



## Northern Spain- 10 nights – 11 days

| Day      | Destination            |
|----------|------------------------|
| 2 nights | Madrid                 |
| 2 nights | Santiago de Compostela |
| 1 night  | Oviedo                 |
| 1 night  | Santander              |
| 2 nights | San Sebastian          |
| 2 nights | Madrid                 |

### Day 1: DAY 1: MADRID

Join your **Travel Director** and fellow travelers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of typical madrileño flavors.

### Day 2: DAY 2: MADRID

Enjoy **sightseeing with your Local Expert** as they take you along the main historical areas in the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the **Old Quarter**, discovering the origins of the city. Learn about the growth of this city, from humble beginnings to a thriving European metropolis. A highlight of your escorted journey will be visiting the **Prado Museum**.



(The iconic Prado Museum in Madrid, home to one of Europe's finest collections of classical art and Spanish masterpieces.)

Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens, and others as you are guided by a local art historian. Gain a new perspective on classic artworks as your art historian shares historic anecdotes and provides new insights into the Prado's collection. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a cafe or shop in the boutiques.

### **Optional Experiences:**

1. Excursion to Segovia
2. Madrid by Night
3. Madrid by Night with Dinner

## **Day 3: DAY 3: MADRID - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Journey through the **Guadarrama Mountains** to the infinite horizons of **Old Castile** and pass the impressive **Castillo de la Mota**. Continue past historic Tordesillas and on to **Santiago de Compostela**.



(Explore the breathtaking Guadarrama Mountains, a natural paradise of hiking trails, forests, and dramatic mountain scenery in Spain.)

## **Day 4: DAY 4: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

**Explore Santiago de Compostela**, choose to join a **city tour with a Local Expert** and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills.

Alternatively, embark on a **scenic walk** along the **Way of St. James**, through scenic parks and gardens. Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares.

## Optional Experiences:

1. Rías Baixas
2. Dinner in Galicia

## Day 5: DAY 5: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - OVIEDO

Pass through the ancient **forests of Galicia** and travel along Asturias' Green Coast, named for the lush pine and eucalyptus trees that fringe its sparkling shoreline.



(Travelers walking through the scenic countryside on the historic route to Galicia, Spain.)

Stop for an experience, where you'll enjoy a **homemade farm-to-table lunch** and learn about traditional cider production, including a tasting. Continue inland past coastal views, old villages, and deep valleys **en route to Oviedo**. On arrival, join a Local Expert to explore the city's **9th-century churches** and visit **the Cathedral of the Holy Savior in Plaza Alfonso II**, home to one of Europe's finest altarpieces.

## Day 6: DAY 6: OVIEDO – COVADONGA – SANTILLANA DEL MAR - SANTANDER

**Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga**, a shrine to Pelayo, who achieved the first Christian victory over the Moors in 722. See the unique **Roman bridge** in Cangas de Onís as you head into the foothills of the **Picos de Europa**, a national park boasting spectacular mountain and gorge scenery.



(The sacred Holy Cave of Covadonga is one of northern Spain's most iconic pilgrimage sites, nestled into the cliffs of Asturias.)

Enjoy views of the **Costa de Cantabria** while travelling to **Santillana del Mar**, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Stroll through the rustic cobblestone streets, admiring stone houses decorated with carved, heraldic symbols, and reach the delightful church square.

Continue to the sophisticated **beach resort of Santander**, where you have **free time in the evening** to enjoy this luxurious hotel.

## **Day 7: DAY 7: SANTANDER – BILBAO – DONOSTIA SAN SEBASTIAN**

In nearby **Bilbao**, admire the striking modern architecture of the **Guggenheim Museum**, one of the world's most spectacular buildings.



(The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is a world-famous architectural masterpiece and a top cultural attraction in northern Spain.)

Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca, dotted with small coastal fishing villages, and pause in the seaside city of Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock. **Continue to San Sebastián** and admire its beauty as you walk with your Local Expert through the **Old Quarter** to see the **Plaza de la Constitución**.

### **Optional Experiences:**

1. Donostia by Night with Dinner

## **Day 8: DAY 8: DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIAN**

Enjoy a **day at leisure** to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk, and with the city harbour filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, also known as Little Paris, and Biarritz. You could also stroll along the promenade of the famous La Concha Bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town.

### **Optional Experiences:**

1. Biarritz and Saint-Jean-de-Luz

## **Day 9: DAY 9: DONOSTIA - SAN SEBASTIAN – PAMPLONA - BARCELONA**

Journey to the famed **town of Pamplona**, known for its Running of the Bulls festival. With **time free to explore**, take a stroll to the famous Estafeta Street or visit Cafe Iruña, immortalized by Ernest Hemingway in his novel 'The Sun Also Rises.' Your travels **continue to Barcelona**, the vibrant

capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture, and traditions.



(Pamplona offers vibrant plazas, historic architecture, and authentic Spanish culture in the heart of Navarre.)

### Optional Experiences:

1. Gaudí's Parc Güell and the Maritime Front

## Day 10: DAY 10: BARCELONA

Wake up ready to embrace the city's artistic heritage. Join a Local Expert and **drive along the Passeig de Gràcia**, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to behold Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, **the Sagrada Família**.



(The iconic Sagrada Família rising above the vibrant streets of Barcelona—a must-see landmark for travelers exploring Spain.)

As you venture inside, look up to see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows. With the **afternoon at leisure**, you are free to relax or continue your exploration on your own. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during dinner.

**Note:** With the construction of the Sagrada Família nearing completion, access to the basilica may be restricted for special masses, pilgrim visits, or official ceremonies, and we are unable to secure tickets to visit. Should this occur during your tour, you will **visit the Hospital de Sant Pau** instead, a striking example of Catalan Art Nouveau designed by Gaudí's contemporary, Domènech i Montaner. Afterwards, join your Local Expert in the gardens surrounding the Sagrada Família and take in the extraordinary exterior of Gaudí's iconic masterpiece.

### Optional Experiences:

## 1. Montserrat & The Black Madonna

### Day 11: DAY 11: BARCELONA - MADRID

Today, bid farewell to your journey across Spain and Portugal as you transfer from Barcelona to Madrid.

### Highlights

This **11-day Spain journey** begins in [Madrid](#) with visits to its historic landmarks and the famous Prado Museum, before heading to Santiago de Compostela. Travel along Spain's scenic northern coast through Oviedo, Santander, and Bilbao, home to the iconic Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, then continue to San Sebastián. Journey via Pamplona to vibrant Barcelona to see highlights like Sagrada Família, before concluding your trip back in Madrid with lasting memories of Spain's culture and landscapes.

### Price in INR (USD 3,322) (RoE: 1 USD = 95 INR)

STARTING FROM INR 3,16,091 PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

### Departure Dates

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~~March~~

~~Apr. 26~~

~~May 12, 21~~

~~Jun. 26~~

~~Jul. 26~~

~~Aug. 26~~

~~Sep 12, 17, 24~~

## **Tour Includes**

- 10 nights' accommodation at the selected hotel category
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Round-trip airport transfers
- All tours and transfers on a Private Basis (Depends on pax size)
- Services of an English-speaking guide
- Sightseeing specified as per the itinerary

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfares/Airlines taxes
- Visa
- Travel Insurance
- Meals (unless specified)
- Peak/festival period surcharge
- Beverages NOT included in the quotation
- Entrance Fee (unless specified)
- Driver & Guide Tipping
- Room service
- Early Check-in/ Late Check-out
- Luggage truck & Porter
- 5% GST & 2% TCS (The 2% TCS can be claimed by the guest while filing their ITR.)