



Food and Wine of Northeastern Spain Tour Itinerary

If there's one thing northeastern Spain is known for, it's our food and our wine. There are 48 Michelin Stars in the Basque Country alone, and its neighbor to the south, La Rioja, produces what are widely recognized as some of the best wines in the world. It is no surprise that the north is a destination for foodies and wine connoisseurs alike. Start your visit in Basque Country where you will visit an underwater winery, the Basque Culinary Center and fabulous restaurants, before moving on to La Rioja for an unforgettable gastronomic experience and many winery visits. You will end up in Barcelona, where you will get to know the city's history and architecture, learn to cook local delicacies and taste cava in its home region. Whatever you do, don't forget your appetite!

Day 1 Bilbao

Your driver will pick you up at the Bilbao airport and take you to your plush hotel for some relaxation after your journey. Once you're ready for lunch, head out to one of our favorite local restaurants before going on a tour of the best of Bilbao, including the Guggenheim Museum, the Old Town and the city center.

Day 2 Bilbao and Plentzia

Spend the morning at leisure before your driver picks you up to take you north to Plentzia, where you will visit the world's first undersea winery. Tour the laboratory, learn all about the innovative project and taste some of their products along with local pintxos. Once the tour has finished, you will head back to Bilbao to enjoy the city at night.

Day 3 Bilbao to San Sebastian

It's time to say goodbye to Bilbao and move on to its glamorous sister, San Sebastian. Your driver will take you straight to the Basque Culinary Center for a private tasting of local olives, olive oils, sausages, ham and wine accompanied by one of the teachers from the center. Next, transfer to the city center to check into your hotel and tour the highlights of San Sebastian.





Day 4 San Sebastian, Guetaria and Zarautz

Today, you're off on a full day excursion to explore two beautiful coastal towns. You will first stop in Guetaria for a tour of the town and a visit to the Balenciaga Museum before moving on to a local Txakoli winery. Enjoy the crisp, young wine paired with local products and then enjoy lunch on your own in the city. Finally, stop in Zarautz to tour the charming town before going back to San Sebastian.

Day 5 San Sebastian to La Rioja Wine Country

Check out of your hotel and hop in the car to go south to the La Rioja wine country. Your first destination is a Michelin-starred restaurant hidden in a tiny Rioja town, where you will enjoy a local aperitif and help the chef collect some seasonal ingredients to help prepare your meal. Enjoy a fabulous lunch straight from the garden, with a wine pairing, of course!

Day 6 La Rioja Wine Country

It's time to get to know the famous wineries of La Rioja. Today you will visit three of our favorites, sipping on their products and learning about the process used to make some of the best wines in the world. Stop in Laguardia on your way back to the hotel to experience the stunning architecture of the Ysios winery.

Day 7 La Rioja Wine Country to Barcelona

Take the train to Barcelona where your driver will pick you up and whisk you off to your new hotel. Once you've settled in, enjoy a walking tour of the historical quarters of Barcelona including the Gothic, Born and Raval neighborhoods. You will also stop at fabulous shops and food markets along the way, so keep your eyes peeled for souvenirs!

Day 8 Barcelona

Today you will learn about Modernist Barcelona on your architecture tour. Visit the Torre Bellesguard, Park Güell, Sagrada Familia and the Casa Batlló and Casa Miró, stopping for lunch along the way. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the city on your own.





Day 9 Barcelona and Penedés Wine Region

Meet your driver in the lobby to go to the Penedés wine region where you will visit a local wine cellar and taste three wines accompanied by a lunch made of local products and some cava. Next, head back to Barcelona to learn the secrets to making local delicacies with your expert teacher and enjoy the fruits of your labor at the end of the night.

Day 10 Barcelona, Figueres and Gerona

Spend your last full day in Spain on the Mediterranean in Figueres and Gerona. Your first stop will be the Dali Museum where you will get to see many of his masterpieces in the special setting of the artist's home town. Next, you'll go to Gerona for lunch and a guided tour of the Old Quarter, Gothic cathedral and Jewish Quarter.

Day 11 Barcelona

Departure

