

## FUENTERRABIA / HONDARRIBIA: Between Spain and France

Hondarribia is the Basque word commonly used for Fuenterrabia. It is one of the most beautiful towns of the Basque Country because it combines a typical Spanish Gothic quarter, a fisherman quarter with colourful Basque style houses and a wide beach and port. Hondarribia is also known for being the last Spanish city before entering France, It is faced with Hendaya (Spanish) / Hendaia (Basque) / Hendaye (France) at the other side of Txingurri Bay in French territory.

The bus towards Hondarribia departs from Plaza Gipuzkoa, a well known place in San Sebastián. Walking from Architecture or Olarain, it takes over 45 minutes along the Concha Beach to reach Plaza Gipuzkoa. If you want to go by bus, cross Avenida Tolosa and take bus number 5 or 25, "BENTA BERRI", direction to the beach. The ticket costs 1,10€. Take the 7<sup>th</sup> stop (BOULEVARD) and go to Plaza Gipuzkoa following the red arrows of the map above. Once there, look for the Hondarribia Bus stop. The direct bus is Labeled I2 and cost 2 Euros (Bus I1 also goes to Hondarribia, but crosses many small towns). Note also that bus I2 also stops at the airport before arriving Hondarribia.



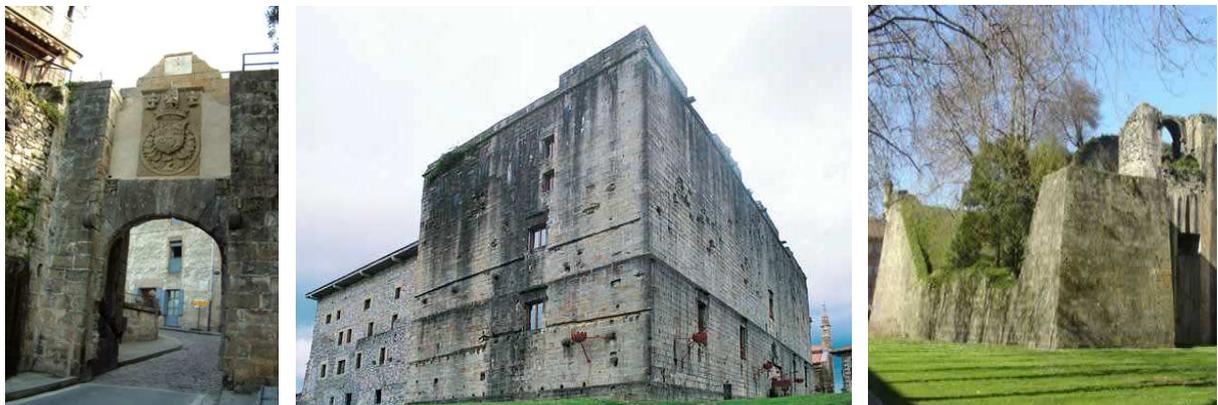
Buses depart from Plaza Gipuzkoa towards Hondarribia at:

Monday-Friday: 07:45, 08:45, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:10, 14:10, 15:10, 16:10, 17:10, 18:10, 19:20, 20:20

Saturday: 07:45, 09:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 16:10, 17:10, 18:10, 19:20, 20:20, 21:20

Sunday: 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 16:00, 17:00, 18:00, 19:10, 20:20, 21:10

All buses depart from Hondarribia exactly 30 minutes after its departure from San Sebastián (except after the ones at 20:20 (Monday-Friday and 21:20 Saturday-Sunday)



Start the tour entering through the Door of Santa María and follow the gothic quarter streets. You will find many valuable stone buildings featuring the church of Santa María de la Asunción (XVI<sup>th</sup> century) and the Castle of Carlos V (X<sup>th</sup> century), today converted into a Hotel. Don't miss the walk over the impressive city walls and strongholds that during centuries defended Spain from France. The trails of many explosions and cannonballs are still present all over the city.



Soon you will find a set of typical fishermen houses in bright colours that leads to the colourful quarter La Marina, full of terraces and fish restaurants. Following the riverside, soon the Port and the beach of Hondarribia will appear. The other part of the river shows the French city of Hendaye, which can be easily reach from San Sebastián in the Euskotren railway in about 35 minutes. Despite the fact that you may want to see the French cost, Hondarribia is more interesting in beauty, heritage and architecture, compared with Hendaye.

