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Tétouan

The city of Tétouan, which also offers direct flights to Brussels, is another Moroccan destination showing a strong Spanish influence. It lies a further 230 kilometres to the west of Nador and is just over 50 kilometres east of Tangiers. Sometimes referred to as “the White Dove” because of its whitewashed buildings, Tetouan is also known as Morocco’s Andalusian jewel. This latter reference derives from the fact that historically much of its population comprised Andalusian Muslims and Jews who settled here after leaving Spain in the late 15th century. It offers appealing points of interest including

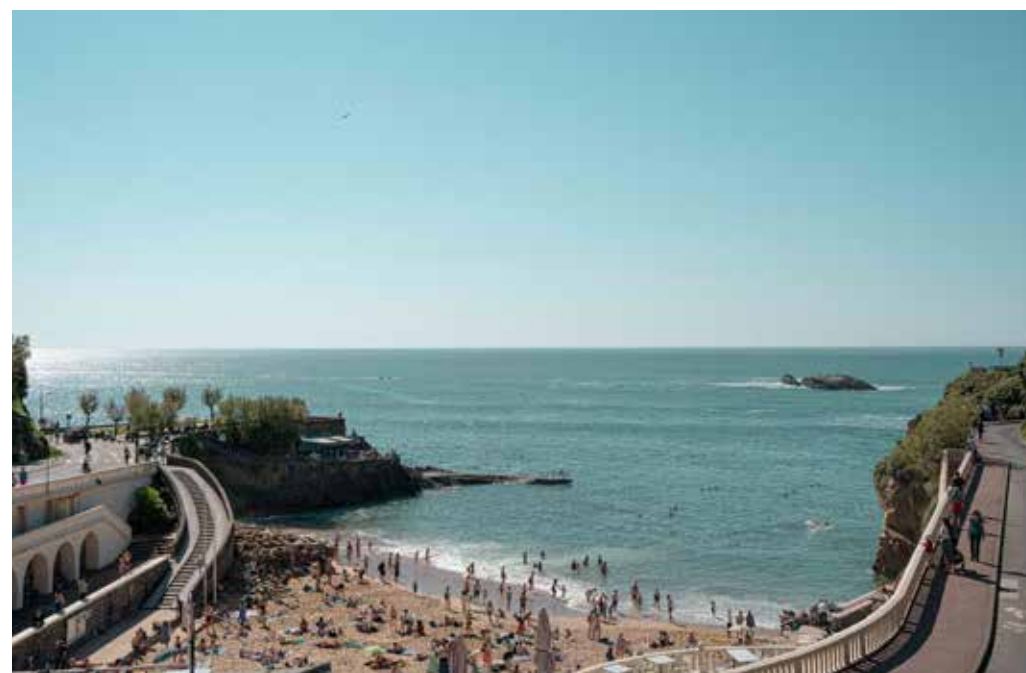
the Royal Palace of Tétouan and the Medina of Tétouan. This latter is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its well-preserved architecture and traditional markets. It also has a fantastic coastline on its doorstep which can be enjoyed from world class hotels like the Saint Regis La Bahia Blanca.

In summary, the Mediterranean coast of Morocco, delivers an appealing mix of exotic culture, history, scenery and beaches. It is possible to enjoy all of this in first rate accommodation with the convenience of a direct flight from Brussels. What are you waiting for ? ❶



Biarritz Bound !

Together Magazine visited the glamorous French seaside destinations of Biarritz to take in the fresh Atlantic air and investigate what’s the new wave locally !



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Biarritz is one of the most celebrated French seaside destinations and certainly the best known on its Atlantic coast. It became a popular summer destination for the aristocracy back in the 19th century and its appeal has proven enduring. Its aristocratic history is still evident in the architecture of some of the magnificent buildings of the town that still bear witness to that era. These include the Villa Belza,

the Cyrano Villa and the Château Boulart, as well as the Hôtel du Palais, which was originally built as a summer residence for Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon III, and subsequently became a favourite holiday destination for Edward VII, King of England !. There are not many seaside towns that can host an architectural tour to rival that of Biarritz !

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The new Wave !

However, time has not stood still here. In 2025 the town saw the opening of a new boutique hotel property by Fahrenheit Seven - Roc Seven Biarritz. Located right in the heart of the old port area it overlooks the beautiful cove of the Vieux Port beach, located just a step away. It caters to the new generation of modern travellers who wish to enjoy the natural attractions of Biarritz in a lively environment of relaxed elegance. This also features live DJ sets on its two terraces, Italian inspired Basque cuisine and a wellness programme, including yoga and painting workshops. The combination of fresh air, culture, simple quality cuisine and quiet luxury that embodies Biarritz !

Beach Action

The local Atlantic coastline is of course Biarritz's enduring natural feature and primary attraction. In addition to the beautiful, but bijoux, cove of the Vieux Port Beach men-

tioned, the town has the expansive Grande Plage as well as the Côte des Basques to the south. These large sandy beaches are also right on the threshold of the town and not merely great for sunbathing and swimming but some of the best surfing beaches in Europe.

Surfing the Wave !

Biarritz is well recognised as one of Europe's top surfing destinations. Visitors can take surfing lessons, rent boards or just admire the view of experienced (and not so experienced !) surfers trying their luck on the local waves constantly washing in from the Atlantic. Framed by surrounding cliffs and some of the architectural gems mentioned, these beaches provide a stunning panorama. A great viewpoint is the iconic Rocher de la Vierge on a small island, now connected by bridge to form a headland prominent, near the old port. An Instagrammers dream perhaps !

Food is another major attraction. Located in the Basque country not far from the Spanish border, Biarritz offers a combination of French culinary sophistication with Basque tradition and quality local produce. Visitors can enjoy fresh seafood, hams and regional wines at a great range of restaurants throughout the town. The Les Halles de Biarritz market is also a lovely spot for tasting Basque specialties, seafood, local cheeses and pastries. Open-air markets showcasing regional products are a regular occurrence, especially during summer festivals.

Further afield

As if all this was not enough, Biarritz offers a host of interesting opportunities for excursions on its doorstep. The religious shrine of Lourdes lies in the mountains inland while along the coast to the south one can find the Spanish city of San Sebastián, a place of pilgrimage for food lovers from around the world ! Other local villages of note worth a visit include Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Bayonne.



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Full facilities !

Not that there is any need to leave the town itself ! There are a full range of local facilities in addition to the natural and manmade beautiful sights. The town is filled with great local restaurants and bars. It boasts an aquarium, casino, cinema, museums, theatre and really great shopping.

With a unique combination of sun, sea, surfing, culture, cuisine and class, Biarritz offers something for almost everyone. This mix helps create a relaxed but lively cosmopolitan ambience - and it would be hard to find a better place to enjoy this energetic and chic atmosphere than from the terrace of the restaurant bar of Roc Seven Biarritz, overlooking the beach with the DJ's ambient tunes playing in the background ! ❶

Ibiza Inspirations

Together Magazine discovers Ibiza's quieter side, where wellness, nature and serenity are redefining the island beyond its party reputation.



The calming zen of yoga, the relaxation of a spa wellness retreat and the quiet exhilaration of a hike through ancient woods or along soaring cliff-sides to visit secluded coves for a refreshing swim in tranquil azure waters, these all seem like experiences worlds away from the popular image many hold of a visit to the "party island" of Ibiza. But in fact all of this is rea-

dily available for those wishing to enjoy the fantastic climate and natural beauty of Ibiza in a healthier fashion - or even for those seeking a change of pace for part of a racier holiday there ! These experiences can really generate a much greater personal connection to this special place and lead to memorable moments of personal introspection and tranquillity.