



Biarritz

BIARRITZ / BAYONNE
SUMMER LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS
Juniors 13-17 years



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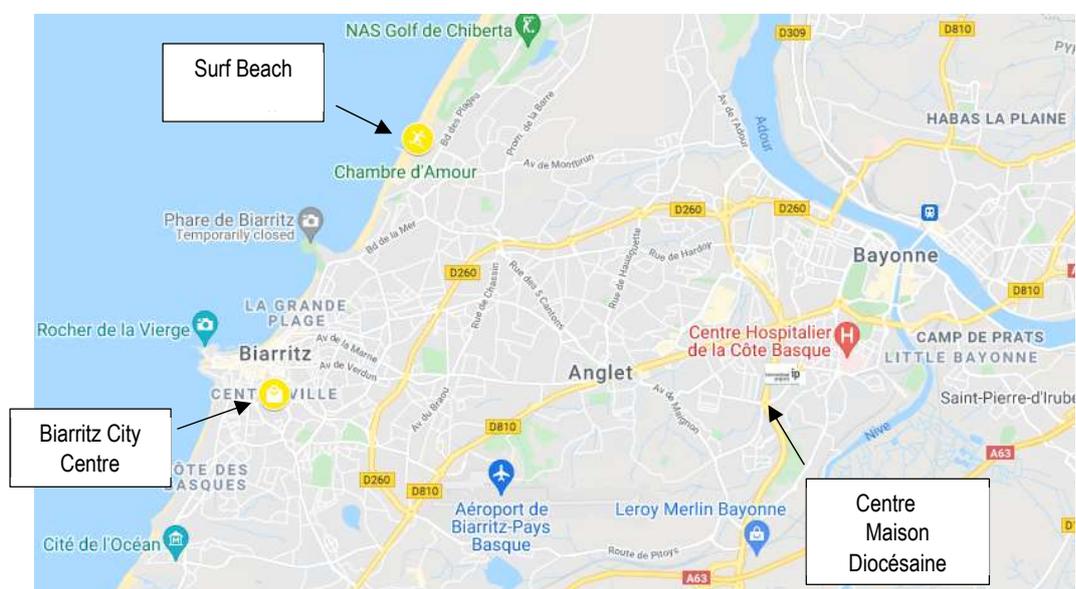
Ages	13-17 years
Centre Type	Close City Campus
Distance	To city centre 20 min and to the beach 40 minutes by bus
Courses Available	General French or English (15x45 min / 11.25 hrs) Intensive French or English (20x45 min / 15 hrs) Mini Group French (20x45 min / 15 hrs)
Accommodation	Residence and Homestay
Capacity	Max. 50 residential / 30 homestay
(Main) Arrival / Departure day	Saturday
Centre dates	03.07.2021 to 14.08.2021
Nationality Mix 2019	German, Spanish, British, Italian, Swedish, Mexican etc.
Special	Surf course
Distance to Bordeaux	206 km
Main airports	Biarritz (15 minutes) San Sebastian (45 minutes) Pau (75 minutes) Bilbao (2 hours) Bordeaux (2 hours)
Tourist attractions	St. Jean de Luz, Bordeaux, Bayonne, San Sebastian, Sare, Pau

General Information

- ↳ Residential 2-4 bedded rooms with private shower, shared toilets, full board
- ↳ Home stay in twin or triple rooms, full board
- ↳ Modern and spacious classrooms
- ↳ Ocean Lounge: meeting point for our students
- ↳ Vending machines with snacks and drinks
- ↳ Green area and garden, table tennis
- ↳ Free Wifi on the campus



Map



Accommodation & Catering

Residential Accommodation – Maison Diocésaine Bayonne

- ↳ **Twin and Multi-bedded rooms with private shower and shared toilet** (3-4 beds per room) on 2-3 floors
- ↳ Students will share a room with peers of the same sex. If possible, they will also share a room with students their same age who speak a different native language than their own (unless they request to stay with a friend). However, please bear in mind that this may not always be possible.
- ↳ Room size: 15 m²
- ↳ Rooms are lockable, with 1-2 keys per room
- ↳ Bedding and towels are provided and changed weekly.
- ↳ Damage deposit 50 €
- ↳ Bus pass included for the duration of the stay
- ↳ Students receive breakfast, packed lunch and hot dinner
- ↳ Dining Hall: large room for approximately 50 students
- ↳ Outdoor Terrace
- ↳ Ocean Lounge - meeting point for our students
- ↳ Vending machines with snacks and non-alcoholic drinks in the Maison Diocésaine
- ↳ Public launderette in a close supermarket (4,00 € per load plus 1,50 € drying)
- ↳ Free Wifi for free in Maison Diocésaine in main areas(not rooms)
- ↳ Refrigerator for medicine storage

Meal plan

- ↳ Meal times: breakfast 7:30-9:00 and dinner 19:00
- ↳ Meals provided at our refectory on the campus
- ↳ We offer vegetarian, gluten free and lactose free options in the residence accommodation. Please advise at least 21 days prior arrival about any special diet.
- ↳ Packed lunch provided at school and consists of half an open baguette, fruit, 500ml mineral water and treats. In weekends a sandwich and salad instead of baguette.

Homestay accommodation

- ↳ Our host families live in Biarritz, Bayonne, or Anglet, max. 45 minutes bus ride from school.
- ↳ All our hosts respect our strict homestay guidelines and are carefully chosen by our local Accommodation Manager
- ↳ Students receive breakfast and dinner. An additional packed lunch will be provided.
- ↳ Bedding & Towels: Provided and changed weekly
- ↳ Vegetarian food available. All other special diets or food allergies on request only. Please advise with your enrolment about any special diet.

Language Courses

- ↳ Lessons take place at Maison Diocésaine
- ↳ Levels on offer: Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (B1), Upper Intermediate (B2), and Advanced (C1). All our courses follow the European Framework of Reference Levels for Language Learning
- ↳ **Placement Test online before arrival or on site**
- ↳ Teaching material provided
- ↳ Certificate at the end of the course
- ↳ Bank holidays: no lessons on the 14th of July 2021 and the 15th of August 2021
- ↳ No more than 15 students are placed in each group. Groups are level groups according to the international norms. If possible, groups are made up of students near the same age who speak different native languages.
- ↳ **All of our teachers are native speakers** or native level speakers. All of our teachers are qualified to teach French or English as a Foreign Language or have extensive teaching experience in their respective language.
- ↳ Lesson times: 1st lesson: 9:00-9:45, 2nd lesson: 9:45-10:30, Break: 10:30-10:50, 3rd lesson: 10:50-11:35, 4th lesson: 11:35-12:20

Available Courses

- ↳ **General French or English Course** (15x45 minutes/11.25 hours per week): levels A2 to C1, lessons from 9:00-11:45 including breaks
- ↳ **Intensive French or English Course** (20x45 minutes/15 hours per week): levels A2 to C1, lessons from 9:00-12:30 including breaks
- ↳ **Mini Group French Course** (20x45 minutes/15 hours per week): levels A2 to C1, lessons from 9:00-12:30 including breaks



Airports and Transfers

Transfers from/to Biarritz Airport, Biarritz/ Bayonne train station or bus station

Transfers from/to Biarritz Airport, Biarritz/ Bayonne train station or Biarritz bus station (Avenue Charles Floquet) or Bayonne bus station (Gare de Bayonne) are included. please indicate in your booking whether you need this transfer or not. We need this information 4 weeks prior to arrival at the latest.

Transfers will be organised with a private coach or taxi or our staff at any time requested.

Other transfers are not included in the package but available with a supplement (see below)!

- ↳ Biarritz Airport: 6.8 km, ca. 10 min
- ↳ Biarritz train station: 9,6 km, ca. 10 min
- ↳ Biarritz bus station (Av. Charles Floquet): 8,4 km, ca. 15 min
- ↳ Bayonne train station : 6,1 km, ca. 15 min
- ↳ Bayonne bus station (Gare de Bayonne) : 4,9 km, ca : 10 min

Individual Transfer

Available transfers with private coach or taxi at any time requested. Other airports or train stations on request only.

- ↳ San Sebastian Airport: 51 km, ca. 45 min
- ↳ Pau Airport: 116 km, ca. 75 min
- ↳ Bilbao Airport: 144 km, ca. 2 hours
- ↳ Bordeaux Airport: 195 km, ca. 2 hours

On the day of arrival our Transfer Service will be waiting for the students at the exit area of customs with a sign of either the students' name/s or our company name on it and will take them directly to their course centre. On the day of departure, the students will leave the centre as required in order to make sure they arrive at the airport in time to check in.

Airlines to Biarritz

Ryanair:	London, Dublin, Brussels
Flybe:	Amsterdam, Belfast, Birmingham, Southampton, Edinburgh, Glasgow
SAS Scandinavian Airlines:	Copenhagen, Stockholm
Air France:	via Paris from/to Russia

Unaccompanied Minor Service

On the day of departure, we will drop each student off at the airport. If they would like to be taken directly to the check-in desk, please inquire about our Unaccompanied Minor Service. Please keep in mind that a return UM-service must be booked if your student uses the UM-service on arrival.

If students book an Unaccompanied Minors service with their airline, please be sure to request our Unaccompanied Minors service (with supplement).

Specials (with supplement)

Special: Surf Course

Biarritz is a true surfer's paradise! The surf course takes place on 5 afternoons (1.5 hours each). Equipment will be provided. Surf lesson times may vary depending on the weather, tide and the size of the waves or might be cancelled or postponed.

Please bear in mind that booking this course combination may prevent you from joining other activities or a scheduled excursion.

Special: Bordeaux Stopover (for closed groups of min. 10 people)

For closed groups we offer a Bordeaux Stopover on departure. The group leaves from the Biarritz Youth Hostel on Saturday morning by coach. On arrival in Bordeaux city centre, a staff member will take the group on a guided tour, enjoying the sights of this ancient and cultural city, visiting the cathedral, the Grand Théâtre or the Place de la Bourse (entrance fees not included). We will enjoy a packed lunch on our way, and the students will have some time to explore by themselves, as well as to do some shopping.

The coach will collect the group in the city centre and bring them to a B&B where they will enjoy dinner and spend the night in shared rooms (2-4 pax). In the morning, breakfast will be provided, and the transfer to Bordeaux airport will be booked to arrive on time for the flight. A packed lunch will be provided for the trip.

For more detailed information about the Bordeaux Stopover on departure, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Supervision

Students in Biarritz will be free to experience and explore things with their friends on and off campus, but with daily checks from our supervisors to provide a good mix of supervision and personal freedom. Daily checks include: wake-up, breakfast, class check, assembly, programme check with sign-up lists, dinner, TTT and night check.

Participation in the activity programme is voluntary. You can choose between taking part in the offered programme activities or exploring the town with your friends in the afternoon and the evening after dinner until 22:30 pm (at least 2 students together), after informing our staff members and signing out. You will not be allowed to leave the campus or the Host Family without supervision after 22:30 pm when all students should be in their accommodation, but there might be special supervised programme activities off the campus organised for you. The supervision ratio for this age group is usually 1:15, i.e. one staff member per 15 students.

The activity programme is bilingual (French and English). There are activities in French and English in the afternoons and bilingual activities in the evening. During the excursions, there will be different groups per language or a bilingual guided tour (in case of smaller group sizes on site).

If you are accommodated in the Residence you inform your supervisor at the compulsory assembly what you are going to do in the afternoon. The same happens at the TTT around dinner time for the evening event.

Homestay students have their TTT around lunchtime where they need to inform the supervisors about their plans for the day (afternoon and evening). In the evenings the students can either take part in the activity programme, explore by themselves in pairs up to 22:30 pm or stay in their private homes. The families are in contact with the team and let them know if a student is missing.

You will be part of a TTT group of up to 20 students. Your TTT supervisor will always know in which programme activities you take place and where you are. Our supervisors may restrict the level of freedom if necessary, for example if you don't respect the centre rules!

Important information for groups: If students travel in a closed group, the accompanying group leader is responsible for their supervision in line with our supervision policies and procedures and working alongside our team. The group leader will be fully integrated into our teams and all the rules and regulations and policies will be communicated to them prior to arrival in our centres. Our teams do very much appreciate any active support from the group leaders on site.

Sample Activity Programme

Biarritz – Surf and fun in the sun

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Meet & Greet	8:30 – 9:30	7:30 – 8:15	7:30 – 8:15	7:30 – 8:15	7:30 – 8:15	7:30 – 8:15
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	10:30 – 12:30	10:30 – 11:15	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30
	Residence Check-In	Welcome Meeting	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
	Host Family Pick Up	Chill-Out	Break + Assembly	Break + Assembly	Break + Assembly	Break + Assembly	Break + Assembly
	10:30 – 12:30	11:15 – 12:30	10:50 – 12:20	10:50 – 12:20	10:50 – 12:20	10:50 – 12:20	10:50 – 12:20
	Beach / Chill	Town Walk	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	13:30 – 15:00	13:45 – 14:00	11:30 & 12:30	11:30 & 12:30	11:30 & 12:30	11:30 & 12:30	11:30 & 12:30
Residence Check-In	Assembly + TTT	TTT (Time to Talk)	TTT (Time to Talk)	TTT (Time to Talk)	TTT (Time to Talk)	TTT (Time to Talk)	
Afternoon	14:00 – 17:30	14:00 – 16:00	14:00 – 16:00	14:00 – 16:00	Half-Day Trip	Half-Day Trip	14:00 – 15:30
	Residence Check-In	Beach Sport	Beach Sport	Sport	14:00 – 16:00	14:00 – 16:00	Beach Sport
	Host Family Pick Up	Arts & Crafts	Games	Food & Drink	Arts & Crafts	Digital Workshop	Health & Beauty
	14:00 – 17:30	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00
	Ocean Chill-Out	Beach Chill-Out	Beach Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Beach Chill-Out
Evening	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30	19:30 – 20:30
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
	20:30 – 20:45	19:00 – 19:45	20:30 – 20:45	20:30 – 20:45	20:30 – 20:45	20:30 – 20:45	20:30 – 20:45
	TTT (Time to Talk)	Welcome Meeting	TTT (Time to Talk)	TTT (Time to Talk)			
	20:45 – 21:00	20:30 – 20:45	20:45 – 21:00	20:45 – 21:00	20:45 – 21:00	20:45 – 21:00	20:45 – 21:00
	Ocean Chill-Out	TTT (Time to Talk)	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out	Ocean Chill-Out
	21:00 – 22:30	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45
Icebreaker Games	Quiz Night	Welcome Party at the beach	Games Night	Chill Night	IP's Got Talent	Farewell Theme Party	
Night	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check
	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15	23:00 – 07:15
	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet
Trips & Specials							
	FD Trip				HD Trip	HD Trip	
			Surfing	Surfing	Surfing	Surfing	Surfing

* Due to different arrival and departure dates and times there will be several Welcome Meetings throughout the weekend.

Biarritz: Sample Programme Description

Our activity programme is a varied mix of workshops, sport activities, games and evening events aiming to provide our students with safe, fun and intercultural environment, which represents our philosophy 'Learn more than a Language'. What is more, we select and prepare our activities with a great care in order to fit into students' area of interest as well as their need of freedom and independence. It is a bilingual campus where activities take place in French and English

Afternoon Programme	
Ocean Chill-Out	Supervised time in our specially designated chill-out zones equipped with table tennis & board games
Beach Chill-Out	Supervised afternoon at the beach with an opportunity to swim in the Sea in the lifeguarded zones
Sport	Dodge Ball, Football, Volleyball, Badminton, Zumba, Fitness Dance, Workouts Jogging & Stretching
Fun Games	Capture the Flag, Hide & seek, Photo Rally, Treasure Hunt
Arts & Crafts	Pimp your T-shirt, Sandcastle competition, Friendship bracelets, DIY dream catcher, DIY Postcard & souvenirs
Health & Beauty	Henna tattoos, Nail Art, Face masks, Hand & Head massage, Make up workshops, Yoga & Relaxation, Meditation
Food & Drinks Workshop	Crepes workshop, Cupcake workshop, Cocktails workshop, Sushi workshop
Trendy / Digital Workshop	Instagram/photoshoot workshop, Internet Memes workshop

Evening Programme	
Fixed Programme	Icebreakers games Night on arrival, Quiz Night, Open Stage Night: IP's Got Talent
Party Nights	Welcome & Farewell Theme Parties (Hollywood, Bad Taste, Pyjama, Neon, Karaoke)
Game Nights	Murder Mystery, Scavenger Hunt, Haunted House, Casino & Fun Fair Nights, Escape Room, Prove your senses, Chaos Game
Chill Nights	Bonfire Night, Barbecue Night, Live Music & Karaoke, Street market
Trips & Specials	
Trips	Full Day Trips: San Sebastian, Pau, Bordeaux, Bilbao, Hendaye Half Day Trips: Sant Jean de Luz, Bayonne, Sare <i>Trip programme consist of +/- 1 hour guided walking tour with a staff member and free time for shopping</i>
Specials	Surf Course (5 x 1.5 hrs. / week)

Sample Excursions

Below you find detailed descriptions of our full and half day excursions. Excursions are done either in two groups in French and English or in a bilingual way if the group is smaller. We respect the environment and arrange all our excursions with public transportation if possible. The time frames are approximate and depend on public transport departure/arrival times. Times indicate departure from the centre and arrival back in the centre in the evening.

Due to the ongoing situation concerning the spread of Covid-19 the availability of the listed trips and/or sights within the listed trip destinations might vary. Please read our Covid-19 secure notes on the last page of this document carefully.

Full day excursions:

After breakfast, we will meet in the Youth Hostel, where you will get your packed lunch. The coach will pick us up or we will head to the public transport (bus or train), and we'll start the journey to the chosen destination. One of our trained staff members will give you a guided tour of the city/area. Every tour starts with some background information on the destination and lasts for 1h15 to 2h. We will stop in different points of interest to take some pictures and tell you the most interesting stories about the places. After the guided tour, we will reach the set meeting points where students will get 1h30 to 2h30 free time in pairs or small groups. The supervisor will indicate where are the closest shops and cafes, and students will be free to discover the surroundings on their own, within a maximum of 20mns walking distance. We will meet in the same meeting point at a specified time, walk back together to the coach and start our journey back to the centre.

Full day trip destinations

Bordeaux from 09:30-18:30

Bordeaux, centre of the vineyards in France, is known for its cathedral, art museums, and big houses from S.XVIII and XIX. During peak week we organise an excursion to Bordeaux, do a guided tour, visiting the cathedral, the Grand Théâtre or the Place de la Bourse (entrance fees not included) and find plenty of time for shopping.

San Sebastian- Donostia (Spain) from 09:30-18:00

Situated in the Basque Coast, along with Wrocław Poland, it was the European Capital of Culture in 2016. Donostia is the name in Basque which is the short name for Saint Sebastian.

When we arrive in San Sebastian, we will take a guided tour of the city, visiting the most remarkable places as Castillo de la Mota, the cathedral, enjoy a panoramic view from Monte Igueldo, admire the Victoria Eugenia Theatre or enjoy the famous beaches of La Concha and Ondarreta. After our tour of the sightseeing attractions, students can visit the various shops and the beach.

Pau from 09:30-18:00

Pau is the capital from the Atlantic Pyrenees, only 50 km from those magnificent mountains, has rich historic and monumental value. We will sightsee in our guided tour the castle, the palaces, and other amazing buildings full of history. After our tour of the sightseeing attractions, students can visit the various shops and the city centre.

Half day excursions:

After lunch, either we will jump into the public transport (bus or train) or a coach will pick us up in front of the Youth Hostel and we'll start the journey to the chosen destination. You will then get a guided tour from one of our trained staff members of the city/area. Every tour starts with some background information on the destination and lasts for 45mns to 1h15. We will stop in different points of interest to take some pictures and tell you the most interesting stories about the places. After the guided tour, we will reach the set meeting points where students will get 1 to 2h free time in pairs or small groups. The supervisor will indicate where are the closest shops and cafes, and students will be free to discover the surroundings on their own, within a maximum of 20mns walking distance*. We will meet in the same meeting point at a specified time, walk back together to the transport and start our journey back to the centre.

Half day trip destinations

St. Jean de Luz from 13:30-18:00

St. Jean de Luz is a small, historical town with a gorgeous harbour, narrow winding streets, and many local souvenir shops. You will take part in a guided tour of this town which features a large number of residences built in the 17th and 18th centuries along the Quai de L'Infante, Rue Mazarin, Rue Gambetta and at the Place Louis XIV, as Maison de l'Infante, the church of Saint Jean Baptiste or the Casino from where you could enjoy an amazing panoramic view of the town. During your free-time go around and explore the town at your own pace.

Bayonne from 13:30-18:00

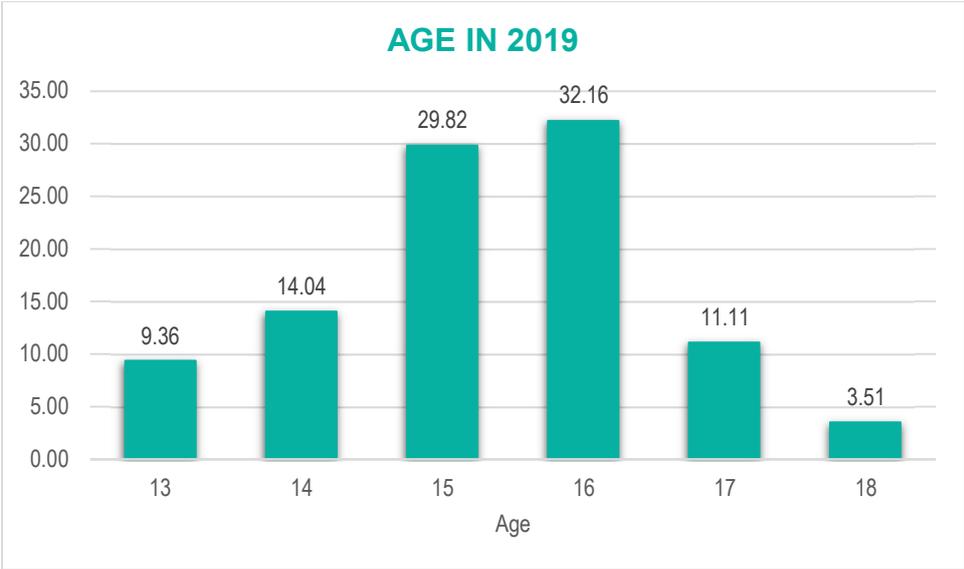
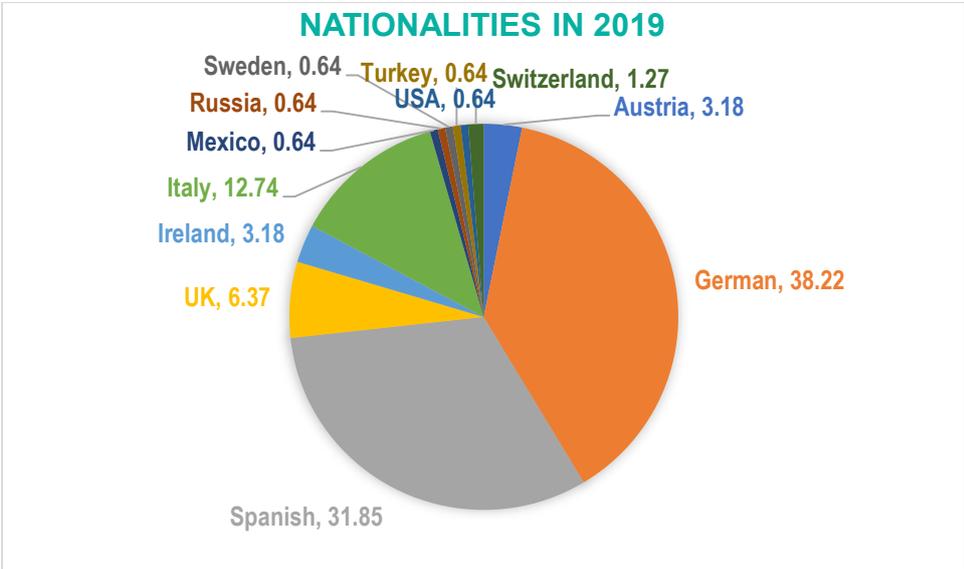
Bayonne is a moderately sized city, 40 minutes from Biarritz by public bus. It is a hub for Basque culture and history, with the ancient neighbourhood called Grand Bayonne, which we will explore in our guided tour, passing through the Cathedral, the Chateaux Vieux, Chataux Neuf, or the Botanic Garden. During your free-time go around and explore the town at your own pace.

Sare from 13:30-18:00

Small city in the Atlantic coast, close to Biarritz and St Jean de Luz, has beautiful sandy beaches and mild climate, and enjoy too of historical monuments that we will visit in our guided tour, as the Saint Martin Church, the Maison Ihartze Artea, or the City Council. After our tour of the sightseeing attractions, students can visit the various shops and the beach.

Information for closed groups only: If you wish to visit any sight during one of our trips with your group feel free to contact us. We are happy to arrange entrances for closed groups where possible and if prepaid. Entrances are subject to availability of the chosen sight.

Students in 2019 (by nationality and age)



Last updated: 11 May 2021

Covid-19 secure notes

We are experienced since summer 2020 as we have been successfully running a summer camp in Hohensolms (Germany) under Covid-19 rules and safety measures.

The health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is our main priority. We will be strictly following all the recommendations and guidance issued by health authorities at our centres.

At that point of the year, we can't precisely describe how each centre will work as we don't know exactly what will be implemented by French government and local authorities in Biarritz.

Safety measures could for example include: wearing masks in the common areas of the youth hostel, wearing masks in public transport and/or on busses during our excursions, keeping the minimum distance in classrooms and during activities. The necessary measures will be defined prior to the students' arrival and are subject to changes if needed.

Host families have all been trained and sent guidance notes in advance of their students' arrival regarding our increased expectations around cleanliness and hygiene. Hosts will treat students as full members of their household and social distancing will not be necessary inside the home.

Trip destinations might not all be available depending on the current situation in the different trip destinations during the summer. If any trip destination has too many cases of Covid-19 we will change the trip to another destination to protect the health of our students and staff.

Updated information can be found on our website. Individual clients will receive all the necessary information with their travel documents 7-10 days prior to arrival. For closed groups we will inform the agents / group leader prior to the group's arrival to the destination.