

Wine,
Gastronomy
and
Royalty!

Wine Weekends in Spain



The Rioja region of Spain, is of course, well known for its fabulous wines, but did you know it's a gastronomic haven too?

Staying in local accommodation, we will be based in Logroño, south of Bilbao which is the capital city of the region, on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. Visit Bodegas Franco Españoles, taste the wines that have graced the tables of Kings and Queens, tour this historic winery, have a delicious lunch and wine tasting, and meet the wine maker behind this label.

Take in some of this region's incredible history visit the Cathedral of Santa María de la Redonda with its twin baroque towers, elaborate facade and an image attributed to Michelangelo. The Cubo del Revellín fort connects to remnants of the old city wall. Stroll through leafy Ebro Park and admire views of the River Ebro, its arched Stone Bridge and its 19th-century Iron Bridge.

Other gastronomic delights await along the Calle Laurel, affectionately known as the Elephant's Walk, in the centre of Logroño, where you can visit over 150 tapas bars for a true authentic taste of Spain.

Day 1

Rioja Spain



Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel (in Logroño or Calahorra). The drive from Bilbao airport is about 1.5 hours.

In Logroño you will explore the most important areas on foot with your Tour Leader. Walk by the river Ebro, visit Cubo de Revellín (the old city walls) and follow the path to Santiago (St James Road), which runs cross the city, while visiting some of the most important churches such as the Concatedral or the oldest church in town, St Bartolomé. Tonight, it is time to experience the local flavours with some pintxos and wine. Wander through Calle Laurel, be adventurous and try some of the specialties in various venues (you will not be able to try them all because there are about 100 restaurant bars in this area, also called the Path of the Elephants).

ITINERARY

GROUP AIRPORT ARRIVAL TRANSFER

- Included

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Logroño Orientation Walk (*Tour Leader led*)
- Private transfer from Bilbao airport to Rioja (Calahorra/Logroño)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Pintxo Crawl Logroño

ACCOMMODATION

- Parador de Calahorra / Eurostars Ruavieja Logroño 4* / Hotel FG Logroño 3* (Standard room) or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED

- None



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Day 2

Rioja Spain



Today you will visit one of the most important wineries in Rioja, Franco Españolas. Created after the phylloxera arrived to France in XIX century, Franco Españolas has the privilege to be one of the oldest wineries in Rioja. Discover the old caves where wines are aged before you get to taste some of the most famous wines in the winery, and enjoy a private lunch in one of the winery's dining rooms. In the afternoon you can enjoy a walk in the Ebro Park by the winery and perhaps you would like to go back to have some more pintxos in Calle Laurel?

ITINERARY

GROUP AIRPORT ARRIVAL TRANSFER

- Included

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Franco-Españolas Winery visit (tour and tastings)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Lunch at Franco-Españolas Winery

ACCOMMODATION

- Parador de Calahorra / Eurostars Ruavieja Logroño 4* / Hotel FG Logroño 3* (Standard room) or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast



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Day 3

Rioja Spain

Enjoy a free day at leisure for you to continue to explore Rioja at your own pace. It is highly recommended to take the opportunity and catch a public bus to discover the amazing Rioja landscape and travel to Laguardia, one of the most impressive Medieval Villages in the area and home of great wines as Ysios, Artadi or Campillo. Try some local gastronomy paired with the local wines while enjoying the views from the top of the village. This evening, you will enjoy a modern meal in one of the top winebars in Logroño with great food and great wines!

ITINERARY

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Dinner at a local restaurant

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Laguardia daytrip (public transport from Logroño)

ACCOMMODATION

- Parador de Calahorra / Eurostars Ruavieja Logroño 4* / Hotel FG Logroño 3* (Standard room) or similar

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast, dinner



Day 4

Departure Day

Your Wine Weekend in Spain comes to an end today. There are no activities planned for the final day, except your airport departure transfer to Bilbao airport for your onwards flight.

ITINERARY

GROUP AIRPORT DEPARTURE TRANSFER

- Included

Bienvenidos a España