

“Friends of the Comet Line”

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME – THE INLAND ROUTE OF THE PAYS BASQUE 8-11 Sept 2022

T H U R S D A Y

	18h00	BAYONNE	Café du Théâtre, Place de la Liberté (in front of the Town Hall)	Welcome and informal drinks for RAF delegation and other early arrivals
F R I D A Y				
08h15	BAYONNE	RAF visit: Depart Hotel Ibis Centre => Novotel, Anglet 08h30 => Comète site, Biriatou		Briefing & Ceremony at Memorial site. 1015 arrive Town Hall for courtesy call. Depart for Bayonne nlt 11h30.
09h00	ANGLET	Louillot Cemetery, 4 Allée des Chrysanthèmes GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.4830736, -1.5222893		Remembrance at the grave of Jean Dassié (our founder and late president)
10h00		Maison Pour Tous, 6 Rue Albert le Barillier GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.4828264, -1.5131243		Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Comet Line, open to members.
12h30	BAYONNE	Glain Maison des Associations – parking in front of : 11 Allée de Glain GPS (Lat, Long): 43.4841422,-1.4717049		Country-style buffet at : Club des Croisés de Saint André
15h00		Bayonne Town Hall – reception for all participants at the Salon d'Honneur		
16h00	BAYONNE	33 Sqn group to Hotel Ibis Centre a/r		Change for official ceremony at the Place Lamothe, Anglet. In place by 1755. (Parking outside the Town Hall)
18h00		Place Lamothe GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.486282, -1.514525		Official ceremony presided over by Mr Claude Olive, Mayor; attended by Air Vice Marshal Maria Byford, RAF; Gp Capt Antony McCord, RAF, Air Attaché, Paris; Air Cdre Alistair Byford, RAF Retd, MBDA; 10 aviators, 33 Sqn, RAF Benson.
18h30		Function Room, Town Hall GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.48152, -1.51506		Speeches and presentations.
20h		Hôtel - Restaurant ATLANTHAL 153 Boulevard des Plages GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.5212, -1.52404.		Dinner for all participants (civilian clothes)

S A T U R D A Y

	7h30	BAYONNE	Front of the Tourist Office Place des Basques.	Bus departure for walkers – first destination former Larre Inn
	7h45	ANGLET	Town Hall, Rue Amédée Dufourg	Pick up further walkers with the same bus from in front of the Town Hall, Anglet => Anglet-Sutar
	8h00		Novotel – GC to pick up AVM Byford	To Auberge Larre, Devils Bridge, Mandochineko borda and rtn. Depart for airport nlt 11h45
	8h30	ANGLET-SUTAR	Sutar School	Walkers set off
	11h30	USTARITZ	Town Hall	Walkers arrive at market for refreshment offered by the Town Hall, then the bus leaves for Larressore by the Landagoyen road.
	12h00	LARRESSORE	Walkers => sheep barn (WWII evaders LUP) Mandochineko borda GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.364418, -1.449243	
	12h30		Devil's Bridge	Official ceremony for all walkers and non-walkers in front of the memorial – national anthems – speeches – laying of floral tributes
	13h00			Apéritif offered by the Town Hall

	14h00		Outdoor Méchoui (sheep roast) under the trees (Covered venue available in event of inclement weather)
	18h30		Departure of Bus from Larressore for Anglet and Bayonne

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	06h45	BAYONNE	Front of Tourist Office Place des Basques.	
	07h00	ANGLET	Town Hall, Rue Amédée Dufourg	
	07h15		Ecole de Sutar	
	11h30	Piste de Burkaitz, departure of shuttle bus for Ihi Lepo for non-walkers from Urdax		
	12h00	Departure from small parking near Ihi Lepo – GC + MBDA group to Novotel => taxi to airport (@ 14h15?)		
	12h30	Ihi Lepo	Inauguration of memorial at Ihi Lepo with the municipality of Espelette – Speech	
	14h00	Lezetako borda	Apéritif offered by Espelette then late lunch	
	18h30		Return, departure of shuttle bus to meet up with coach at the col d'Otxondo. Departure of coach for Espelette – Anglet – Bayonne	