

North West Iberia with Madrid - PO5

Madrid - Porto - Santiago

One tour, two countries. Highlights of north-west Spain and Portugal. Wonderful wines, stunning scenery and World Heritage cities.



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Summary

A round tour or point-to-point this wonderful itinerary takes in north Portugal highlights along with grand cities in Spain.

From Madrid, the tour takes in the monumental city of Salamanca, the stunning Douro valley and Porto before heading north to Santiago de Compostela. Return direct from Santiago or take the fast train back to Madrid - the choice is yours.

Discover two countries in one trip; vineyards and nature, food and wine. From start to finish you'll find striking scenery, great walking, superb food and wine, World Heritage cities and lovely, well preserved towns to investigate.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

Madrid, Spain's elegant, lively capital
Monumental Salamanca
Porto Old Town & Wine Lodges.
Douro valley, the world's
oldest demarcated vineyards
Viana & the Atlantic coast
Historic Santiago - pilgrim's rest

Travel tips:

Fly directly to Madrid from:
Gatwick or Heathrow with BA / Iberia.
Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle,
Birmingham or Dublin with Ryanair.
Gatwick, Luton, Bristol or
Edinburgh with Easyjet.

From Santiago to Madrid
Take the express train, drive or hop
on an internal flight

Or return direct Santiago - UK
Gatwick with easyjet
Stansted with Ryanair
Heathrow with Vueling from
La Coruña



Please consult for other travel options

Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Madrid		
1	Day 1 & 2	Madrid	Madrid	HMAD1 Delightful mansion with lovely gardens in Spain's exciting capital.,	20mins
2	Day 3 & 4	Salamanca	Salamanca	HSAL3 Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca,	2hrs 20mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Douro Valley	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Lovely winery hotel with superb views and pool, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	3hrs
4	Days 7 to 9	Porto	Porto	HOP02 Elegant, Baroque castle hotel in Porto,	1hr
5	Day 10 & 11	Minho / Costa	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast,	1hr
6	Days 12 to 14	Galicia	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC1 City hotel with garden,	2hrs 10mins
			Departing Santiago / Madrid		20 mins to Santiago airport / 5 hrs to Madrid

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- Economy class hire car for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Portugal guide book
- Our own Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Madrid

El Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen-Bornemisza - three world-class art galleries.

Visit Santiago Bernabeu Stadium home of Real Madrid.

Take a stroll in El Retiro park.

Visit El Rastro - Madrid's famous flea-market

Take a trip out to Toledo or Segovia

Take a relaxing cafe con leche in the Plaza Mayor or the Puerta del Sol where there's always something going on.

The Royal Palace - Europe's largest.

Templo de Debod - an authentic Egyptian temple in the middle of the city!

Delightful mansion with lovely gardens in Spain's exciting capital.

This charming mansion with a renaissance air and peaceful ambiance, set in a beautifully tended garden with centenary cedars, is the perfect spot for those wanting to visit Madrid, yet be away from the noise and bustle of the centre. In one of the best residential areas, it is only twelve kilometres away from the airport and just fifteen minutes by cab or metro to the heart of the city. Attractively decorated and furnished in the classical ...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Salamanca

Magnificent Salamanca Spain's foremost university town

Walking in the Sierra de Francia

Gijuelo ham, one of the best in Spain

Site of Wellington's famous victory at the Battle of Salamanca and nearby Ciudad Rodrigo

Via de la Plata - ancient Roman route linking Sevilla with Gijón on the north coast.

Arribes del Duero Nature Park - breathtaking catamaran journey on Duero river

Wines of Sierra de Salamanca and nearby Toro and Rueda

Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca

Situated between the cathedral and the river this small yet historic hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the old quarter of Salamanca. Though centrally placed the thick stone walls offer a peaceful retreat from the city noise. The emphasis here is very much on quality and outstanding personal service with great care being taken over every detail. The owner Julian and his staff will go out of their way to make sure you get the best ...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Douro Valley

Fabulous Douro scenery – take an unforgettable boat trip
World Heritage Douro vineyards, the World's oldest demarcated wine region!
Romantic Amarante on the River Tamega
Lamego – famous stairs of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
Superb gastronomy in the atmospheric “adeegas” taverns

Charming Quinta with own vineyards, pool and tennis court.

Situated in the renowned Vinho Verde wine region, above the majestic River Douro, this magnificent manor house dating back to 1720 is set in a 40-hectare estate with beautiful landscaped gardens, vineyards, orchards, a cork forest and even a chapel! With amazing views all around, this is a true ancestral home and each of the very comfortable en-suite rooms in the main house is individually decorated and furnished with family antiques and pain...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Porto

Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto
Ferry to Afurada and the golden beach of Estrela

Elegant, Baroque castle hotel in Porto

This gorgeously romantic, Baroque castle, full of character, set in its own beautiful gardens, is the perfect base to visit historic Porto. Built in 1887 as a private house, this listed building with its imposing tower is wonderfully atmospheric and, being set on a vantage point, commands lovely views of the city. The location is excellent - fairly near the centre (a twenty minute walk) with on site parking and the metro just a short walk a...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Minho/Costa

Imposing Viana do Castelo with its long, surfy windswept Atlantic coastline
Delightful towns and villages along the river Minho: Caminha, Valença, Monção and Melgacão
Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way
Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge
Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast

As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, home to the Abreu Teixeira family for the last three hundred years, you immediately feel a certain magic, the pull of the past... Surrounded by vineyards and woodlands, the delightful grounds with courtyards, lawns, shrubberies, and a lovely pool area create a feeling of total relaxation and serenity. No better place to read a good book or wander in the ...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Santiago & the interior

Santiago, journey's end, for centuries Europe's Nº 1 pilgrim destination.
Take a Catamaran trip down the magnificent Rio Sil
Ribeiro wines from vineyards on the steep river valleys of the Miño and Sil
Ourense, full of surprises, and Monforte de Lemos, both steeped in history
Take a trip around the monasteries of the Ribera Sacra Lugo, a thriving city with Roman walls
Los Ancares nature park, little discovered acres of native woodlands

City hotel with garden

In the heart of the medieval city of Santiago de Compostela, this charming and popular hotel combines traditional architectural features with modern comforts and has the added blessing of a lovely garden, where you can eat breakfast or enjoy an aperitif among the apple and lemon trees. There is also a "cristalera" - a glassed-in verandah - for breakfast and for sitting in, a coffee-shop/bar with old stone fireplace and a small library with an e...[Read More](#)



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