

Flavors of Portugal & Spain:

featuring the Douro and Rioja Wine Regions

September 2025



Highlights...

Lisbon • Tagus River Cruise • Tomar • Porto • Port Wine Tastings • Braga • Douro River Valley • Douro River Cruise • Salamanca • La Rioja • Pamplona • Bullfighter's Home Experience • San Sebastian • Choice on Tour: Zumaia and Getaria Villages or Coastal Saint James Way Hike • Bilbao • Guggenheim Museum • *Pintxos* Tapas Pub Crawl

16 Days • 22 Meals: 14 Breakfasts • 3 Lunches • 5 Dinners

IMMERSE YOURSELF

- ★ Call a picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley your home for 2 nights.
- ★ Climb to “Bom Jesus de Braga” UNESCO site and walk the streets of Braga’s historical downtown.
- ★ Visit a bullfighter’s family home in Pamplona and learn about this iconic Iberian tradition.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ See Lisbon from the windows of a public funicular during a unique city tour.
- ★ Stroll along the scenic Ribeira waterfront of Porto, famous for their Port wine.
- ★ Visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, hailed as a true icon of architectural culture.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.
- ★ Enjoy a *petiscos* cooking class in the Douro River Valley.
- ★ Go on a “pub crawl!” to taste *pintxo* tapas.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sparkling coastlines... historic cityscapes... mouthwatering cuisine... aromatic wine... Northern Portugal and Spain await you with open arms for the journey of a lifetime.

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lisbon, the trendy capital of Portugal. Lisbon glistens like a treasure perched on seven hills and enchants travelers with its laid-back charm. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off an experience-rich adventure. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Lisbon

Good morning, *Lisboa*. Start your day on foot with your Tour Manager, walking to the public funicular. Hop on and ride to the upper side of the downtown area. Meander through historic neighborhoods, hearing the kinds of stories that bring the city – and its colorful neighborhoods — to life. Walk to the Chiado neighborhood and embrace its elegant flair and bohemian vibe, en route to a local cafe and sit down to a tasting of typical Portuguese foods and savor the flavors of the city. After, your journey will take you to the Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. This gorgeous square flaunts colorful artwork and sculptures. Enjoy time to explore on your own and return to the hotel by subway. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Lisbon

Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you’d prefer to tour today, choose an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra; from wind swept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra you will learn a thousand fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a private cruise* on the Tagus River for a truly unique way to experience Lisbon. Sail by the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO) before crossing the river to see “Christ the King” statue. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Lisbon - Tomar - Porto

Depart Portugal’s capital city and head to Tomar, home of Portugal’s historical jewels, the Templar Castle, and Convent of Christ — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the octagonal Templars’ Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of

a warrior monk in the domestic areas. Next stop: Porto. Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal’s second largest city. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Porto

Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals all of its many charms. See the São Bento Railway Station, which opened in 1916 and remains one of Portugal’s most striking stations. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO), otherwise known as the Stock Exchange Palace – a 19th century Neoclassical masterpiece and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a visit. Get a taste for the port wine production scene with a tour and tasting. Enjoy your afternoon how you choose. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Porto - Braga - Porto

Today, travel to Braga and behold the “Bom Jesus do Monte” (UNESCO) – a sanctuary and Christian pilgrimage site in Tenões that boasts stunning Baroque architecture. After an included lunch, walk the narrow streets of the historic downtown. Many of Braga’s locals place great importance on religion and the city has one of the highest concentrations of churches in Portugal. After, explore on your own with built-in free time. With so many shops and its quaint charm, you will find plenty of ways to pass the time in Braga. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 8: Porto - Amarante - Douro

Today, say “*tchau*” to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region where you’ll indulge in two nights on the grounds of a traditional winery. En route to Douro, stop in Amarante, a quaint town set on a bend in the Rio Tamega. From its balconied houses to its willow-lined riverbanks, this town is full of surprises. Finally, step into your home for the next two nights in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, wander down to the cellar for a tasting before enjoying a dinner complete with locally sourced, traditional Portuguese cuisine. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Douro

Enjoy a relaxed morning. Then, roll up your sleeves and join a cooking class (of course you’ll dine on your creations with a light lunch of *petiscos*, or Portuguese *tapas*). This afternoon, join your fellow travelers for a cruise* down the Douro River on a traditional wooden *rabelo* boat. Marvel at the rows of twisting vines,

lush trees, and colorful houses from a different perspective. Enjoy your evening how you'd like. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Douro - Salamanca, Spain

Depart the lush Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time as you take a short walking tour and learn more about this ancient city. With over two thousand years of history and its sandstone architecture, Salamanca is a little gem waiting to be discovered. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja

Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos where you will get to know the city during a walking tour. From its pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor, Burgos delivers a traditional Spanish experience. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. During your stay at a winery hotel, take in the mountainous vistas. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja

Today, it's off to Pamplona, the capital of the Navarre province and home to the legendary Feast of San Fermin – *the Running of the Bulls*. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colorful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. The bullfighter's family greets you in the traditional way – with light tapas and drinks – truly welcoming you into their world for a little while. During your visit, learn firsthand about bullfighting traditions, controversies and enjoy the chance to ask your own questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at the Marques de Riscal Winery nestled in the center of Spain's beautiful Basque country – one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avant-garde design. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards before heading back to your hotel. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: La Rioja - San Sebastian

Are your shoes made for walking? Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of San Sebastian, a coastal city that runs along the Bay of Biscay. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighborhoods boasting with traditional architecture. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before rejoining your fellow travelers for a panoramic tour along the coastal road, finding picture-perfect views that will take your breath away. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 14: San Sebastian

Today, **it's your choice!** You can choose a guided tour of the coastal villages of Zumaia and Getaria for a special opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline and enjoy a tasting of Txakoli wine **-OR-** take a leisurely hike along the "Camino of Saint James" and make your way back to the city center, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can choose to stay in San Sebastian to relax or further explore on your own! A great spot for shoppers and foodies alike, there is plenty to do to pass the time. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 15: San Sebastian - Bilbao - San Sebastian

Head to Bilbao to visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, set along the Nervion River and hailed as a true icon of architectural culture, with its contemporary design. See some of the modern art housed inside its fascinating walls. Then take a walking tour of Bilbao's old town where you can find historic old churches, festive markets and quintessential Spanish squares. Enjoy some free time in the historic Bilbao downtown before returning to San Sebastian. Tonight, gather together and toast the end of a flavorful journey at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 16: San Sebastian - Tour Ends

Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close – all of the wonderful memories will truly be the best souvenirs. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon
Days 5 – 7	Turim Porto Hotel, Porto
Days 8, 9	The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley or Quinta do Barrilaro Sensory Hotel & Spa, Douro River Valley
Day 10	NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
Days 11, 12	Eurostars Fuerte Ruavieja, La Rioja
Days 13 – 15	NH Collection Aranzazu, San Sebastian

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. You're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Lisbon and Porto are compact cities with many hills, cobblestone streets and uneven ground. Our walking city tour on day 3 and day 6 will take approximately 4 hours and you should be prepared to stand for longer periods of time.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon airport and depart from Bilbao airport. Our transfers will depart from/arrive into these airports.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

*River cruises are weather dependent and will be replaced with another experience if weather conditions prevent the cruise from operating.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available on this tour.

Please note that this is a preliminary itinerary. Some trip details may change with your departure date. A finalized itinerary will be available to you when it is released.

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A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

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