



Welcome to Hendaye

Ongi Etorri, Welcome!

Dearest volunteers,
We wish you all the best for your stay here.

As you may already know, Hendaye belongs to the french part of the Basque Country (in basque, Euskal Herria), right on the border with the spanish part of the Basque Country. Hendaye is so close to Spain that almost one out of three people who live in Hendaye are spanish native speakers (or even bilingual and -hold on-trilingual speakers!) and, for the ones who aren't, most of them seem to be accustomed to the spanish language. It is the 5th biggest french speaking town of Euskal Herria with approximately 17.000 inhabitants.

When EVS volunteers talk about Hendaye, they mostly talk about life in Hendaye, Irun and Hondarribia (Fontarrabie in french) at the same time. Irun and Hondarribia are the two closest to Hendaye spanish speaking cities (yes, Hendaye is that close to Spain!). Hendaye is considered to be a small city by the sea, that gets really really REALLY (did we already say really?) quiet from October to May and comes back to life from May to September due to its appealing to tourists geography and the good weather.

So, you landed here and found yourselves as EVS volunteers in this quiet place, that has nothing to offer for 8 months and then gets crowded for 4 months with only...tourists? Do you already miss home and the idea of going back to basics sounds more attractive than stay here? NAAAAH, no way. Wait a sec. This is a, or maybe, THE guide to help you find your steps as freshers in Hendaye and see this town through another perspective so as to discover that Hendaye is a GEM. It only takes some time to discover the hidden beauty in it! What is more important, though, is that this THE guide is written by former, fabulous, super awesome (ok.we.stop.here.) volunteers, so: don't worry gurl or mate, we can feel you. Been there, done that.

Have fun and take the most of it!

10 things to do and to see absolutely !

1



Going up to La Rhune

Reach his altitude of 905 m! At the top, after crossing the path of a few pottoks (wild horses) and sheep, enjoy a panoramic view of the Pyrenees chain on one side and the Ocean on the other side.

2



Walking the "Sentier du littoral"

From Bidart to Hendaye via Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Ciboure, the coastal path offers grandiose panoramas. The Pyrenees on one side, beaches, strikes and cliffs on the Atlantic side. On foot or by bike!

3



The famous Côte des Basques

This mythical place of Biarritz is famous for the ballet of surfers. It's good to swim at low tide, go for a walk or just enjoy the panorama. Surrounded by cliffs, the beach offers a view of the mountains on one side and the emblematic Villa Belza on the opposite side.

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The cellars of Jurançon

Take a tour of the cellars of this sweet and mellow white wine. It is a typical product of our region. Take part in a free visit and a tasting. To be consumed with moderation!



5



The road of the most beautiful villages of France Ainhoa, La Bastide Clairence, Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, Navarrenx and Sare, these five villages labelled "Most beautiful villages in France" in the Basque Country and Béarn, which you won't forget!

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Take part in the Bayonne festivities !

This gathering is a very important event in the cultural life of Bayonne. For more than 80 years, we have been joining together for 5 days to celebrate dressed in red and white, with a red belt and a scarf. It's very important!

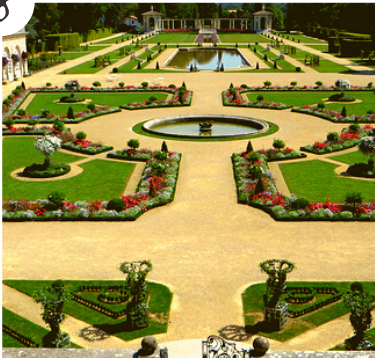
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Go skiing in the Pyrenees

Even if our ski resorts are not the best known in France, they have the merit of being quite crowded and pleasant in high season. Gourette is the most accessible station by transport or by car.

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The "Arnaga Villa"

Edmond Rostand's neo-Basque house in Cambo-les-Bains is the lair of the famous poet and author of "Cyrano de Bergerac". You will enjoy strolling through the French and English gardens.

The Boulevard des Pyrénées in Pau

1.8km long, it overlooks terraced gardens that link the upper and lower towns of Pau by the paths of the King and offers a magnificent view of the Pyrenees.

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Don't forget the Landes !

It's the department next door to you. It is home to towns like Capbreton and Hossegor. Very famous for their wild beaches and surfing competitions!

General information

Situated in the south-west of France, next to Spain, with its feet in the Atlantic Ocean, Hendaye is surrounded by the peaks of the Rhune, the Three Crowns and the Jaizquibel.

It can be reached by the Corniche road which houses the estate and the castle of Abbadia. The seaside resort offers its visitors the longest sandy beach on the Basque Coast. With its two bodies of water, the Bay of Txingudi and the Atlantic Ocean, it offers a wide range of nautical activities.

It is the 3rd largest marina in Aquitaine and also hosts Serge Blanco's thalassotherapy centre, located along the port and the beach with a view of Spain. A stopover on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, it is also the starting point of the GR10.



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Hendaye faces Hondarribia where you can easily go to sit on a terrace and enjoy tapas and other Iberian specialities, just like your Spanish neighbours.

Weather

You must absolutely know that the weather in the Basque Country is very capricious. It can rain in the morning and in the afternoon it can be 35 degrees. We therefore advise you to bring your k-way, your umbrella but also your sunglasses, swimsuits and sunscreen.



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Température maxi	14°	14°	17°	17°	21°	23°	25°	26°	24°	21°	16°	14°
Température mer	13°	12°	13°	14°	16°	19°	21°	21°	21°	19°	16°	14°

Your new house!

The apartment is composed of 3 bedrooms, a bathroom, a toilet, a dining/living room and a kitchen. There is also a washing machine and internet.

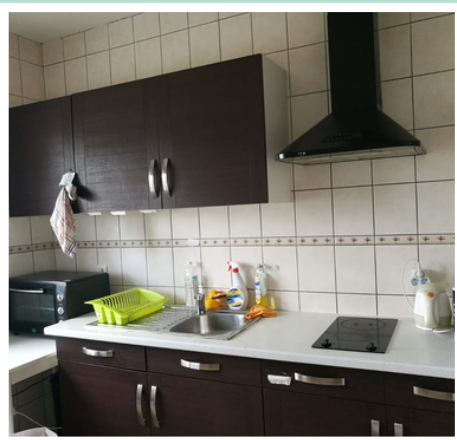
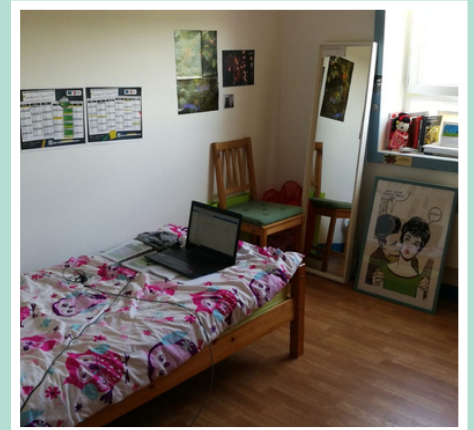
It's located inside an industrial zone but close you have Lidl, a pastry and some shops.

Zone artisanale Joncaux

Autoport

Rue de l'industrie

64700 HENDAYE



Health and Emergency



Centre hospitalier de la côte basque

Address : 19 Avenue André Ithurrealde, 64500 Saint-Jean-de-Luz
05 59 92 48 48



Cabinet Médical Goxoki

Address : 80 Rue de Béhobie, 64700 Hendaye
05 59 20 34 44



SOS Médecins

Doctors 24h/24 and 7d/7
05 59 03 30 00

Appointment online: [here](#)



Planning familial de Saint-Jean-de-Luz (Family planning)

Useful for contraception, informations...

19 Avenue André Ithurrealde, 64500 Saint-Jean-de-Luz
05 59 51 46 64



Don de Sang (Blood donation)

A fixed house for blood donation exists in Biarritz.

There are punctual collecting times in Hendaye, just have a look on the website.

Emergency Phone number

15 in France - 112 in Europe

Firemen: 18

Police: 17

Need a special medical appointment?

An appointment with the dentist or the ophthalmologist? You can find available appointments on the **Doctolib application**. It allows you to find available doctors and book the appointment directly on the [website](#) or the application.

Useful applications and websites



Citymapper

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Essential for travel in large cities. In France, it's only available for the cities of Paris & Lyon. Citymapper is the combination of all possible and imaginable means of transport in a single app. It allows you to know how much transport costs (and the most advantageous), or how to get out from the metro quickly as possible (for the lazy team!) or even the best possible optimization of the journey (for the team, sleep is the most important thing!).



Maps.me

It's THE reference in terms of maps: unlike Google Maps, it is based on GPS and doesn't require a connection. Whether you are lost in the heart of a forest or in the mountains, the tool works without internet and will find you!



Reverso
Context

Reverso Context

It's a great tool for translating unfamiliar words or phrases that normal translators have trouble translating. Here, Reverso Context is based on the context of the sentence. The application offers games to memorize words and expressions. The service is available in 9 languages. To be explored!

leboncoin

Le Bon Coin

Are you the king of good deals? Le Boncoin is just what you need. You can buy, sell, put up alerts or have your orders delivered. It recycles!

Rome2rio

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Sometimes getting from point A to point B can be very complicated (especially in lost corners). Rome2rio can save you: the site combines all means of transport and allows you to find improbable buses or interesting flight connections. This can give you an overall range of how much your trip will cost.

Useful applications and websites



TooGoodtoGo

Too Good to Go is your ally in saving money and fighting food waste. The principle is simple: it allows you to discover shops around you that offer the unsold products of the day at very low prices. In addition, it allows you to discover your city a little better by going to get your surprise shopping baskets!

tricount



Lydia & Tricount

The combo of the two applications allows you to keep up to date with your payments with your friends or roommates. Tricount, offers you the possibility to enter your expenses between friends. Let's imagine, you go to a restaurant one pay, to a museum and another pay. Tricount will calculate who owes how much to whom, it's quite magical! The Lydia application allows you to make your reimbursement in a very simple way. As we always say, good counts make good friends ;) !



European Youth Card

The European Youth Card is a discount passport that can be used in 38 European countries. It gives you discounts on cultural places, shops, transport, restaurants and rentals. You can order it until you are 30 years old, it costs 10€. Good to know : use the application to have the geolocation of the good deals around you.



Google translation

The application is not really perfect in terms of translation, but it offers two quite interesting functionalities. The first one is the possibility to scan a text or take a picture, to get a translation without having to write or in the case of Chinese or Cyrillic alphabets (and we're happy about that!). The second one is the conversation mode that allows you to speak in your mother tongue, which translates into the desired language, and the person can also answer you in his or her own language.



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