



## NORTHERN SPAIN CULTURE AND CUISINE TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 / Date: 12 September 2022

### **Barcelona**

Hola! Welcome to Spain. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm today.

You may want to arrive early as there is so much to see in this great city. Perhaps explore the streets of the old Gothic Quarter, check out the Picasso Museum, wander the tree-lined pedestrian boulevard of La Rambla, visit Gaudi's architectural masterpieces Casas Batlla and Milo and the Cathedral of Sagrada Familia, or take the cable car to the top of Montjuic or Tibidabo for some incredible views.

After the meeting, try sipping a locally produced cava or vermouth in a local bar then perhaps continue on a tapas crawl, tasting rustic bite-sized Catalan dishes. Your guide will point out the best places to eat and experience the local Spanish culture.

#### Included

- Individual arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel
- Welcome meeting at 6PM
- Cava or vermouth tasting

Meals included: None

#### Special Information

**It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late, please let your tour coordinator or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.**

#### Accommodation

[Hotel Exe Ramblas](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 2 / Date: 13 September 2022



## Barcelona

This morning, get ready for a guided walking tour of Barcelona with a local guide, including a visit to Santa Catarina Market followed by lunch. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps try some Catalonia specialties, like salt cod salad or crema catalana, accompanied by a glass or two of wine from the nearby Penedes region.

Continue exploring more of the city's food hotspots or get cultural with some Gaudi architectural works of art. Maybe get lost in the mysterious alleys of the Gothic Quarter and finish the day with a sip of red wine from a porrón – a traditional glass pitcher.

### Included Activities

- Guided walking tour of Barcelona

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

### Accommodation

[Hotel Exe Ramblas](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 3 / Date: 14 September 2022

## Logroño

Travel by private vehicle to the prized vineyards of the La Rioja wine region. Logroño sits on the banks of the Ebro River and is the capital of Spain's most renowned wine region. It also boasts one of the most distinguished culinary traditions in the country and is home to some of the best tapas bars in Spain, all crammed into its small medieval center.

Follow your guide on a walk through the Old Quarter of Logroño, a charming city of medieval fortifications. This evening perhaps wander down Calle del Laurel and the 60 or so taperias (tapas bars) that line the way. This is the perfect opportunity to sample a bit of everything, as each bar has its own specialty – taste your way through some grilled chorizo or wild mushrooms, and wash them down with a glass of the region's famous red.

### Included Activities

- Orientation walk of Logroño

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

### Accommodation

Hotel [Ciudad de Logroño](#) (Standard room) or similar







Day 4 / Date: 15 September 2022

## **Bilbao**

This morning you may want to visit the Logroño market before we travel by private vehicle and go back in time in the historic walled town of Laguardia, perched atop a rock foundation. The entire center of Laguardia is traffic free as underground lies a maze of tunnels used to make and store wine for centuries. Here you'll tour Laguardia's wine caves and then enjoy a guided tasting through some of the region's distinct varietals. Later in the afternoon, transfer to Bilbao for your overnight stay.

### Included Activities

- Wine cellar visit and tasting in Laguardia

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

[Hotel Sirimiri](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 5 / Date: 16 September 2022

## **Bilbao**

This morning, get ready for an orientation walk of Bilbao, including a visit to the amazing Ribera Market.

The rest of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps grab a bite to eat at the market before taking the opportunity to visit the Guggenheim Museum and spend some time admiring Frank Gehry's sweeping metal building and the artistic treasures housed inside and out. Rejoin in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant.

### Included Activities

- Orientation walk of Bilbao

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

### Accommodation

[Hotel Sirimiri](#) (Standard room) or similar



Day 6 / Date: 17 September 2022

### **Oviedo**

Continue by road to Colombres for an included visit to the Archivo de los Indianos regional museum for a couple of hours. Our final destination for today is Oviedo.

Included Activities

- Archivo de los Indianos admission ticket in Colombres

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

[NH Oviedo Principado](#) (Standard room) or similar



Day 7 / Date: 18 September 2022



## Oviedo

Start the day with an orientation walk around the handsome city of Oviedo, with its unique personality, quaint pre-Romanesque churches, elegant streetscapes, fine monuments and grand houses. At the heart of the town sits the impressive Gothic San Salvador Cathedral. You'll also see El Fontan market, home to excellent fish stalls beneath a canopy of wrought iron and glass.

### Included Activities

- Orientation walk of Oviedo

Meals included: Breakfast

### Accommodation

[Hotel NH Oviedo Principado](#) (Standard room) or similar



Day 8 / Date: 19 September 2022

## Oviedo

Today is free for you to enjoy the Feast of San Mateo and the Day of the Americas, the most important festival of the region.

### Included Activities

- Feast of San Mateo – [Day of the Americas](#) (Parade)

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

[Hotel NH Oviedo Principado](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 9 / Date: 20 September 2022

### **Santiago de Compostela**

This morning, travel by private vehicle to A Coruña in the region of Galicia, taking in some of the spectacular Galician coastline during the drive. Here you will visit the impressive fish market in the Praza de Lugo and marvel at the range of seafood on offer. Lunch on fresh seafood at a nearby café, with other delicious non-seafood options available. Then, like thousands of pilgrims before you, end your journey in the capital of Galicia, believed to be the final resting place of the apostle St James.

Included Activities

- Fish market visit and seafood lunch in A Coruña

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

Accommodation

[Hotel Gelmirez](#) (Standard room) or similar





Day 10 / Date: 21 September 2022

### Departure day

You will finish this adventure with a morning walk around the beautiful old city of Santiago de Compostela, which holds many delights within its walls, all overseen by the mighty cathedral. Wander through the arcaded stone streets, the spacious Praza del Obradoiro and past the archbishop's imposing palace on your way to our final destination, the Mercado de Abastos. Perhaps toast the end of the trip with a glass of wine.

### Special Information

This trip ends after the leader led walk and market visit at 12pm. If you would like to enjoy this activity, we recommend not booking onward travel arrangements commencing before 2:30pm. If necessary, you may leave at any time today, but this may impact your participation in the morning activity. You may leave your luggage at the hotel while you participate in today's tour. If you'd like to spend more time in Santiago de Compostela we'd be happy to arrange additional accommodation (subject to availability).

### Included Activities

- Orientation walk and market visit in Santiago de Compostela

Meals included: Breakfast

Individual Airport Departure Transfer is included.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Exclusions

- International flights
- International airport departure tax
- Any visa required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal insurance
- Optional activities

### Payments

- Deposit \$400, pay [here](#).
- Single Supplement, \$598.00 available [here](#). Every effort will be made to match solo travelers with other same gender solo travelers, if requested, based on availability on a first come, first served basis.
- Final payment is due July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- Deposit is fully refundable until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- Cancel up to 28 days before departure and your deposit becomes a credit for future travel.

- Travelers can still book this tour, on a request basis, until August 12, 2022. Payment in full is required upon booking.

### **COVID Protection**

If you contact COVID-19 before you leave, or if government-imposed travel restrictions related to COVID mess up your plans, you can cancel your trip right up until departure day.

Government-imposed restrictions include border closures, lockdowns, do not travel warnings and new quarantine measures. Just let us know (with a medical certificate, if applicable) and we'll give you a 100% credit of what you've already paid, with no expiry date.

Travel insurance is compulsory for those traveling internationally. It is required that at minimum travelers are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. We strongly recommend all travelers have a policy that also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. Travelers will need to provide evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number to your local tour leader on the first day.

Travels with Talek works with the insurance company, [World Nomads](#). Please compare policies and insurance companies for the appropriate insurance for you and your trip.

Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organization and the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travel protocols for tour operators. In all cases, travelers must be fully inoculated including boosters and be able to show proof of vaccination. This means travelers must receive the full dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine and allow enough time for immunity to take effect. Each COVID-19 vaccine has different dosages and timeframes for inoculation, so please check the relevant medical advice associated with your vaccine.

### **Cancellation by the company**

In the event that the tour is canceled by the company due to *force majeure*, the traveler will receive a refund of monies paid for the tour.

A "*Force Majeure Event*" includes but is not limited to: acts of God; war; civil commotion; riot; blockade or embargo; fire; explosion; breakdown; union dispute; earthquake; epidemic, pandemic or other health emergency; flood; windstorm or other extreme weather event; lack or failure of courses of supply; passage of any law, order, proclamation, regulation, ordinance, demand, requisition or requirement or any other act of any government authority, beyond the reasonable control of the parties, whether or not foreseeable, which would make it dangerous or not viable for a trip to commence or continue.

If the cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event occurs after a trip has commenced, the traveler can receive a refund of the days that remain on the trip.

