

From Bilbao to Madrid: History, Wine, and Culture

8 Days | PRIVATE REGIONAL DISCOVERY
CHOOSE YOUR START DATE



Salamanca, Spain



Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

Highlights & Inclusions

- > 7 nights in boutique 4 and 5-star accommodation
- > 7 breakfasts (B)
- > Private guided walking tours in Bilbao, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Burgos, and Salamanca
- > Private tour of Atapuerca UNESCO Paleolithic Site
- > Winery visits and tastings in Aranda de Duero
- > Visit Guijuelo for an authentic Iberian ham experience
- > Admissions to Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum, Burgos Cathedral, Salamanca Cathedral, Salamanca University, and Vitoria-Gasteiz Cathedrals
- > Private train transfers, deluxe private transport and premium class train tickets, as indicated

Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

Choose your date from AUD \$6,390 Twin Share per person

Upgrade Options

- + Upgrade to stay in stunning 5-star accommodation - recommended: Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao (Bilbao), Hospes Palacio de San Esteban (Salamanca)
- + Visit the beautifully preserved villages of La Alberca and Mogarraz, exploring traditional architecture and regional cuisine during a relaxed full-day private tour
- + Discover the dramatic landscapes of Los Arribes del Duero with a winery visit and tasting, complemented by a regional lunch before returning to Salamanca



Cathedral of St Mary, Burgos



Iberian ham experience, Guijuelo



Madrid, Spain

An ideal itinerary of history, gastronomy, and scenery through Spain's most iconic Northern regions.

Day 1 Bilbao

Vibrant, industrial, and cultural, welcome to Bilbao. Arrive at your hotel to check-in and unwind. Enjoy your evening at leisure; consider a walk along the Ría de Bilbao or a riverside pintxo to experience the city's gastronomic delights.

STAY 1 NIGHT: Hotel Tayko Bilbao 4-star or similar

Day 2 Bilbao – Vitoria-Gasteiz – Burgos (B)

After breakfast, meet your driver for the journey south. Stop in Vitoria-Gasteiz for a private guided walking tour, exploring the medieval old town and the Gothic Santa María Cathedral and María Inmaculada Cathedral (New Cathedral). Enjoy independent time for lunch before continuing to Burgos, arriving at your hotel in the late afternoon. Your evening is at leisure.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Hotel NH Collection Palacio de Burgos 4-star or similar

Day 3 Burgos (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a private guided walking tour of Burgos, visiting the magnificent Burgos Cathedral of St Mary, a UNESCO World Heritage site, renowned for its French Gothic architecture, soaring spires, intricate sculptures, and stunning altarpieces, and discover the city's medieval streets. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore the local cafés, historic plazas, or the Arlanzón riverbanks.

Day 4 Burgos – Atapuerca – Aranda de Duero – Salamanca (B)

Enjoy breakfast and meet your driver for a full-day journey to Salamanca. Stop in Atapuerca, a UNESCO Paleolithic site famous for the discovery of ancient human fossils, including Homo antecessor and some of the earliest known remains of our species in Europe, offering a rare glimpse

into human evolution. Continue to Aranda de Duero for a tasting of local wines and cheeses, before arriving in Salamanca for the evening at leisure.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Hospes Palacio de San Esteban 5-star or similar

Day 5 Salamanca (B)

After breakfast, meet your private guide for a walking tour of Salamanca. Discover the secrets and legends of Salamanca University, Spain's oldest university, renowned for its intricate Plateresque façade and scholarly history. Visit the Salamanca Cathedral, where Gothic meets Baroque, and explore the city's ornate squares, including Plaza Mayor, a hub of social life since the 18th century. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Day 6 Salamanca – Guijuelo – Candelario – Salamanca (B)

After breakfast, visit Guijuelo, renowned for its Iberian ham. Partake in an authentic Iberian ham experience to learn about the ham as it is dry-cured from pigs fed on acorns and aged naturally. This produces a rich, nutty flavour that is prized across Spain. Continue to the mountain village of Candelario, a picturesque village famous for its traditional slate-roofed houses, narrow cobbled streets, and rich artisanal heritage. Enjoy independent time to explore before returning to Salamanca.

Day 7 Salamanca – Madrid (B)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private driver for a transfer to Salamanca Train Station. Board your train to Madrid in premium class. Upon arrival at Madrid, meet your driver for a private transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps explore the nearby Retiro Park, stroll through the vibrant city centre, or enjoy tapas at a local tavern.

STAY 1 NIGHT: H10 Villa de la Reina 4-star or similar

Day 8 Madrid (B)

Enjoy breakfast and check out of your hotel, or extend your stay to explore Madrid's Royal Palace, bustling plazas, world-class museums, or vibrant tapas scene.