

Seminars



Our team spirit is ready to kick off your seminars.

Built by Napoleon III directly on the Atlantic Ocean, the Hotel du Palais is an exceptional venue whose reputation goes far beyond French borders.

Recognized as one of the 16 Palace category hotels in France, the property is one of the only luxury hotels to be a member of the Comité Colbert, and earns the prestigious Living Heritage Company label on an annual basis. Backed by a century of guest service experience, the entire team strives to convey the values of French Hospitality.



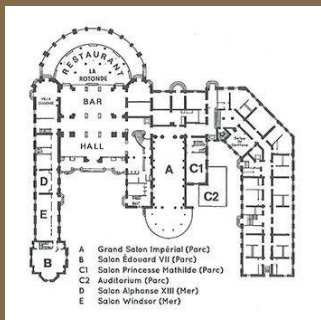
Our Imperial Salon: the winning point

General Assemblies, conventions, international summits, product launches, new car presentations, incentive meetings for the most deserving employees... our Salon Imperial, the Hotel's former ballroom, fully renovated and bathed in natural light, is the perfect playing field for all of your events.

Land of Tradition

The Basque Country is a destination in and of itself: visit Biarritz, the Basque Coast and the backcountry, neighbouring Spain or the Landes forest, explore this exceptional, well-preserved region whose strong identity is a point of pride. It's a formidable playing field for any activity conducive to creativity.

Take advantage of the ocean and the Pyrenees to imagine your own activities, ones that reflect the wants and needs of your participants.



In the Ocean: deep-sea fishing, thalassotherapy, surfing, sailing.

In the Pyrenees: 4x4 rally along old smuggler routes, rafting.

Well-being: oceanfront rally on foot, aromatherapy initiation workshop, Pilates workshop.

Regional specialties: dinner at a sheep farm, introduction to pelote basque, rugby, 10 golf courses open year-round, tapas party in San Sebastián, Spain.

Reserved seats

Our Hotel can be privatised for your events upon request. Take advantage of all our services and facilities during an event tailored to fit your company's identity.

Third half

The Hotel du Palais, endorsing its region and the reputation of Basque cuisine, proposes to host your festivities at a variety of venues.

From a casual barbecue in the pool's solarium to the Imperial setting of the fine dining restaurant, La Villa Eugenie, for your gala dinners, our starred MOF* Chef Jean-Marie Gautier and his entire team strive to highlight local flavours to spice up your meals.

The Hotel du Palais can also turn the spotlight on local products and regional specialties by setting up a buffet of cold cuts from local producer Pierre Oteiza or with ewe cheese from our valley. Presentations or entertainment can be added to mealtimes to make you seminar simply unforgettable.

**Meilleur Ouvrier de France: the title bestowed on winners of the coveted Best Craftsman in France award*

CAPACITY OF RECEPTION ROOMS

MEETING ROOM	ROOM	TABLES 10' X 10'	RECTANGLE CONFERENCE	SMALL CLIQUE	SMALL TABLES	BARBUEET	BUFFET	COCKTAIL
A	SALON IMPÉRIAL	21,5 X 9	60	70	150	230	150	300
B	SALON EDOUARD VII	10 X 8	22	28	40	60	-	90
C1	SALON PRINCESSE MATHILDE	9 X 6	25	30	30	45	55	75
C2	AUDITORIUM	11 X 6	30	35	40	50	-	-
D	SALON ALPHONSE XIII	7 X 4,7	14	20	12	20	-	-
E	SALON WINDSOR	14,5 X 4,7	35	40	40	55	55	85
	RESTAURANT LA ROTONDE	-	-	-	-	300	350	500

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1

Transfer from Biarritz airport (10 minutes) in a private shuttle, personalized welcome. Casual dinner around the pool including a seafood buffet and small barbecued brochettes. The evening ends with a roll-in Veuve Clicquot bar.

DAY 2

After a briefing by certified instructors, you are handed the keys of your 4X4 to head for the smugglers' trail. Driving through the Basque Country mountains, they will share the history of our country with you while introducing local craftsmen and producers.

Lunch in a venta, a traditional inn on the Spanish border. Half sheep farm, half food shop, this mountain lodge-cum-restaurant is not to be missed.

The day ends with a light dinner in our fine dining restaurant, La Villa Eugenie.

DAY 3

Meeting at the heart of the Salon Imperial with the arrival of delicious snacks at break time: fresh veggie verrines, leek and smoked salmon swirl, vegetable and raw tuna sushis, fresh figs with dried fillet of duck...

After a poolside lunch, participants attend workshops in the comfort of our 7 break-out rooms.

At the end of the day, a closing cocktail awaits participants at the Imperial Bar. This is followed by a cooking lesson at the Old Fishing Port; here's your chance to be Top Chef for a night and rise to the challenge of making one of our famous Basque *pintxos*.

Celebrations



Biarritz will make you feel special.

It was love that spurred Napoleon III to offer a summer residence to his wife Eugenie. Her Villa would rapidly become a venue of celebration and a gathering place for European courts.

Transformed into a Hotel in 1893 in no way diminished its appeal, and for the past century it has been the gracious host of the most beautiful parties and exceptional events, becoming the ballroom of choice for Europe's *beau monde* in the 1930s. Nearly 2 centuries later, the Hotel du Palais continues to uphold its romantic tradition, claiming its rightful place as a sought-after, magical venue for milestone occasions.

Biarritz forever

Whether it's your honeymoon, a romantic getaway or simply a special time out for the two of you, the Hotel du Palais, with its ocean-view rooms and suites facing the Atlantic, is the ideal setting for immortalizing every moment. The rooms, the Imperial Spa with its two-person booths and the restaurant all offer unique panoramas of the most romantic of sunsets.



BIARRITZ FOREVER PACKAGE

Treat yourself to a romantic getaway at the Hotel du Palais including:

- Accommodation in a double room
- Breakfast buffet at La Villa Eugenie
- Two welcome glasses of champagne
- One lunch or dinner, including wines
- A 50-minute duo treatment in one of the Imperial Spa's two-person booths

GRAND GALA EVENINGS



The Hotel du Palais is synonymous with festivities! Throughout the year, this Palace Hotel offers guests a chance to experience unique moments with the Hotel dressed in its finest attire. Stage shows and theme parties... there's more fun and entertainment on the programme than ever before!

Your celebrations at the Hotel du Palais.

The Hotel du Palais also hosts your milestone events! All or part of the hotel can be privatised to celebrate a wedding, birthday or baptism, making the most important day of your life a part of the Palace's rich history.



HOTEL DU PALAIS HIGHLIGHTS

- Valentine's Day Gala: Custom-made for couples
- July 14th Gala: Gala evening complete with stage show
- August 15th Gala: Party leading up to the legendary Biarritz fireworks display
- December 24th Gala: Christmas Eve menu with live orchestra
- December 31st Gala: New Year's Eve dinner-dance
- January 1st Imperial Brunch, with unlimited champagne

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1

Guest transfer in vintage cars and personalised welcome.

Casual barbecue dinner around our Californian swimming pool.

DAY 2

The men start their morning at the Ilbarritz Golf, the largest training centre in Europe. During this time, the women will be introduced to aromatherapy and spoiled at the Leonor Greyl Hair Institute.

Light lunch at the Eugenie Lounge, then it's time for the final preparations.

DAY 3

Let the festivities begin!

100 oysters are opened in front of our guests at the heart of the Salon Imperial. They are served with freshly-made detox smoothies before the gala dinner begins featuring Basque Country flavours.

At 10 pm, each guest is served a glass of champagne and invited to go out on the terrace to admire the fireworks display. To end the festivities, dancing in the Second Empire ballroom!

Crowning touch: personalised macarons are left in the guest rooms and photos of the evening are displayed on all the television screens.

Activities Seminars



*Spice up your seminars
with typical Basque flavours.*

Biarritz Xpress, EkoBask Green Challenge, tapas-making contest, Backcountry Tasting Route Rally, Ovalie Day, Introduction to pelote basque, Privatisation of Les Halles of Biarritz or the Bayonne Arena... enjoy south-western fun for a few hours, or the whole day!

3-hour activity: "Top Tapas" Chef Challenge

Like Top Chefs, you take on a team cooking challenge with a mystery basket and a limited amount of time. With the help of a chef, each team makes 3 tapas recipes and is given marks by a jury on the presentation, flavour and originality of their tapas.

While the jury deliberates, participants share the fruit of their labours around a buffet with a glass of sangria.





All-day activity: Backcountry Tasting Route

Cover kilometres of panoramic mountain passes above typical villages and see exceptional landscapes jealously protected by inhabitants with the greatest respect for their environment. After a briefing on off-road driving by certified instructors, enjoy driving your 4X4, following the advice of a certified guide who shares the history of his country with you through anecdotes and local legends.

You'll wind your way along old Smuggler trails as you discover the Basque Country and its fascinating history.

VIP Party at Les Halles of Biarritz

Enjoy a private cocktail party inside Biarritz's historic covered market where the stall holders attractively display their regional specialties. A convivial exchange is created between curious gourmets and the passionate locals in the marketplace.

A relaxed and friendly atmosphere promotes exchange and communication between participants. Hot dishes are also served throughout the evening.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Who could say no to the "all cocoa" workshop in the Chocolate Capital in Bayonne.
- A unique sports and cultural adventure: Biarritz Xpress.
Learn how to be Basque at each stage of this rally! You make your own espadrilles, tie bunches of peppers or bake a Basque cake.
- The Basque people are proud of their land, and of fighting to protect it. Discover the coastline and other unique sites during a rally and 100% green workshops.
- In classic red and white tradition, discover the heart of this rich and powerful culture during a visit to a cider-maker or farm.
- The Bayonne arena are an iconic venue. Experience a mythical evening steeped in history where traditional Basque strength and songs make the heart sing.

Pays Basque Circuits



*The Basque Country is full of surprises
for those who go off the beaten track.*

Backcountry Tasting Route

Our gastronomic escapade is a savvy blend of the best local products and magnificent landscapes between Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port and the Aldudes Valley.

At Ossès, you visit Arnabar, foie gras specialists who raise their free-range ducks with a panoramic view of the Basque mountains. On the programme: a tasting session including foie gras and homemade rillettes!

Then it's on to Saint-Etienne-de-Baïgorry where the mountains surrounding the village are major assets for local wine: the famous Irouléguy wine available in white, rosé and red. Several owners await you for a private tasting in their wine cellars.

Drive in the direction of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, a stage on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, where you rendezvous with renowned ewe cheese producers. AOC Ossaulraty, Brebis Basque... listen to their suggestions and experience to choose the cheese that best suits your taste.

Further down the road, you enter the picturesque Aldudes Valley. A winding road leads you through the valley's villages, exploring a region that exudes calm and authenticity.

The next stop is Michel Goïcoéchéa's aquaculture farm to learn more about Banka Trout and understand the importance of trout farming in the Basque Country.

Just as you're leaving the village of Aldudes, you make one last stop to sample authentic Bayonne Ham made by renowned local craftsman Pierre Oteiza. He invites you on a one-hour learning experience in the mountains to meet the famous black footed pigs.

On your way back, a short detour via Socoa allows you to sample Egiategia wine, made right in the Saint-Jean-de-Luz bay.





A day south of the border

Basque Country is a stone's throw from Spain! It's the perfect chance for you to explore Hispanic influences during a one-day excursion on the Spanish coast.

Fontarrabie, one of the Basque Country's rare fortified towns, boasts an extensive cultural and artistic heritage. Admire the Marine district and the old town with its typical, colourful architecture. For happy hour, take a seat in one of the many tapas bars for a glass of Rioja and be sure to stop by Hendaye port where a boat can cross the bay in just 10 minutes!

After stopping in the old town of Pasaia, continue on until you reach San Sebastián, European Capital of Culture 2016. Built around a white sand bay between Mounts Urgull and Igueldo, San Sebastián is famous for having the most Michelin starred restaurants per square metre. The fishing port, the new aristocratic neighbourhood, its modern districts and many museums make this city one of the most attractive on the Cantabria coast.



Continue exploring as you head for the lovely fishing village of Getaria. On the road through town, you can admire the medieval houses as well as its port right on up to the San Antón hermitage.

Advance along the coast to Mutriku, a village founded in the early 13th century featuring narrow cobblestone streets

dotted with countless palaces, towers and houses decked with coats of arms.

Your escapade continues along the Bay of Biscay to Lekeitio, home to impressive gothic gems as well as a charming fishing district. Its endless beaches are just across from San Nicolás Island which you can reach by foot at low tide.

Next up, Mundaka and its famous surfing spot. This coastal village located in the Urdaibai biosphere reserve offers a magnificent stroll through its fishing port.



Last but not least, your Basque Country culture would not be complete without a visit to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, a modern and contemporary art museum built by architect Frank Gehry.

Golf



Today, the Basque Coast and the Landes region have become “Golf Country”

It all began back in 1887 when a few British residents, members of the British Club, wanted to play their favourite sport during their summer holidays in Biarritz, and decided to build a golf course on the Plateau du Phare.

One year later, Princess Frederika of Hanover inaugurated the Golf du Phare with its 18-hole course as well as a 9-hole women's course.

Today, the Basque Coast and the Landes region have become “Golf Country” and offer a total of over ten courses including Chiberta, Arcangues, Chantaco, La Nivelle, Moliets and Hossegor, as well as the Ilbarritz training centre, unique in Europe. Plus, since 1988, the cities of Biarritz and Augusta (Georgia, USA) have been twin cities, leading to a number of sports and tourist exchanges.

Leading up to the 2018 Ryder Cup at Golf National near Versailles, which is already being hailed as one of the great moments in the history of golf, and as part of a campaign to promote golf in France, the French government has recognized the Biarritz region as a “Golf Destination”.

Many competitions are held in the area every year such as the French Lacoste Ladies Open, the Biarritz Cup - one of the biggest French amateur events - and the Grand Prix of Chiberta.

The Hotel du Palais is also “golf friendly”! Every Sunday morning, an instructor offers lessons on the Hotel du Palais pitch & putt.

And that's not all! Every year, on October, the Hotel du Palais is organizing its very own competition: the “International Golf Trophy” sponsored by Grégory Bourdy, one of the top French players, in partnership with Guerlain, partner of the Imperial Spa, and with the support of the Biarritz golf courses Le Phare and Arcangues.