

Welcome to the Basque Museum!

Online bookings only and practical information: musee-basque.com

**„ Hemen sartzen dena, bere etxean da!
He who enters here is at home... “**

Welcome to this French Museum which brings together the richest collection dedicated to life and society in the Northern Basque Country (Iparralde). The Maison Dagourette, a rare and elegant 17th century port residence, today a listed building, has been home to the Basque Museum since it was opened in 1924. During major renovation work in 2001, vast and luminous contemporary spaces were added to the old building, providing comfort and fluidity for visitors. Based around a light-shaft, Argialde, some twenty theme-based rooms are organised on three levels revealing many aspects of Basque culture: origins & language, funeral rites, country life & architecture, domestic life & crafts, sea & river activities, festivities & games, and regional history.

The section dedicated to the history of Bayonne evokes Basque and Gascon societies at the confluence of the Nive and Adour rivers, and the opening to the Atlantic ocean.

Every year a temporary exhibition spotlights a theme, an artist, an aspect of art or society in the Basque Country.

Very close to the museum, above the Place Paul-Bert, the Château-Neuf's northern wing (a listed 15th century fortress) houses the museum's Library & Resource Centre, one of the richest structures in the field of Basque studies with its 30 000 ancient and contemporary documents, manuscripts, books, journals and reviews ...



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

musee-basque.com

» **Visits:** Self-guided & guided tours
book online

Free audioguide app: Musée Basque guide available in French, Basque, Spanish & English on the App Store and Google Play (download before your visit).

» **Activities:** Check out what's on at
musee-basque.com

- * Family & Children's Visits
- * Conferences on Thursdays
- * Workshops for Adults & Children
- * School activities: please contact the mediation department at +33 (0)5 59 59 08 98.

* **Library-Resource Centre:**

on appointment from Monday to Friday:
9:30am/12:00pm - 2:00/5:00pm. Tel: +33
(0)5 59 59 57 50

» **Store:** Librería y creaciones exclusivas
inspiradas en las colecciones del museo y
fabricadas por artesanos locales;
numerosas ideas para regalo.

» **OPENING TIMES:** Museum open:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and
Sunday: 10am > 6pm.
Thursday: 1pm > 8pm (free: 6pm > 8pm).
Closed: Monday, Thursday morning, public
holidays except July 14 and August 15.

PRICES

Full rate: € 8

Reduced rate: € 5

Free of charge: under 26 years old

Free of charge for everyone: 1st Sunday
each month

ADDRESS

Basque Museum

37 Quai des Corsaires – Bayonne

00 33 05 59 59 08 98

contact@musee-basque.fr