



**CHÂTEAU DES NESTES**  
This castle is a listed historical monument. The castle's architecture recalls 10 centuries of the Aure Valley's history. Built on the enclosure served to protect the nearby sanctuary dedicated to Saint-Exupère. This military edifice served as a commandery. In the 16th century, it was the seat of the Judicature of Aure, where justice was dispensed. It took the name of "Camou Castle" (fertile land) because of the humidity of the area. Its central tower, is capped with a 19th century wooden bell-tower.

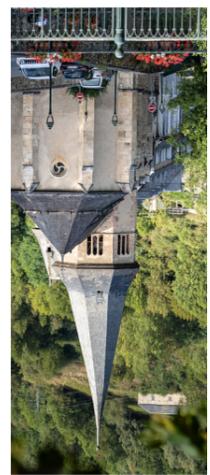
**CHÂTEAU DE SÉGURE**  
The Château de Ségure is dominated by a 16th century square tower built into the rock. The castle is situated in a strategic position, at the junction of the two valleys, the Aure valley and the Louron valley. In the 13th century, this tower probably served as a dungeon in the former fortified castle. The building, with wooden boarding and quilted coat of arms, includes a weaponry room. On the eve of the French Revolution, Louis Hector of Galay, the last descendant of the Ségure family, joined the King's musketeers and fought in Bohemia, Italy and Portugal.

**CHAPELLE SAINT-EXUPÈRE**  
The Chapelle Saint-Exupère is a listed historical monument, a jewel of religious art in the Pyrenees. Saint-Exupère, bishop of Toulouse in the 5th century, was born next to the chapel, in the former school, known as Saint-Exupère's house. He was known for his generosity towards the poor and the sick. In Arreau, the original sanctuary, damaged by flooding by the Neste du Louron river, was replaced by this chapel with a Romanesque porch in the 12th century. The octagonal floor and carpentry adorned with marble finely sculpted, two corbelled floors and carpentry adorned with the name of the founder, Jean Passarieu, is to be found written on a stair tower in the alleyway.

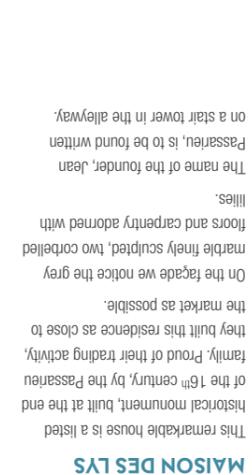
**ÉGLISE NOTRE-DAME**  
The Église Notre-Dame is a listed historical monument. The parish church has a Romanesque chevet with a square bell-tower. In the 17th century, a Baroque altarpiece made by Jean Ferrière d'Asst was installed in the heart of the church. This one was entirely restored in the 19th century by Pierre Mennelle, a sculptor and gilder from Bagères-de-Morlaàs. Only the statue door on the west facade of the bell-tower porch was created by the sculptor Verdier from Arreau. The church is home to a splendid 16th-century Pietà.

**MAISON DES LYS**  
This remarkable house is a listed historical monument, built at the end of the 16th century, by the Passarieu family. Proud of their trading activity, they built this residence as close to the market as possible. On the facade we notice the grey marble finely sculpted, two corbelled floors and carpentry adorned with the name of the founder, Jean Passarieu, is to be found written on a stair tower in the alleyway.

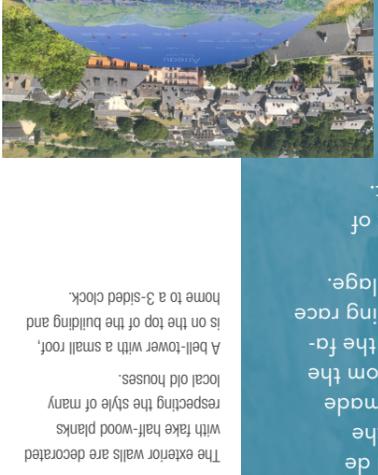
**TOWN HALL BUILDING**  
The existing town hall building was built in 1932 on the site of the old wooden market hall built in the 16th century. The semi-covered ground floor is where the weekly Thursday market takes place, and on the first floor the town hall's administrative services are housed. The exterior walls are decorated with fake half-wood plans respecting the style of many local old houses. A bell-tower with a small roof, is on the top of the building and home to a 3-sided clock.



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# An exceptional heritage...

# ARREAU HISTORY

Arreau (700 m altitude), located at the confluence of the Aure and Louron valleys and their respective rivers, the Neste d'Aure and the Neste du Louron, has a population of just over 800 residents. The village grew up around the Romanesque sanctuary dedicated to Saint-Exupère. Between the 13th and 15th centuries, Arreau was a strategic place, dominated by the Château de Ségure. From the 16th century onwards, markets, which took place in the central wooden market hall, where the town hall now stands. Until the 19th century, the population was essentially made up of farmers, clothmakers, craftsmen and traders. Small neighbourhoods developed on either side of the two rivers, each with its own sanctuary (Bon-Rencontre, Saint-Michel, Saint-Laurent, Saint-Antoine, Saint-Jacques). Arreau's topographical location between the Col d'Aspi and Col de Peyresourde, and the advent of the thermal water and spa industry, made it a popular tourist destination from the 19th century onwards, and today the famous annual Tour de France cycling race frequently passes through the village. Arreau has kept its character as a mountain village, and also that of a legacy of its rich historical past.

# "GÂTEAU À LA BROCHE"

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY, ARREAU CELEBRATES THE "GATEAU A LA BROCHE".

In the heart of Summer, this festival honors Pyrenean traditions. During the day, you can watch the making of a giant spit-roasted cake, and also get to taste it at the end of the day!

This festival regroups local craftsmen and producers around the fabrication of the enormous 1,20 meters long "gâteau", and includes food, drink, music, (bandas, traditional Pyrenean songs...), street performances, and special events for children, and for all the family.



1. Separate the whites from the yolks - 250 of them!
2. Weigh and mix ingredients
3. 4 to 5 hours cooking time.
4. Demould the cake - carefully!
5. After demoulding.
6. Cut, share and enjoy!



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# ARREAU

- TOWN MAP -



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LOURON VALLEY  
VAL LOURON  
COL DE PEYRESOURDE  
PEYRAGUDES  
LUCHON  
SPAIN

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PEYRAGUDES  
LUCHON  
SPAIN

AURE VALLEY / SAINT-LARY  
NEOUIVIELLE RESERVE  
PIAU ENGALY / SPAIN VIA  
THE ARAGNOUET-BIELSA TUNNEL

JÉZEAU  
BAREILLES  
VALLEY & LAKE  
MONTIOUS RESERVE

ESPEYOUDE

PAILHAC  
CHAPELLE

GR 105

VIEWPOINT

LES AIGLES  
D'AURE

HOUSSENS  
CAR PARK

PAILHAC  
ARDENGOST

ARTISANAL  
ZONE

HUNTERS  
LODGE



SARRANCOLIN  
LANNEMEZAN  
A 64 MOTORWAY  
BAYONNE/TOULOUSE  
AUCH

COL D'ASPIN  
PAYOLLE  
SAINTE-MARIE-DE-CAMPAN  
BAGNÈRES DE BIGORRE

BOUCHÈDE

LANÇON

ST-JACQUES

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ROUTE DE CADEAC

STADIUM

GYMNASIUM

TENNIS

CAMP SITE

GR 105

BARRANCOUEU

TAKE A TRIP  
WITH NESTOR



..... HISTORICAL TOUR

▲ INFORMATION BOARD

● THE "PAYS D'ART ET D'HISTOIRE" SIGNS

--- SAINT-JACQUES WAY

P CAR PARK

✉ MAILBOX

🏠 PLAYING AREA

🏧 ATM/CASH DISPENSER

🚻 TOILETS

🚶 FOOTBRIDGE

🚶 FOOTPATH

🚌 BUS STOP

🛢 PETROL STATION

♻ GLASS RECYCLERS

🏏 PETANQUE SQUARE

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🚲 BIKE AREA

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