



Classic Basque Country Tour with Provence Barge Cruise

Paris to the Pyrenees

18 days – 29 August to 15 September 2009

Cruise the magnificent Rhône River and explore the French villages and countryside from Tain l'Hermitage to Vallabrèuges then discover the unique culture, delicacies and history of the Basque people and their striking landscape in France and Spain.

The Pyrenees from Toulouse to Pau

11 days – 05 to 15 September 2009

Alternatively, join us in Toulouse for 11 days in the Basque Country and share the discovery of this enriched landscape and culture.

Your Accommodation

Hotel Roblin Paris – an easy stroll to the famous Louvre, Opera House and Champs Elysees, this hotel is well-known for its warmth, elegance and discrete ambience.

Orient-Express Barge Napoléon – one of Europe's finest river cruises, this beautifully appointed luxury hotel barge features picture windows and luxury hotel amenities.

Hôtel de l'Opéra Toulouse – located in a picturesque setting in the heart of Toulouse, this prestigious 17th century hotel is the epitome of French elegance.

Hotel Argi Eder Ainhoa – enjoy chalet-style accommodation in charming surrounds and the superb service of local delicacies located in the heart of Basque Country.



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Classic Provence Barge Cruise & Basque Country Tour



Tour Cost Inclusions

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- Accommodation – one night at Hotel Roblin, six nights onboard Napoléon, three nights at Hôtel de l'Opéra, seven nights at Hotel Argi Eder
- All transfers including excursions in air-conditioned coach and mini-van
- First class TGV train Paris/Valence
- All meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Wine with lunch and dinner
- Bottled water supplied on private coach and barge
- All touring and sightseeing activities including any entrance fees
- Use of bicycles onboard Napoléon
- All tipping and taxes
- Fully escorted by Tour Manager
- All baggage handling by Tour Manager and local porters
- Personal Tour Compendium, group photograph and DVD of tour photos

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- Airfares, airport taxes and charges
- Any tours, transfers, activities, etc outside the published itinerary
- Travel Insurance and Visas
- Vaccinations and other health requirements as required
- Excess baggage
- Any items of a personal nature

For Full details and itinerary go to www.jhtours.com.au

Itinerary

Saturday 29 August to Tuesday 15 September 2009

(Classic Basque Country begins on Day 8 in Toulouse)

Day One – Saturday 29 August

Arrive Paris CDG for our group transfer to the charming Hotel Roblin for an afternoon at leisure prior to dining Parisian style at the famous Fauchon Restaurant.

Day Two – Sunday 30 August

Morning transfer to Paris' Gare de Lyon for our first class TGV train to Valence and transfer to Tain l'Hermitage to join our luxury Orient-Express barge, Napoléon for seven days of cruising. Champagne reception onboard and wine tasting at Mr Ferraton's winery.

Day Three – Monday 31 August

Walking tour in the medieval town of Viviers.

Day Four – Tuesday 1 September

Cruise to St Etienne des Sorts featuring 'black diamond' truffle tasting.

Day Five – Wednesday 2 September

Cruise to Avignon, wine tasting at Châteauneuf du Pape and tour of the Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct.

Day Six – Thursday 3 September

Tour of the Palace of the Popes in Avignon and an afternoon in Les Baux.

Day Seven – Friday 4 September

Walking tour of Arles, lunch cruise to Vallabrèuges, olive oil tasting in St Rémy and a gala dinner served onboard tonight.

Day Eight – Saturday 5 September

Disembark Napoléon and transfer to Toulouse where we commence the Basque Country Tour. Dinner and accommodation at the prestigious Hôtel de l'Opéra.

Day Nine – Sunday 6 September

Landmarks and monuments in Toulouse and Albi.

Day Ten – Monday 7 September

Airbus 380 Assembly factory.

Day Eleven – Tuesday 8 September

Imposing Pau Castle en route to Hotel Argi Eder in quaint Ainhoa.

Day Twelve – Wednesday 9 September

Lecture on the Basque Country and walking tour of Ainhoa.

Day Thirteen – Thursday 10 September

Walking tour of Bayonne's old centre and the Basque Museum.

Day Fourteen – Friday 11 September

Saint-Jean-de-Luz and world famous sea resort of Biarritz.

Day Fifteen – Saturday 12 September

Saint-Jean-Pied-de Port and local tastings in a winery and dairy farm.

Day Sixteen – Sunday 13 September

Bilbao's famous Guggenheim Museum.

Day Seventeen – Monday 14 September

Writer Edmond Rostand's villa in Cambo-les-Bains.

Day Eighteen – Tuesday 15 September

Depart Ainhoa with lunch in Sare before transferring to Pau International Airport where our tour ends.

TOUR COST – LAND ONLY

Classic Barge & Basque 29 August to 15 September 2009

Paris to Pau – 18 days: \$16,500 per person twin share

\$4,650 single supplement

Classic Basque Tour only 05 to 15 September 2009

Toulouse to Pau – 11 days: \$10,990 per person twin share

\$1,990 single supplement

(Includes group transfer Toulouse Airport to Hotel then Day 8 to Day 18)

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