

# The coastal trail

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**MEDIUM**
**SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ TO HENDAYE**


*The Corniche Basque*

**T**he second section of the coastal trail offers splendid panoramas from the Ciboure port to the Hendaye port. The itinerary runs along a narrow ledge between a road and a cliff. After crossing the Abbadia protected domain, it ends along the beautiful Hendaye beach and on Txingudi bay.

### Getting to the departure point:

From the A 63, exit 3, take the N 10 toward St-Jean-de-Luz for 1.9 km. Turn left at the stoplight by the police station. At the next stoplight, go straight ahead and cross over a bridge on the railway. Immediately turn right on Rue de Habas. Go to the Passicot car park (free parking). Walk to Place Louis XIV.

### For your return:

Scheduled ATRCB buses run from Hendaye to Saint-Jean-de-Luz. For times and rates, call 05 59 08 00 33

- D** Go to the D 810 (formerly N 10) bridge on the Nivelle and go past on the Ciboure side (fishing signs). At the end of the bridge, walk downhill on your right and go straight along the port; walk in front of a statue of the Virgin. Walk 300 m and go down a flight of stairs. You will reach a quay and signs on the history of the bay **1** (607021 4804811). Further along, walk back up a flight of stairs. Go along the road and cross the Socoa bridge, take an alley on your right and walk around the port. On the other side, turn right two times and take Rue du Phare. Take a trail on your right until you reach a promontory with an iron pole on the edge of the ledge **2** (606288 4805506). Continue on the landscaped trail that runs between a road and the ledge. Go past a blockhouse (at the D 912/D 913 junction) and temporarily break away from the road. In a depression in the ledge, you will come to the Viviers Basques creek (signs on the coastal ecosystem) **3** (604300 4804593). Walk uphill along the ledge: the trail continues to break away from the road occasionally. After going downhill, turn right onto **3h00** the entrance to the Haizabia property **4** (602641 4803742). When you come to a cottage on the coast, walk around it on the right. Cross over a bridge, walk up steps on the other side and continue on a trail. Go past the entrance to the Abbadia site until you come to Asporotz fishing equipment **5** (602120 4803701). Continue along the trail through alternating coppices and moors, and go right every time you come to a fork, with the exception of the half-way turn-off that runs down to Baie de Loia. You will come to Pointe Ste-Anne and its blockhouse, which is topped with a wind rose **6** (601100 4804254). Walk around the top of the cliff on the trail without crossing the protective fences, and enjoy a view of the Deux Jumeaux rocks. Walk to Maison de la Lande (Abbadia domain activity centre), turn right and walk downhill to the fence at the site's entrance (600795 4803386). The coastal trail runs under the car park, going along the beach toward the left for 350 m. Afterwards, it continues on the Hendaye dyke to **3h00** the Bidassoa estuary.

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**D** St-Jean-de-Luz - Place Louis XIV  
(608261 4804644)

**3h** **11,8 km** **292 m**

**Mapping:** pays basque ouest/rando éditions

**GPS (WGS84-UTM-30T)**  
Download the GPS track at [www.rando64.fr](http://www.rando64.fr)

**Don't miss:**

- St-Jean-de-Luz bay
- The Corniche Basque
- The Abbadia protected domain
- Hendaye's large beach

Dogs not allowed on the Abbadia domain

Bicycles not allowed

**Marking:** indicating "sentier du littoral" (coastal trail)

### Château d'Abbadia

Rising up on the cliffs across the from "Deux Jumeaux" rocks in Hendaye, Château d'Abbadia was built between 1864 and 1879 by Viollet-Le-Duc. Its architectural style is neo-gothic and its decoration is extremely rich. This building testifies to its owner's passion for the East.

Antoine d'Abbadia (1810-1897), who was an explorer, geographer, linguist and astronomer, led a life devoted to adventure. In 1895, he donated his domain to the Academy of sciences, which he chaired in 1892.

The Academy foundation uses the castle as a centre for the dissemination of scientific culture.

For information: [www.academie-sciences.fr/Abbadia.htm](http://www.academie-sciences.fr/Abbadia.htm)



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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIKE FOR YOU

**The elevation** indicated on the sheets represents the total distance climbed. Stops are not included in hiking times.

**Hikes are classified by difficulty** and distinguished by colours on each route's practical sheet. We adhere to the recommendations of the French Federation of Hiking.

**Very easy** less than 2 hours of walking. Ideal for families, on well marked-off paths.

**Easy** less than 3 hours of walking. Suitable for families. On paths, occasionally with more.

**Medium** less than 4 hours of walking. For hikers who are used to walking. With occasional challenging sections or slopes.

**Difficult** more than 4 hours of walking. For experienced and athletic hikers. The itinerary is long and/or difficult (slopes, difficult sections).

**Duration of the hike:** The duration of each route is indicated for information only. It is calculated based on the length of the hike, slopes and possible difficulties.



Trail sign

## Marking

Follow the markers to stay on the right path

Trail markers	Sentiers de Pays and PR®	GRP®	GR®	Mountain biking	Horseback riding
Right direction					
Turn left					
Turn right					
Wrong direction					

## Your opinion of our trails

The utmost attention has been paid to our various itineraries. We are interested in your impressions and observations concerning the state of our trails so we may keep them in good condition. To send us your comments, please contact CRDP 64: 05.59.14.18.80.

Or download an "Ecoveille" observation sheet at: [www.rando64.fr](http://www.rando64.fr)

## Useful recommendations

Weather 08 92 68 02 64  
European emergency number 112

When discovering Béarn and Basque Country trails, you are asked to adopt behaviour that respects nature and the men and women who work to bring this territory to life.

There are a few rules that you need to follow.

### Preserve nature

Bring a bag for your trash  
Respect the fauna and flora  
Stay on the marked trails

### Protect yourself

Do not leave without the necessary materials  
Do not hike alone  
Do not drink stream water  
Check the weather forecasts in advance

### Respect activities and humans

Remember to close fences  
Fires are prohibited  
Respect the private properties that line our itineraries

### Please note!

The Basque and Béarn mountains are pastoral areas. If possible, do not bring your dog along. In all cases, keep it on a leash. Thanks!

## Hiking labels

### PR® labelled itineraries

With this label, the French Federation of Hiking certifies a certain number of hiking routes based on quality criteria. It makes its selection according to pleasure, technical, tourist and environmental criteria (For more info, visit [www.ffrandonnee.fr](http://www.ffrandonnee.fr))

### Horseback riding



This logo guarantees an itinerary that has been labelled by the Departmental Committee of Equestrian Tourism based on specific specifications.

(For more info, visit [www.cheval64.org](http://www.cheval64.org))

### Mountain biking:

- wide and easy trail, elevation less than 300 m.
- fairly easy trail, elevation less than 300 m.
- technical trail, elevation less than 800 m.
- very difficult trail, elevation from 300 to 800 m.

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