



Food and Wine of Northeastern Spain

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 before a night of pintxo-hopping with your local host to get to know the classic bites of the city.





Day 4 San Sebastian

Explore San Sebastian this morning with your expert guide, wandering through the Old Quarter and the more modern parts of the city, learning all about its history and local culture. In the evening, you will be treated to a private dinner in the “secret” kitchen of a Michelin-starred restaurant. The chefs will prepare a special menu just for you in front of your eyes, making it a once-in-a-lifetime way to experience the Basque cuisine.

Day 5 San Sebastian to La Rioja

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

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. You will also enjoy a gastronomic experience with a fabulous lunch and wine pairing at a top wine hotel. Stop in Laguardia on your way back to the hotel to experience the stunning architecture of the Ysios winery.

Day 7 La Rioja 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 recovered your energies, head out for a traditional Catalan cooking lesson where you will prepare a three-course dinner to enjoy paired with fine Spanish wines.

Day 8 Barcelona

Get to know the best of Barcelona on a walking tour with your local expert guide. Visit the Sagrada Familia, Paseo de Gracia, the Historical Quarter, Santa Maria del Mar church and the Picasso Museum. The day will end with a food and lifestyle experience as two local couples will invite you to a “moveable feast” with a homemade dinner in their charming apartments. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know how local foodies enjoy their city.





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. This is a delicious way to spend your last day in Spain, in the Catalan countryside!

Day 10 Barcelona

Departure

