

CLASSICAL GOURMET WINE TOUR

Ribera del Duero - Rioja

Top wineries in two of the main regions of Spanish wines

June 10th – June 15th, 2024. 5 nights /6 days

Enjoy the Spanish culture, cuisine & architecture all paired with the best wines

CLASSICAL WINES GOURMET TOUR

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This tour is the perfect wine vacation. Perfect if you want to get a quick immersion in Spanish wine and gastronomy, and perfect if you want to combine that with history and heritage. It includes visits to multiple wineries in two of the best regions of Spanish wines: Ribera de Duero and Rioja. This tour will take you through the history and art of Spain, including museums, cathedrals and historical sites that will impress you and even help you understand the culture, cuisine and wines.



HIGHLIGHTS: 5 nights, two in Ribera del Duero and three in Rioja; 8 winery visits combining traditional wineries with modern ones with VIP tastings; traditional lunches. Also, the tour starts in Madrid on June 10th (apprx 12 noon) and finishes in Madrid on the 15th of June (apprx 06:00 pm.)

SUMMARY:

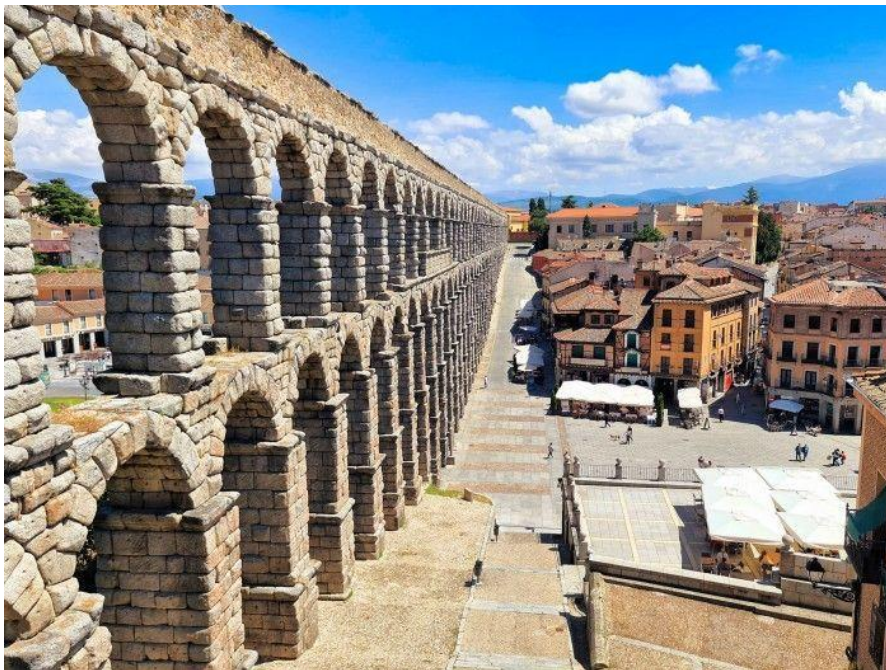
- **Day 1. Monday. Segovia and Ribera del Duero.** Drive from Madrid to Ribera, visiting Segovia en-route for a classic lunch. We then continue to Ribera del Duero and visit Castillo de Peñafiel and spend the night in Hotel Monasterio de Valbuena.
 - **Day 2. Tuesday. Wine Tour in Ribera del Duero.** We schedule two winery visits in Ribera del Duero and take in lunch. We spend the night in Villa de Aranda.
 - **Day 3. Wednesday. Burgos and Rioja.** We travel to Burgos for a tapas lunch and then drive to Rioja to visit the Wine Museum. We spend the night in Hotel Santa María in Briones, Rioja.
 - **Day 4. Thursday Traditional Rioja.** Wine tour day in Rioja with 2 winery visits. Traditional lunch. Visit Laguardia and underground cellars. Night in Hotel Santa María in Briones, Rioja.
 - **Day 5. Friday. Wine and architecture in Rioja.** Wine tour day in Rioja with 2 winery visits and lunch at a third winery. Visit Logroño. Night in Marqués de Vallejo hotel in Logroño, Rioja.
 - **Day 6. Saturday. Back to Madrid through Ribera.** Visit a winery in Rioja. Drive to Ribera. Tapas lunch with wine in Portia, Ribera. Continue to Madrid for drop off.
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DAY 1. SEGOVIA AND RIBERA DEL DUERO. Overnight in Ribera del Duero

In the morning your English speaking guide will pick you up **in Madrid** and **depart to Segovia** (Madrid – Segovia is about 1h driving). Your guide is not only a wine expert but has also a great knowledge of the region, its history and peculiarities. He or she will tell you about wine in Spain, the places you will visit and will make your trip a full immersion experience.

After 1h of driving, **you will reach the millenary town of Segovia**, declared World Heritage by UNESCO, where you will admire the two-thousand-year-old Roman Aqueduct (best preserved in the world), the astonishing castle (Alcazar), the cathedral and the old quarters.



Lunch will be in one “asador” (restaurant specialized in roasting meat) in Segovia where you can taste the famous tender suckling pig, the traditional dish in Segovia.



Continue to Ribera and arrive in time to **visit the town of Peñafiel**, and its magnificent castle from the 11th century.



Check-in at the five-star hotel selected for you, which is a converted monastery and has a wonderful SPA you can enjoy at.



SUGGESTION - Dinner is not included, but we can make reservations for you for a wine paired dinner at the exclusive Michelin star restaurant El Refectorio of Abadía Retuerta.

DAY 2. WINE TOUR IN RIBERA DEL DUERO. Overnight in Ribera

After breakfast, your English speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel to **visit two wineries in Ribera del Duero**. You will visit **Territorio Luthier**, a small boutique winery producing very high-quality wines fermented in concrete vats, where you will have the unique opportunity to taste HISPANIA, their flagship wine aged in Spanish oak, among others.



The other winery will be a more traditional place, like **Valsotillo**, belonging to one of the founding families of the Regulatory Council of Ribera del Duero. The owners will be very pleased to show you the beautiful caves from the 16th century that they still use to age their wines today.

*We always **select different wineries** so you get a nice contrast between them and it will give you a very good idea of the present of Ribera del Duero wine and keep the day interesting. Small producers will offer a different perspective from well-known famous wine brands, they provide more intimate and personal, giving you the opportunity to discover and taste outstanding wines. Thanks to our experience and contacts we will offer you the best possible tastings. More winery visits can be arranged.*

For **lunch you will enjoy the traditional meal from Ribera del Duero, roasted lamb in a wood-fired oven** with Ribera del Duero wines, accompanied by more local dishes all of them fully representative of the region's gastronomy.

Your lunch will also include dessert and coffee.



In the afternoon, we will visit **Aranda de Duero and the underground cellars** from the 16th century.



SUGGESTION. *If you are looking for a unique exclusive wine experience, we suggest a Vega Sicilia special VIP tasting in a specialized wine shop that has one of the best collections of Vega Sicilia in Spain. Bodega Don Carlos in Aranda de Duero is a wine collector's paradise located in an underground cellar, and here you can find all vintages of Vega Sicilia, a few vintages of Pingus, small producers from Ribera, mythical wines from Ribera, etc.*

DAY 3. BURGOS AND RIOJA. Overnight in Rioja

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up at the hotel to **start the drive to the town of Burgos (about 1h 30min) where you will visit one of the most famous Gothic cathedrals in Spain.** Begun in the 13th century it was completed in the 15th and 16th centuries. Our Lady of Burgos sums up Gothic architecture in all its beauty with a unique collection of reredos, tombs, choir, stalls, stained glass, etc. It has been also declared World Heritage monument by UNESCO.



We will have a tapas lunch around Burgos's famous Plaza Mayor.



In our way to Rioja you will visit the Culture of Wine Museum, Dinastía Vivanco. This impressive Wine Culture Museum is situated in the heart of the vineyards adjacent to their Bodega in Briones, a unique and historic location in the Rioja Alta, on the outskirts of Sierra Cantabria. Even a short visit is worth it for any wine lover since it is considered one of the best wine museums in the world.



Check in at your selected hotel and dinner on your own.

DAY 4. WINE TOUR IN RIOJA. Overnight in Rioja

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up at your hotel to start another wine tasting day, today in Rioja.

Visit two wineries before lunch. We will arrange a visit to one of the traditional centenary wineries of Rioja like ***Muga*** followed by a walk in the winery quarter in Haro. The tradition of Rioja is very well represented by these centenary wineries, which keep in their libraries bottles from the time of their founders. The other will be a small family winery producing very high quality updated style wines like ***Amaren*** where you can have a barrel tasting.



A **traditional Riojan lunch** will give you more opportunities to taste the wonderful Riojan wines. You will have lunch in a winery or in a traditional restaurant. Typical Riojan dishes are potatoes or bean soup with chorizo (paprika sausage) and roasted lamb chops where “sarmientos” (dry grapevine branches) are used to roast the meat giving it a unique and delicious flavour, meat stew cooked with wine, cod with peppers and tomatoes and many more.

Visit to the medieval walled village of Laguardia (13th century), capital of La Rioja Alavesa. Under the stone-paved streets and homes of Laguardia, it is full of old subterranean bodegas, and over them, there are many historic monuments and sites, like the Gothic facade of “Santa Maria de los Reyes” church. Dinner on your own.



DAY 5. WINE AND ARCHITECTURE IN RIOJA. Overnight in Rioja

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up at your hotel to start another wine tasting day in Rioja and continue the discovery of Rioja wines.



Today we will visit a family-owned high-end boutique winery: **Remirez de Ganuza**. The winery is in the centre of Samaniego, Álava. Surrounded by a hamlet of rambling old buildings, the winery comprises modern concrete buildings covered with original old brickwork in keeping with the traditional architecture of the local area. Continue with one of the modern wineries in Rioja designed by famous architects, where wine is made using the most advanced technologies, like **Baigorri, Ysios, Campo Viejo** or **Murua**, that host a wonderful art collection.



After lunch we will visit the town of Logroño. Dinner is on your own, we will recommend you to have tapas in the famous Laurel street.

DAY 6. RIOJA, RIBERA DEL DUERO and back to Madrid.

After checking out of your hotel the guide will pick you up to visit another winery in Rioja.



Continue to Ribera and stop in **Portia** for lunch, the impressive winery designed by the British architect Sir Norman Foster. A spectacular architectural project; a symbol of modernity and the future. A three-pointed star in the heart of Ribera del Duero. There you can taste their wines paired with tapas in their panoramic restaurant overlooking the vineyards.



Then your guide will drive you to Madrid. End of our services.

ACOMMODATION

RIBERA DEL DUERO –

June 10th. Monasterio Santa María de Valbuena Hotel & SPA 5*

www.castillatermal.com/en/hoteles/monasterio-de-valbuena

This Hotel and SPA is located in the “Golden Mile”, in the heart of Ribera del Duero and it is one the best preserved Cistercian monastery of the 12th century in Europe. The rooms respect the old cells of the monks. It has a large thermal pool, contrast water circuit, an outside pool and offers complete spa services. It also has a great gastronomic restaurant and a more informal one.



June 11th. Hotel Villa de Aranda in Aranda de Duero 4*

<https://hotelvilladearanda-arandadeduero.com-hotel.com>

This is a comfortable hotel in the center of Aranda within walking distance from bars and restaurants. Aranda is the most lively town in Ribera del Duero, so it is a perfect place to explore the area.

RIOJA –

June 12th & 13th . Hotel Santa María Briones 4*

<https://www.santamariabriones.com>

To find luxury in the simplest pleasures, in living slowly, in the vegetable garden in summer, in plain words, in the silence and calm of small things, in a shared bottle of wine, in a conversation in the wine cellar, in honesty and balance with the environment.

June 14th . Hotel Marques de Vallejo in Logroño 4*

<https://www.eurostarshotels.com/eurostars-marques-de-vallejo.html>

A centrally located hotel in the main area in Logroño. Perfect to enjoy the city.

OPTIONAL RIOJA. MARQUES DE RISCAL 5*

www.hotel-marquesderiscal.com

It is the hotel designed by Frank Gehry in the winery of Marqués de Riscal. Frank Gehry has also designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. The hotel has a Wine Spa by Caudalie. It also has two restaurants, one with a Michelin star and the second one, the Bistro, with traditional Rioja food. Located in Elciego, in a centenary winery is the perfect expression of Rioja today, tradition with the highest level modern architecture.



PRICE AND CONDITIONS

CLASSICAL WINES GOURMET TOUR – 5 Nights /6 Days	2,950 €/person
Extra for Hotel Marqués de Riscal: 220€/per room per night	
Extra for Vega Sicila Tasting Flight.- 35€/per person.	
<p>1. <i>DISCOVER the treasures hidden in Ribera del Duero.</i></p> <p><i>Hispania</i></p> <p><i>Silvanus</i></p> <p><i>Adamá</i></p> <p><i>Guademeya</i></p>	
Upgrade is possible, Check options on site	

Includes:

- 5 nights of accommodation with breakfast in double occupancy in hotels proposed. Rooms are double on our luxurious selection.
- Meals as per itinerary with wine, 6 lunches. Lunch is usually a 3 course meal with wine and coffee.
- 8 winery visits with wine tasting included. Wine tasting in wineries is minimum two or three wines depending on the winery. More wines can be included.
- Bilingual Spanish/English tour assistant/driver during the tour for 6 full days
- Transport in a comfortable minibus or sedan
- Entrance to monuments like Wine Museum and Cathedral of Burgos.
- Organization of your trip and planning. All documents and information needed for the tour including a complete program with wine information.
- Wine present and bottled water through the duration of the trip.
- Concierge service and trip assistance 24h during the tour, through your dedicated guide and through our team of professionals.
- Tips are all included, though you are free to have a gratuity for your guide
- Taxes

Not includes:

- Hotel expenses like mini bar, room service, laundry, telephone, SPA, etc., and expenses of a personal nature.
- Vega Sicilia special VIP tasting
- Dinners / Tapas
- Transportation and other services not included or included as optional or suggestions.

Notes

- Wineries visits will depend on availability. The wineries and restaurants will be confirmed at the time of reservation. In case of unavailability in any of them, we will select another one according to the quality and preferences of the tour.
- Accommodation will depend on availability. The hotels will be confirmed at the time of reservation. In case of unavailability in any of them, we will select another one according to the genre and quality of the tour.
- Although this is a private tour we do not guarantee that the winery visit will be just for your group unless specifically requested.
- You will do a full visit in some wineries and a wine tasting in others, unless you specifically request to have a full guided visit in all of them.
- For further information about payments and cancellation policy please consult Term and Conditions document.

EXTRAS AND EXTENSIONS

Have a look to this extras and extensions to make your trip even more special.

- We'll be happy to add nights, change hotels or make room upgrades.
- Add transfers, flights or train tickets.
- Add other activities like tapas tours, cooking classes, guided sightseeing tours, cultural visits, sports, wellbeing activities, make dinner reservations, etc.
- We can include more or less wineries upon request. You can suggest any winery you may want to visit and we will try to accommodate your suggestions.
- More extensive or special tastings (barrels tastings, old vintages tastings) or appetizers can be included.
- We can also help you with planning the rest of the tour and program tailor-made tour extensions to other regions.

You just have to dream of your perfect wine and food trip and we will make it real. Tell us your desires to organize the vacation of your life!



The perfect Wine Tour



Experiential Luxury



Full Immersion



With all guarantees

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In these conditions “the company” means the tour organizer and an agent for all carriers and services. The company cannot be held responsible for expenses outside the tour itinerary, or liable for weather conditions, acts of God, natural disasters, strikes, terrorism, injury, property loss and/or damage or other events beyond control. The company is not liable for personal injury or property damage due to occurrences, negligence, or omissions caused by tour suppliers such as but not limited to: establishments frequented, hotels, product producers, restaurants or transportation companies. The company reserves the right to adjust the itinerary if necessary and substitute services of an equitable or better quality if required. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the company reserves the right to cancel a tour at any time before departure and supply participants with a full land refund. This does not include additional expenses such as but not limited to: passport fees, nonrefundable airline tickets.

- **Planning fee:** A planning fee is required before starting to design the personalized proposal. This will be non-refundable but applies to deposit payment at time of booking and includes one proposal modification. Any further changes in the proposal will be done once the proposal is accepted.
 - For tours of 7 days or less – the planning fee is 200€
 - **Deposits:** We require a deposit to book the tour in order to secure the reservation. The deposit is 20% of the total amount of the trip. When you are ready to book, you will receive the booking form with a tour summary to sign it. We do not make any reservations of hotels, wineries or restaurants before this moment.
 - **Final Payment of Balance:** Full payment is due within 40 days of the tour. If tour date is less than 40 days away, full payment is required upon booking confirmation.
 - **Cancellation Terms:**
 - More than 90 days before the tour starts, you will receive full refund minus planning fee or minus equivalent amount if it was free.
 - Between 90 days and 20 days, the cancellation fees are 20% or the deposit.
 - Between 20 and 10 days. Cancellation fees are 50% of the total.
 - With less than 10 days cancellation fees are 100% of the total. No refund is possible. You can contract an external insurance.
 - Tour cancellations must be made in writing.
 - ☒ **Health/accident insurance is strongly recommended.** We do not assume any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage of personal effects or for any injury or loss during the duration of the tour.
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