

**PREMIUM**

**11D8N**

# NORTHERN SPAIN

(Validity: Apr - Oct 2017) TOUR CODE: ESNPS

Enjoy the stunning countryside, age-old cathedrals and indulge in the tapas lifestyle.

BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA, COVADONGA, ASTURIAS, SPAIN



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### SPAIN

#### ZARAGOZA

- Nuestra Señora del Pilar Basilica
- Plaza del Pilar
- Plaza de la Seo
- La Lonja de Zaragoza

#### PAMPLONA

- Ancient city walls
- Plaza del Castillo

#### SAN SEBASTIÁN

- La Concha Beach
- City Hall
- Monte Urgull funicular

#### BILBAO

- Guggenheim Museum
- Vizcaya Bridge
- Mount Artxanda

### ASTURIAS

- Picos de Europa National Park
- Fuente Dé
- Covadonga

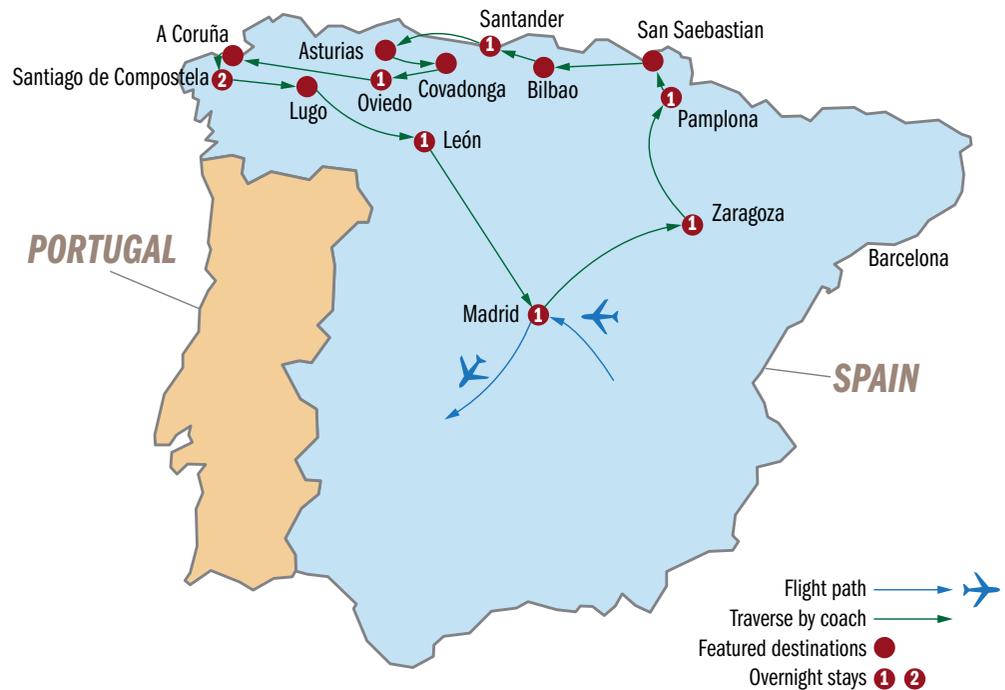
### SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (Entrance included)

- Praza do Obradoiro
- Praza das Praterías

### LEÓN

- León Cathedral
- Plaza del Grano
- Old Town



### DAY 1 SINGAPORE ▶ MADRID

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport and depart for Madrid, the central capital of Spain.

### DAY 2 MADRID ▶ ZARAGOZA

#### Meals on Board, Dinner

Once you arrive, head for a drive to the riveting city of **Zaragoza**, capital of the Aragón region in north-eastern Spain. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure to explore its stunning legacy of monuments that are a testament to the diverse communities that have left their mark on Spanish city.

### DAY 3 ZARAGOZA ▶ PAMPLONA

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Kick off the day with a fascinating city tour of **Zaragoza**, which will bring you to view some of the most beautiful historical sights. Revel in the majestic architecture of the **Nuestra Señora del Pilar Basilica**, reputed to be the first church in history that is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. Then, meander round the vast, open spaces of **Plaza del Pilar** and the neighbouring **Plaza de la Seo**, and admire the breathtaking architectural masterpieces that surround them. Last but not least, view the first complete Renaissance palatial structure of the city and its brilliant façades, **La Lonja**. Thereafter, proceed to **Pamplona**, a city best known for its legendary Running of the **Bulls festival** (Fiesta de San Fermín). Feast your senses

upon the magnificent sight of the ancient city walls and the bustling ambience of **Plaza del Castillo**, the heart and soul of the city where you will find markets, tournaments and even the occasional bullfighting event taking place.

### DAY 4 PAMPLONA ▶ SAN SEBASTIÁN ▶ BILBAO ▶ SANTANDER

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Depart for **San Sebastián**, a lovely resort town known for its picturesque beaches. Take an orientation tour to get a first-hand look at one of its famous beaches, **Playa de la Concha**, and the **City Hall of San Sebastián**, a grand, imposing structure that used to house the old **Gran Casino**. Journey onwards to **Bilbao**, a tough, industrial metropolis surrounded by green mountains. Make a pit stop at the **Guggenheim Museum** – an extraordinary titanium-clad construction seeks to challenge assumptions about art and architecture; and the **Vizcaya Bridge** for some outstanding pictures. Then, head up to the summit of **Mount Artxanda** for some exceptional views of the city. Continue on to **Santander** where you will stay for one night.

### DAY 5 SANTANDER ▶ ASTURIAS ▶ COVADONGA ▶ OVIEDO

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Enjoy a scenic drive as you make your way to **Picos de Europa National Park**; but stop by **Fuente Dé** along the way, where you can opt to take the cable car up to the **Pico massifs**

## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

## 4★ HOTELS

**ZARAGOZA** Eurostars Boston

**PAMPLONA** AC by Marriott Ciudad de Pamplona

**SANTANDER** Abba Comillas

**OVIEDO** EXE Oviedo centro

**SANTIAGO COMPOSTELA** Eurostars San Lazaro

**LEON** AC by Marriott Leon San Antonio

**MADRID** Holiday Inn Alcalá

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.

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for stunning sceneries of the mountain range. Drop by the village of **Covadonga** to visit the historic **Covadonga Sanctuary**, which comprises of a neo-Romanesque basilica alongside a holy cave dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. Drive on to **Oviedo** to rest for the night.

## DAY 6 OVIEDO ▶ A CORUÑA ▶ SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Drive along the **Asturian** coast to arrive at the **Tower of Hercules**, an ancient Roman lighthouse that graces the entrance of **A Coruña harbour**. The lighthouse dates all the way back to the late 1st century A.D., and is one of the oldest Roman lighthouses in the world that remains in operation till today. After which, travel to the pilgrim city of **Santiago de Compostela**, capital of Spain's **Galicia** region and also the final destination of the Way of **St. James** pilgrimage route. Embark on a city tour to visit the famed **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**, a marvellous work that combines various architectural styles with an incredible **La Gloria portico** that features 200 figures with reference to the Apocalypse, among which includes one of **Saint James** welcoming the pilgrims. Tour the surrounding **Praza do Obradoiro** and **Praza das Praterías** as your

local guide explains about the pilgrimage route and the history behind why thousands of pilgrims make the long journey to arrive at this sacred site.

## DAY 7 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

*Breakfast*

Enjoy the day free at leisure to explore the beautiful Old Town of Santiago on your own. You may wish to go for an optional tour to **Fisterra** or **Baroña**.

## DAY 8 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA ▶ LUGO ▶ LEÓN

*Breakfast*

Drive past **Lugo** and be amazed by the spectacular sight of the **Roman Walls of Lugo**, a 2-kilometre stretch of fortification walls built in the 3rd century that still remains largely intact today. Upon reaching **León**, set off on a city tour and take in the sights of **León Cathedral**, **Plaza del Grano** and the historic Old Town.

## DAY 9 LEÓN ▶ MADRID

*Breakfast*

Travel to Madrid and enjoy the day free at leisure to roam around on your own. You may wish to join an optional trip to **Laz**

**Rozas Village** for some designer outlet shopping.

## DAY 10 MADRID ▶ SINGAPORE

*Breakfast, Meals on Board*

Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## DAY 11 ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE

We hope you enjoyed your trip with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 11D8N)*  
• €66 per person

*Note:*

- *The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*
- *Activities are subject to weather conditions.*
- *During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.*
- *Upgrades of hotels are subject to hotel room availability.*
- *Wi-Fi on board service is currently available in Spain only. Service is strictly subject to confirmation and availability by the coach and service provider and cannot be guaranteed.*