

T1D8N GASTRONOMIC GEMS OF NORTHERN SPAIN

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COUNTRY FOCUSED

Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing beauty of Northern Spain's stunning countryside, ancient cathedrals, and charming tapas culture, all while treating yourself to the region's exquisite gourmet cuisine.

BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA,
COVADONGA, ASTURIAS, SPAIN

I WAS
HERE!



SPAIN
SPECIALIST
PROGRAM



Wifi
Router



Whisper
System



Relaxed

Active

HIGHLIGHTS

LEÓN

- León Cathedral
- Plaza del Grano
- Old Town

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (Entrance included)
- Praza do Obradoiro
- Praza das Praterías

PAMPLONA

- Ancient City Walls
- Plaza del Castillo

SAN SEBASTIÁN

- La Concha Beach
- City Hall
- Tapas Tour
- Monte Igueldo Funicular

COVADONGA

- Covadonga Sanctuary

COMILLAS

- El Capricho de Gaudi

BILBAO

- Guggenheim Museum
- Vizcaya Bridge

ZARAGOZA

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

BARCELONA

- La Roca Village

EXCLUSIVES

- Includes Personal Audio System
- Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela
- Local Cuisine with wine pairing
- Authentic Pintxo Experience
- All Hotel & City Taxes Included



DELICACIES

Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

Specialties

- Veal Stew
- Seafood with White Wine
- Chuleta Ribay with Red Wine
- Tapas with Cava

4★ HOTELS

LEON Barcelo Conde Luna / EXE Leon

SANTIAGO COMPOSTELA Eurostars

Gran Hotel Santiago

OVIEDO Exe Oviedo

SANTANDER Santemar

PAMPLONA Maisonnave / Albret

ZARAGOZA Diagonal Plaza

BARCELONA Ac Som / Fira Congress

*Note: Hotel arrangements are subject to final confirmation. In the event of changes, customers will be provided with accommodations of a similar standard from this list. Additionally, hotels may be relocated to another city during major events without prior notice.



CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

01 HOME ▶ MADRID

Meals on Board
Assemble at the airport and depart for **Madrid**, the central capital of Spain.

02 MADRID ▶ LEÓN

Meals On Board, Dinner - Veal Stew
Once you arrive, head for a drive to **León**. Set on a city tour and take in the sights of **León Cathedral**, **Plaza del Grano** and the **historic Old Town**. Enjoy our dinner before we head to hotel for a good night's rest.

03 LEÓN ▶ LUGO ▶ SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Breakfast, Hotel Dinner
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. 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. Enjoy the day at your leisure and explore the beautiful Old Town of Santiago on your own. You may wish to join an optional excursion to Rias Baixas during the free time.

04 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Breakfast, Dinner - Seafood with White Wine
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 elaborates on why thousands of pilgrims make the long journey to arrive at this sacred site.

05 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA ▶ A CORUÑA ▶ OVIEDO

Breakfast, Dinner - Cachopo with a glass of Cider
Drive along the Asturian coast and arrive at the Tower of Hercules, an ancient Roman lighthouse that graces the entrance of the **LA 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. On arrival in Oviedo, we shall meet our local guide who will guide us through the **medieval old town**, the site of the Gothic **Oviedo Cathedral** with its 9th-century Holy Chamber.

06 OVIEDO ▶ COVADONGA ▶ COMILLAS ▶ SANTANDER

Breakfast, Hotel Dinner
Enjoy a scenic drive as you make your way to **Covadonga**, an important site in Christian history. A narrow valley anticipates the spectacular site of the **Holy Cave of Covadonga**, drawn between ridges of limestone rock and surrounded by forests, dedicated to the Virgin of Covadonga. Enroute to **Santander**, we will visit One of the few buildings designed by Gaudí, **El Capricho de Gaudí** in the town of **Comillas** on the Northern Spanish coastline.



07 SANTANDER ▶ BILBAO ▶ SAN SEBASTIÁN ▶ PAMPLONA

Breakfast, Dinner - Chuleta Ribay with Red Wine
Depart for Bilbao, a tough, industrial metropolis surrounded by green mountains. Make a pit stop at the **Guggenheim Museum** – an extraordinary, titanium-clad construction that seeks to challenge assumptions about art and architecture; then make your way to the **Vizcaya**

Bridge for some outstanding pictures. Depart for **San Sebastián**, well known for its gastronomic "pintxo" culture. Pintxos are the Basque version of tapas, an informal way to enjoy dinner while socializing and drinking with friends. Your local guide will introduce you to the **Authentic Pintxo Experience** in the old town of San Sebastian. Enjoy a **Funicular Ride**, the most popular way to get to the top of **Monte Igueldo**. Thereafter, rest for the night in **Pamplona**.



11D8N Gastronomic Gems of Northern Spain



PANORAMA OF PLAZA DE REGLA AND LEON CATHEDRAL



PAMPLONA SAN FERMIN FESTIVAL

08 PAMPLONA ▶ ZARAGOZA

Breakfast

Commence your city tour of **Pamplona**, best known for its legendary Running of the Bulls Festival (Fiesta de San Fermín). Be wowed by 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. Depart for **Zaragoza**, home to some of the most beautiful historical sights in the world. 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.

09 ZARAGOZA ▶ BARCELONA

Breakfast, Dinner - Tapas with Cava Today, make your way to **Barcelona**, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region. Browse the bespoke boutiques of the sophisticated **La Roca Village**, and peruse the shops within this stylish and spacious complex housing luxurious designer brands offering attractive retail prices.

10 BARCELONA ▶ HOME

Breakfast

After breakfast, spend the morning free at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with our company and we look forward to seeing you again on your next trip.



SPANISH TAPAS

Suggested Excursions:

- (Barcelona) - Sanctuary of Montserrat €70
 - (Santiago de Compostela) Rias Baixas €85
- These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.

Service Fee Guideline:
(based on 11D8N)

- €88 per person

Notes:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- All activities are subject to weather conditions.
- Please note that during significant events and festivals, there is a possibility that accommodation may be relocated to areas outside the city or even to another city, without prior notice.