



NORTHERN Town & Culture Escape SPAIN

4day

Tour code : MV-ESP
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Shell Bay & Art Landmarks

Standard Room (USD) \$966/pp

DAY 1 Madrid → Segovia → Valladolid

HOTEL : Four star or similar

In the morning, our driver-guide will meet you at the pre-arranged time and location to begin the journey.

Segovia – a historic city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Roman Aqueduct: Segovia's iconic landmark and an engineering marvel of ancient Rome, built around the late 1st to early 2nd century. The aqueduct brought water from the Frio River into the city; its towering granite arches have stood for nearly 2,000 years without mortar.

Alcázar of Segovia: One of Spain's most fairytale-like castles—often said to have inspired the castle in Disney's *Snow White*. Originally a Roman fortification, it later served as a royal palace and state prison. Climb the Tower of Juan II for sweeping views over the city and surrounding valleys.

Segovia Cathedral: Built in the 16th century and known as the "Lady of Cathedrals". One of the last Gothic cathedrals constructed in Spain, featuring exquisite choir stalls, stained-glass windows and chapels.

Segovia's roast suckling pig: A signature local speciality. The century-old Mesón de Cándido is the most famous spot to try it, renowned for its theatrical carving tradition and notable guests.

DAY 2 Valladolid → Ribera del Duero (Wine Route) → Bilbao (B)

HOTEL : Four star or similar

Ribera del Duero – often called Spain's "Napa Valley", celebrated for rich, aromatic red wines.

Ribera del Duero Wine Route: A scenic route stretching roughly 115 km along both banks of the Duero River—ideal for experiencing Spanish wine culture, history and gastronomy. Many wineries (e.g., Bodegas Protos, PradoRey) offer guided tours and tastings (advance booking recommended). Local roast lamb pairs perfectly with the region's wines.

Bilbao – transformed from an industrial port into a vibrant hub for contemporary art, culture and cuisine.

Guggenheim Museum Bilbao: Designed by Frank Gehry, the museum itself is a landmark of deconstructivist architecture, clad in thousands of titanium panels. Inside are modern and contemporary artworks; outside are iconic installations such as the giant "Puppy" and Louise Bourgeois' spider *Maman*.

Casco Viejo (Old Town): Explore the "Seven Streets" district filled with boutiques, pintxos bars and restaurants. The central New Square is a great place to relax and sample local tapas.

DAY 3 Bilbao → San Juan de Gaztelugatxe → Getaria → San Sebastián → Pamplona (B)

HOTEL : Four star or similar

San Juan de Gaztelugatxe – a dramatic islet connected by a stone bridge, famous as a filming location for *Game of Thrones*.

Coastal cliff views & hermitage: Climb the 241 steps to the small hermitage on top for breathtaking ocean scenery. A local tradition is to ring the bell three times and make a wish.

Getaria – a charming fishing village known for its maritime heritage, coastline, cuisine and famous natives.

Basque seafood kitchen: Known for fresh seafood such as baby squid and turbot. The harbour-side grills are perfect for authentic charcoal-grilled fish. Pair with local Txakoli white wine for a classic match.

Balenciaga's hometown: Birthplace of legendary fashion designer Cristóbal Balenciaga. Visit the Balenciaga Museum to learn about his works and creative legacy.

San Sebastián – renowned for its beautiful shell-shaped bay and one of Europe's highest densities of Michelin-starred restaurants.

La Concha Beach: A graceful arc of golden sand and a famous seaside promenade. Nearby you can also visit quieter Ondarreta Beach or surf-friendly Zurriola Beach.

A paradise for food lovers: Book Michelin-star dining in advance, or go "pintxos hopping" in the Old Town—traditionally one signature pintxo and one drink per bar before moving to the next (Txakoli or Rioja are popular choices).

DAY 4 Pamplona → Olite (Erriberri) → Logroño → Madrid (B)

Pamplona – a medieval city famous for the San Fermín Running of the Bulls festival.

San Fermín Festival: Held each year from July 6 (opening ceremony at 12:00) through July 14. The bull run takes place daily at 08:00.

Hemingway's footsteps: Ernest Hemingway featured the festival in *The Sun Also Rises*. You'll find his statue in the city and many bars he once visited, including the well-known Café Iruña.

Olite – once the capital of the Kingdom of Navarre, famed for its magnificent royal palace.

Royal Palace of Olite: A romantic, fairytale-like palace with towers and courtyards reflecting medieval royal life. Walk the ramparts for panoramic views over the town.

Medieval Old Town: Stroll cobblestone lanes with remnants of ancient walls and a classic medieval street layout.

Logroño – a top Rioja wine region hub known for outstanding pintxos culture. Stone bridges over the Ebro: Including Puente de Piedra and Puente de Hierro—important crossings and a traditional entry route for pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago.

Cathedral of Santa María de la Redonda: A key landmark and Camino stop, recognised by its twin Baroque towers.

Calle Laurel: Logroño's most famous food street lined with pintxos bars—try local favourites such as mushroom skewers with shrimp, grilled pork skewers and meatballs.

Arrive back in Madrid in the evening. Our driver-guide will drop you off at your designated location. End of service.

What's Included?

5–9-seat business van + 4-star hotels with breakfast + professional driver-guide (10 hours/day); includes driver's meals & accommodation, fuel and parking. Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off for joining/leaving the tour (city centre only).

What's not Included?

Airfare & visas; lunch and dinner; attraction tickets; driver-guide tips (EUR10 per person per day).
Themed activities (e.g., winery visits, truffle hunting), other transport (trains/boats), city taxes, insurance, and driver-guide overtime (EUR 50 per hour).

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