



# LOURDES INSPIRATIONS

2024-2025

STAYS, EXCURSIONS & TOURS  
IN AND AROUND LOURDES

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## Symbols



## Pictos



# - 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 vibrant outdoor social gathering, likely a festival or fair, taking place on a grassy area. The scene is dominated by large, leafy trees that provide shade. Numerous people of various ages are seated at black folding tables, engaged in conversation and drinking. In the background, there are white tents, one of which has a sign that reads 'Le Chaud Com'. A green metal structure, possibly a stage or a decorative element, is visible behind the crowd. The overall atmosphere is lively and communal.

# L'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.



## Not to be missed!



### 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.

Guided visit or free visit.



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



2h



# 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€



1h30



# The Château Fort and its Pyrenean Museum

## - All the valleys united -



The Castle stands proud on its rocky spur (easy access via a lift). Over the centuries, the Castle has had many uses, as a counts' residence, a royal prison and a barracks, but has withstood the ravages of time. As a result of its role in defending the population and controlling access to trade routes, particularly towards Spain, it developed a range of defensive and attacking features that can still be seen today: keep, drawbridge, portcullis, watchtowers, walls and artillery platform.



At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Louis and Margalide Le Bondidier, a couple from Lorraine, arrived in the Pyrenees following a job transfer with the French Treasury and immediately fell in love with the mountains. From Mont-Perdu to Vignemale, Louis and Margalide completed one ascent after another. They became recognized as Pyrenean climbers and two summits were named after them: Pic Le Bondidier and Pic Margalide.

Curiosity about the culture of their adoptive region encouraged them to become involved, each in their own way, in Pyrenean and tourist institutions and in ethnographic research. They eventually became involved in setting up a museum in the castle.

Now a classified **Historic Monument**, it houses **the Pyrenean Museum**: a 1h30 visit will enable you to discover the history and cultures of the French and Spanish Pyrenees from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

The highlight of the visit: **the botanical garden and the 360° viewpoint from the south terrace** (Pointe du Cavalier), with a breathtaking view of the town, the Sanctuary and the Pyrenees.

Guided visit or free visit.

 25 rue du Fort, 65100 Lourdes



 [en.lourdes-infotourisme.com/explore/discover-the-historic-centre/](http://en.lourdes-infotourisme.com/explore/discover-the-historic-centre/)

 Adults from €6 , Children from 4€, Family special: €18



# The City Center and Castle/Museum visit



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.



Guided Tour.

Booking upon request possible for groups.



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



Adult from 12€



1h



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.

## Fishermen's paradise

The lake, listed as a 2<sup>nd</sup> category lake, is highly prized by fishing enthusiasts. On the banks or from a boat, you can fish for carp, roach, tench, pike, zander, perch and black bass. A night carp fishing trail is also accessible on the golf course side.



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**.



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!

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 broche'**, the Pyrenean festive spike cake. Unless you prefer to indulge in a slice of the local pie, the **'tourte des Pyrénées'**.



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 gastronomy, 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 tasting (or soft drinks for the youngest)
- An unusual walk
- Your passionate local guide



Guided activities.

12 people max.

Visits in French, English & Spanish.



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



Adult from 68€



# Pierre Sajous - The House of Ham



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

Don't miss out on this exceptional event, come 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 Porc noir de Bigorre PDO guarantees animals born, fattened and slaughtered (at least 12 months old) in the Hautes-Pyrénées.

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.



*Conseils*




*Dégustation*

Free Visit.

Booking is required for group visits.

 2 rue de la Grotte, 65100 Lourdes

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

 from 20€ per person, tasting (excluding drinks)



20 min



# Gourmet workshop: Beer and chocolate



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 an unusual gourmet workshop to help you discover local products from our region. She likes to get off the beaten track and offers you a tasting experience that will arouse your palate and tickle your curiosity. For 1 hour, you'll explore the world of beer and chocolate. Discover how the varied aromas of the beers blend with the richness of the local chocolates. You'll taste (in moderation) **a selection of 3 craft beers brewed in Lourdes, accompanied by 3 chocolates produced right next door, in Pouzac (65)! 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.

- Duration: 1 hour
- By reservation only
- Outdoor site or partner place
- Over 18s
- 25€/pers. For groups of more than 15 people

## Food and wine tasting

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

- **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 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.

Guided Visit. (different options available) and by prior arrangement



Office de Tourisme de Lourdes, Place du champ commun 65100 LOURDES



1h00



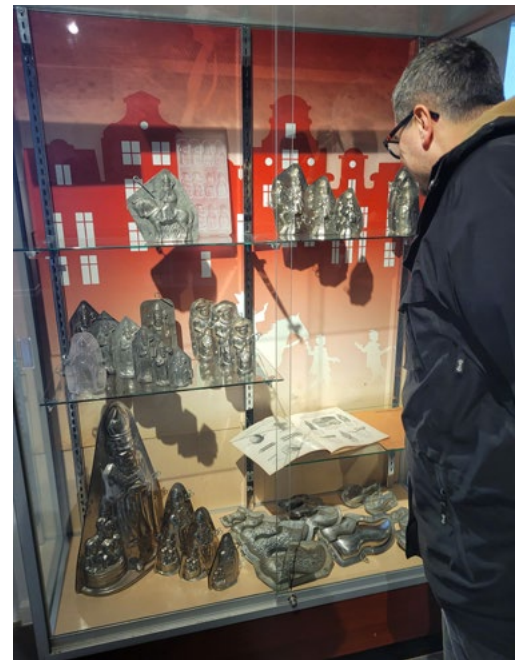
[www.lourdes-infotourisme.com](http://www.lourdes-infotourisme.com)

# Choco Story : The chocolate museum



A museum dedicated to the discovery of cocoa and its traditions!

Incredible collections and a unique immersion into the world of the Maya. The history of chocolate in Europe. Chocolate tastings will help you discover all the mysteries of CHOCOLATE! Educational and instructive, you'll have a deliciously surprising time!



Self-guided tour (French, English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, German and Flemish).

 85 Rue de la Grotte 65100 LOURDES

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

 Adults: €9 / Children: €5.5



45 min



# Discovering 2 local enterprises labeled “Living Heritage Company”

The “Living Heritage Company” label is a recognition mark set up to distinguish French companies with excellent craft and industrial know-how. Less than 1,400 companies have been awarded this label so far.

## 1 : Manufacture Joaillière d’Occitanie 1946, formerly SERAL



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 !**”, “Société d’Editions Religieuses et d’Articles de Lourdes” or Lourdes Company of Religious Publications and Articles. It has been based in Lourdes since it was set up in 1946 and has never moved. 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 as she appeared in Lourdes. Here the work of the enameller is a true art. The result is the specific style of SERAL 1946 medals. This is also why since 2020 the company has been listed as a “Living Heritage Company” in recognition of all the firm’s achievements.



SERAL 1946 also owns the well-known Malespine® brand of pastilles made with Lourdes water and sold in small cobalt-blue tins. The pastilles are made in one of the French capitals of this type of sweet: in Vichy! Lourdes water is shipped there to make the pastilles and then SERAL 1946 packages them.

Guided tours in French only (English, German and Spanish on request), Thursdays from 10.30am to 11.15am.

 38 chemin de Lannedarré, 65100 Lourdes

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

 Adult: €5 / Reduced fee: 3€.





## 2: La Ciergerie de Lourdes, the 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 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.



*Large candle moulds*



*Baptismal candles*


Booking is required for groups.  
Visits from Tuesdays to Fridays.  
Guided Visit.


 8 boulevard du Lapacca, 65100 Lourdes



 30 min



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

 Adult from 3€

A group of hikers is seen from behind, walking along a dirt path on a mountain. The lead hiker is a young woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and dark shorts. Behind her are several other hikers, including a man with a large backpack. The path is surrounded by dense green bushes and shrubs. In the background, a large, rocky mountain peak rises under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

# 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 Bétharram 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.

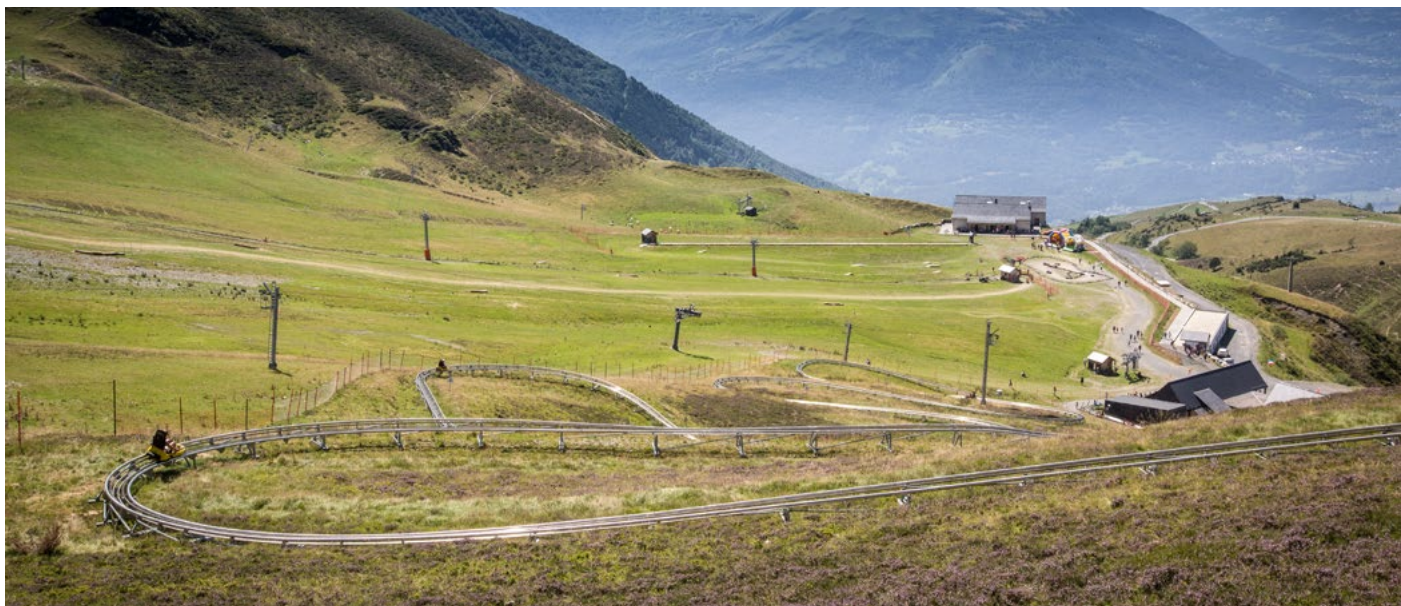
 Chemin Léon Ross, 65270 Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre

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

 Adult from 16.50€  
Children from 11.50€



# 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.
- **An ALPINE area** : 20 runs and a beginners' area
- **A NORDIC area** : cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog sledding

Free visit.

 65400 Baucens

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



 1/2 day



 27km

20



Mountain luge 6€ per descent

# Le Parc Chloro'Fil



In the trees with the **acrobatic park** or the **Bois des Pirates**, on the water with the whitewater activities, or on the **handlebars 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 "acrobranche", 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 "acrobranche" 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.

For those aged 8 and over, canyoning is the perfect way to discover the mountains of Gavarnie. Try your hand at canyoning and descend the bed of a torrent: jumps, abseils, natural slides, crystal-clear pools of water, all in an exceptional natural setting.


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



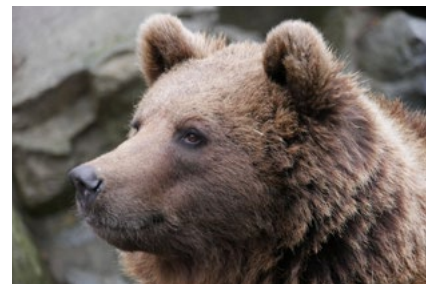
12km

# 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€



# 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.

To climb the most mythical pass of the destination, the Tourmalet pass, there are two main routes. You can access it either via Bagnères-de-Bigorre or via Luz Saint-Sauveur. In both cases, the pass is about 50 km from Lourdes and the loop can be done in half a day.

## 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.

In recent years, thanks to a few enthusiasts, the destination has also become more and more popular for Gravel rides. You can easily leave the airport tarmac to discover other routes: towards the Soulor pass, the Cabalirros climb, along the Gave de Pau River and even up to the Tourmalet pass.



Self-guided tour.



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



1/2  
day



50km

# Madiran



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).

From then on, the cultivation of vines experienced a new boom in the region. 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

- Introduction to Alain Brumont's philosophy
- 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 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> kitchen garden and the excellence of South-Western food production (included in the "Secret d'un Grand Vin" package).

Guided tour. (different packages available)



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



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



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



65km



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



# Jurançon



«*Bî dou Rey, rey dous bîs*» (*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.



1/2 day



45km



# Le Pic du Midi

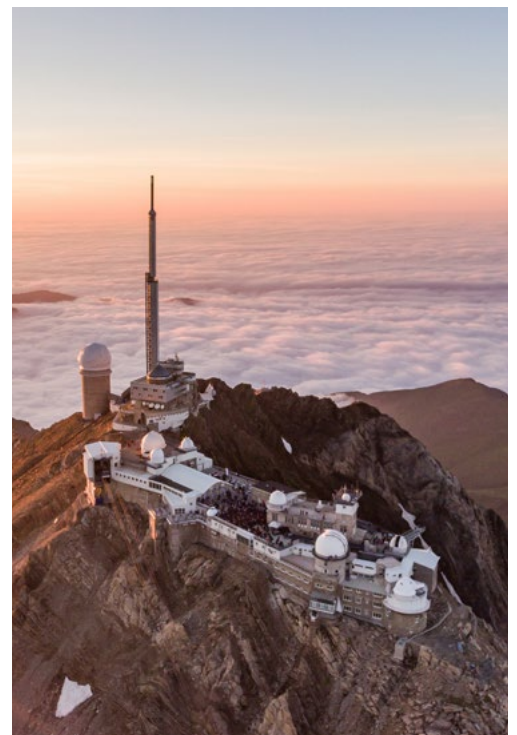


To make the most of your first day on top of the Pyrenees, leave Lourdes nice and early and head for Bagnères-de-Bigorre then La Mongie ski resort, the departure point to the **Pic du Midi**.


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.

To recharge your batteries, make a stop at the **Aquensis spa** in Bagnères-de-Bigorre. It is a veritable cathedral of wood, glass, and marble, pure pleasure and wellbeing. Soak up the joys of hot and invigorating thermal water!



Guided visit or free visit.

 65200 La Mongie

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

 Adult from 49€  
Children from 30€



1/2  
day



50km



# 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'**.

Next, return to your car to follow the road down to Luz-St-Sauveur and stop off at **Pont Napoléon** to admire this bridge that appears to hang in thin air above the Gave River.

Then add an extra stop at **Atelier Sajous** in Beaucens and discover a specialty from the area: **the Noir de Bigorre**. Pork from these pigs is a **famous and luxurious product**, known for its tasty fat, unique flavor and distinctiveness.

Accompanied visit or free visit.

 65120 Gavarnie-Gèdre  
 [www.gavarnie.com](http://www.gavarnie.com)  
[www.pierre-sajous.com](http://www.pierre-sajous.com)



# 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.

And why not experience the healing properties of the naturally hot water that made Cauterets' name? Try the **Bains du Rocher**, where you can soak in the magnificent 200 m<sup>2</sup> outdoor pool.



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



# Val d'Azun



## A unique atmosphere

The simplicity of the inhabitants creates a warm, friendly and authentic atmosphere. Respect for nature, self-respect and respect of others are the most evaluated values in the valley. This land, inside the National Park of the Pyrenees, is a refuge, as well as a useful working tool and a resting place for anyone wishing to escape from the daily tumult. Inspiring, it is a setting that lends itself perfectly to creative and spiritual growth.



## Val d'Azun-Pyrenees cheese

All year round, the herds are fed thanks to the local resources, and they can then produce delicious products such as the stamped cheese "Val d'Azun-Pyrenees". From cow, sheep or 'mixed', these cheeses are above all the fruit of a common will: that of the farmers of the valleys who are keen to promote their territory rich in traditions and know-how through a singular identity. To bite into these local products is to taste the best of the Pyrenees.

## Outdoor activities

Val d'Azun cannot be restricted to a single discipline as its diversity of landscapes offers many possibilities. If it is rather obvious that hikers will find the right match for their needs, trailers, skiers and cyclists will not be left out!

Possible activities:

- Short hiking to the Soulor pass or the Couraduque pass
- Cheese tasting
- Walk around the Estaing lake
- Hiking in the Pyrenees National Park



Self-guided tour.



en.lourdes-infotourisme.com



1/2  
day



25km

# Practical Information

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*Dubau Voyages* +33 562 91 38 94, dubau.voyages@wanadoo.fr

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## Transfers upon request - Taxis

*Allô VTC Lourdes* +33 641 34 77 10, contact@allovtc-vipservices.com, www.allovtc-vipservices.com

*Transfert Taxi David Lourdes* +33 681 89 09 88, david.guinle@icloud.com

*Taxis Services Lourdes* +33 562 42 08 08, contact@taxislourdes.fr, www.taxislourdes.fr

## Coach Companies

The list of coach companies located in Lourdes: upon request.



## By car

Highway A65 Bordeaux - Pau  
et autoroute A64 Toulouse -  
Bayonne  
Exit Tarbes Ouest (A64/N°12)  
or Soumoulou (A64/N°11)



## By bus or car pooling

Operated by Flixbus or Blablacar  
[www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr)



## By Train

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

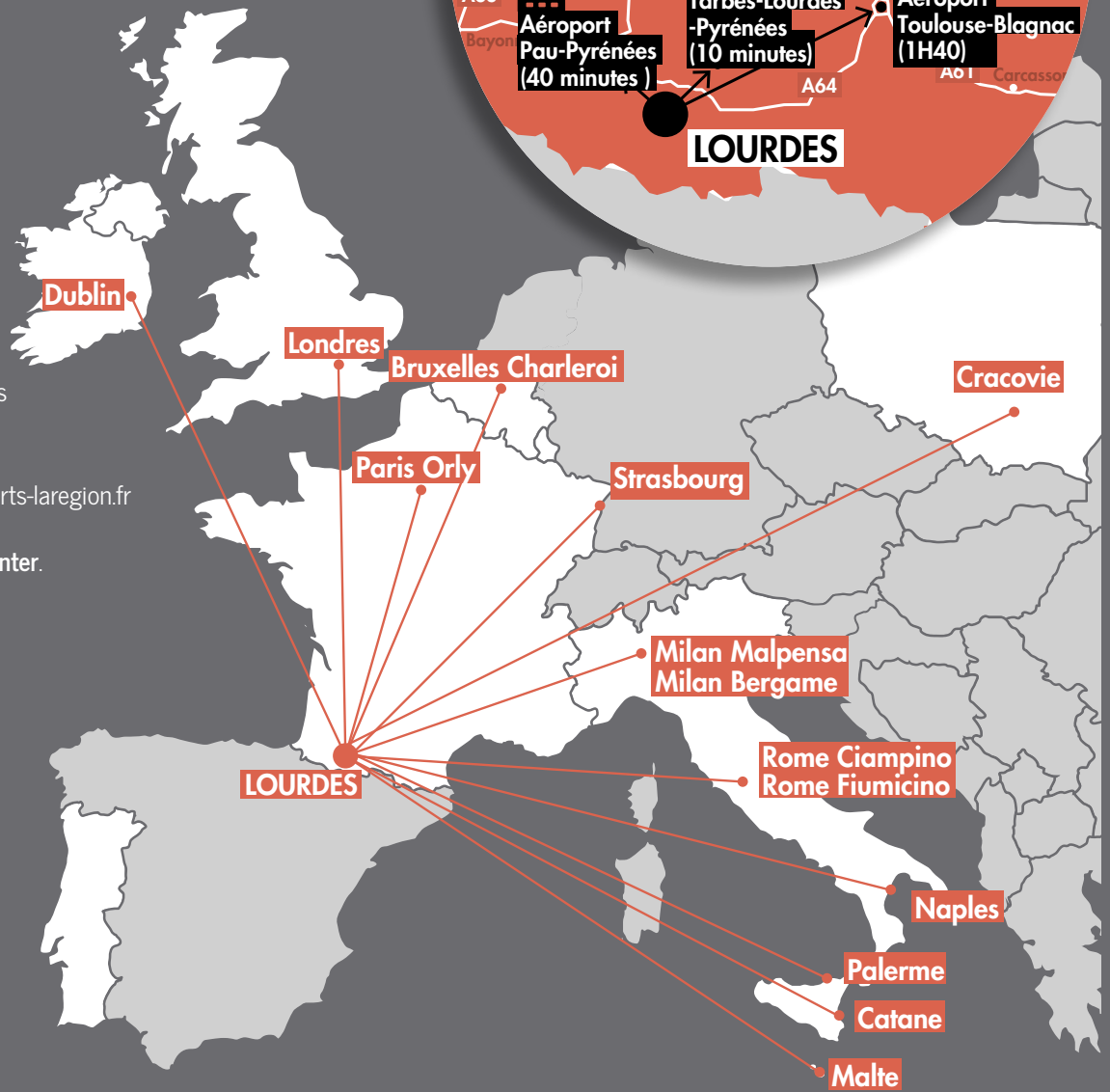
- 3 min. by Bus to the city center
- 7 min. on foot to the city center



## By Plane

Airport Tarbes Lourdes Pyrénées  
BP 3 - 65290 Juillan  
(located at 10km from Lourdes)  
Tel : +33 5 62 32 92 22  
[aeroport.tarbes-lourdes@aeroports-laregion.fr](mailto:aeroport.tarbes-lourdes@aeroports-laregion.fr)  
[www.tlp.aeroport.fr](http://www.tlp.aeroport.fr)

→ 20 min from Lourdes city center.



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