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Day 1 Arrival Spain: US – Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona, you will meet your English-speaking Guest Representative in the custom area who will give you a VIP escort through the immigration and customs matters, forward through the airport to meet your English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area. Your luggage will be managed and then you will have a transfer to your hotel directly.

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Upon arriving at the hotel, you will meet the concierge who will welcome you with a VIP Check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. Your rooms will most likely not be ready for you to occupy yet.



Therefore, **you will continue on with your guide for a short morning walking tour of Barcelona**. This leisurely walk is designed to get your muscles moving after a long flight(s) and allow you to stretch a little bit while seeing the highlights of some most important sites in the area.

You will be returned after the tour and settle into your accommodation.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Barcelona.

After lunch, in the afternoon, you have spa appointments for a rejuvenating massage to have you feeling refreshed and invigorated after your travels.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue some exploration on your own.

8:00 pm: You have Dinner reservations this evening at your hotel restaurant. tonight.



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Day 2 Spain: Barcelona- Bilbao – El Ciego

Breakfast in your hotel.

9:00am: After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer provided by Made for Spain from Le Meridien Hotel to Barcelona airport to meet your flight to Bilbao.

11:10 AM Fly Barcelona - Bilbao - Economy Class (tickets included).

12:20 PM Arrival to Bilbao.

Upon arrival in Bilbao, meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area and be transferred to La Rioja.

La Rioja is synonymous with great Spanish wines. For decades, wines from La Rioja, protected by their own “Designation of Origin” standards, have been an obligatory reference through Spain and beyond.



Upon arrival in La Rioja, you will be delivered to your hotel, The **Hotel Marqués de Riscal** .

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be met by the concierge who will welcome you with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the hotel, relax in the spa, and just enjoy this magnificent hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. We recommend one of the hotel restaurants for a wonderful dining experience in El Ciego.

The **Hotel Marqués de Riscal** was designed by architect Frank O. Gehry. It is located in the heart of the Rioja wine region. The hotel is ideal for a relaxed holiday. 43 guest rooms, including 11 suites, feature a modern, comfortable atmosphere and unique design. The views

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of the vineyards and the town of El Ciego can be enjoyed from any of the eight terraces located in the two wing building.



The Marqués de Riscal Restaurant and the 1860 Restaurant delight with an elite selection of wines of the world and offer the best traditional Basque-Riojan cuisine combined with modern influences.

The Caudalíe Vinothérapie® Spa leads the leisure facilities, offering an indoor swimming pool, steam room, fitness center, Jacuzzi, invigorating shower, and 14 treatment rooms with wide variety of "wine therapy" massages and treatments.

Day 3 Spain: **El Ciego – Bilbao**

Breakfast in your hotel.

8:45am: After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour of Bilbao.

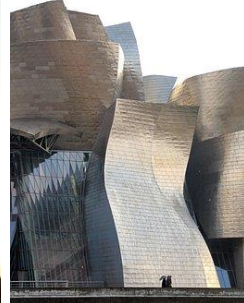
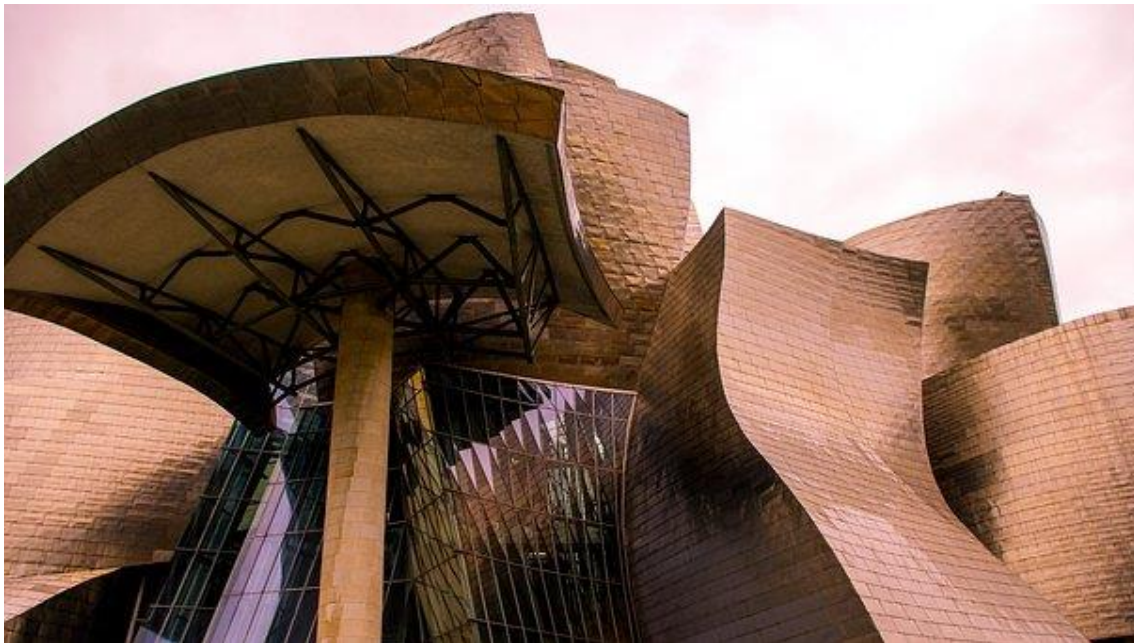
10:15am: Arrival to Bilbao

10:15am - 2:15pm: Guided Tour in Bilbao

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Enjoy a private exclusive guided tour to the Guggenheim Museum designed by the North American architect Frank O. Gehry. The building itself is an innovatively designed architectural landmark that creates a seductive backdrop for the exhibition of contemporary art. Since its opening in 1997, the Guggenheim Museum's acquisition program has focused on art from the mid-20th century to the present.



You will visit also the Fine Arts Museum

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The Bilbao Fine Arts Museum's Collection is made up of more than eight thousand works, amongst which are paintings, sculptures, works on paper and applied arts that collectively represent an outstanding heritage that covers different chronological periods from the XII century to the present.

The Collection, which contains several outstanding examples of old, modern and contemporary art, has a particularly

interesting collection of paintings from Spanish and Flemish schools as well as an abundant collection of works by Basque artists.

2:15pm: Table booked at Nerua Restaurant (cost of food not included)

4:15pm: After your tour you will be transferred back to your hotel in El Ciego.

5:45pm: Arrival to El Ciego

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in El Ciego.

Day 4 Spain: El Ciego – Viana – Logroño – El Ciego – Daroca – El Ciego

Breakfast in your hotel.

9:00am: After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Spain Lifestyle Tour.



You will learn about how locals live and see Viana village and Logroño city and its local market

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with your guide.

Enjoy an **informal Tapas Lunch** with wine with your guide in some **local tapas restaurants**. Tapas are small portions of different dishes, served at the center of the table so that each guest is free to choose when and what to eat, together with his or her drink usually a glass of Spanish wine or beer.

Having tapas or eating tapas style; is probably the most enjoyable way of having lunch or dinner in a friendly atmosphere. This "tapas experience", however, is not only a gastronomical delight but, thanks to your experienced Spanish host, might turn out to be - if you so wish – an excellent occasion to exchange views in a relaxed environment or to learn more about topics of interest such as Spanish traditions, how Spaniards see the world, aspects of their history, family life, sports, economics and so on. It will be practically impossible for you to ever forget such an outing.



After lunch, you will be transferred back to your hotel where you will be at Leisure until dinner.

On your own; Transfer to Venta Moncalvillo Restaurant (1 Michelin star).

6 PM Enjoy a Private Wine Tasting at the Restaurant.

Afterwards, meet the chef, and enjoy a lovely time learning about the culinary delights of the restaurant and how the chef and his team prepares their exquisite dishes.

Dinner included after the wine tasting (tasting menu)

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After dinner, you will transfer back to Hotel on your own.

Day 5 Spain: **El Ciego – San Sebastian – El Ciego**



Breakfast in your hotel.

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9:00am: After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Chef Natalia Arizmendi's Private Home in San Sebastian.

11:00am - 4:30pm: Enjoy a Cooking Class followed by Lunch with Chef Natalia Arizmendi. Chef Natalia Arizmendi, a Cordon Bleu "Grand Diplome", has taught both cooking and pastry for more than 10 years.



A gifted and humorous teacher, she shares the refinements of her skills in English, French and Spanish. Natalia was honored with the "Grand Diplome" at Cordon Bleu where she graduated as the top student in her class. You will learn about Basque gastronomy and enjoy a cooking lesson at Natalia's beautiful, private home located just outside of San Sebastian. Lunch or dinner will follow.

4:30pm: At the end of Cooking Class, your English-speaking local guide joins you and your driver, and you will experience San Sebastian's Old Quarter for a highlights tour of this delightful city. You can also explore a little on your own before going back to El Ciego.

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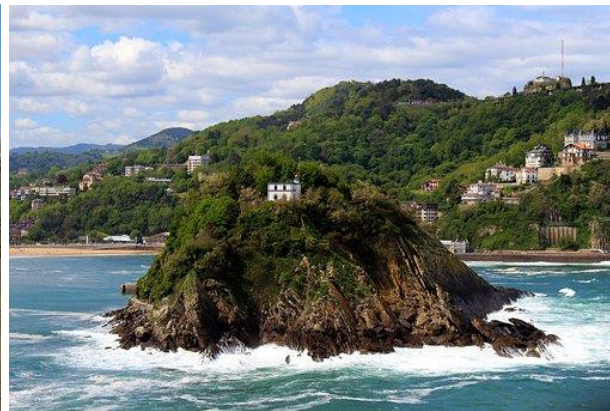
San Sebastian is one of the most beautiful cities of Spain. The city overlooks the Cantabrico Sea from both sides of the Urumea river. It has been one of Spain's most elegant and fashionable seaside resorts for more than a century.



The city lies along two sandy bays with very white beaches. Fishermen's houses, a smart suburb and modern districts contribute to make of San Sebastian one of the most attractive cities on the Cantabrian coast.

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6:00pm: Return to Elciego

8:00pm: Arrival to Elciego

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in El Ciego.

Day 6 Spain: El Ciego – Vitoria – Santo Domingo – De La Calzada - El Ciego

Breakfast in your hotel.

9:30am: After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your **transfer to Vitoria.**

10:30am: Arrival to Vitoria.

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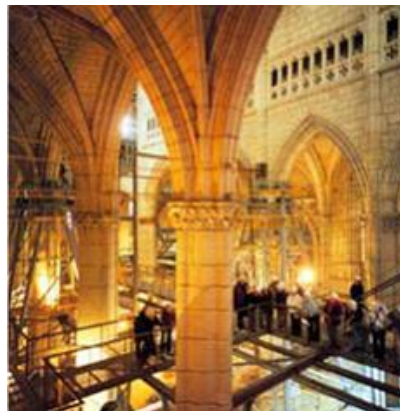
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10:30am – 1:30pm: Guided Tour in Vitoria.



Vitoria is a shining example of ordered and harmonious expansion, combining urban development with attractive architecture and plenty of gardens and parkland.

This city that houses the Basque local government's headquarters was founded towards the end of the 12th century.



The beautiful historical quarter of Vitoria deserves being explored. Your tour will include a visit to the reconstruction works of the cathedral seeing "on site" how restorers, archaeologists, stone masons and architects work to return a monument to its former glory. The restoration works on this monument have also received the "Europa Nostra" prize, awarded by the European Union for conservation and improvements to cultural heritage.

You will also visit the Museo Fournier of Naipes (Playing cards museum) housed in the 16th century Bendaña palace.

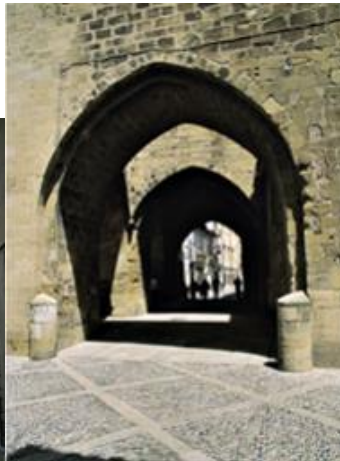
Visit the Old Quarter and the Cathedral.

Leisure time to have Lunch on your own. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area.

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3:15pm: Continue on your exploration of the area as you travel back to El Ciego. Your driver will go through Santo Domingo de la Calzada village for an opportunity to visit and explore on your own one of the Rioja towns most deeply marked by the pilgrim's route to Santiago de Compostela, is Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Its network of medieval streets, declared a National Historic Interest Site, store a valuable heritage, particularly its walls, the cathedral and the old Pilgrims' Hospital.



Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in El Ciego.

Day 7 Spain: [El Ciego](#) – Bilbao - Barcelona

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Breakfast in your hotel.

8:45am: After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your **transfer to Bilbao**.

10:15am: Arrival to Bilbao airport

12:00pm: Fly Bilbao - Barcelona - Economy Class (tickets included)

1:05pm: Arrival to Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona, meet your private English-speaking driver in the baggage claim area of the airport. You will receive assistance with your luggage and then be transferred to your hotel (TBD).

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Barcelona.



You will be at leisure this afternoon to relax in the hotel, enjoy the spa, or do some exploration on your own in Barcelona.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Barcelona.

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Day 8 Spain: [Barcelona](#)

Breakfast in your hotel.

9:00am: After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your **full day tour of Barcelona.**



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Today you will get to immerse into Barcelona's incredible majesty. There is so much to see and do in this city, but at least for a day you will get to explore some of the most interesting places,

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see the incredible architecture, visit important sites of historical and cultural significance, and delight in some of the best cuisine in the world.

Lunch today is a special treat. You will meet one of Barcelona's great chef's in their restaurant and enjoy a private interactive cooking class to learn the secrets of fantastic Spanish cooking. There will be lots of tips, techniques, and interesting information about the ingredients that make the taste of Spain so delicious. It's a culinary delight for your taste buds today.

After lunch, you will continue on with your tour of the city.



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At the end of your tour you will be delivered to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

7:30 pm: Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the restaurant.

8:00 pm: Dinner reservations at one of the top restaurants in Barcelona. Upon arrival you will enjoy a brief meeting with the chef and learn about the restaurant and the team.

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Afterwards you will be inspired by the Sommelier who will give you information of some of Spain's beautiful wines and enjoy a little tasting of wines outlined for the specialty of the house meal tonight.

Tonight you will enjoy a specially prepared Dinner accompanied by wine pairings for each course.

After dinner you will meet your driver in front of the restaurant for your transfer back to the hotel, or if you prefer you may continue on to one of the city's top nightlife venues for a little more celebration of your trip to Spain.

Day 9 Spain: **Barcelona – US & Home**



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you are at leisure until it is time for your departure for the airport.

At the appropriate time, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your international flight to the US and forward to Home. Barcelona sends you home with a kiss...

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