

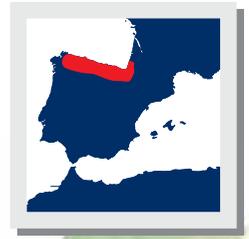


**SPAIN AND PORTUGAL**  
Regional Travel Information and Map

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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 Gijon 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 clifftops

# 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

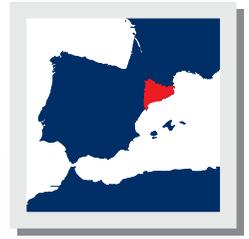
**DAY 9** Follow the course of the Duero, as you wind past mighty Gothic castles, Romanesque monasteries and half-timbered villages

**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 Alcobça 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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