# "Friends of the Comet Line"

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

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| | | | ***T H U R S D A Y*** | |
| | 18h00 | BAYONNE | Café du Théatre, Place de la Liberté<br>(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,<br>4 Allée des Chrysanthèmes<br>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<br>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 :<br>11 Allée de Glain<br>GPS (Lat, Long): 43.4841422,-1.4717049 | Country-style buffet at :<br>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<br>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<br>GPS (Lat, Lon): 43.48152, -1.51506 | Speeches and presentations. |
| | 20h | | Hôtel - Restaurant ATLANTHAL<br>153 Boulevard des Plages<br>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<br>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<br>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 | |

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

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| | | | ***S U N D A Y*** | |
| | **06h45** | **BAYONNE** | **Front of Tourist Office<br>Place des Basques.** | **Bus departure for walkers destination Espelette – old school of Bassaburu for start of walk at 08h00** |
| | **07h00** | **ANGLET** | **Town Hall, Rue Amédée Dufourg** | **Pick up further walkers with the same bus from in front of the Town Hall, Anglet and then Sutar** |
| | **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** | |