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EGLISE ORTHODOXE/ORTHODOX CHURCH

8, avenue de l'Impératrice



Built between 1890 and 1892 for the important Russian community who was frequently visiting Biarritz in those days, the Russian Orthodox Church is dedicated to the Protection of the Holy Virgin and Saint Alexander Nevsky. From its origin, it is exclusively for Greco- Russian orthodox cult of the Eastern Christian churches (Patriarchate of Constantinople).

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QUARTIER DES HALLES/THE HALLES AREA

The Halles of Biarritz shelters more than a hundred of shopkeepers. It was built in 1885 on the former Paume lot. Its stalls of fish and seafood are particularly wellknown. It opens every day of the week, including Sunday and public holidays, from 7.am to 1.30.pm.

**LAC MARION/MARION LAKE**

Avenue du Lac Marion



A step away from downtown, the Lac Marion is a bucolic stop dedicated to leisure and family walks. Twenty hectares (among which five hectares of water) frame this marvelous environment. An afforestation of English oaks surrounds the lake filled with perches, carps and other Pumpkinseed sunfishes. Anglers, sportsmen and walkers recharge their batteries with a natural ambience and a playground of 3.000 m² make children (from 2 to 10 years old) happy. (Consult plan of Biarritz)

FOOD SPECIALITIES**MAISON ADAM**

27 place Georges Clémenceau

This specialty shop was established in 1660, real (divinely inspired) macaroons, Basque cakes, chocolates, breads and grocer's shop.

**MAISON PARIÈS**

1 Place Bellevue

Manufacturer since 1895 of chocolates and Basque specialities, this one is the last direct descendants of the famous Chocolate makers of Bayonne.

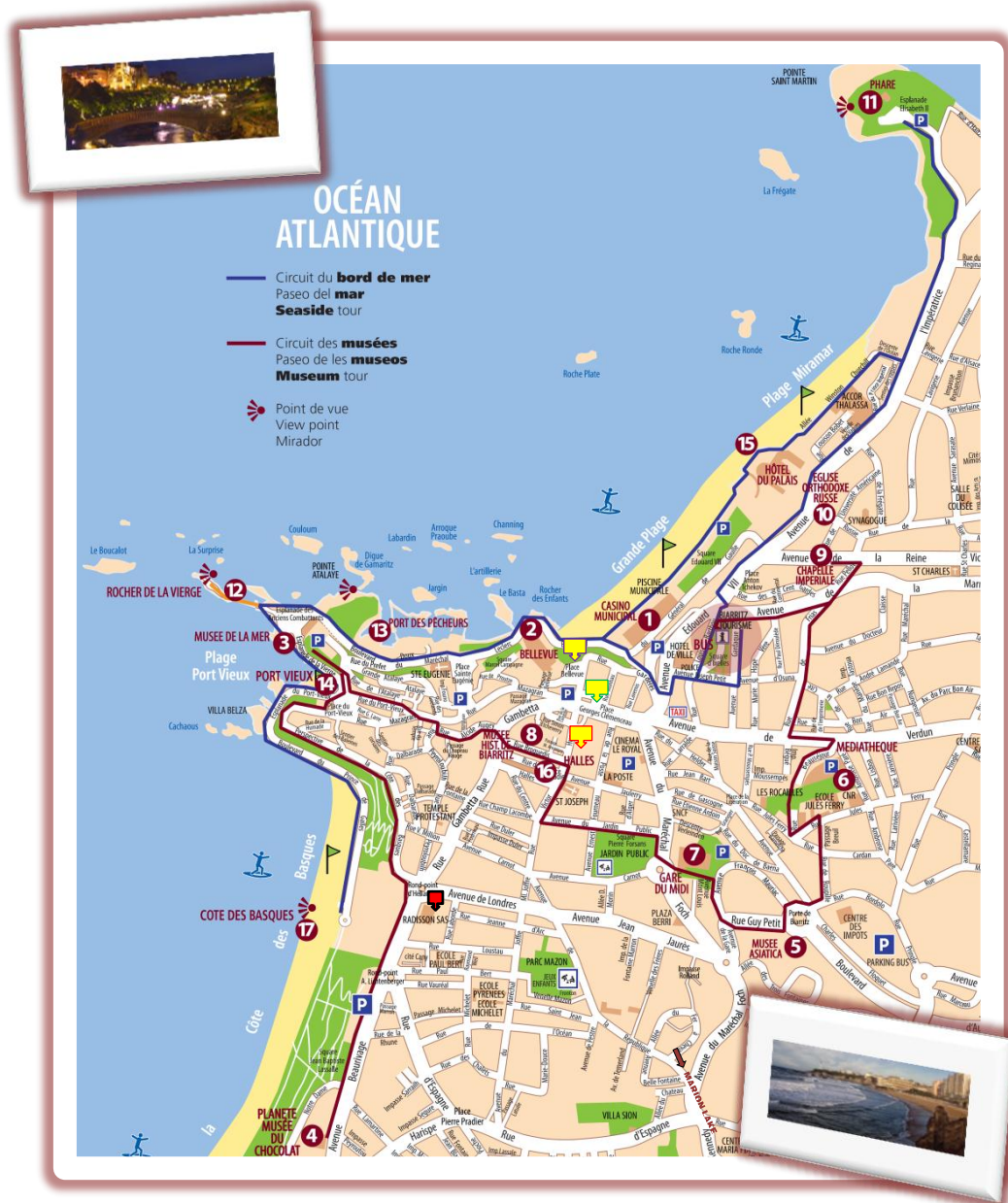
Their speciality, is mouchous, frenchifying of the Basque "musu" means a kiss (it's kind of variety of macaroons). Their Basque cake is considered one of the best ever.

**MAISON MONTAUZER**

Halles de Biarritz

Since its creation in 1946, this specialty shop produces cans of vegetables or specialities with goose and duck and other meats, as well as the famous and succulent Bayonne ham.

Discovery of Biarritz



THE SEASIDE

11 LE PHARE/*THE LIGHTHOUSE* - Avenue de l'Impératrice



The lighthouse was built in 1834 and boasts 248 steps. It stands 73 meters above sea level overlooking Cape Hainsart (so called because of the oak trees surrounded it in the past, now replaced by tamarisks).

12 LE ROCHER DE LA VIERGE/*THE VIRGIN ROCK*



Napoleon III decided to use this impressive rock as an anchor point for the seawall of the Port du Refuge he planned to create. The rock was also connected to the land by a wooden bridge (now replaced by a metal footbridge supposedly built by Gustav Eiffel). This rock is named by the Statue of the Virgin which was raised at the top in 1865.

13 LE PORT DES PÊCHEURS/*FISHERMAN'S WHARF*



This port, which receives fishing boats and pleasure crafts, was formed in 1870 after the work on the Port du Refuge was abandoned and with the imperial funds left. It is a picturesque and colorful place with a number of fashionable bars and restaurants located in the little fishermen's houses or "crampottes".

14 ATALAYE, PORT-VIEUX



The Port-Vieux, a little sheltered beach which allows swimming throughout the year, would host the fishermen harbor in the old days. It is now very popular with the families with young children. It is overhung by the Atalaye plateau, from where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of Biarritz.

15 GRANDE PLAGE/*LARGE BEACH*



One of the biggest beaches of Biarritz, the heart of the city winds around this bay which spreads from north to south between the Hôtel du Palais and the Bellevue. In olden times, this was the favourite beach of Russian Grand Dukes, princes and generals: they used to amble along the promenade when warmer weather approached as onlookers do nowadays.

17 CÔTE DES BASQUES



The Côte des Basques is a renowned beach where the first surfers came to Biarritz in 1957. Since 1845, several bathhouses followed one another. The latest was inaugurated in 2009 and now hosts lifeguard premises, surf clubs and schools, showers, left luggage lockers...as well as one restaurant and two shops.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1 3 LE PETIT TRAIN DE BIARRITZ/*TOURIST TRAIN*



The little train offers a pleasant, relaxed guided tour of Biarritz, going from the Grande Plage to the Côte des Basques, via the Port des Pêcheurs and the city centre.

Departure before the "Casino municipal" 1 or Rock of the Virgin. From 2:30 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

3 MUSÉE DE LA MER/*SEA MUSEUM*

Eplanade du Rocher de la Vierge



The Musée de la Mer (Sea Museum) doubled its exhibition area in June 2011. Follow the Gulf Stream at the Musée de la Mer to discover a magnificent living spectacle spread across nearly fifty aquariums, including a Caribbean lagoon, a coral reef, and ocean basins where sharks, rays, barracudas and tropical fish live and grow...

Opened from Tuesday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (13€ the entrance)

4 PLANÈTE MUSÉE DU CHOCOLAT/*CHOCOLATE MUSEUM*

14-16, avenue Beaurivage

Discover the wonderful world of chocolate; learn the history and art of chocolate making. This unique museum reveals the adventure of chocolate through an outstanding collection.

Opened from Tuesday to Saturday, 10→12:30 a.m. and 2→6:30 p.m. (6€ the entrance)

5 MUSÉE ASIATICA, *ART ORIENTAL/ASIATICA ORIENTAL ART MUSEUM*

1, rue Guy Petit

Asiatica is amongst the top five most important European museums of oriental art, for its quality and its large collection of masterpieces from India, Tibet, Nepal and China, including more than a thousand works of art from prehistory to nowadays.

Opened every day: 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (7€ the entrance)

8 MUSÉE HISTORIQUE DE BIARRITZ/*BIARRITZ HISTORICAL MUSEUM*

Rue Broquedis

Located in the old Anglican Church, the museum tells the history of Biarritz: a small fishing village that became a favourite of the 19th century European aristocracy, and known as the "Beach of Kings".

Opened from Tuesday to Saturday, 10→12:30 a.m. and 2→6:30 p.m. (4€ the entrance)

9 CHAPELLE IMPÉRIALE/*IMPERIAL CHAPEL*

Rue Pellot



The imperial chapel was built in 1864 on Empress Eugénie's request. A charming construction of Roman-Byzantine and Hispanic-Moorish style, dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe (also known as Our Lady of Guadalupe), the Mexican black virgin. It was listed as historical monument in 1981.