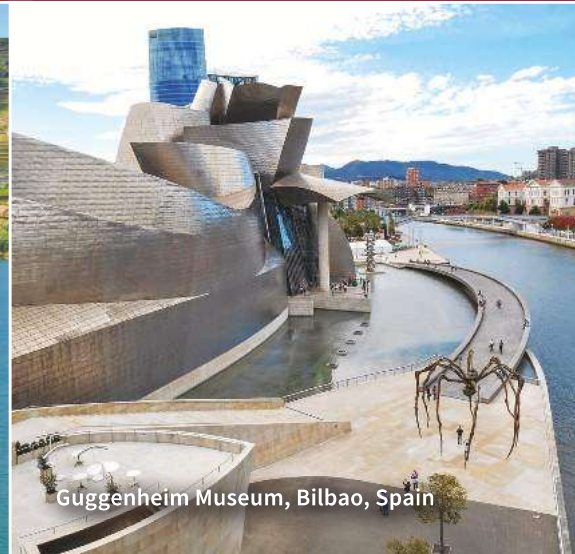




River Douro, Portugal



Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain

Northern Spain & Portugal: Pilgrimage into the Past

Spain: Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, León, Santiago de Compostela |
Portugal: Douro Valley, Porto



17 days starting from \$8,049

including international airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: MAY 4, 2027

Return Date: MAY 20, 2027

Activity Level: ①②③④⑤ Moderate

Travelers should be able to climb 60 stairs consecutively, plus walk at least 3 miles over some steep slopes and loose or uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for 3 or more hours at a time.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Bilbao, Spain
2-4	Bilbao
5-6	Pamplona
7-8	León
9-11	Santiago de Compostela
12-13	Douro Valley, Portugal
14-16	Porto
17	Return to U.S.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country
PRE-TRIP: 5 nights from **\$2,599**

Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais
POST-TRIP: 4 nights from **\$2,399**

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ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight from the U.S. to Bilbao, Spain.

Day 2 • Bilbao, Spain

Arrive in Bilbao, Spain, and meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those on our optional *Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country* extension.

Hotel Abando or similar

Day 3 • Bilbao

Get acquainted with Bilbao during an included walking tour. Visit the medieval Old Town, also known as the “Seven Streets” neighborhood, which is home to the Ribera Market—Europe’s largest covered market.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Abando or similar

Day 4 • Bilbao • Guernica • Visit Guernica Peace Museum • Talo bread tasting • Home-Hosted Dinner

Explore the Basque coast, beginning in Guernica where the German Luftwaffe bombed in 1937. After, visit the Guernica Peace Museum, which documents the bombing in its exhibits and stands as a symbol of hope for a peaceful Basque future. Later, head to a farmhouse to learn about *talo*—traditional Basque corn bread—and sample its flavor during an included lunch. This evening, enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner** with a local family in Bilbao.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Abando or similar

IT'S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 32 meals—15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 9 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 15 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters for 1 piece of luggage
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure



Basque Country, Spain

Day 5 • Bilbao • San Sebastian excursion • Pamplona

We travel overland to Pamplona in the heart of Basque country. Along the way, we'll stop in San Sebastian, Spain's gourmet capital. Get to know the city during a walking tour.

Meals: B,L | Tres Reyes Hotel or similar

Day 6 • Walk the Camino de Santiago • Pamplona • Discussion about the running of the bulls

Explore the Camino de Santiago, one of Europe's most important pilgrimage routes. Then, visit Pamplona, a city made famous by the running of the bulls, with a walking tour led by a local resident who will discuss the controversy surrounding this local tradition.

Meals: B,L | Tres Reyes Hotel or similar

Day 7 • Ubidea • Overland to León

Today we travel overland to León with a stop along the way in Ubidea, one of the smallest towns in Basque Country. We'll set explore Ubidea's archaeological center before continuing onward to León.

Meals: B,L,D | Sercotel Alfonso V or similar



Porto, Portugal

**Day 8 • Explore León •
A Day in the Life of a Spanish farm**

Set out on a discovery walk in León to witness the city's long history, with a mix of medieval, Gothic, Renaissance, and Modernist architecture. Then, spend **A Day in the Life** of a rural Spanish farm. After meeting the farm's owner, we'll explore the property, see the animals, and sit down to a farm-fresh lunch.

Meals: B,L | Sercotel Alfonso V or similar

Day 9 • Overland to Santiago de Compostela

Travel to Santiago de Compostela, the culmination of the *camino*. Along the way, we'll stop in Santa Coloma de Somoza, a small village nestled in the historical region of la Maragatería. We'll visit a local beekeeper and have lunch with a local family before continuing on to Santiago.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Palacio del Carmen or similar

Day 10 • Santiago

Today, explore Santiago de Compostela, the city that has been the destination of many pilgrims, on a walking tour ending at the famous cathedral.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Palacio del Carmen or similar

**Day 11 • Santiago •
Optional Pontevedra & Combarro tour**

Explore on your own today, or join an optional tour to the riverside city of Pontevedra and Combarro, a fishing village famous for its *hórreos*, traditional stone grain stores on stilts.

Meals: B | Hotel Palacio del Carmen or similar

Day 12 • Overland to Douro Valley, Portugal • Walk the Camino Portugués • Guimarões

Today, we leave Spain and depart for Portugal's Douro Valley. After a walk along the *Camino Portugués*, the traditional coastal route used by Portuguese pilgrims to reach Santiago de Compostela, we'll visit Guimarões, considered the birthplace of Portugal.

Meals: B,D | Lamego Hotel & Life or similar

Day 13 • Discover Douro Valley • Douro River cruise • Quinta visit

Explore port wine country along the Douro River during a cruise, enjoying views of the rolling hills, terraced vineyards, and Portuguese countryside as they pass you by. Later, we'll visit a *quinta* (wine farm) to trace the path of port from grape to glass. We'll also enjoy lunch at the vineyard.

Meals: B,L,D | Lamego Hotel & Life or similar

Day 14 • Porto

Travel west to coastal Porto, and enjoy a panoramic driving tour to see some of its famous sites and buildings. Then, we'll explore Porto's 2,000-year-old streets during a walking tour, featuring highlights including the blue and white tiled murals of São Bento Railway Station, and the labyrinthine alleyways of Pena Ventosa, one of the oldest districts of the city.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Porto Royal Bridges or similar

Day 15 • Porto • Optional Arouca tour

Explore Porto at your own pace today. Or join us for an optional tour of the Arouca Bridge and Geopark—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—before making our way to Arouca Monastery.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Porto Royal Bridges or similar

Day 16 • Porto • Portuguese youth emigration conversation

Enjoy a walking tour of Porto, and visit landmarks like the Parque das Virtudes and the Clérigos Church. Then, meet with local students to discuss how educated young people seem to be rapidly emigrating from Portugal.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Porto Royal Bridges or similar

Day 17 • Return to U.S.

Depart for the airport for your return flight home, or to begin our post-trip extension to *Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais*.

Meals: B



Carcassonne, France

IT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodation
- 9 meals—5 breakfasts and 4 lunches
- 7 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country

5 nights pre-trip from **\$2,599**

Single Supplement: **FREE**



Cascais, Portugal

IT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights accommodation
- 8 meals—4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 1 dinner
- 7 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais

4 nights post-trip from **\$2,399**

Single Supplement: **FREE**



Leon, Spain

2027 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

Date: MAY 4, 2027
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Small Group Adventure only	\$6,699
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AIR ADD-ON

Los Angeles or San Francisco	\$1,350
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