# FROM \$2,875 PP

# TRIP START DATES

| 2022                | 2023                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>APR  </b> 16, 30 | <b>APR  </b> 15, 29     |
| <b>MAY  </b> 14, 28 | <b>MAY  </b> 13, 27     |
| JUN   11            | <b>JUN  </b> 10         |
| <b>SEP  </b> 03, 17 | <b>SEP  </b> 02, 16, 30 |
| <b>ОСТ  </b> 01, 15 | <b>OCT  </b> 14         |



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■ EASY PACE ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

10 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 12 MEALS 12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Madrid:** Join the female pillars of the local community on a neighborhood walking tour and learn the history of the women's movement in Spain, firsthand.

# **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**

**Bilbao:** Choose to visit the architectural landmark Guggenheim Museum. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for sightseeing and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda.

# **AUTHENTIC DINING**

San Sebastian: Enjoy an evening of pintxos, dining with locals in this Basque tradition. Your delicious dinner includes a wide variety of finger food delicacies, each with their own regional flavor, flair and presentation.

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

# TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the Sagrada Família.

City tours of Barcelona, San Sebastian, Segovia and Madrid, all with Local Experts.

See Barcelona • Zaragoza's El Pilar and Río Ebro • Pamplona.

# SCENIC DRIVES

Enjoy the scenery of the Río Ebro River, Basque Country, Sierra de Guadarrama and the Plains of La Mancha.

# EASY PACE SPAIN

"Do you know how to toast in Spanish? I'll teach you the long version with hand gestures: 'Arriba, abajo, al centro y pa'dentro'." – Denise, Travel Director





SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN



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#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, as you get to know your fellow travelers over Spanish delicacies and regional wines. (DW)

NH Collection Barcelona Constanza.

#### DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Relaxed Start. Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins with views of the Gothic Quarter and continues with a drive down the Passeig de Gràcia, to Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside the leviathan of the Eixample where a tree canopy carved from stone, holds up the roof as sun pours through stained glass.

You are then free to explore this amazing city at your own pace. (B)

#### DAY 3 BARCELONA AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's most vibrant city. Consider a stroll along the famous Las Ramblas or explore Gaudí's fascinating Güell Park. Perhaps ascend Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years? (B)

#### DAY 4 PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Journey to Zaragoza to see the towers of El Pilar and the Río Ebro.

Continue to Pamplona with free time to explore as you wish.

Travel to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián to discover the city's rich gastronomic tradition in the heart of Lo Viejo. (B)

#### Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

#### **DAY 5** BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM

Relaxed Start. Explore Bilbao with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum to marvel at its modern architecture and contemporary works of art. Alternatively, join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda.

On return, join a Local Expert to admire San Sebastián and the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igueldo. During your guided tour see the numbered balconies of the Plaza de la Constitución, a reminder of the days when bullfights were held in the square.

Explore the Old Town during your progressive Hiahliaht Dinner with the locals, as you enjoy the gastronomic Basque tradition of pintxos. Similar to tapas, enjoy a variety of snack-sized treats and be sure to try some of the local Txakoli wine. Buen provecho! (B) (DW)

#### DAY 6 SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. The harbor is filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, so you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps explore the nearby French village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, known as the Jewel of the Basque Country? (B)

#### **DAY 7** BURGOS AND MADRID

Relaxed Start. Journey south through the Pyrenees foothills and the land of El Cid for a stop in Burgos, where you can see the cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue along the Guadarrama Mountains to the plateau of New Castile and Spain's elegant capital of Madrid. In the evening, why not see the city lit up it all its glory, with a drive along the grand avenues and past the spectacular fountains? (B)

#### Meliá Madrid Princesa, Madrid.

#### **DAY 8** MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighborhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighborhoods.

Enjoy a special visit to 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 9 THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

Relaxed Start. Venture north to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th century Alcazar Palace. You are at leisure after returning to Madrid.

Make the most of your final night as you join your fellow travelers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a vacation done well. (B) (DW)

#### **DAY 10** DEPART MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Visit Gaudi's Saarada Familia with your Local Expert. (Photo by @sueinsight, Day 2, Barcelona)





AUTHENTIC DINING Mount Artxanda, Bilbao. (Photo by @Danminsighttd, Day 5, San Sebastian)



#### **CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

**KEY** 

⊞UNESCO

1 Central

Heritage Site

Hotels + Nights

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 Place Visited **O**Optional Place

Visited

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

