



SPAIN

## DISCOVER THE WINES AND CASTLES OF RIBERA DEL DUERO & RIOJA

(TOUR CODE: 12377)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Madrid

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

01 Nov 23 - 31 Oct 24

**EXPERIENCE**

Cultural

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Independent Holiday Packages

Breathe in the wonderful landscapes of the famous wine-growing region of Ribera del Duero and La Rioja with this 5-day independent holiday.

### Highlights

- Enjoy a **Gourmet lunch with wine** in Vivanco, Rioja
- Sample wines on the **prestigious Ribera de Duero wine route**
- Visit **Santo Domingo de la Calzada**, historical village cradle of the Saint James way
- Sleep in a **Parador in Olite**, a castle converted into a hotel!

Don't miss the most delicious wines of the Ribera de Duero and Rioja region by visiting local wineries and a wine museum. Explore the historic city and the bull ring in Pamplona and spend a memorable night in a Parador in Olite.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Madrid at Gran Hotel Conde Duque- 4\* or similar
- 1 night in Olite at Parador Olite - 4 \* or similar
- 2 nights in Rioja at the Silken Villa de la Guardia - 4\*or similar.
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Private car with chauffer-guide speaking English throughout
- Regular visit of the underground wine caves in Ribera del Duero
- Visit the wine museum in Rioja (90 min) and gourmet lunch
- Visit a Rioja traditional winery of 140 years of age (90 min)
- Visit of Pamplona and Sigüenza
- Visit the new landmark Marqués de Riscal

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Madrid

Welcome to the Capital city of Spain. Upon arrival, private transfer by a luxury car with an English-speaking driver.

Overnight stay in Madrid at the **Gran Hotel Conde Duque** or similar.



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Day 2

Madrid Ribera del Duero Rioja

Buffet breakfast and **departure to Rioja** with your private chauffer-guide.

Rioja is a fascinating region, full of art, culture and history. Enjoy the countryside, the small authentic villages and views of the landscapes in the region, which boasts of their past through the various monasteries, churches and castles.

On the way, we will stop in a stop in **Ribera del Duero** area. First stop will be in an authentic medieval village, outstanding for its historic center, castle and palace. Then we will arrive to Aranda de Duero, the capital of Ribera de Duero wine, where we will visit the underground caves dated from the 16th century with wine tasting in the end.

Overnight stay in Rioja at the **Silken Villa de la Guardia** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Rioja

Buffet breakfast and **full day to visit Rioja region** with your private chauffer-guide.

First stop will be in a 140-year-old **traditional winery**, still run by the direct descendants of the founding family. Despite its growth, the winery has maintained its profound respect for tradition while incorporating innovative processes and a commitment to its environment. During your visit, you will discover the secrets of the production of its great wine and will **enjoy two tastings** at the end.

Continuation to visit the **Vivanco wine museum (90 minutes)**. Esteemed as a prominent symbol of the Wine Culture worldwide, it encompasses a spacious area of 4,000 square meters. The museum features five permanent exhibition halls, a dedicated space for temporary exhibits, and the Garden of Bacchus, an outdoor collection of grapevines showcasing over 220 varieties from across the globe., the museum occupies a surface space of 9000m, grape wines from around the world and extensive vineyards set in a typical Rioja land.

**Gourmet lunch in wine museum** with traditional food based on wines and views to the landscapes of vineyards.

Afternoon will be in **Santo Domingo de la Calzada**, historical village cradle of the Saint James way.

Overnight stay in Rioja at the **Silken Villa de la Guardia** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **4**

## Rioja Pamplona Olite

After buffet breakfast, a private chauffer-guide will pick you up at the hotel and drive towards Olite.

We will visit the new landmark Marqués de Riscal designed by the renowned architect Frank O. Gehry. Stop in **Pamplona**, internationally known because of the running of the bulls, where the bulls are led through the streets by runners.

Continue to **Olite** and check in a Parador Castle. The town's Parador is located within stone walls that conceal medieval treasures, in a section of the majestic Palace-Castle of Olite, which has been declared a national monument. Tonight, you will sleep in a castle converted into a hotel.

Overnight stay in Olite at **Parador Olite** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

## Olite Sigüenza Madrid Airport

Buffet breakfast and departure to Madrid.

On the way, stop in **Sigüenza**. This lovely city was declared a Historic-Artistic site. The castle, the cathedral and the Plaza Mayor square are the three sights you can't afford to miss. Stop in the castle to have a stroll.

Then, transfer to Madrid Airport. End of the services.

Breakfast



## ACCOMMODATION

### Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque

#### Madrid

Discover the Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque. Located a few meters from the Gran Vía of Madrid in a landscaped and sophisticated area, it will allow you to know the tourist attractions of the city and rest in spacious rooms. This luxurious four-star hotel is brimming with design, style and personality. It has a cozy tea room with more than 70 different types of infusions, a breakfast based on healthy organic products, aesthetic treatments and a gastronomic service for tourists that includes tapas routes. The Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque has 141 rooms perfectly equipped with: air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, satellite dish, interactive TV, pillow menu, heating, wooden floors, work desk, bathroom, minibar and safe.



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## Silken Villa de la Guardia

### Rioja

In the heart of Rioja Alavesa there is a unique place where you can enjoy a unique experience: the Hotel Silken Villa de Laguardia. It is a **4-star spa hotel** located in the Rioja Alavesa, very close to Logroño and surrounded by vineyards. Its facilities are designed to offer you a relaxing stay, in the company of family, partner or friends. Silken Villa de Laguardia is located 15 kilometres from Logroño and is located along several gastronomic and wine tourism routes.

This hotel with swimming pool in La Rioja Alavesa has 84 rooms, all of them very well equipped and with all the services and facilities for you to enjoy an unbeatable stay. The **rooms are very spacious and comfortable** and have a very careful and studied design, perfect whether with your partner, friends or family, they adapt to your needs and can be multifunctional.

The Villa de Laguardia hotel has a **spectacular 1,000 m2 spa**. The spa offers treatments with wine and olive oil, which make the most of the properties of its ingredients. Among the **most outstanding services of the Wine Oil Spa**, we find several massages, facials, circuits, special baths and wraps. Enjoy, relax and let yourself go in our spa in a privileged environment surrounded by nature and vineyards.



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## Parador de Olite

### Olite

Lodged in the heart of one of the most beautiful Gothic-civil complexes in Europe, the Parador de Olite occupies the **oldest wing of the majestic palace-castle of the kings of Navarre**, built in the Middle Ages and amplified in the 15th c. by Carlos III the Noble.

The balance between architecture and decoration in its rooms will take you to another age. Magnificent towers and battlements, galleries and arcades decorated with beautiful stained-glass windows, and details such as suits of armour, tapestries and cast-iron lamps, and coffered ceilings; here in Olite everything is bewitchment and fantasy to make you feel like a medieval noble.

**The rooms at Paradores** combine design and modern services to perfection. In each room you can enjoy the comfort and elegance of the design and furnishings, and the best views in destinations you will want to return to again and again.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package