

For those who want to experience a French beach town in a beautiful setting, I would recommend Les Hortensias du Lac. Hossegor, just north of the more famous resorts of Biarritz and St. Jean de Luz, has a wonderful relaxed atmosphere of people enjoying the outdoors. Les Hortensias is idyllically located outside town, only 300 meters from the sea, on a hillside looking through towering pines to a lake. The main building faces directly onto the lake and here you find the reception and a very pleasing and restful guest living room with a clustering of off-white sofas set on beige and white throw rugs in front of large picture windows, which frame a beautiful water view. Below the living room, with an equally lovely view, is the breakfast room where a lavish breakfast buffet is left out until the decadent hour of noon—just one of many ways Patrick ensures his guests a relaxing and enjoyable stay. While a few guestrooms are located in the main building, most are found in a group of two-story cottages. The rooms are all nicely furnished, and vary most dramatically as to whether or not they enjoy a lake view. I would definitely request a water view (cottage rooms 20 to 25 and 30 to 35) as it is the setting that makes this place so special. *Directions:* Leave the autoroute A63 at exit 8, following signs to the city center. In town follow signs for Les Hortensias du Lac, on the west side of the lake, to the north of the town center.



### LES HORTENSIAS DU LAC

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20 Rooms, Double: €130–€210\*

4 Suites: €230–€440\*

\*Breakfast not included: €20

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