



SPAIN AND PORTUGAL
Regional Travel Information and Map

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NORTHERN SPAIN



Suggested Itinerary On the Trail of El Camino

DAY 1 Peruse some of Spain's finest sculpture at Chillida Leku and take advantage of San Sebastian's abundance of Michelin-star restaurants

DAY 2 Cross the French border to explore the more rustic valleys and half-timbered houses of the Basque Country

DAY 3 Master the secrets of Basque cuisine in a special cooking class, before hitting the Old Town streets for the best pintxos around

DAY 4 Head west to Bilbao, to see the magnificent Guggenheim Museum, and drive on to the perfectly preserved village of Santillana del Mar

DAY 5 Explore the fascinating museum of prehistoric cave paintings of Altamira and charming aristocratic seaside village of Comillas

DAY 6 Hike along the spectacular Cares Gorge and marvel at the mountain scenery in the Picos de Europa

DAY 7 Discover one of Spain's holiest shrines and the legendary fortress of Pelayo at Covadonga, from where Christian armies began the *Reconquista*

DAY 8 Admire the elegant city life of Oviedo, the capital of the Asturias region, including the magnificent cathedral

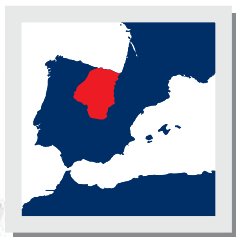
DAY 9 Witness the splendid mansions of Gijón where impoverished emigrants returned to after making their fortunes in the Americas

DAY 10 Take in the enchanting fishing village of Cudillero, before exploring the Roman city walls of Lugo

DAY 11 Behold the wonders of Santiago de Compostela, a leading Christian pilgrimage site and supposed resting place of St James at the awe-inspiring eponymous cathedral

DAY 12 Traverse the beautiful fjord-like coastline of Galicia and see the locals fish for barnacles whilst suspended from cliff tops

CENTRAL SPAIN



Suggested Itinerary Fine Wines and Culture

DAY 1 Uncover the capital's treasures, including the incomparable art collections of the Prado, before a local expert reveals the tastiest tapas treats

DAY 2 Peruse the world-class fashion stores and have a go at creating your own silk scarf under expert supervision

DAY 3 Go off the beaten track with a behind-the-scenes look at a guitar workshop among the artisan stores of Madrid's Malasaña district

DAY 4 Visit a working farm for an authentic taste of Manchego cheese and follow in Don Quixote's footsteps to witness the windmills of Consuegra

DAY 5 Cross the Guadarrama peaks to visit the beautiful Palace of La Granja, the stunning Roman aqueduct in Segovia, and the famous city walls of Avila

DAY 6 Explore the magnificent Plaza Mayor and centuries-old university buildings in Salamanca, Spain's oldest and most famous academic city

DAY 7 Continue towards Valladolid to discover the most

prestigious wineries of the country's fastest growing wine region, the Ribera del Duero

DAY 8 Delight in Pesquera's fine reds and revel in the architectural contrast between the hilltop castles of medieval towns and the contemporary *bodegas* of Norman Foster

DAY 9 Follow the course of the Duero, as you wind past mighty Gothic castles, Romanesque monasteries and half-timbered villages

DAY 10 Soak up the sights of Burgos, including its towering UNESCO World Heritage cathedral and Royal Monastery

DAY 11 Head to Haro, at the heart of the famous Rioja wine region, for tastings at the most illustrious *bodegas* and the Dinastía Vivanco wine museum

DAY 12 Relax with the outstanding culinary refreshments at the contrasting styles of winery, from the chateau-like Remelluri to the futuristic Ysios

CATALONIA



Suggested Itinerary

Art, Architecture and Mountain Beauty

DAY 1 Experience a unique overview of Barcelona from a motorcycle sidecar

DAY 2 Discover the remarkable architectural heritage of Gaudi, including the fantastical Parc Guell and symbolic (yet still unfinished) Sagrada Familia basilica

DAY 3 Venture out of the city to find the wonderfully preserved town centre of Girona, home to Spain's richest Jewish heritage

DAY 4 Explore the surrealist genius of Dali at his incredible theatre museum in Figueres and the little port of Cadaques

DAY 5 Witness a jaw-dropping vista across the Mediterranean from your private hot-air balloon

DAY 6 Climb into the dramatic scenery of the Pyrenees over fortified bridges and through Romanesque villages

DAY 7 Make the most of the mountain landscape to go hiking, biking or off-roading from your base in Bolvir

DAY 8 Head south into the Penedès region and admire the exquisite monasteries of Poblet and Santes Creus

DAY 9 Cava is just one of the local wines you can enjoy on a series of private visits to the architecturally spectacular wineries around Montblanc

ANDALUSIA



Suggested Itinerary The Soul of Andalusia

DAY 1 Take in Seville's majestic cathedral and bell tower as you roam the flower-filled alleys of the Barrio Santa Cruz

DAY 2 Head south for a superb riding display at the Real Escuela, before enjoying a private flamenco performance

DAY 3 Get a special insight into the secrets of the world's finest sherry and dine amid the splendours of a private palace in Jerez

DAY 4 Experience the taste of the finest olive oils and visit the unspoilt white village of Carmona with its Roman ruins and Arab fortifications

DAY 5 The awe-inspiring millennium-old Mezquita is Cordoba's jewel in a crown that includes the courtyards of the Jewish Quarter and the Royal Alcazar gardens

DAY 6 En route to Granada, discover the incredible architecture in the UNESCO World Heritage towns of Ubeda and Baeza

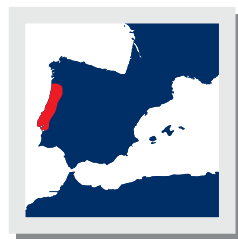
DAY 7 Discover the most perfect example of Islamic architecture with a private visit to the Alhambra

DAY 8 Explore the labyrinth of the Albaicin alleyways, before getting an insight into the life of Picasso in his hometown of Malaga

DAY 9 Enjoy the relaxing seafront promenade and abundance of culture ahead of a short drive to Marbella

DAY 10 Discover a host of superb shopping options and enjoy a round of golf in the country's most prestigious luxury resort

NORTHERN PORTUGAL



Suggested Itinerary Classic Lisbon to Porto

DAY 1 Discover Lisbon's historic Moorish quarter of Alfama, the majestic Jeronimos Monastery and emblematic Belem Tower, before visiting the admirable Gulbenkian art collection

DAY 2 Explore the aristocratic town of Sintra, home to the former royal family and the unconventional colours of the Pena Palace

DAY 3 Venture north to Coimbra, stopping en route in the charming blue-and-white village of Obidos, the medieval Alcobaca monastery and the traditional fishing village of Nazaré

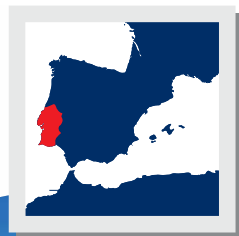
DAY 4 Witness Fatima, one of Catholicism's most important pilgrimage sites, before visiting Tomar to find the former HQ of the Knights Templar

DAY 5 Skirt the Atlantic coast to see the attractive Art Nouveau townhouses of Aveiro and the fairy tale castle of Santa Maria da Feira

DAY 6 Take in Porto's attractive highlights, such as the Stock Exchange Palace and iconic bridges, and learn the story of port wine production at the medieval wharf

DAY 7 Head inland on a river cruise to admire the breath-taking terraced landscape of the Douro Valley, whilst enjoying the exquisite local port wines

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PORTUGAL



Suggested Itinerary

Hilltop Towns and Sun-kissed Beaches

DAY 1 Jump on a tram to explore the capital, taking in the elegant Baixa and Chiado quarters, before enjoying gastronomic delights with a market tour

DAY 2 Venture out to the Royal Palace of Queluz and experience a traditional fishing trip in the fashionable resorts of Cascais and Estoril

DAY 3 Turn inland to find treasures, such as the Chapel of Bones, in the ancient Roman town of Evora

DAY 4 Try the sumptuous wines in the enchanting hill towns of the Alentejo region

DAY 5 Explore the fascinating town of Vila Viçosa, surrounded by marble quarries and boasting the magnificent palace of the Dukes of Bragança

DAY 6 Admire the golden sandstone cliffs of the Algarve coast from your luxury yacht

DAY 7 Discover towering views from the Cabo de São Vicente, Europe's south-westerly tip, before enjoying a round of golf, bathed in sunshine



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