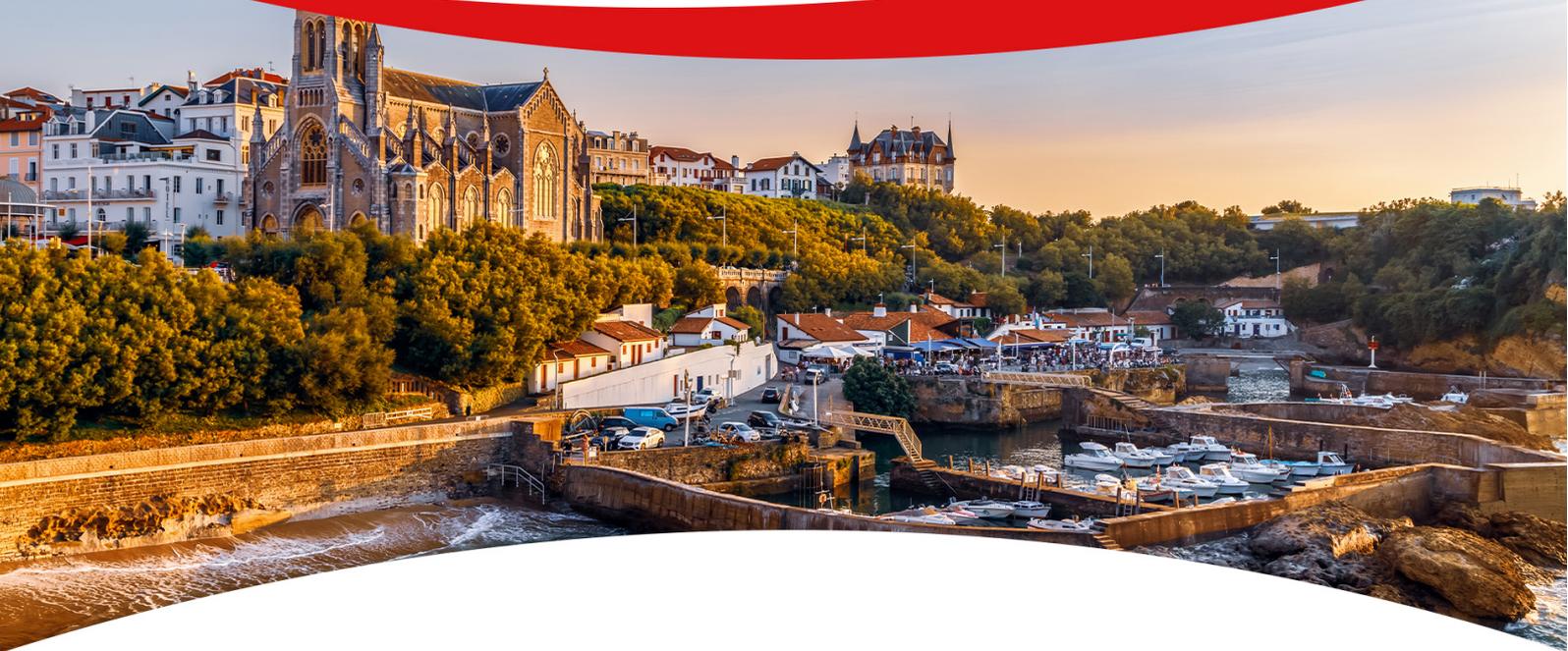


Coastal Nouvelle Aquitaine



Explore the beautiful French coast of Nouvelle Aquitaine along the Bay of Biscay with this tour that takes you from the historic harbour city of La Rochelle to the surf haven of Biarritz.

This varied itinerary is perfect for foodies with a wide range of offerings from oyster tasting on Île de Ré and learning the process of curing meat to the French wine hub of Bordeaux and famous Cognac houses. There is also plenty of time for sightseeing and activities while you rebuild your appetite.

Itinerary

Day 1	Arrive in Nantes - La Rochelle
Day 2	Île de Ré - Rochefort
Day 3	Cognac - Bordeaux
Day 4	Explore Bordeaux
Day 5	Bayonne - Biarritz
Day 6	St Jean de Luz - Pays Basque
Day 7	Departure from San Sebastian

Highlights

- Sightseeing in La Rochelle
- Oyster tasting
- See the Arsenal des Mers boat
- Cognac tasting and distillery tour
- Sightseeing tour of Bordeaux
- Visit to either a chocolate factory or ham producer
- Explore the pretty seaside towns of the Basque coast

Full Itinerary



Day 1: Arrive in Nantes - La Rochelle

Arrive into Nantes airport. If time permits take the opportunity to do some sightseeing in La Rochelle. Explore the historic harbour, half-timbered medieval houses and Renaissance architecture or sample some of the local seafood. Overnight in La Rochelle area.



Day 2: Île de Ré - Rochefort

Spend the morning visiting Île de Ré where you will find the picturesque coastal village of Ars-en-Re. There is also the option to go oyster tasting or wine tasting. In the afternoon explore the area of Rochefort and see the Arsenal des Mers boat. Nearby, the coast offers panoramic views of Île d'Oléron and the famous Fort Boyard. Overnight in La Rochelle area.



Day 3: Cognac - Bordeaux

Today head south towards Bordeaux through Cognac. Visit the famous houses of Cognac such as Courvoisier, Hennessy or Martell and explore the medieval old town with its narrow cobbled streets. Alternative activities include a visit to atelier Cognac, a gourmet chocolate workshop at Maison Rémy Martin or take a tasting class at Maison Martell. Overnight in Bordeaux area.



Day 4: Explore Bordeaux

Take a sightseeing tour of Bordeaux, historic regional capital and gateway to the vineyards with its Gothic Cathédrale Saint-André, 18th century mansions and notable art museums. It is also home to the high-tech wine museum, La Cité du Vin which is a must-see. It offers an immersive and sensory experience with permanent and temporary exhibitions. Overnight in Bordeaux area.



Day 5: Bayonne - Biarritz

Continue south along the coast to Bayonne where you can either visit the Bayonne Chocolate Workshop with a tour and tasting or learn about the traditional process of curing meat with local producer Pierre Ibaialde. Spend the rest of the day in Biarritz which is famous for its excellent surf, beautiful beaches and upmarket shops. Overnight in Biarritz area.



Day 6: St Jean de Luz - Pays Basque

Take a day trip from Biarritz to the former pirate city, St Jean de Luz which boasts a beautiful architectural heritage. The charming seaside town can be discovered on foot where highlights include the port and the neo-Basque villas on the waterfront. Other activities nearby range from paddle-boarding and sea cruises to golf and thalassotherapy. Overnight in Biarritz area.



Day 7: Departure from San Sebastian

Your exploration of this spectacular coastline has come to a close and it is now time to head to the airport in San Sebastian.