

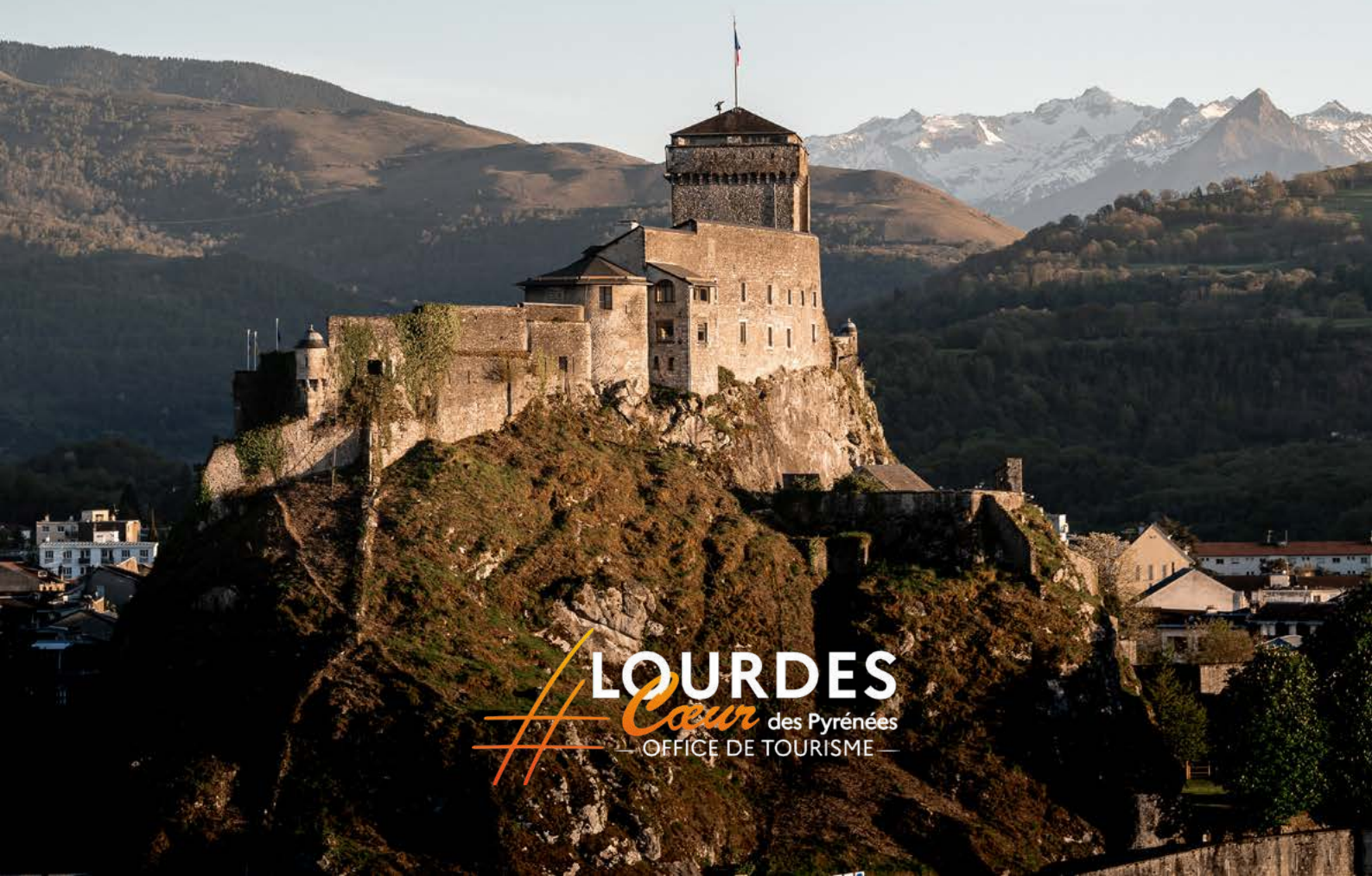


# LOURDES INSPIRATIONS

2025

VISITS, EXCURSIONS & TOURS  
IN AND AROUND LOURDES

#EXPERIENCE #DISCOVER #EXPLORE



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## Symbols



## Pictos



Duration



Family,  
Couple,  
Friends



Unmissable



Distance



Groups



# - 5 Reasons to Travel to Lourdes -

#1



To discover **the Sanctuary**, a unique architectural complex in Europe, a famous and major pilgrimage place to experience once in a lifetime, whether you are a believer or a tourist.

#2



To discover the magnificent Pyrenees, **Gavarnie**, listed as **UNESCO** World Heritage, **the Tourmalet**, the legendary Tour de France pass, **the Pic du Midi** and its pontoon in the sky, nature at its purest in the mountains close to Lourdes. A fabulous trip.

#3



To benefit a value-for-money **base camp**, an ideal location for daily excursions, between mountains, lakes and the ocean, with a wide range of hotels, and a **must-see destination to select for every itinerary** in the South-West of France.

#4



To experience the **South-West** of France way of living, in a relaxed and easy-going atmosphere, with great simplicity and a long tradition of welcoming pilgrims and tourists from around the world. An accessible place, especially for people with disabilities. A very cosmopolitan city.

#5



To have access to a multitude of activities and sports, **cycling, hiking, trail running, wine tastings, cultural and gastronomic sight-seeing tours...** all the ingredients to be surprised and amazed!



A full-page photograph of a medieval reenactment in Lourdes, France. Two knights in full plate armor are sparring in a gravel courtyard. One knight wears a brown surcoat over a red tunic, and the other wears a blue and green plaid surcoat. They are both holding long swords. In the background, a large, multi-story stone tower with a crenellated roof stands prominently. A French flag flies from a pole on the tower's roof. To the left of the tower is a stone building with several windows. A large crowd of spectators, including men, women, and children, is seated on the steps and on the grassy area to the right, watching the performance. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds.

# IN LOURDES



# The Sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes



As a world-famous spiritual center, the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes** welcomes millions of pilgrims and visitors every year. In 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to the young Bernadette Soubirous.

The Massabielle **Grotto** is central to the history of Lourdes and its Sanctuary. As the place where the Apparitions took place, it is a must for all pilgrims and visitors. Built in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the three basilicas of the Sanctuary are must-see sites. The **Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**, easily recognizable by its tall spire, has stained-glass windows depicting the events in Lourdes.

The **Rosary Basilica**, in the Romano-Byzantine style, is covered with 2 000 m<sup>2</sup> of exceptional mosaics. Lastly, the **underground Basilica of St. Pius X** impresses everyone with its unusually large dimensions and features various stained-glass images in the gemmail style.



## At 9 pm, the candlelight procession

Every evening, from April to October, thousands of pilgrims gather to walk and sing, flaming torch in hand. Whether you take part or just watch, it is always touching to witness this "magic" moment that brings people together from the four corners of the world. It is impossible not to be swept away by the power and beauty of all these flames, whose light spreads far beyond the Sanctuary.



Guided visit or free visit.



1 av. Monseigneur Théas, 65100 Lourdes



[www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com)



# The Bernadette's Path



## A history path

Following in Bernadette's footsteps is a chance to discover the places that were familiar to her: the mill where she was born, the **Moulin de Boly**, the gloomy **Cachot**, a former dungeon where she lived with her family at the time of the Apparitions in 1858, the **Hospice** where she was educated by the Sisters of Nevers and where she took her First Communion, the **parish church** where you can still see the baptismal font used at her christening, the **old Presbytery** where she met Abbot Peyramale, and the Maison Paternelle, known as the **Moulin Lacadé**, was home to Bernadette's parents after the Apparitions.

This is a walking tour. You can start from the **Museum of St. Bernadette**, a museum telling the story of her life through objects that belonged to her. You can follow the itinerary on your own or accompanied by a cultural guide.

## New: digital and immersive experiences

Digital and immersive experiences at 5 points in the city!

5 films to go back in time with Bernadette and discover Lourdes in her own time.

Guided visit or free visit.



en.lourdes-infotourisme.com



2h



#1



# The Pic du Jer Funicular



## The best view over the Pyrenees from Lourdes!

The Pic du Jer, that overlooks the town, can be recognized by its big cross, which is lit up at night. You can reach it by taking a **hundred-year-old funicular**, which will take you to the top at an altitude of 1 000 meters in a few minutes; a very scenic journey... At the top, a **walking trail** will take you to the observatory, where you will find a **unique panoramic viewpoint** offering a 360° view of Lourdes and the peaks of the Pyrenees.



## The Pic du Jer Caves

During a 40-minute visit, a guide will lead you through the 360 m. of tunnels featuring **various concretions and chasms**. You can also learn about the **great faults** which appeared when the Pyrenees were formed. On leaving the tunnel, the guide will tell you all about the surrounding landscape, rounding off what is sure to be a rewarding discovery of an underground world.



Guided visit or free visit.



59 av. Francis Lagardère, 65100 Lourdes



[www.picdujer.com/en](http://www.picdujer.com/en)



Adult from 13.50€  
Children from 10.50€



2h



#1

# The Fortified Castel and the Pyrenean Museum



## Travel Through a Thousand Years of History

Since the Middle Ages, this great stone vessel has watched over Lourdes and invites every visitor to travel through a thousand years of history...

## "Nothing related to the Pyrenees should be foreign to us"

At the heart of the castle's grounds, the Pyrenean Museum, founded in 1921 by Louis and Margalide Le Bondidier, presents rich collections that trace the history of the Pyrenees mountains.

## A Moment of Escape with a View over the City

During the visit, each visitor can enjoy an exceptional panorama of the city, the Sanctuary, and the Pyrenees. They can relax in the garden, a green and colorful haven adorned with sculptures and models of Pyrenean valley architectures.



Guided tours by reservation: in French, English, & Spanish.



25 rue du Fort, 65100 Lourdes



[www.chateaufort-lourdes.fr](http://www.chateaufort-lourdes.fr)



Adult: 8€ for self-guided tour

9€ for guided tour (reservation required, subject to availability)



1h30



#1



# Visit: The Castle in the City



Discover Lourdes differently! Follow in the footsteps of its past, we will reveal its secrets to you... **From an ancient Roman necropolis to its market places, from medieval remains to its fountains, Lourdes will not fail to surprise you.**

The tour continues with a visit of the Castle and its **Pyrenean Museum**. A **medieval stronghold**, it became a royal prison and then a museum in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Through its exhibition rooms and its breathtaking view of the town, **the Sanctuary and the Pyrenees**, the history of Lourdes is revealed in a different way.



Booking upon request possible for groups.  
Guided Tour.



en.lourdes-infotourisme.com



Adult from 12€



1h30



2km



# The Lourdes Lake



Just 3 km from the city center heading towards Pau, **the glacial lake** of Lourdes is an amazing place to relax and enjoy a wide variety of activities. The 6-km walk or bike ride around the lake is a must, offering superb views of the Pyrenees. You can also go canoeing, stand-up paddling... and **fishing enthusiasts** will also find plenty to enjoy.

Free visit.



[en.lourdes-infotourisme.com](http://en.lourdes-infotourisme.com)



1h



3km

# The Little Tourist Train



Explore Lourdes with the Little Train!

Embark on a **45-minute tour** through the must-see places in Lourdes. The Little Train allows every visitor to quickly familiarize with the city.

The comments are available in **8 languages**: French, English, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Portuguese and Polish.

Audio-guided visit.



[www.lourdespass.fr](http://www.lourdespass.fr)



Adult from 9€

Children from 5€



45 min





# The Covered Market



If there is one place you really must visit in central Lourdes, it is **the Halles de Lourdes**. Its remarkable architecture is eye-catching. Step through its gates and discover all the gastronomic expertise of the local area. You can meet **producers and traders** who will be delighted to show you all the products of **the Pyrenees**.

The cheesemongers will gladly introduce you to fabulous specialties like **'tomme des Pyrénées'**.

Be sure to drop by the patisserie stands and discover the famous **'gâteau à la broche'**, the Pyrenean festive spike cake. Unless you prefer to indulge in a slice of the local pie, the **'tourte des Pyrénées'**.

You can also taste local wines such as **Madiran** or **Jurançon**, unless a **local beer** is more to your liking... to be enjoyed responsibly, of course!



Free visit.



11 place du Champ Commun, 65100 Lourdes



[en.lourdes-infotourisme.com](http://en.lourdes-infotourisme.com)



30 min



#1



# Lourdes Food Tour



Embark on a **100% Pyrenean taste experience** with Marine.  
You are a good foodie, you want to discover the region and its gastro-  
nomy, to live a convivial moment?  
This food tour is for you!

Marine will give you the best of the best in 3 hours and for your pleasure, she will take you on a nice walk through the historic streets.

You will love :

- A moment of conviviality and discovery
- 6 tasting spots for a richer experience
- 2 wine tastings (or soft drinks for the youngest)
- An unusual walk
- Your passionate local guide



Guided activities.  
Visits in French, English & Spanish. 12 people max.



[www.cohezion.fr](http://www.cohezion.fr)



Adult from 68€



4h



2km



# Local Ham Tasting



**Tasting of Bigorre Black Pork.** An original experience for groups or individuals who want to enjoy a unique and unforgettable taste experience.

Go to the «Maison du Jambon» for **a moment of gastronomy and discovery**. Book your tasting session in advance and let yourself be enchanted by the authenticity of Pierre Sajous' products.

The Bigorre Black Pork PDO guarantees born, fattened and slaughtered (at least 12 months old) animals in the Pyrenees.

The «Noir de Bigorre» is raised in the wild and benefits from a natural diet and regular exercise. This is one of the secrets of its exceptional marbled meat and unique flavour.



Booking is required for group. 20 people max.



2 rue de la Grotte, 65100 Lourdes



[www.pierre-sajous.com](http://www.pierre-sajous.com)



Adult from 20€  
Children from 15€



30 min





# Beer and Chocolate Tasting



Surprise your senses in the heart of Lourdes for a **unique zythological experience** with Clairette Prestations.

Passionate about challenges and unusual experiences, Claire offers you a gourmet workshop to help you discover local products from our region.

For 1 hour, you will explore the world of beer and chocolate. Discover how the varied aromas of the beers blend with the richness of the local chocolates. You will taste (in moderation) **a selection of 3 craft beers brewed in Lourdes, accompanied by 3 chocolates produced right next door, in Pouzac! For locavores and epicureans!**



## Programme:

Introduction to the history of beer and how it is made.

Introduction to the aromas of beer and chocolate.

Tasting and beer/chocolate pairings.

Explanations of product characteristics and learning the steps to successful tasting.

Booking is required for groups.

Location: outdoor site or partner place.



Clairette Prestations



[clairetteprestations@gmail.com](mailto:clairetteprestations@gmail.com)



Adult from 25€



1h





# Food and Wine Tasting



Take part in a unique wine workshop where you will learn how to taste white and red wines. Accompanied by Claire, a qualified specialist, you will discover the subtleties of each wine, sharpen your senses and take part in a game of aromas for an enriching experience.

## Programme:

**Sensory discovery:** explore the world of white and red wines carefully selected for their distinctive qualities.

**Tasting techniques:** learn professional tasting methods, from visual observation to the analysis of aromas and flavours.

**Aroma game:** take part in an interactive game to identify and recognise the different aromas present in wines.

**Gourmet platter:** enjoy a platter of local cheeses and charcuterie to accompany the wines.

Booking is required for groups.  
Location: outdoor site or patner place.



Clairette Prestations



[clairetteprestations@gmail.com](mailto:clairetteprestations@gmail.com)



Adult from 25€



1h





# Lourdes Medals



A little-known treasure of the town, you have probably already seen one or been given one made there: a Lourdes medal! That is right, they are **100% made in the Pyrenees!**

The company's name is "**MAJOADO, Manufacture Joaillière d'Occitanie**". It has been based in Lourdes since it was set up in **1946**. It was founded and for a long time managed by locals. They are the ones working here every day, sometimes for generations in the same family.

Brass, aluminum, gold, silver, precious or more humble metals... many different metals pass through the expert hands and the machines in the workshop. Real skills have also developed with vitreous enamel, which is colored blue to symbolize the Virgin Mary. Here the work of the enameller is a true art. This is also why since 2020 the company has been listed as a "Living Heritage Company" in recognition of all the firm's achievements.



Guided tours in French, English, German & Spanish.  
Booking is required for groups.



45 min



38 chemin de Lannedarré, 65100 Lourdes



[www.seral-lourdes.com](http://www.seral-lourdes.com)



Adult from 5€

# Candles of the Sanctuary



To meet the ever-increasing demand from pilgrims, and especially **to illuminate the Marian processions** which began in 1871, La Ciergerie Lourdaise was created in **1928**.

Since its creation, La Ciergerie Lourdaise has carried on **an unique and ancestral know-how thanks to two manufacturing methods, soaking and molding**. The wick maintained vertically on a frame is dipped several times into a bath of paraffin at a constant temperature until the sought-after size is obtained. This know-how has been transmitted from generation to generation within the Ciergerie.

It is thus its own unique school. The Lourdes candle is unique with its Marian blue base which reminds us of the Virgin's blue belt, but also in its appearance (drippings and texture). In 2010, they created the first biodegradable and compostable votive for the Sanctuary.

In 2024, La Ciergerie de Lourdes started to produce all the small candles intended for the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris!

Guided Visit.  
Booking is required for groups.



30 min



8 boulevard du Lapacca, 65100 Lourdes



[www.ciergerie-lourdes.com](http://www.ciergerie-lourdes.com)



Adult from 3€



A group of hikers is seen from behind as they walk along a rocky, narrow trail. The trail is flanked by dense green bushes and shrubs. In the background, a steep, rocky mountain rises, covered in patches of green vegetation. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'AROUND LOURDES' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The word 'AROUND' is on the top line, and 'LOURDES' is on the bottom line. The letters are slightly transparent, allowing the background image to be seen through them. The text is centered horizontally and slightly to the right of the vertical center.

# AROUND LOURDES



# The Betharram Caves



Immerse yourself in an extraordinary journey through time, just a few kilometers from Lourdes!  
Open to the public since 1903, **the Caves of Betharram are spread over several levels that you can explore on foot, by boat on the underground river and even on board a little train that will take you back to daylight!**

Over the millennia, water has shaped the chambers and galleries, offering a spectacle of breathtaking geological formations. Every moment of this incredible underground experience sparks the imagination and inspires admiration. A magical world awaits you.



Guided visit.



Chemin Léon Ross, 65270 Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre



[www.betharram.com](http://www.betharram.com)



Adult from 16.50€  
Children from 11.50€



2h30



12km



# Hautacam



Just outside Lourdes, at an altitude of over 1,500 m, lies Hautacam. Both a **ski resort** in winter and a **leisure park** all year round, Hautacam offers a multitude of activities to delight all ages visitors.

All year round, Hautacam is a life-size playground for thrill-seekers. The resort invites you to multiply your experiences and discover all the pleasures of the mountains. Unspoilt nature, incredible panoramas, a wide range of activities, original sports, a fun atmosphere and affordable prices...

## Get ready for some exceptional moments in the heart of the Hautes Pyrénées!



4-season activities :

- **Fun area:** tobogganing on rails, suspended bike crossing, inflatable buoy descent, mini quad, dévalkart' & new for 2024: rolling bubble.
- **Nature area:** electric scooters & mountain bikes, adventure trail games while admiring the most beautiful mountains in the Gavarnie Valleys.
- **Alpine area:** 20 runs and a beginners' area.
- **Anordic area:** cross-country skiing, snowkhoeing and dog'sledding.

Free visit.



65400 Baucens



[www.hautacam.com](http://www.hautacam.com)



Mountain luge 6€ per descent



1/2  
day



27km

# Chloro'Fil Park



In the trees with the **acrobatic park** or the **Bois des Pirates**, on the water with the whitewater activities, or on the **hand-lebars of all-terrain electric scooters**, the Chloro'Fil Park is a huge adventure playground.

Here, families from the age of 2 can enjoy an unusual adventure in the trees at the Bois des Pirates. The adventure begins with an aerial walk along a course of nets, from tree to tree, from perched hut to perched hut. The whole experience is punctuated by discoveries and games involving the 5 senses...

In "accrobranche", the sensations are guaranteed for everyone aged 4 and over, in complete safety, thanks to the continuous lifeline system. The 20 courses are progressive in terms of height and difficulty, and offer an introduction to "accrobranche" and/or a challenge for the more athletic on the more challenging courses!

From the age of 6, come and navigate the river in the heart of the Vallée des Gaves, in rafting, mini-raft, canoe or kayak. Half a day of fun and excitement, at the pace of the rapids on the Gave de Pau.

Come and discover the valley, its landscapes, its paths off the beaten track, and its local gastronomy, with our E-Cross'trott (all-terrain electric scooters).



Guided activities.



Route de Silhen, 65400 Ayros-Arbouix



[www.chlorofil-parc.com](http://www.chlorofil-parc.com)



Adult from 24€  
Children from 20€



2-3h



12km



# The Pyrenees Animal Park



Ranked among the 3 most beautiful parks and zoos in France!

Located in Argelès-Gazost, the **Pyrenees Animal Park** invites you to have an unforgettable experience. A travel through 14 hectares of nature enables every visitor to discover nearly **100 animal species including: marmots, otters, lynx, brown bears, gray wolves, vultures, ibexes or even red pandas, meerkats, gibbons and songbirds of the rainforests.**

The visitor can have a lot of closeness and interaction with the animals. It is possible to feed marmots and have birds land on one's arms.

The park is doubly important given that many of the species here have either disappeared in the wild or are teetering on the brink of extinction – most notably the brown bear.



Self-guided tour.



60 bis av. des Pyrénées, 65400 Ayzac-Ost



[www.parc-animalier-pyrenees.com](http://www.parc-animalier-pyrenees.com)



Adult from 22€  
Children from 16€



3h



12km



# Cycling Activities



The **Pyrenees** are an ideal playground in France for cycling (road, mountain and gravel bikes). In any season, whatever your activity and your sporting ability, enjoy yourself here at the heart of wide open spaces, natural and preserved sites.

## Road cycling

Known worldwide by all cycling fans thanks to the Tour de France, this part of the Pyrenees concentrates many mythical passes and climbs: Tourmalet, Aspin, Aubisque, Soulor, Luz Ardiden, Hautacam... There are no less than 14 passes or climbs easily accessible from Lourdes.

## Mountain biking and Gravel

There are sites for downhill enthusiasts: the Pic du Jer (Lourdes), which is world famous thanks to the UCI DH Mountain Bike World Cup.

You can also find many itineraries for mountain bike trips: in total, more than 1 000 km of tracks and trails to practice your passion.



Self-guided tour.



[www.outdooractive.com](http://www.outdooractive.com)



1/2  
day



50km



# Madiran Wine Tasting



A small appellation of 1 400 hectares located along the border between the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, the Hautes-Pyrénées and the Gers. **The vine was introduced to Madiran by Benedictine monks in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.**

In 1948, the modern history of Madiran wines began with the creation of the AOC (Controlled Origin Appellation).

In the 1980s, under the impetus of a few pioneers, the appellation began a shift towards the production of quality wines. From the 2000s onwards, the Madiran winegrowers asserted their expertise and had their moment of glory.

**Tannat**, the king grape variety from the Pyrenean foothills, is the basis of the identity and originality of Madiran wines. This rare grape variety now represents nearly 70% of the appellation's vineyards. It flourishes wonderfully on the unique and exceptional terroirs of the rolling hills of Madiran. The complementary grape varieties are Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.



## Alain Brumont's Vineyards

Visit of Châteaux Montus & Bouscassé and lunch at the Table de Bouscassé

- Visit of both Château Montus & Château Bouscassé, discovery of two emblematic plots of La Tyre and Menhir, followed by wine tasting .
- Exceptional lunch prepared by chef Loïc Rpmonti, who awakens the senses with seasonal produce from Château Bouscassé's 1000 m2 kitchen garden and the excellence of South-Western food production (included in the "Secret d'un Grand Vin" package).

Guided tour.



Château Bouscassé : Bouscassé, 32400 Maumusson-Laguian  
Château Montus : 65700 Castelnau-Rivière-Basse



[www.brumont.fr](http://www.brumont.fr)



Tour - 2h from €20  
Visit and lunch - 4h from €60  
Free welcome and tasting at Château Bouscassé



1/2 day  
(including a 4-hour  
tour and lunch)



65km

# Jurançon Wine Tasting



«Bî dou Rey, rey dous bis» (*King's wine, King of wines*)

This pretty motto is written in capitals at the entrance of the city hall of Jurançon. The village is quite proud of the wine that carries its name. **Made famous by King Henri IV baptism**, the Jurançon white wine was served during big ceremonies of the Maison de France. Today it still can be found on the finest menus during national and international events.

More than 360 winegrowers produce Jurançon dry wine, but also sweet wines which create great bottles with complex aromas and great ageing potential.



## Cave de Gan

During your visit, you will discover the backstage of the wine making process, by retracing with your guide the journey of a grape, from its arrival on the reception platform of the harvest to the bottling of the wine.

Throughout your tour, you will discover the press room, the fermentation tanks, the superb semi-buried ageing cellar and its exhibition of Gallo-Roman mosaics from the 4<sup>th</sup> century (found in the ruins of the Roman villa of Pont d'Oly located in the city of Jurançon). The visit obviously ends with wine tasting accompanied by local products.

[www.cavedejurancon.com/la-cave/visite-de-la-cave.html](http://www.cavedejurancon.com/la-cave/visite-de-la-cave.html)

## Clos Lapeyre

Visit and discovery of Jurançon: history of Clos Lapeyre, presentation of the vineyard and the Jurançon PDO, visit of the vineyards, the cellar and the small museum followed by a 5-wine tasting from the estate.

[www.jurancon-lapeyre.fr/en/welcome-to-our-cellar/](http://www.jurancon-lapeyre.fr/en/welcome-to-our-cellar/)

Guided tour.



Caves de Gan : 64290 Gan  
Clos Lapeyre : 64110 Jurançon



Free welcome and tasting



1/2 day  
(including a 4-hour  
tour and lunch)



65km



# Pic du Midi




To make the most of your first day on top of the Pyrenees, leave Lourdes nice and early and head for Bagnères-de-Bigorre then La Mongie ski resort, the departure point to the **Pic du Midi**.

You will not forget the cable car ride to the top in a hurry! You ascend the 1 000 m. altitude in less than 20 minutes in one of the two cable-car cabins to the Pic du Midi **panoramic observation terrace**. The summit **museum** is worth visiting. And remember to book your place on the voyage among the stars in Europe's highest **planetarium**, opened in the Couple Baillaud, which holds an important place in France's scientific history. You can also relive the Pic du Midi observatory's history through augmented reality using an **Histopad**. For thrill seekers, come and live a dizzying experience with the **«bridge in the sky»**. Lunch on a selection of local dishes at **"Le 2 877" restaurant**.

In the shadow of the Pic du Midi, at an altitude of 2 115 m., **the Tourmalet** pass is legendary. The Tour de France covers it every year and cycling enthusiasts from all over the world come here to tackle the ascent.



Guided visit or free visit.

 65200 La Mongie

 [www.picdumidi.com](http://www.picdumidi.com)

 Adult from 49€  
Children from 30€



1/2  
day



50km

#1

# Gavarnie



Become acquainted with a stone giant, Victor Hugo's «colossus of nature», listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**: the Cirque de Gavarnie. You can get up close and personal with this wonder, carved out by the glacier that created the valley here.



From the far end of the village of **Gavarnie**, you set off on a two-hour walk (round trip) to the foot of this mighty Cirque. Easy to start with, the route becomes more challenging towards the end, but your hard work is doubly rewarded by the sight that greets you at the foot of the **monumental waterfall** (Europe's biggest!). And if you are not up to walk, it is possible to get there on a donkey.

Back in the village, reward yourself with a drink on a sunny café terrace while admiring the view, then trot off to see the Church of St John the Baptist, **a Historical Monument and Unesco World Heritage Site as part of the 'Routes of Santiago de Compostela'.**

Accompanied visit or free visit.



65120 Gavarnie-Gèdre



[www.valleesdegavarnie.com](http://www.valleesdegavarnie.com)



1/2  
day



50km





# Cauterets - Pont d'Espagne



Today you follow in the footsteps of French authors Georges Sand and Victor Hugo and other figures of 19<sup>th</sup> century Parisian society, to **Cauterets** and the famous **Pont d'Espagne**, in the heart of the **National Park of the Pyrenees**.

The **Pont d'Espagne**, 7 km from Cauterets, is a former pastoral route that enabled France to trade with Spain. As a gateway to the **National Park**, the bridge is now a starting point for rambling through forests, rivers, waterfalls, lakes and breath-taking scenery. There is a lovely walk up to the radiant **Lac de Gaube** at the foot of the mighty peak of **Vignemale**, the highest peak in the French Pyrenees. It is a stiff climb, but there is an easy way up via the gondola and the chairlift. Picnic by the lake or enjoy lunch at the lakeside restaurant in the beauty of the surrounding scenery.

Do not head back down the valley before taking a stroll through the village of **Cauterets** to admire the **Belle Époque** architecture of this spa resort, where taking the waters was the height of fashion in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Cauterets is also well-known for its **berlingots**: this artisanal confectionery is the essential delicacy of the small spa town.



Accompanied visit or free visit.



65110 Cauterets



[www.cauterets.com](http://www.cauterets.com)



To the lake of Gaube  
Adult from 16€  
Children from 13€



1/2  
day



35km

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# Practical Information

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## By car

Highway A65 Bordeaux-Pau and  
highway A64 Toulouse-Bayonne  
Exit Tarbes Ouest (A64/n°12)



## By bus or car pooling

Operated by Flixbus or Blablacar

[www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr)  
[www.flixbus.fr](http://www.flixbus.fr)



## By Train

Train station - 33, avenue de la Gare  
[www.sncf-connect.com](http://www.sncf-connect.com)

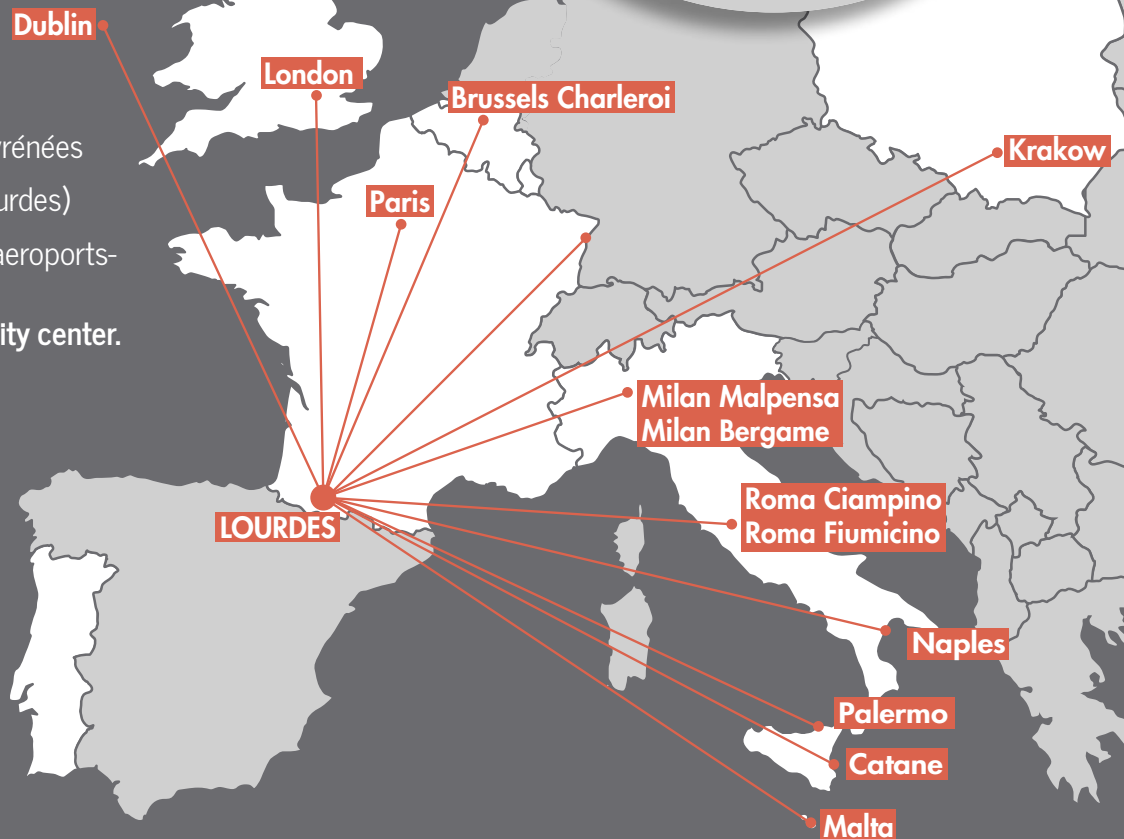
→ 3 min. by bus to the city center

→ 7 min. on foot to the city center



## By Plane

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