

Hendaye, Basque Country, France

Straddling the French-Spanish border at the mouth of the Bidasoa River, Hendaye pairs a sweeping Atlantic beach with easy cross-border escapes to Hondarribia and San Sebastián — all from a tender landing at the marina.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 6–9 hrs

 Currency: Euro (€)

 Languages: French, Spanish, Basque

 Best beach on the Basque coast

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Hendaye marina

Best For: Beach, Basque culture, cross-border day trips to Spain

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock to beach promenade; 15 min to town center

Don't Miss: Ferry to Hondarribia or Euskotren to San Sebastián

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €15–30 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hendaye Beach** — Three kilometres of fine Atlantic sand, gentle surf, and the iconic Deux Jumeaux (Twin Rocks) at the north end.
- **Abbadia Castle-Observatory** — A dramatic 19th-century neo-Gothic castle built on the cliffs by explorer-scientist Antoine d'Abbadie.
- **Ferry to Hondarribia, Spain** — A 15-minute passenger ferry crosses the Bidasoa estuary to the perfectly preserved medieval port town of Hondarribia.
- **San Sebastián by Euskotren** — Catch the Euskotren light rail from Hendaye station (every 30 min, ~€2.75 one-way) to world-famous San Sebastián in 35...
- **Txingudi Bay & Coastal Path** — The Txingudi bay nature reserve sits at the mouth of the Bidasoa, shared by France and Spain.

BEST WALKS

- **Beach Promenade Stroll** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Flat — Walk the full length of Hendaye's Atlantic beach from the marina to the Deux Jumeaux rocks at the north end.
- **Estuary & Pheasant Island Walk** 3 km · 45 min · Easy · Flat — Follow the Bidasoa riverbank path from the marina into Txingudi Bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	49°	14d
Jun	71°	59°	14d
Aug	75°	63°	13d
Sep	73°	60°	13d
Oct	68°	56°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 7:24AM–8:50PM · Jun 6:26AM–9:49PM · Aug 7:12AM–9:09PM · Sep 7:46AM–8:16PM · Oct 8:21AM–7:23PM

Currency: Euro (€)

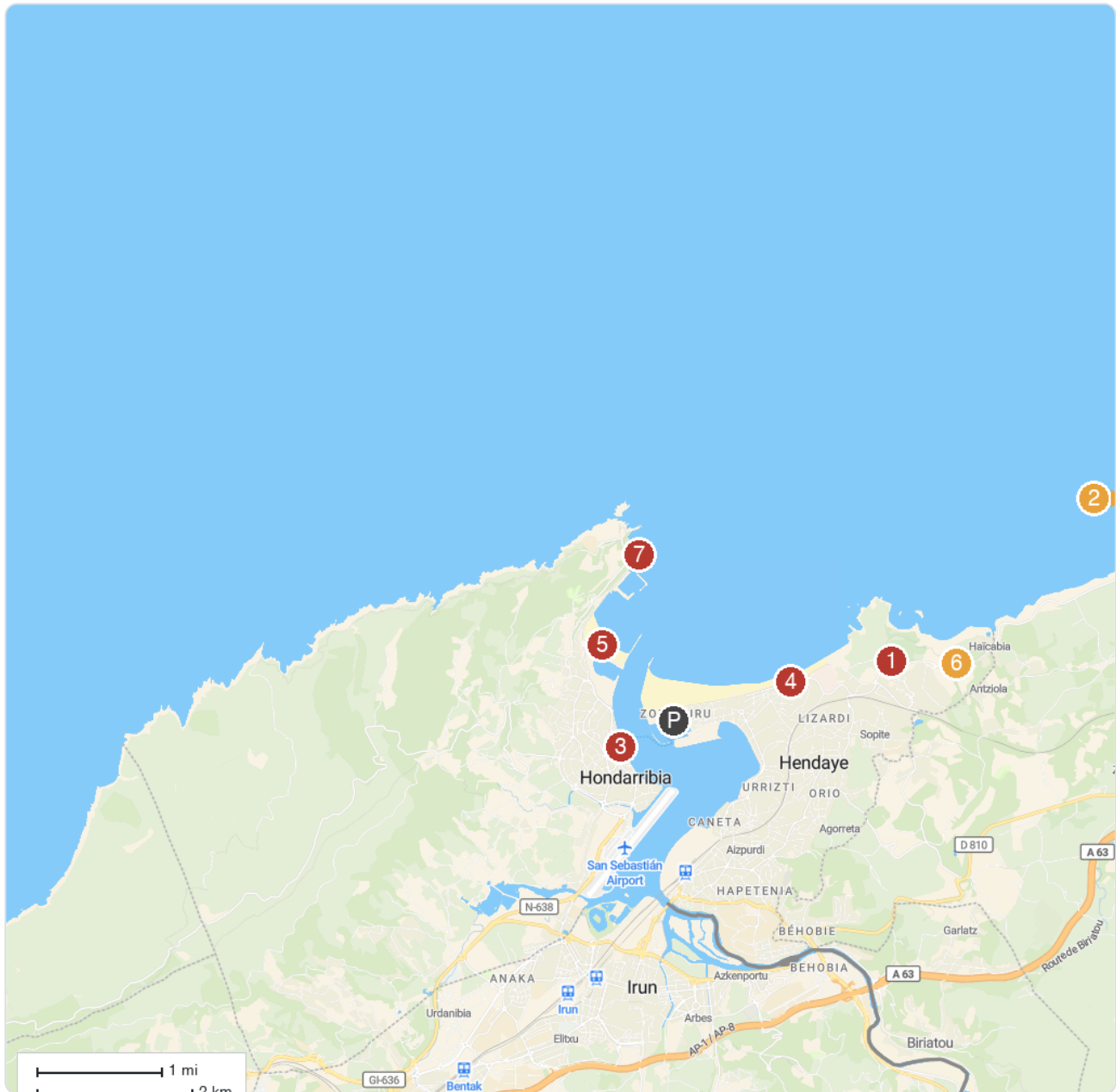
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Day-trip to Spain is easy: The passenger ferry from Hendaye marina to Hondarribia runs frequently (~€2 each way). It's one of the

Hendaye, Basque Country, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Château d'Abbadie | This stunning neo-Gothic castle features an astronomical observatory. | 2 Socoa Fort | Historic 17th-century fort guarding the bay of Saint-Jean-de-Luz. |
| 3 Mariñel ship | See a traditional Basque fishing boat, the Mariñel. | 4 Banc des Berritsu | Explore this natural sandbank, a unique marine ecosystem. |
| 5 Hondarribiko hondartza | Enjoy the beautiful sandy beach of Hondarribia, Spain. | 6 Maison de la Corniche - Asporetsttipi | Visitor center for the protected Basque Corniche coastal path. |
| 7 San Telmo gaztelua | Historic coastal fort guarding Hondarribia's harbor entrance. | P Cruise port / terminal | |