

# A Touch of France & Spain

3 night tour - B&B

## Your itinerary

The following pages contain general information about your car or motorcycle tour and the locations where you will stay. The order in which they appear on these pages may not be the order your hotels have been confirmed for you - for your individual itinerary please refer to your holiday documentation.





**Maps and guide books** Included with your travel documents you will find an excellent map of Spain to help you plan your journeys - the map also includes south-west France. For

route planning you may wish to go to one of the travel websites such as Google maps, viamichelin.com\* or www.theaa.co.uk.

\*Motorway tolls, where applicable, are indicated on this site.

**Hotel directions** With your travel documents you will find an information sheet for each hotel which has been booked for you giving directions together with some further details.

**Arrival** Unless stated, you will be expected to arrive at each of the hotels pre-booked for you by 6pm each day. This should allow you time to have a fairly leisurely drive between hotel stops but if you find you will be arriving later than this please ring and advise the hotelier so that your room is held for you.

**Extra charges** Details of which meals are included at hotels are shown on your travel documents. All additional meals, drinks, phone calls etc must be paid for prior to departure from the hotel.

## Vitoria



Around 80k south east of the ferry port at Bilbao and 160k from Santander, Vitoria-Gasteiz is a delightful city (and largely undiscovered by tourists) in the heart of the Basque country. There are wide, tree-lined pedestrian areas, central plazas and some wonderful parks and gardens to explore - the lack of vehicles in the city centre makes this a



relaxing place, although it's lively and has a great atmosphere particularly in the evening. While you're here why not try a glass or two of txakoli, the effervescent Basque wine, accompanied by some of the delicious pintxo (tapas) which are excellent here. As well as museums and art galleries Vitoria has 2 beautiful cathedrals - the unmissable Santa Maria dating from the 13th century and in complete contrast the other, known as the new one, originated just over 100 years ago and is still unfinished.

## Biriatou, France

From Vitoria we suggest you take a route via Pamplona which is less than an hour's drive, on your way to your overnight stay in France.

Most famous for its Running of the Bulls festival which is held annually in July, Pamplona is a fascinating city, full of history and surrounded by fortified walls which may be walked along for wonderful surrounding views.

Continuing on to Biriatou, this tiny village is just over the French border, tucked away near the Pyrenees and close to the charming seaside town and fishing port of St Jean de Luz.



Hotel les Jardins de Bakéa



St Jean de Luz

## Getaria

Back into Spain, your route takes you via the sparkling upmarket resort of San Sebastian. It's worth spending some time here to appreciate the fine architecture, fantastic sandy beaches and perhaps have a meal in one of the acclaimed eateries - this city is famed for having the most Michelin starred restaurants per square metre in the world. Getaria is a picturesque little fishing harbour and resort, the perfect place to try some fresh seafood and it's also one of the centres where txakoli wine is produced. Set on a small peninsula ideal for coastal walks, it has an attractive old quarter and makes a lovely place to stay.



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