



PARIS to NICE SPRING BREAK

Via Normandy, Atlantic Coast, Basque Country, Carcassonne, Marseille, Cherbourg, Quiberon, La Rochelle, Biarritz, Carcassonne, Sete, Nimes, Frejus, Nice

13 days/12 nights: in Hostel : **539 €**

April 17th to April 28th 2010

DEPARTURES from Paris

Drive about 2 500 km to visit the:

A really great value to go see so much, meet locals and experience ZE real France.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Enjoy the beautiful Brittany, **Mont St Michel**, the **WWII D-DAY beaches**, The island of Brittany, **La Rochelle**, Brocéliande Forest, the Basque Country, Lacanau, **Biarritz**, Bay of Arcachon, **Hossegor**, Biarritz, **Toulouse** the pink city, Lourdes, **Carcassonne**, Fairy-tale medieval city, Canal du Midi, Arles & Vincent Van Gogh, **Camargue**, the wetland with its bull and white horses, **Marseille**, Fréjus, St Raphaël, **French Riviera, Nice**, Cannes

From Paris to Cherbourg (depart at 7h30)

- Depart from Paris to explore D-DAY landing sites in Normandy. Visit the, World War II Memorial in Caen "Let's not forget tomorrow", + (13€)
- then Omaha Beach, the American cemetery,
- The Pointe du Hoc, St Mère Eglise,
- We roll on to the fantastic unspoiled coastline of Nord Cotentin.
- 1 night in Cherbourg

From Cherbourg to Quiberon (depart at 7h30)

- Drive through the amazing landscape of le Cap de la Hague & stop for a coffee. Spend time in the very famous Mont St Michel, a stunning marvel of France in Normandy.
- We head to Brittany to experience the Brocéliande Forest and the mystical stories of King Arthur's legends, drink homemade beer out of a horn in a tavern. Continue down to the longest peninsula of Quiberon,
- 1 night in Quiberon.

From Quiberon to La Rochelle: (depart at 7h30)

- Wander around the mysterious Megaliths at Carnac. The biggest alignment in the world
- Continue down to Guerande, a fairy-tale looking medieval city & its salt marshes.
- Upon arriving in La Rochelle, check out the beautiful and dynamic harbour good food & great night life!
- 1 night in La Rochelle

From La Rochelle to Biarritz : (depart 7h30)

- Start with a cruise from Royan across the river Garonne.
- Head down to the Medoc area with its famous vineyards for a free wine tasting. Check out the surf spot Lacanau or eat oysters in the Arcachon Bay..
- Walk up Pyla, the highest sand dune in Europe with the most amazing view of the forest & the ocean and the bay.
- Enjoy a taste of surf culture in Hossegor.
- Head down to Biarritz & Anglet where you will stay 3 nights.
- There you will enjoy the beach, the local parties and the relaxing atmosphere in the beautiful surf centred Biarritz.



3 nights in Biarritz

Go visit Biarritz, Bayonne, Enjoy the Beach.

If you want you can do an extra tours inland in the heart of the Basque country, or go to the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao. Or you can take a surf lesson.. let us know

From Biarritz to Carcassonne (depart 8h30)

- First stop will be Lourdes
- We'll head then to Toulouse to the "Pink city", all the buildings are red pinkish. Enjoy the city until 5 pm
- Arrive in Carcassonne around 6h30 pm and check in the heart of the city for 2 nights

Free day in Carcassonne

- Visit the Fairy-tale castle. You won't believe this medieval castle so well preserved
- You can rent a boat on the Canal du Midi for a little cruise

From Carcassonne to Marseille

- Leave around 8 am & we stop in Camargues, to admire the Bulls, the White Horses, the Flamingoes.
- Lunch in Les Saintes Maries de la Mer,
- We'll head then to Perrier Water plant for a visit (+ 3€)
- We'll stop in Arles for a visit of the town, with the famous Arena, and also Van Gogh past.
- Arrive in Marseille around 6h30 pm
- Stay 3 nights in Marseille

Free day

- Enjoy the "Vieux Port", the Fish Soupe, admire the view of Fort St Nicolas
- Hike with a guide to the Calanques (extra)
- So many things to do in one of the biggest city of France

From Marseille to Fréjus

- Leave Marseille around 8h am to drive to the heart of Provence.
- We'll follow the coastal drive and stop along the way for lunch to chill out in the deep blue Mediterranean sea
- We make sure (if you want) to get grocery shopping to have a great BBQ at the hostel in the evening.
- 1 night in Frejus

From Fréjus to Nice

- We'll be wandering along the coast such an awesome drive to Cannes,
- Free time in Cannes,
- Arrive in Nice by 6 pm
- 1 night in Nice.

Free day in Nice:

- Visit Nice, Promenade des Anglais, Wander in the narrow winding street
- You can also take a cruise to the islands
- Relax, enjoy the night life, Have a great time



ACCOMMODATION:
HOSTEL: in the HI FUAJ hostel

1 in Cherbourg, 1 in Quiberon, 1 in La Rochelle, 3 in Biarritz, 2 in Carcassone, 2 in Marseille, 1 in Fréjus, 1 in Nice

Cherbourg : FUAJ hostel 55, rue de l'Abbaye 50100 - Cherbourg – Octeville
<http://www.fuaj.org/Cherbourg-Octeville>

Quiberon : FUAJ hostel Penthivière Route de Quiberon 56510 - Saint Pierre-Quiberon
<http://www.fuaj.org/Plouharnel-Entre-mers-et-mysteres>

La Rochelle : FUAJ hostel Avenue des minimes 17 000 La Rochelle
<http://www.fuaj.org/La-Rochelle,197>

Biarritz ou Anglet : FUAJ hostel It depends of the availability
Anglet is located right next to Biarritz.. and the hostel is right near the beach
Anglet: 19 route des vignes Anglet
<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesse-Anglet-020029.fr.htm>

Carcassonne : FUAJ hostel Rue du Vicomte Trencavel "Cite Medievale"
<http://www.fuaj.org/Carcassonne>

Marseille: FUAJ hostel Impasse du Dr Bonfils avenue J. Vidal 13008 – Marseille
<http://www.fuaj.org/Marseille-Bonneveine>

Fréjus: FUAJ hostel 627, Chemin du Counillier 83600 – Fréjus
<http://www.fuaj.org/Frejus-Saint-Raphael>

Nice : 3, rue Spitalieri Nice
<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Nice-Cam%C3%A9lias-020173.en.htm>

What is included:

Transport, accommodation and breakfast,
Calvados & cider tasting, the visit the village of Mont St Michel, The tour to the WWII Normandy D-Day Beaches.
Ferry fee, Wine tasting in Medoc, the entrance to the park Pyla Sand Dune, The tour to Camargues, Minerves
Ze best drivers, the best time..

What is not included:

the entrance of the WWI peace Museum in Caen, but we can offer it to you with a great reduction : 13€ instead of 16,50 € when bought withus;
The entrance to Perrier Waterplant, (we have great discount)
Personal expenses. Beer in Brocéliande forest; Extra insurance; meals; drinks. Oysters tasting. Perrier water plant visit. the optional excursions,

ZE BUS adventure packages with Hostel accommodation are presented by ZE BUS and are operated and sold by FUAJ.

To stay in a Youth Hostel in France, you must be a member of your national association. If you have not while arriving in France you will have to purchase the HI Welcome card at €15. The HI Welcome card will give you access to all the Youth Hostels of the HI network - 4200 in the world. Moreover, on your return in your country and on your request, it will be exchanged against the national card of your country of origin. This card will give you access to all the Youth Hostels of the HI network.