



SPAIN

LANDSCAPES OF NORTHERN SPAIN & PORTUGAL JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12543)

STARTS AND ENDS Madrid to Lisbon	TRAVEL PERIODS 18 May 25 - 07 Sep 25	EXPERIENCE Escorted Food & Wine	TRAVEL STYLE Group Journeys
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Discover Spain and Portugal's varied history and culture and you travel across the northern landscapes during this 13-day itinerary.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy an **authentic Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant in Madrid
- Stop for a sightseeing in **San Sebastian** and admire its beautiful "Concha Bay"
- Journey through the **Galician landscapes** and try the delicious "Mondonedo cake"!
- Discover **Aveiro**, known as "The Portuguese Venice" and, enjoy a ride on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional **Moliceiro boat**
- Try a typical **Portuguese dinner** as you visit one of the oldest **Fado** venues in Lisbon

Explore northern Spain and Portugal during this 13-day journey. Visit the beautiful cities of the Galicia region and Portugal. Admire the contrasting landscapes and the rich culture and history that is steeped in the region.

 <p>GUARANTEED DEPARTURES</p>	 <p>SMALL GROUP SIZES</p>	 <p>SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL</p>	 <p>ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES</p>	 <p>CITY-CENTRE QUALITY HOTELS</p>	 <p>SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDED</p>	 <p>SLOWER-PACED ITINERARY</p>
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- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 12-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner and Fado show with a farewell dinner in Lisbon
- Pintxos lunch in San Sebastian
- Guided city tours with local guides in Madrid, Bilbao, Santiago, Porto & Lisbon
- Ria Arousa cruise with wine tasting and mussels tasting
- Cruise Aveiro's canals with Moliceiro Boat
- Douro River Cruise and taste the famous Porto wine
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Madrid

A private transfer will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Radisson Red**.



Day **2**

Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights and discover the passion of this amazing city.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders this city has to offer, or, join the optional excursion to Toledo (*bookable onsite only*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Radisson Red**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid La Rioja Bilbao

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will drive north to the Northern Spanish territories. Your first destination is **Laguardia**, in the heart of La Rioja, one of the most famous Spanish wine regions.

Internationally acclaimed, and among its vineyards, we will visit a traditional and family run wine cellar. Take a taste of the world-famous Rioja Reds and enjoy a **local product-based light lunch**.

Overnight stay in Bilbao at **Radisson Collection Hotel**.*

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Breakfast, Lunch



Day **4**

Bilbao San Sebastian Bilbao

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will explore Bilbao with your local guide. The best-known landmark is the titanium-clad **Guggenheim Museum**, a Frank Gehry masterpiece. You will also have time to wander through the historic Siete Calles district. Many of the historic buildings were damaged after floods in the 1980s but have now been beautifully restored. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore the esplanade surrounding The Guggenheim Museum and admire this modern architectural building.

Continue to San Sebastian, one of the most famous and elegant destinations in Europe. Enjoy a **traditional Pintxos lunch at San Sebastian old town's Taverns**.

Time at leisure for you to marvel this gorgeous town. Discover the extraordinary landscape dominated by the bay and the magnificent La Concha beach. Take some free time to stroll through this elegant city before returning to Bilbao.

Overnight stay in Bilbao at **Radisson Collection Hotel**.*

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Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Bilbao Santillana del Mar Oviedo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Ready for northern mountains and Atlantic sandy beaches? Depart to Santillana del Mar, one of the most important historical artistic towns in Spain. It contains architectural treasures such as the Collegiate of Santa Ana, a Jewel of the Romanesque Architecture in Cantabria

Continue to **Covadonga**, where you will have free time to see the Sanctuary and the Grotto where you will see the patroness of Asturias our Lady of Covadonga.

In the afternoon, departure to **Oviedo**, where you will see on the beauty of Saint Maria de Naranco Church, Jewel of the pre-Romanic Asturian architecture. Free time to explore Oviedo, many of their streets are pedestrian, where you will be able to see World Heritage sites like The Cathedral, a splendid example of gothic Asturian architecture. Optionally, you may experience a *Cheese and Cider tasting*, which is available for booking on-site only.

Overnight stay in Oviedo at the **Gran Hotel Espana**.

Breakfast



Oviedo Mondonedo Santiago de Compostela

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will see the Galician landscapes as you travel to Lugo. Along the way, you will take a short stop at Mondoñedo where you will have some time at leisure to visit the 13th-century Cathedral and try the delicious “Mondoñedo cake”.

Upon your arrival in **Lugo** you will have some free time to stroll and explore the Roman ruins throughout the city, like its walls, declared Patrimony of the Humanity.

This afternoon you will reach, Santiago de Compostela’s holly land declared World Heritage as it is the most important center of Christian Pilgrimages in Spain as it’s the end of the Camino de Santiago route.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela at the **Hotel Santiago Plaza Affiliated by Meliá**.

Breakfast

**Santiago de Compostela**

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Stroll Santiago’s old cobble streets as you capture its historical beauty. Feel the passion at Obradoiro Square and the Cathedral (entrance not included) dedicated to the Apostle Santiago.

Optionally, enjoy a Gallegan dinner featuring Queimada (extra cost), and savour a traditional Gallegan meal in the historic old town of Santiago, available for booking on-site only.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela at the **Hotel Santiago Plaza Affiliated by Meliá**.

Breakfast



CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Day **8** Santiago de Compostela Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Did you know that Spain is home to its own fjords? They are known as the “**Rías Bajas**.” When you visit the Ría de Arosa, arguably the most picturesque of the Spanish fjords, you can enjoy a cruise while tasting the region's typical northern wines and mussels.

Continue your journey towards the Portuguese border to arrive in Porto. Situated along the Douro River estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest towns in Europe and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Acta The Avenue**.

Breakfast, Lunch



DOURO RIVER

Day **9** Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Feel the Douro River breeze while discovering Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a **Douro River Cruise** and discover the famous Port Wine Cellars with a wine tasting experience included.

The rest of day is at leisure. You may optionally take a tour to Guimarães, one of the oldest cities in Portugal, which is available for booking on-site at an additional cost.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Acta The Avenue**.

Breakfast



Day 10 Porto Aveiro Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to **Aveiro**, known as “The Portuguese Venice”. Enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional Moliceiro boat. Enjoy time at leisure and explore the town, the old Beira Mar neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure. Then, continue to Lisbon, the lively capital of Portugal.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Lumen Hotel & The Lisbon Light Show**.

Breakfast



Day **11** Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Spread across seven hills and known for its decorative arts, Lisbon is one of Europe's most interesting capitals. Join a morning city sightseeing of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square & Liberty Avenue.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore the charming areas of the Alfama Quarter at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Lumen Hotel & The Lisbon Light Show**.

Breakfast



Day **12** Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today is at leisure to discover the city on your own. Optionally, you may join a tour to the enchanting town of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is available for booking on-site only at an additional cost.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers and experience a traditional Portuguese dinner at one of the city's oldest Fado venues.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Lumen Hotel & The Lisbon Light Show**.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13 Lisbon

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Radisson RED Madrid

Madrid

This 4-star hotel is ideally located in the heart of the Golden Triangle of Art. The Radisson RED Madrid serves as a perfect base for exploring the many offerings of Spain's vibrant capital. Notable attractions such as the Prado Museum, Retiro Park, and Puerta del Sol are within easy reach. Guests can recharge in stylishly designed rooms, stay connected in the co-working space, or enjoy leisure time in our social lounge. For an exceptional dining experience, they invite you to explore the on-site restaurants and bars, and for stunning views that are sure to impress.



Radisson Collection Bilbao

Bilbao

Experience the five-star Radisson Collection Hotel, Gran Vía Bilbao, featuring 137 elegantly designed rooms and suites that seamlessly combine modern sophistication with exceptional service. Immerse yourself in the vibrant artistic culture of the city and visit renowned Bilbao landmarks, including the iconic Guggenheim Museum.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening at the speakeasy rooftop bar, beautifully decorated with vertical gardens, colorful parasols, and stunning views of Bilbao. For a distinctive dining experience, savor the harmonious blend of flavor, texture, and aesthetics at the Eneko Basque Bilbao Restaurant

by Eneko Atxa.



Gran Hotel España

Oviedo

The Gran Hotel España is located in the historic and commercial center of Oviedo, next to emblematic buildings such as the Cathedral of San Salvador and the Campoamor Theater.



Hotel Santiago Plaza Affiliated by Meliá

Santiago de Compostela

Situated in a serene location just 700 metres from the train station and close to the historic city center, this property offers excellent access, making it an ideal base for exploring Santiago de Compostela and the wider region of Galicia. The modern and well-lit rooms provide the perfect retreat after a busy day of work or sightseeing. The unique cuisine, featuring tapas, snacks, and Galician specialties, is sure to please a variety of palates. Prepare to uncover a historic city recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Acta The Avenue

Porto

Acta The Avenue is located in the Bonfim district, a 15-minute walk from the centre of Porto and in proximity to the city's main tourist attractions. The spacious hotel rooms feature large, comfortable beds, offering an ideal environment for a restful night's sleep during your visit to Porto.



Lumen Hotel & The Lisbon Light Show

Lisbon

Located in the heart of the city, the Lumen Hotel aims to celebrate the renowned Light of Lisbon, captivating visitors with a range of sensory experiences. As the first hotel in Portugal to provide an immersive light experience through a video mapping show, it introduces guests to the beauty of Lisbon. Each room is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including tablets and USB sockets, as well as extra-large beds to ensure maximum comfort. The hotel also features the Clorofila restaurant, a rooftop pool (seasonally open from May 1st to October 31st), a gym, and versatile meeting and co-working spaces to enhance the guest experience.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

- Please be advised that the accommodation for the first departure on May 18 will be redirected to a hotel in San Sebastian due to a sporting event taking place in Bilbao.
- 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.

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 (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

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