

Week-end

Gentleman Farmer

by Hôtel du Palais
from Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20, 2018



*An invitation to explore the authentic Basque Country
and meet its gentlemen farmers!*

- 2-day circuit in a 4x4 vehicle on back roads and trails with a guide
- 2 lunches and 1 dinner in typical Basque inns
- 2-night stay at the Hotel du Palais
- One gourmet dinner at the Villa Eugénie restaurant

Price: €790 per person (in a double room with buffet breakfast, access to Imperial Spa), based on 4 people sharing a vehicle. A drinks package is included with each meal.

Local tax: €3.50 per person, per day. - Special rates for extra nights before or after your package stay.

Your Programme

Discover the unique Basque culture and learn the secrets of its villages during this two-day adventure with a private guide.

Day 1

Get settled at the Hotel du Palais, enjoy access to the Imperial Spa. Book your treatments at the Guerlain and Leonor Greyl institutes before heading off on the 4x4 circuit!

Dinner in a typical Basque restaurant, one of the best addresses in Biarritz.

Day 2

Follow in smugglers' footsteps, between France and Spain, meet artisans passionate about their craft, eager to share their traditions: a visit to a "Living Heritage Company" that makes traditional Makilas, the famous Basque walking sticks.

After a gourmet lunch in a venta, a typical Spanish mountaintop inn, the rough-hewn trails of the Baztan valley will lead you to a producer of ewe's milk cheese where, for a brief instant, you can share the life of a shepherd.

In the evening, the Villa Eugénie restaurant at the Hotel du Palais serves up Basque traditions at a gourmet meal featuring the region's finest products and prepared by our Chef Jean-Marie Gautier.

Day 3

Experience an authentic encounter with a gentleman farmer specialised in Espelette peppers, before continuing upwards to the Roland Pass, driving through the picturesque villages of Bidarray, Ainhoa and Arcangues.

At the heart of the Nive Valley, you will stop at a 17th century country mansion for lunch on a panoramic terrace overlooking spectacular mountain scenery.

After eating your fill of local specialities, step onto the Trinquet, the traditional playing field of pelote basque, to try your hand at this ancestral game with advice from a professional player.



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