



## **ZE ALSACE to BASQUE COUNTRY from Strasbourg to Biarritz**

**Hostel: 539 €**  
**13 Day / 12 Nights**

**1 night in Lyon, 3 nights in Nîmes, 3 nights in Dordogne, 1 night in la Rochelle, 1 night in Biarritz**

### **DEPARTURES from Strasbourg**

- **Drive about 2 000 km to visit the:**
- **Switzerland with Bern, Lausanne, Geneva**
- **Lyon city of Light**
- **Arles and its arena for bull fights**
- **Camargue and the Wetland**
- **Nîmes, Dordogne, Lascaux Caves, Millau Bridge,**
- **Bordeaux, St Emilion, Lacanau, Biarritz,**
- **Bay of Arcachon, Hossegor...**
- A really great value to go see so much, meet locals and experience ZE real France.
- **Transport with ZE BUS** to visit the Amazing sceneries of the so different regions.
- **All these sites we go to are** non accessible if you don't have a car or very expensive if you go with an other tour
- A guide book "**ZE BOOK 1**" with many information to guide you around

### **HIGHLIGHT**

- Colmar
- Haut Koenigsbourg
- Bern
- Lausanne
- Lyon
- Nîmes Roman Arenas, Jeans denim from Nîmes yes we'll tell you the story
- Camargue, Wet plant with bulls and white horses
- Pont de Millau bridge that takes the breath away
- Dordogne Typical french pictures,
- Rafting (Extra)
- Rocamadour
- Gouffre de Padirrac Navigable cave (extra)
- Sarlat Most attractive medieval town in France
- Lascaux Caves, Prehistoric sites
- Kayak on the River Garonne
- Bordeaux
- St Emilion, Médoc
- La Rochelle
- Ferry Crossing
- Drive through he biggest artificial forest in Europe planted by Napoleon III
- Médoc tasting
- Lacanau
- Pyla Sand Dune tallest sand dune in Europe
- Hossegor
- Bay of Arcachon
- Wine tasting
- Biarritz





### **Day 1: from Strasbourg to Bern (Switzerland)**

Leave at 8 and drive to Colmar, free time for lunch  
Visit Haut Koenigsbourg typical village  
Wine tasting  
Leave around 3h pm  
Arrive in Bern around 5h30  
Overnight in Bern,

### **Day 2: from Bern to Lausanne**

Leave Bern around 9 am and drive to Lausanne through the typical route to Lausanne,  
Expect to arrive in Lausanne around 2 pm  
Overnight in Lausanne

### **Day 3: free time in Lausanne**

Optional excursion to visit Vevey and Drive to the Moutain.  
Overnight in Lausanne

### **Day 4: from Lausanne to Lyon**

Leave Lausanne around 10h am to arrive in Geneva at 11 h am  
Leave Geneva around 3 pm  
And arrive in Lyon at 5h pm  
Enjoy the city of Light, and meet all the other travellers from all around for dinner & party  
Overnight in Lyon

### **Day 5: from Lyon to Nîmes**

We leave around 11h30 am and drive to Lyon where we change down to southern France.  
On the way we stop for a wine tasting in the famous vineyard of "côte du Rhône"  
Stop for Nougat, specialty of Montélimar.  
Arrive in Nîmes, 3 nights in Arles

### **Day 6-7: free day in Nîmes**

Visit the Roman Amphitheatre, 'les "Arènes"'. And might see a bull fight  
We organise optional tour in Camargues (Wetland) to see the white horses, eat with the locals (bohemians) in the wild national park.  
(You also have the option to spend the day in Avignon (on your own)

### **Day 8 from Nîmes to Baulieu (Dordogne)**

Leave Nîmes at 8 am and drive to Millau, there we'll go on the famous Millau's bridge, very high impressive bridge.  
At 12h30 pm we'll have lunch in Rodez and drive to Dordogne to start to admire this so amazing area.  
Visit in a navigable cave "Le Gouffre de Padirrac" (extra)  
We'll arrive in Beaulieu around 7h30 pm

### **Day 9: from Baulieu to Cadouin (Dordogne)**

We'll leave Cadouin at 9 am for an amazing day. Visit Rocamadour, (village on a cliff, by the river)  
We'll head to visit the cave of Lascaux, (prehistorical cave)  
Arrive in Cadouin at around 7h30 where we stay for 2 nights

### **Day 10: Free day in Cadouin(Dordogne)**

We organise for you a kayak or canoe day on the River Dordogne (extra)  
That would be an amazing relaxing time.





### **Day 11: from Cadouin to La Rochelle**

Leave **Cadouin** at 10 am and Head to Bordeaux, now part of the World Heritage and also a student city & capital of worldwide known wines.

Visit the medieval village of **St Emilion**, experience some wine tasting.

We head to La Rochelle where you stay a night.

Meet all the other travellers that we'll meet that day.. and have a great time

### **Day 12: from La Rochelle to Biarritz :**

Depart 7h30 from your hostel and 7h45 from your hotel.

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 two nights.

There you will enjoy the beach, the local parties and the relaxing atmosphere in the beautiful surf centred Biarritz.

Where you have your bed reserved for 1 night

### **Day 13: Biarritz**

Check out time around 11 am

Off course once in Biarritz if you want to stay longer at the hostel we can book extra nights for you, and you pay them directly to the hostel

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

### **HOSTEL: in the HI FUAJ hostel**

**Bern:** HI Hostel e 4 3005 Bern

<http://161.58.202.98/dba/hostel055037.fr.htm>

**Lausanne:** HI Hostel

Ch. du Bois-de-Vaux 36 1007 Lausanne

<http://161.58.202.98/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesses-Lausanne-055007.fr.htm>

**Lyon:** FUAJ hostel AJ du Vieux Lyon 41-45, montée du Chemin Neuf 69005

<http://www.fuaj.org/Lyon>

**Nîmes:** "la Cigale" 257, chemin de l'Auberge de Jeunesse

<http://www.fuaj.org/Nimes>

**Beaulieu sur Dordogne :** FUAJ hostel AJ - 'La Riviera Limousine' Place du Monturuc

[http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesses-Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne-020067.fr.htm\\*](http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesses-Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne-020067.fr.htm)

**Cadouin :** FUAJ hostel

Place de l'Abbaye 24480 Cadouin (Dordogne)

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Cadouin-020073.en.htm>





**La Rochelle** : FUAJ hostel

Avenue des minimes La Rochelle

<http://www.fuai.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>

FROM	TO	DEPARTURE DATE	ARRIVAL DATE
STRASBOURG	BIARRITZ	26/06/09	08/07/09
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**What is included:**

Transport, accommodation and breakfast, the guide book « ZE BOOK 1 ».

3 wine tasting (Côte du Rhône, St Emilion, Médoc), Millau Bridge, Ferry fee, the entrance to the park Pyla Sand Dune. Many many so surprising things, and the best time, meeting the best people.

**What is not included:**

Extra insurance, meals, drinks, personal expenses, the optional excursions, Cave of Gouffre of Paderrac, oysters tasting, Optional tours: Kayak, Camargues, Avignon.

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