



NORTHERN SPAIN CULTURE AND CUISINE TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 / Date: 12 September 2025

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 Batllo 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, enjoy sipping a locally produced cava or vermouth in a local bar then continue on to a delightful dinner of Catalan specialties.

Included:

- Welcome meeting at 6PM
- Cava or vermouth tasting

Meals included: Dinner

Special Information

It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be providing details of the tour 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 Barcelo Raval](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 2 / Date: 13 September 2025



Barcelona

This morning, get ready for a guided walking tour of Barcelona with a local guide, including a visit to Santa Caterina Market followed by lunch. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps try some Catalan 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 Barcelo Raval](#) (Standard room) or similar

Day 3 / Date: 14 September 2025

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 you may want to wander down Calle del Laurel and the 60 or so tasterias (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 2025

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 2025

Bilbao

This morning, get ready for an orientation walk of Bilbao, including a visit to the amazing Ribera Market where you'll enjoy lunch.

The rest of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps take 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. Then enjoy the timeless architecture found throughout the city.

Included Activities

- Orientation walk of Bilbao

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation

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



Day 6 / Date: 17 September 2025

Oviedo, [Asturias](#)

Continue by road to Colombres for an included visit to the “*Archivo de los Indianos*” regional museum for a couple of hours. Then enjoy the town before heading out to our final destination for today, 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 2025

Oviedo, Asturias

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 2025

Oviedo, Asturias

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 2025

Santiago de Compostela, [Galicia](#)

This morning, travel by private vehicle to A Coruña in the region of Galicia, taking in some of the spectacular Galician coastlines during the drive like Cathedral Beach. 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 Compostela](#) (Standard room) or similar



Day 10 / Date: 21 September 2025

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Exclusions

- International flights
- Airport transfers
- 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 (mandatory)
- Optional activities

Payments

- Deposit \$500, pay [here](#).
- Upgrade to single room for only, \$690.00 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 12st, 2025.
- Deposit is fully refundable until May 1st, 2025.
- Cancel after May 1st and your deposit becomes a credit for future travel.

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.

