

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 08, 15, 22, 29	APR 06, 13, 20, 27
MAY 04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27	MAY 02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
JUN 03, 10, 17, 24	JUN 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
JUL 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	JUL 06, 13, 20, 27
AUG 05, 12, 19, 26, 31	AUG 03, 10, 17, 24, 29, 31
SEP 02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	SEP 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
OCT 07, 14, 21	OCT 05, 12, 19

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit insightvacations.com/northernspain

Combine this trip with Highlights of Spain to form Spanish Heritage .

REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

11 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

14 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

San Sebastian: Uncover the important maritime cultural heritage of the Basque country on a neighbourhood walking tour in the old harbour area.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Santiago de Compostela: Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert to visit the cathedral. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James, through parks and gardens.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Gijón: Meet Flor for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that she has prepared just for you.

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Taste wine in Rueda • Celebration Dinner in Barcelona.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Picos de Europa National Park • Holy Cave of Covadonga • Monte Igueldo in San Sebastián • Sagrada Familia.

NORTHERN SPAIN

"This trip follows the Camino trail, the famous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela... but backwards!"

– Enzo, Travel Director



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DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine.(DW)

Meliá Madrid Serrano / Melia Madrid Princesa.

DAY 2 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighborhoods.

Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota.

Some of Spain's most fashionable white wines are produced in Rueda. This morning we have the opportunity to learn how they are made and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape.

Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 4 SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Relaxed Start. Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk along the Way of St. James, through scenic parks and gardens.

Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. (B)

DAY 5 ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Relaxed Start. Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo.

A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay.

Meet Flor, a local who will invite you to join her for lunch. Hear about daily life in her hilltop village, as you enjoy a delicious meal that Flor has prepared from locally sourced ingredients, accompanied by delicious local cider.

In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Savior in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (LW)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

DAY 6 PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander(B)

Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 7 BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Relaxed Start. In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum.

Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock.

Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience.

Explore the secrets of the harbour area and uncover the forgotten Basque maritime cultural heritage. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 8 SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach.

Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Biarritz, stroll the promenade of the famous La Concha bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town? (B)

DAY 9 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises'!

Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions.(B)

Hotel Hesperia Barcelona Presidente.

DAY 10 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Join a Local Expert and drive along the Passeig de Gràcia to reach the Eixample district and behold Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside to see its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and incredible stained-glass windows.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

DAY 11 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening.(B)



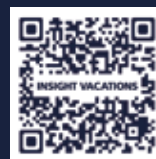
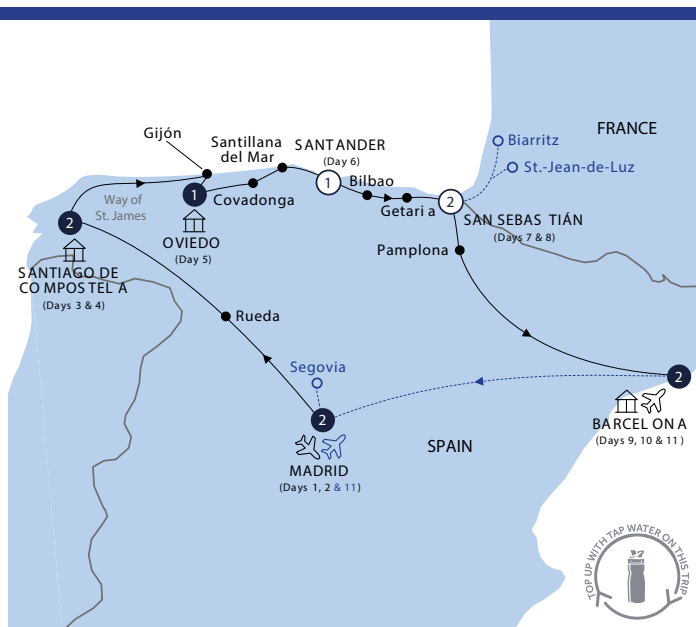
INSIGHT CHOICE Visit Santiago de Compostela Cathedral with a Local Expert. (Day 4, Santiago de Compostela)

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Trip Options

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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