



COACH TOUR - NORTHERN SPAIN - 10N/11D



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Northern Spain:
11days Tour (Trafalgar)

Our north Spain trip showcases the ultra-modern urban treats of Bilbao, historic Santiago de Compostela and rural spots, like the Picos de Europa national park and Covadonga.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...discovering the haunting atmosphere and spiritual significance of Santiago de Compostela with an expert, who'll reveal the tales and importance of this vast cathedral and ancient pilgrimage sight.



Day 1 : ARRIVE MADRID

Welcome to Madrid. Relax or explore this lively city before meeting up with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Enjoy an evening drive to take in some of the city's main sights followed by a Welcome Reception.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : AC Cuzco



Day 2 : MADRID - PAMPLONA

Travel north to Pamplona, the capital of the old Kingdom of Navarre. The city is famous for the San Fermín festival, commonly known as the Running of the Bulls. See the ancient city walls and Plaza del Castillo, the heart of the city where markets, tournaments and even bullfighting have taken place.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner with wine

Hotel : NH Iruna Park





Day 3 : PAMPLONA - SAN SEBASTIAN - BILBAO - SANTANDER (2 NIGHTS)

Arrive in the city of San Sebastian and see the beautiful Bahia de la Concha beach. San Sebastian is known as the culinary capital of Spain so why not enjoy the local pinchos? Perhaps visit the City Hall, once the home of the casino or the Baroque Basilica of Santa Maria. In Bilbao view the modern Guggenheim Museum designed by architect Frank Gehry. Later arrive in Santander, capital of the Cantabrian region.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Santemar



Day 4 : SANTANDER FREE TIME

The whole day is free to relax and unwind either with a day at the beach or a walk through the historic centre. Alternatively why not join an Optional Experience to the coastal town of Comillas and see the cobbled streets and squares? Perhaps visit Gaudi's Capricho and the museum dedicated to the Altamira Caves.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast



Day 5 : SANTANDER - PICOS DE EUROPA - COVADONGA - OVIEDO

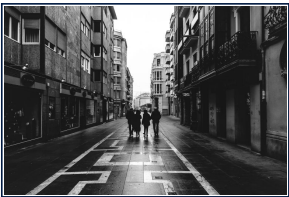
Spectacular scenery awaits today as you travel through the Picos de Europa, a mountain range rich in flora and fauna. The region sits between two main pilgrim routes and has numerous historic market towns. Visit the grotto of 'Our Lady of Covadonga'. Here you also have the chance to visit the basilica made from the pink marble of the surrounding hills. Later arrive in Oviedo and enjoy a Be My Guest dinner where you will also learn about the local green cider.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Hotel : Ayre Oviedo



Day 6 : OVIEDO - LUARCA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (2 NIGHTS)

Hidden on the Asturian coast, Luarca is a quiet village and has managed to preserve its seafaring charm. Later arrive in the pilgrim city of Santiago de Compostela. This, for many people, will be the end of their 'camino'.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Tryp Santiago



Day 7 : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Specialist will explain the 'Way of St James' and why hundreds of people walk here as part of a pilgrimage on a daily basis. Visit the vast cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro, a square dominated by four distinct architectural styles. Why not enjoy an Optional Experience to the Rias Biaxas for breathtaking views of the Galician coast? The region has long waterways stretching inland which are said to be the mark left by God's hand when he cleansed himself after creating the world.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Day 8 : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - ZAMORA - SALAMANCA

Start the day with a drive through Galicia and the region of Castile-Leon to Zamora, known as a 'museum of Romaesque art'. See the 12th century cathedral with its richly sculptured Bishop's Door and the scaled Dome. Later arrive in Salamanca where a Local Specialist will take you on a sightseeing tour including a visit to Spain's oldest University as well as a walk through the imposing Plaza Mayor.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner with wine

Hotel : Gran Corona Sol

Day 9 : SALAMANCA - MADRID SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)

On arrival in Madrid visit the Prado Museum which houses the largest collection of European art in the world. See the Plaza España, Gran Via, Puerta Del Sol and the Cibeles Fountain during your included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : AC Cuzco

Day 10 : MADRID FREE TIME

Today is free to enjoy this wonderful capital city and your chance to shop, visit museums or galleries. Why not consider joining an Optional Experience to the city of Segovia? Tonight join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner with wine.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Day 11 : DEPART MADRID

Say 'adios' to Spain and your newfound friends as your Spanish holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour of Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca and Madrid
Orientation of Pamplona, San Sebastian, Bilbao, Santander and Oviedo

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, the fishing village of Luarca, St. James Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, the University of Salamanca and the Prado Museum in Madrid

Scenic drive through the Picos de Europa

Dining

10 hot buffet breakfasts.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers