

Hendaye, Basque Country, France

Straddling the French-Spanish border at the mouth of the Bidasoa River, Hendaye pairs a sweeping Atlantic beach with easy cross-border escapes to Hondarribia and San Sebastián — all from a tender landing at the marina.

🚢 Tender port · ⌚ Typical call: 6–9 hrs · 💶 Currency: Euro (€) · 🗣 Languages: French, Spanish, Basque · 🏖 Best beach on the Basque coast

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Hendaye marina

Best For: Beach, Basque culture, cross-border day trips to Spain

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock to beach promenade; 15 min to town center

Don't Miss: Ferry to Hondarribia or Euskotren to San Sebastián

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 Taxi ✓ €15–30 · 🚗 Rideshare ✓ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hendaye Beach** — Three kilometres of fine Atlantic sand, gentle surf, and the iconic Deux Jumeaux (Twin Rocks) at the north end.
- **Abbadia Castle-Observatory** — A dramatic 19th-century neo-Gothic castle built on the cliffs by explorer-scientist Antoine d'Abbadie.
- **Ferry to Hondarribia, Spain** — A 15-minute passenger ferry crosses the Bidasoa estuary to the perfectly preserved medieval port town of Hondarribia.
- **San Sebastián by Euskotren** — Catch the Euskotren light rail from Hendaye station (every 30 min, ~€2.75 one-way) to world-famous San Sebastián in 35 minutes.
- **Txingudi Bay & Coastal Path** — The Txingudi bay nature reserve sits at the mouth of the Bidasoa, shared by France and Spain.

BEST WALKS

- **Beach Promenade Stroll** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat — Walk the full length of Hendaye's Atlantic beach from the marina to the Deux Jumeaux rocks at the north end.
- **Estuary & Pheasant Island Walk** 3 km · 45 min · Easy · Flat — Follow the Bidasoa riverbank path from the marina into Txingudi Bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇪🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💶 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:24AM–8:50PM · Jun 6:26AM–9:49PM · Aug 7:12AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:16PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:23PM	
Apr	61°	49°	14d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	71°	59°	14d		
Aug	75°	63°	13d		
Sep	73°	60°	13d		
Oct	68°	56°	13d		

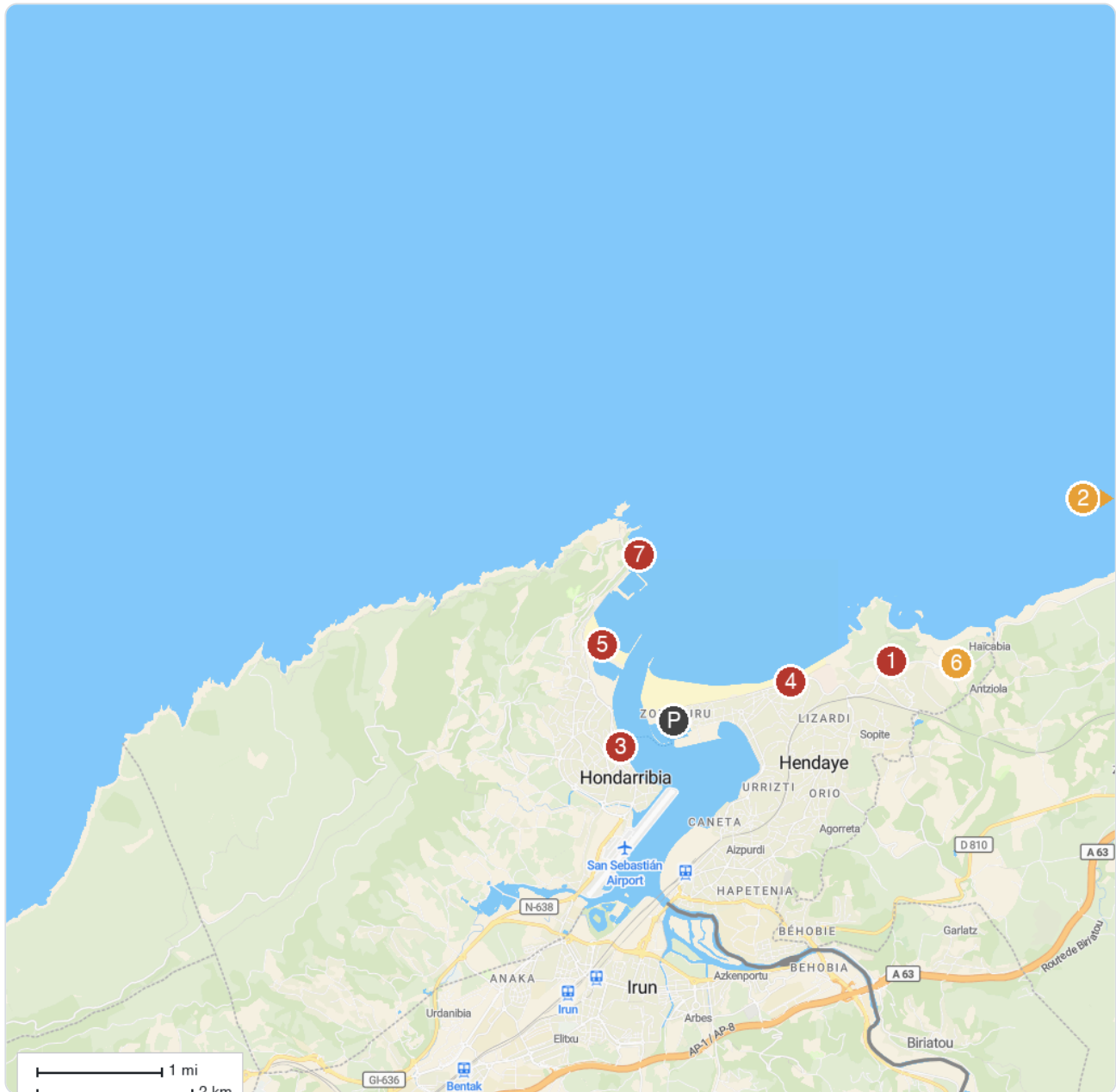
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Day-trip to Spain is easy: The passenger ferry from Hendaye marina to Hondarribia runs frequently (~€2 each way). It's one of the best value excursions on the Basque coast — a medieval Spanish port town 15 minutes from your tender.
- San Sebastián by Euskotren: The light rail from Hendaye station (10 min walk or taxi from marina) runs every 30 minutes to San Sebastián. Takes 35 minutes and costs about €2.75 each way — far cheaper than a ship excursion.
- Cash for pintxos: Bring euros — small pintxos bars and market stalls on both sides of the border may not take cards. ATMs are near the town center and at Hendaye train station.
- Hendaye beach is sheltered: The bay faces south and is protected from heavy Atlantic swells — ideal for swimming and paddleboarding even when waves are big further up the coast.
- Spanish siesta: If you cross into Hondarribia or Irún, shops often close 13:30–16:30. Pintxos bars and restaurants stay open — lunch is the main Spanish event of the day.
- Abbadia Castle needs a taxi: It's about 3 km from the marina along the cliff road — walkable but uphill. Taxis are available near the marina or ask your ship for transfers.

Hendaye, Basque Country, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Château d'Abbadie | This stunning neo-Gothic castle features an astronomical observatory. | 2 Socoa Fort | Historic 17th-century fort guarding the bay of Saint-Jean-de-Luz. |
| 3 Mariñel ship | See a traditional Basque fishing boat, the Mariñel. | 4 Banc des Berritsu | Explore this natural sandbank, a unique marine ecosystem. |
| 5 Hondarribiko hondartza | Enjoy the beautiful sandy beach of Hondarribia, Spain. | 6 Maison de la Corniche - Asporetsttipi | Visitor center for the protected Basque Corniche coastal path. |
| 7 San Telmo gaztelua | Historic coastal fort guarding Hondarribia's harbor entrance. | P Cruise port / terminal | |