



Secrets of Northern Spain

Authentic-Culinary-Historical
LOCAL GUIDED TOURS
6 NIGHTS/6 DAYS





Authentic Flavour Filled Culinary Adventure 6 nights/6 days

Explore Northern Spain: Indulge in Local Cuisines and Culture. Join Our Small Group Tours in the Basque Region with Secrets of Northern Spain, Your Local Guided Tour Specialists.

Our meticulously crafted itinerary unveils the best of culinary and cultural experiences in Northern Spain. The Basque Country is undoubtedly one of the world's premier dining destinations. From traditional to experimental dishes, Basque gastronomy offers a diverse culinary experience. From pintxos bars to rustic restaurants, private lunches in vineyards, behind the scenes experiences with one of the Basque region's emerging chefs and the opportunity to savour his specialties everything in Basque cuisine is elevated to a new level. This natural evolution occurs when so many talented chefs draw inspiration from one another. San Sebastián boasts more Michelin stars per capita than any other city worldwide, which may explain its status as the most expensive city to visit in Spain. Vitoria-Gasteiz serves as the perfect starting point for our Basque adventure, in our private 18th century residence within the mediaeval city for the whole tour, so drop your bags and enjoy! The beautiful seaside San Sebastián, stunning Laguardia in Rioja and industrial Bilbao will enchant you. Taste and engage in conversations with artisan cider producers, experience a private visit to a Cider House.



Sample traditional wines such as Txakoli, mouthwatering pintxos bar delicacies and tour the vineyards of Rioja, including tours and wine tastings. Enjoy a private visit to a few museums including street Art while we walk "El Camino" that crosses our headquarters, Vitoria-Gasteiz. Explore local markets and be amazed by the contemporary architecture of the Guggenheim Museum. Spend quality time with chefs, cooks and artisan producers to delve further into this region and its people. During the evenings, you'll rest in our private boutique accommodation. Our itinerary will highlight the finest of Northern Spain's Basque region. You'll also have opportunities for relaxation at La Concha Beach or indulging in shopping sprees in Vitoria-Gasteiz. No doubt, you'll fall in love with these beautiful Spanish provinces.

Agur bero bat (Warm regards in basque)

Maria Cabello San Agustin, your local guide, born and raised in Northern Spain.

Creator of Secrets of Northern Spain.





Vitoria-Gasteiz

Day 1

Welcome to Vitoria-Gasteiz!

Welcome aboard your delectable journey through Northern Spain with Secrets of Northern Spain. Today marks the beginning of our adventure into Basque regions of Northern Spain. Upon arriving in Vitoria-Gasteiz, the Capital of the Basque Region, the group will be met by our private local guide, Maria, who will take us to our historic, perfectly located hotel. Vitoria-Gasteiz, a homecoming, serves as the perfect starting point for our Basque adventure, private 18th century residence within the mediaeval city, creating an intimate connection to the local history. Our Vitorian feast tonight will be deeply rooted in this fertile land and will showcase the exceptional quality of the produce.

Accommodation:

Boutique Accommodation in our private residence, 18th-century hotel.

Vitoria-Gasteiz

Day 2

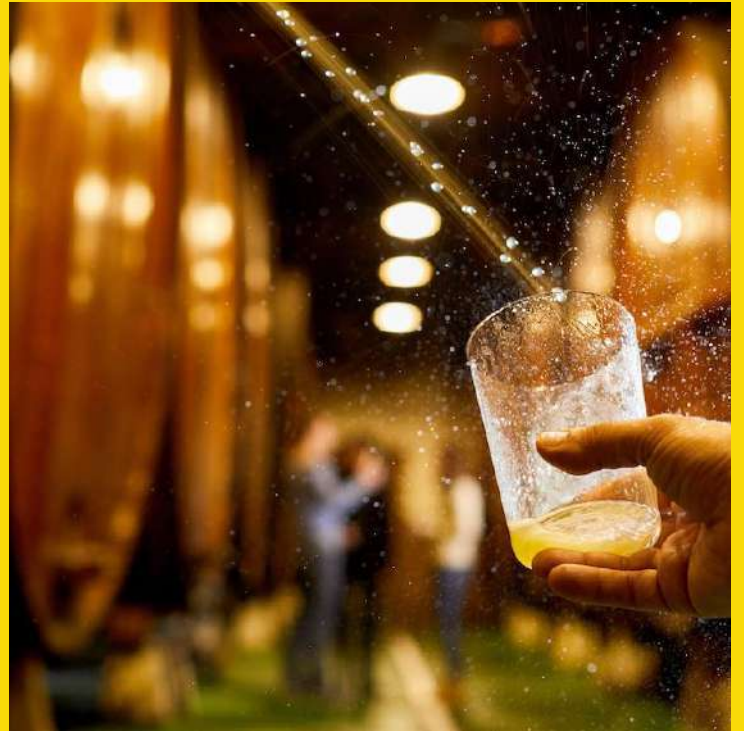
Full Day Private Adventure in Vitoria-Gasteiz

Today's highlights will include discovering our Green City, Vitoria-Gasteiz. Its history, rich cuisine. Medieval town that will welcome you like no other. Our group will be meeting with our local guide, Aitor, on a private visit to the past, the present and future of the Capital of Basque Country in Northern Spain. Also we will be walking the "El Camino" followed by lunch where Napoleon used to spend the night while travelling between Spain and France.

The afternoon will be full of surprises with a couple of private visits to museums and to finish the day we will be celebrating in a 14th century building, a true feast for your senses.



Vitoria-Gasteiz



Day 3 **Vitoria-Gasteiz**

Vitoria-Gasteiz to Donostia-San Sebastian, a Gastronomic Odyssey

Today, we'll explore the sights of San Sebastián, passing by Playa de Zurriola and then heading to the La Concha beachfront, before making our way up to Monte Igueldo for the most breathtaking panoramic view. Our adventure continues in the culinary haven of San Sebastian where pintxos, the Basque interpretation of tapas becomes our focus. Maria's connections granted us access to kitchens, creating a behind-the-scenes experience that deepens our understanding of Basque culinary traditions. The symphony of flavours marks our day in San Sebastian as a celebration of the region's unparalleled gastronomic prowess.

Our Basque feast tonight will have roots in this land and is as authentic and local as you can get, Cider House Rule! Our private shuttle will take us back to our accommodation in the heart of Vitoria.

Day 4 **Vitoria-Gasteiz**

Vitoria-Gasteiz to Bilbao The Guggenheim Awakening

After breakfast, our private shuttle will take us to Bilbao our local guide will take us through the past, present and future of this amazing Villa and its transformation. Lunch at a very authentic and local institution in Bilbao Old town, followed by The Guggenheim Museum, an architectural marvel, became the focal point of our exploration.

Returning to our Casa away from home, Vitoria-Gasteiz, and another celebration at dinner time, with local produce that will challenge the most accurate palates.





Day 5 Vitoria-Gasteiz

Full Day Private Wine Excursion from Vitoria-Gasteiz to Rioja Valley

Vitoria to Laguardia, by private shuttle. Today, we embark on a journey and delve into the world of wine touring and tasting in the idyllic Rioja region. Here, every sip tells a story of tradition and innovation. Our guided tour will take you through both renowned and boutique wineries, where you'll savour the rich flavours and aromas of Rioja's finest vintages and enjoy the company of passionate winemakers dedicated to their craft. Following this immersive experience, you'll indulge in a lunch at a private vineyard, where you'll relish a sumptuous feast of regional dishes perfectly paired with estate wines. This is a journey through Rioja's soul and a celebration of its terroir. We will be visiting the medieval town with our private local guide, Laguardia, a stunning village beloved by locals. Returning to our Casa away from Home, Vitoria and taste an exceptional dinner in one of our meticulously chosen restaurants.

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel, our private 18th century residence.



Day 6 **Vitoria-Gasteiz**

Today is our last day can you believe it? We've decided to make it extra special. After breakfast, our local guide will join us for the final leg of our tour. We'll start with a visit to a local market, followed by a site visit and an intriguing local museum. After lunch, enjoy a leisurely afternoon whether shopping, exploring the medieval market just steps away, or unwinding at our private hotel as we prepare for our final dinner.

Tonight, our farewell dinner will be an unforgettable dining experience, celebrating the incredible flavors of the Basque region.



Day 7

After breakfast is time to say goodbye to our fellow travellers and stunning accommodation in the heart and soul of the Basque Country...Agur Euskadi!

PRICE INCLUDES

- Six (6) nights private 18th-century accommodation - just one residence, drop your bags and enjoy!
- All meals – we will indulge the palate with a delicious variety of modern and traditional culinary experiences - sensational pintxos and tapas, traditional Riojan cuisine, long lunches and fine dining. Multi course meals and tastings, full breakfasts each morning.
- We are a culinary tour so expect exceptional food offerings, in exceptional locations and more than you can eat!
- All beverages included.
- Private transfer and private guide throughout tour. (2 local Guides)
- Private visit to Añana Salt Valley
- Private tour of The Guggenheim Museum and the City of Bilbao.
- Private tour of the Capital of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz includes private visits to museums, art street and artisan producers.
- Full day private excursion to the Rioja Valley, visit to two wineries, wine tasting and private lunch to end at the medieval gem, La Guardia.
- Private tour of San Sebastián and Cider House experience.
- Pintxos in San Sebastián and Vitoria-Gasteiz.
- Being part of a small group tour.
- Fully escorted by Secrets of Northern Spain.

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International airfares, laundry, phone, items of a personal nature or tipping.
- Passport & (if needed) visa.
- Comprehensive travel Insurance (COMPULSORY). You should organise travel insurance at the time of paying your deposit. Ask your travel agent or contact an insurance provider, our tours are not cooking tours.

COST PER PERSON: \$5500.00

(based on twin share accommodation)

WHY A SECRETS OF NORTHERN SPAIN TOUR?

- No decision making needed! Sit back and relax, we have done all the hard work for you.
- Guaranteed the best meals without having to look for the perfect restaurant.
- Experience our tours are full of surprises!
- Authentic and cultural regional experiences balanced with free time.
- Travel and share experiences with like-minded people.
- Meet the passionate producers and artisans, learn about their craft.
- Comfort and luxury travel and accommodation.
- Stress free no google maps required.
- Gastronomy experts and local english guides with exceptional knowledge.
- Hosts that care about you as an individual.

PRICING INFORMATION:

Cost Per Person (Twin Share) \$5500 AUD (based on 2025 tour costs. Final trip cost to be finalised 12 months prior to departure.) Single Supplement (Room on your own) Please contact us. For solo travellers willing to share, please contact us.

Testimonials



"Behind the scenes tours took us places untouched by the typical tourist, revealing the rich history and authenticity of the region"

Dawn Johnson, NC



"Maria totally outdid herself on this trip to Northern Spain. I knew we were in for a treat, but I could not fathom the level of detail she put into making this vacation of a lifetime"

Joe E. Charlotte, NC



I can officially say I've fallen under Northern Spain's spell! Between the breathtaking scenery, the AMAZING food, and this region's rich history and culture, you are in for such a treat! Maria took care of every detail, allowing us to truly soak it all in. Oh, did I mention a team of hand-picked local experts, as amazing and kind as they are knowledgeable? Yeah, that too! Honestly, I'm already dreaming up my repeat tour

Donna N.



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