

# From the Nive to the Basque coast

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BORDAGAIN - UNTXIN



CIBOURE

**T**his family walk will take you through wooded areas and diverse aquatic environments, and you'll discover a rare example of the region's traditional architectural heritage.

**D** Opposite Socoa beach, take *Boulevard d'Abbadie d'Arrast* which goes up the sides of Bordagain hill. Before getting to the top, turn right, go through the wooden gate ❶ 0606744-4804354 to take the *Chemin rural Elorriko bidea*. The path goes deeper into the woods then comes out onto a meadow which you'll bypass at the top, revealing an exceptional view over the ocean and Socoa fort ❷ 0606518-4804303. Continue towards the forest and go along the ownership limits then carry on into the undergrowth until you get to the RD913. Take a right. Go along the road until you get to Lycée Maritime ❸ 0606056-4804088. Turn right onto *Avenue Eugène Corre* then turn left straightaway after the high school. Take the steps to get back to Untxin's riverbanks. Turn right onto the *Promenade Pierre Larretche* ❹ 0606147-4804356. You'll have the opportunity to observe the typical flora and fauna of this wetland area. Carry straight on to go to the beach.

0h30

0h50



Untxin at low tide



Promenade Pierre Larretche

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**D** (departure) Boulevard d'Abbadie d'Arrast  
Socoa beach

GPS : 0606540-4804938

 0h50

 2,7 km


 +76 m  
-76 m

Signage

**D** to **4** 

Must-see

- Beautiful views
- Bordagain Tower
- Socoa Fort
- The Récollets Cloisters
- Traditional buildings

 Hiking shoes essential, especially for the forest part

### CIBOURE

Ciboure was formerly a district (Zubiburu) of Urrugne. With an ever-growing population, the people of Ciboure demanded their "independence". Henri III promised them they would get it in 1574 but it was Henri IV, on 7th November 1603, who granted Ciboure municipal authority, despite machinations at the Bordeaux Parliament by the lord of Urrugne, Tristan d'Urtubie (husband of Catherine de Montaigne).

Henri IV appointed Etienne de Tenon to arbitrate the different disputes over land and privileges which resulted from the creation of Ciboure. It was only in 1634 that the affair was resolved for good. Zubiburu became Subiboure, then Ciboure in around 1700. The original distribution of land between Ciboure and Urrugne does not correspond to the current division.

The Untxin river formed a natural border, up to the Kalea bridge. The Socoa district, on the left bank of the Untxin, still belonged to Urrugne. It was exchanged under Napoleon 1st for the "mountain" which Ciboure continued to have rights over.

The history of Ciboure is closely linked to the Empire and the sea. Cliff erosion weakened the natural defences against the sea, and protective sea walls had to be built. The first attempt, under the reign of Louis XVI, was destroyed during the French Revolution. Napoleon 1 had encouraged the destruction of Ciboure and Saint-Jean-de-Luz, to be reconstructed on the hilltops. Napoleon III decided to build the 3 seawalls which still exist here today, halting the march of the sea, which had already advanced 200m in the previous 200 years.

Further information is available from:

**Ciboure tourist office**

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# CHOOSE THE RIGHT WALK

## Levels

**The change in altitude** indicated in each guide represents the total increase. Times are calculated without stops.

**Walking routes are classified by difficulty** and are differentiated by colours in each route's practical guide. These classifications have been made following recommendations from FF Randonnée.

**Very easy** under 2 hours of walking  
*Ideal for families, using clearly marked paths.*

**Easy** under 3 hours of walking  
*Can be done as a family. Follows footpaths,*

*with some more difficult parts.*

**Average** under 4 hours of walking  
*For those with some walking experience. Contains some fairly challenging aspects or changes in altitude.*

**Difficult** more than 4 hours of walking  
*For experienced walkers. Routes are long and/or challenging (steep ascents, difficult parts).*

**Walk times:** The time taken to complete each route is given as a guide only, taking account of the length of the route, the change in altitude and any difficult aspects.



A local photo of footpath signposting

## Walking labels

### PR® routes:

A number of hiking trails are designated as PR® routes by the FF Randonnée in accordance with quality criteria. They are selected using environmental, tourist, technical and attractiveness criteria. (Further information is available at [www.ffrandonnee.fr](http://www.ffrandonnee.fr))

## Signposting

Use the signposts to stay on the right track

Signposting	Regional and PR® footpaths	GR® footpaths
The right direction		
Turn left		
Turn right		
The wrong direction		

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## Your views on our footpaths - Ecoveille®

The routes we offer have been carefully selected. We would like to hear your opinions and observations about the state of the footpaths as this will enable us to ensure they are well maintained. We invite you to send us your comments by contacting the Agglomération Sud Pays Basque on (+33)5 59 48 30 85.

You can download an Ecoveille® observation form at [www.rando64.com/ecoveille](http://www.rando64.com/ecoveille)

## Useful recommendations

Weather forecast (+33)8 92 68 02 64 or 32 50 or [www.meteofrance.com](http://www.meteofrance.com)  
European emergency number 112

Visitors who use the Nive-Nivelle footpaths in the Southern Basque country are required to behave in a respectful manner towards the natural environment and the inhabitants of the area. It is important that certain rules are followed.

### Taking care of nature

- Take a bag with you to carry your waste
- Ensure you respect the wildlife
- Stay on signposted footpaths

### Taking care of yourself

- Do not set off without the necessary equipment
- Avoid walking alone
- Do not drink water from streams
- Make sure you are aware of weather conditions

### Respecting local activities and inhabitants

- Make sure you close gates
- **Avoid walking with a dog. If you do have a dog with you, ensure it is kept on a lead at all times.**
- Starting fires is strictly forbidden
- Ensure you respect private property located near footpaths

## GPS co-ordinates for routes

GPS co-ordinates for each stage of the route are provided for all routes.

The reference format is as follows:

**WGS 84 - UTM 30T**

### Please note!

It is advisable to avoid certain routes during the wood pigeon hunting season (October and November) and the controlled burning season (December to March).

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