

# The Basque House

Region: Biarritz Sleeps: 14

## Overview

Proudly perched above the dramatic coastline of the Atlantic Ocean just moments from the heart of vibrant St-Jean-de-Luz in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, The Basque House boasts one of the most sought-after locations along this famous stretch of coast, with interrupted views out over its glistening waters. Sleeping up to 16 guests over three levels, this spectacular villa offers guests luxurious living in a traditional 1930's-style dwelling.

As you enter this grand abode, you'll be greeted by a wonderful large living area, bathed in natural light through a series of beautiful French windows out onto a balcony, offering views out over the ocean. The décor throughout the villa presents bright neutral tones, with stylish furniture and striking artwork. There is also a dining room and stylish well-quipped kitchen with doors out onto a fabulous dining terrace. The lower level boasts another delightful living space and second kitchen with doors out on to the spectacular garden terrace.

There are 7 luxurious double or twin bedrooms within The Basque House, each enjoying attractive ensuite bathrooms and comprise of the same stylish contemporary décor that extends throughout the house. You'll find the lovely master bedroom on the ground floor with spectacular sea views, three bedrooms on the first floor also offering stunning views out towards the ocean and three further rooms on the garden level with direct access onto a fabulous terrace. Finally, two simple single bedrooms on the lower level make this a nine-bedroomed home.

The sprawling grounds here at The Basque House are truly spectacular, and with over 3000sq m, you'll love the quiet privacy they afford. Whether you're dining al fresco late into the balmy evenings on the large terrace area, cooling off on hot afternoons in the enticing swimming pool or perhaps you're challenging your partner to a game of tennis on its private court, these well-maintained gardens are a true delight. Simply soaking up the breath-taking views out over the lush green vegetation down onto the sparkling blue waters is enough to relax and de-stress the most anxious soul.

The location of this impressive residence really is second-to-none. Situated in a residential area with the ocean quite literally on your doorstep, you'll love its peaceful setting yet know that in only 2km you'll find yourself in the centre of lively St-Jean-de-Luz. With much of Biarritz' vibrancy but without the crowds, this pretty seaside town is steeped in historical and architectural heritage,



offering some wonderful family friendly beaches, together with an abundance of shops, bars and restaurants.

## Facilities

Wow Factor • Modern • Easy By Train • Private Pool • Child-Safe Pool • Heated Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Beach • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Cable TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Table Football • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Waterfront • Watersports • Sailing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors (approx. 500m. sq)

### Upper Ground Floor

- Large living room with French windows onto balcony
- Dining room
- Double bedroom with sea view, dressing room and ensuite bathroom with shower and WC
- Kitchen with doors onto covered poolside terrace (gas cooker, two dishwashers, two ovens, microwave)
- WC

### Lower Garden level

- Living room with second kitchen, lounge area with TV and access to large terrace and garden
- Double/twin bedroom with ensuite bathroom with shower and WC
- Double/twin bedroom with ensuite bathroom with shower and WC
- Double/twin bedroom with ensuite bathroom with bath and WC
- Single bedroom
- Single bedroom with washbasin

### First Floor

- Double/twin bedroom with sea-view and ensuite bathroom with bath and WC
- Double/twin with sea-view and ensuite bathroom with bath and WC
- Double/twin with sea-view and ensuite bathroom with bath and WC

## Outside Grounds (5000m sq)

- Heated Swimming Pool 16.5 x 3.5 m (with electric shutter)
- Sun-loungers
- Terrace areas with seating and dining area
- BBQ
- Ping pong table
- Parking
- Electric gate

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- DVD player
- Table football
- Ping pong table
- Home alarm



- Washing machine and dryer

## Location & Local Information

The Basque House boasts one of the most sought-after locations along the Pyrénées-Atlantique – in a residential area, just metres from the dramatic coastline of the Atlantic Ocean and about half-an-hour walk or short drive to the heart of vibrant St Jean de Luz (2km).

Originally a small fishing port at the mouth of the River Nivelle, St Jean de Luz later became a fashionable resort for well-to-do French, English and Spanish tourists in the late 19th century. Now you'll find a quintessential Basque seaside town steeped in historical and architectural heritage, where you'll navigate between atmospheric narrow streets, a lively harbour and a sparkling sandy beach.

Enjoy some fresh seafood at La Boete, one of the many seafood restaurants in the streets surrounding the Port, visit the wonderful Church of St John the Baptist where the marriage of Louis XIV took place in 1660, and if you're lucky stumble across a local orchestra performing in Place Louis XIV. Or perhaps spend the afternoon with little ones at one of the many kid's clubs along the Grande Plage beach. For the more experienced surfer head north to Acotz beach for some spectacular waves. With quad bike excursions and coastal hikes being just a few more activities you can try in St Jean de Luz, you'll never get bored, and with a number of relaxing spa's in town you can recover in luxury.

St Jean de Luz' little sister town of Ciboure, is well worth a visit, just 4.5km away. The birthplace of the composer Maurice Ravel and home of artist Henri Matisse, Ciboure will charm visitors with its old-town full of stone and timber-framed houses, its picturesque fishing port and its bustling Sunday morning market. The beach is fantastic for swimming and sunbathing, watching the boats come and go under the watchful eye of Fort Socoa in the distance.

Another seaside town well worth visiting is the sprawling medieval town of Hendaye lying 15km south of the villa, sitting on the Spanish border, where you'll find plenty to amuse the whole family. Split into two, the medieval Basque old town is situated on a picturesque hilltop where the impressive Château Abbadia can be accessed on the outskirts of town, whilst a lovely sandy beach and modern marina sit down in the peninsular below. Catch a boat from here to some of the beautiful towns on the Spanish coast.

Further north, 17km away, you'll find the glittering gem in the Pyrénées-Atlantique crown, Biarritz, an elegant seaside resort dating back to the 19th century when aristocracy built their summer residences along this part of the coast, including the well-known Hotel du Palais, built by the wife of Napoleon III on the famous La Grande Plage. You will find some wonderful restaurants



in the Port des Pecheurs, the former fishing port, where ordering some beautifully fresh seafood is a must. A fantastic atmosphere can be found around the Port Vieux where you'll discover a small sheltered beach loved by locals and the town's main shopping street, Rue Port Vieux. Beautiful Art Deco buildings can be appreciated all around the town and especially along the beach, including the casino (also home to a theatre and swimming pool) and the Aquarium which is a must for sea-lovers or families.

The lovely picturesque villages inland should not be overlooked, with the majestic Pyrénées on your doorstep you have a great selection, including two of France's Plus Beaux Villages; pretty Ainhoa (21km) and Sare (16km), where you can take the old wooden train up to the summit of La Rhune, one of the most dominant peaks of the Pyrénées, where there are some restaurants with incredible views as well as some outstanding hiking opportunities.

With other activities ranging from horse riding, sailing, white water rafting and even paragliding all accessible in the local area, together with the 25km coastal path from Hendaye up to Bidart, you'll never be short of things to do while staying at The Basque House.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Biarritz (14km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Ciboure (3km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>St Jean de Luz (2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(summer only)/St Jean de Luz (300m/2km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>St Jean de Luz (2km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>St Jean de Luz (2km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf de Chantaco (4km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- This spectacular house boasts uninterrupted views out over the rugged Atlantic coastline
- With over 3000sq m of grounds including a fabulous swimming pool and tennis court, you will have plenty to amuse the whole family
- This sprawling house boasts two beautiful living areas and two kitchens, ensuring guests have the space to enjoy this stunning abode without treading on each other's toes
- The villa is just 2km from the vibrant town of St Jean de Luz, with its family friendly beaches
- The Basque coastline is a mecca for surfers; the St Jean De Luz beaches are a few minutes away and the fantastic surf beaches of Bidart and Biarritz are under a 20-minute car journey away

## What you should know...

- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- The two single bedrooms on the garden level are small and simple in style compared to the rest of the house
- You will need a car to explore the wonderful coastline as well as the spectacular Basque villages inland

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €4000 paid to the owner by bank transfer two weeks before arrival and refunded three weeks after departure at the very latest, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Included.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 2 weeks in July and August, 1 week during all other periods. April, May, June & September are available on request with the owner.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Pool heating charge?: No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms upon booking confirmation.
- Other Ts and Cs: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for civil liability as well as cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay. A copy of this policy may be requested by the owner before or upon arrival.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and other celebrations are not permitted.