

Saint-Jean-de-Luz, Basque Country, France

A jewel of the French Basque coast where King Louis XIV married Maria Theresa in 1660 — today a picture-perfect fishing town with a protected crescent beach, gilded baroque church, and some of the best food in France.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Euro (€)

 French & Basque

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; tenders land at the fishing port in town

Best For: Basque food, royal history, beach, day trips to Spain or Biarritz

Walk to center: 0 min — you step off the tender and you're there

Don't Miss: Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste and a macaron from Maison Adam

🚗 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €3–€6 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste & Royal Wedding Trail** — France's grandest Basque church and site of Louis XIV's 1660 wedding.
 - **Basque Food & Market Morning** — Hit Les Halles covered market for local cheeses, jambon de Bayonne, and fresh seafood, then walk Rue Gambetta for a...
- **Grande Plage Beach** — The crescent-shaped town beach is sheltered by three stone dykes, making it one of the calmest swimming beaches on the...
 - **Day Trip to San Sebastián, Spain** — A 30-minute train ride crosses the border to one of Europe's great food cities.
 - **Biarritz by Train** — The glamorous surfing resort 15 minutes north by train.

BEST WALKS

- **Town Centre Loop** 1.5 km · 40 min · flat — From the tender pier, walk to Place Louis XIV, into Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste, down pedestrian Rue Gambetta (stop at Maison Adam for...
- **Promenade & Grande Plage** 2 km · 50 min · flat — Head south from the tender pier along the Promenade de Jacques Thibaud hugging the beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	49°	12d
Jun	72°	60°	13d
Aug	76°	64°	11d
Sep	73°	61°	12d
Oct	69°	56°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:24AM–8:49PM · Jun 6:25AM–9:48PM · Aug 7:12AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:16PM · Oct 8:20AM–7:23PM

Euro (€)

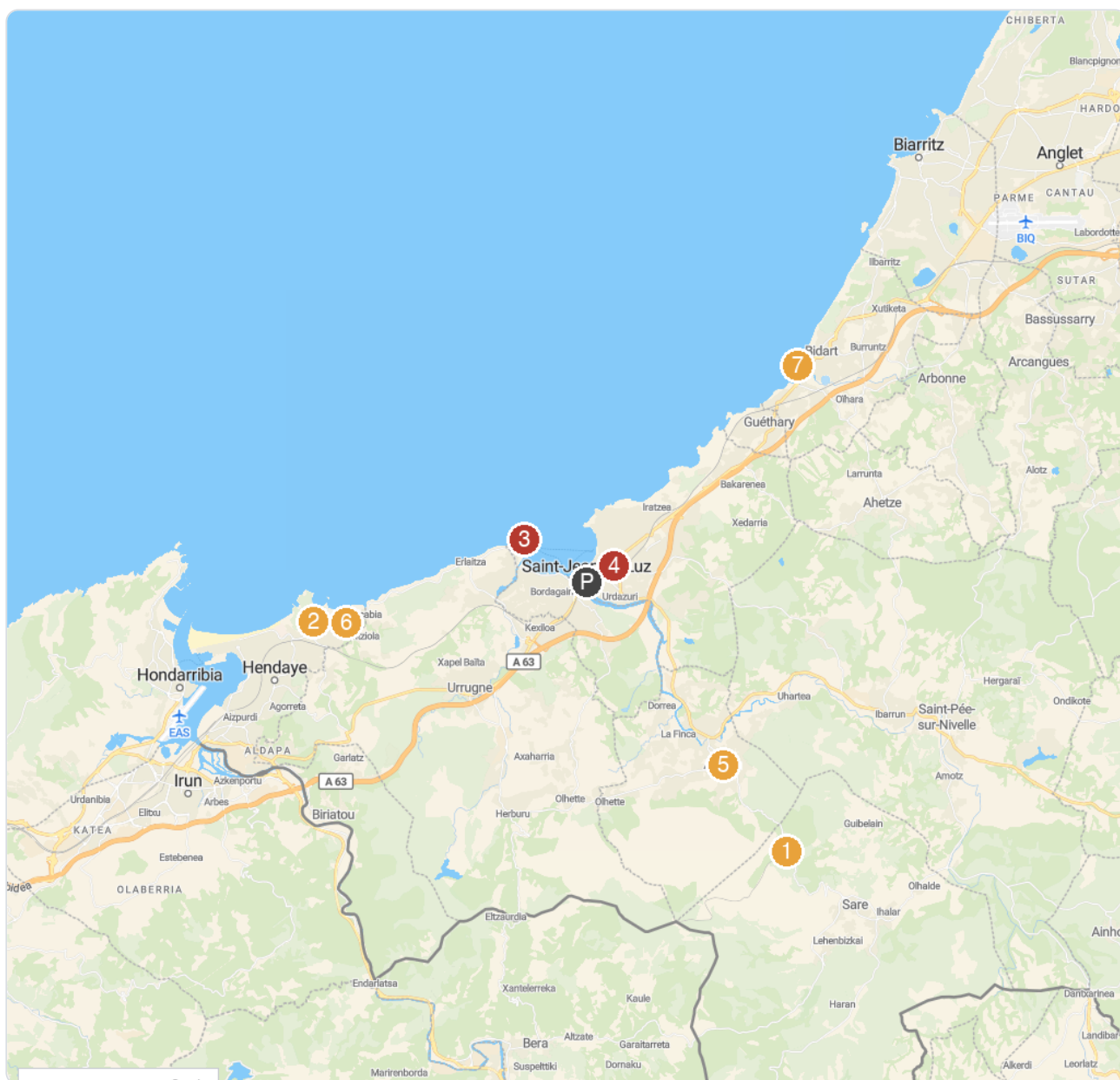
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Allow tender time: On busy ship days, tender queues can run 30+ minutes each way. Plan your last excursion to end 90 minutes before all-aboard.
- Afternoon closures: Many small shops and Les Halles market close 12:30–15:00. Do your shopping and market visit in the morning.

Saint-Jean-de-Luz, 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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| <p>1 Le Train de La Rhune</p> <p>3 Socoa Fort</p> <p>5 Église Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption de Ascain</p> <p>7 Plage de Bidart</p> | <p>Historic cog railway offering panoramic views from La Rhune mountain.</p> <p>Historic 17th-century fort guarding the entrance to Saint-Jean-de-Luz bay.</p> <p>Traditional Basque church in Ascain, known for its wooden galleries.</p> <p>Popular sandy beach in Bidart, great for surfing and relaxing.</p> | <p>2 Château d'Abbadie</p> <p>4 Parc Ducentenia</p> <p>Maison de la Corniche - Asporotsttipi</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Stunning neo-Gothic castle and observatory with ocean views.</p> <p>Peaceful public park with gardens, playground, and cultural events.</p> <p>Coastal house and interpretation center for the Basque Corniche path.</p> |
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