

Madrid - Porto - Santiago PO5

From Madrid via North Portugal to Santiago

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

Summary

A round tour combining north Portugal highlights 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:

- World class wines and gastronomy
- Monumental university city of Salamanca
- Historic Porto and its charming old quarters
- Santiago de Compostela – St James' resting place
- Madrid, Spain's elegant capital
- The Camino Portugues – St James' Way
- Atlantic coast – wild and windswept

Travel Tips:

Fly directly to Madrid:

Gatwick, Luton & Edinburgh: Easyjet

Heathrow: BA

Stansted & Manchester: Ryanair

Bristol & Birmingham: Easyjet

Dublin: Ryanair or Aer Lingus

Of fly to Galicia from:

Stansted with Ryanair to Santiago

Gatwick with Easyjet to Santiago

Heathrow with Vueling to La Coruña

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Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Madrid		
1	Day 1 & 2	Madrid	Madrid	HMAD3 Family run hotel in Madrid's artistic centre, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	20mins from airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Salamanca	Salamanca	HSAL3 Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 20mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Douro Valley	Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 Winery hotel with superb views and pool, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	3hrs 10mins
4	Day 7 to 9	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, 1 x Double room (Garden or Castle, two sharing)	1hr 40mins
5	Day 10 & 11	Minho / Costa	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast, 1 x One bedroom cottage (two sharing)	1hr
6	Day 12 to 14	Santiago	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 Tradition, innovation and style in central Santiago, 1 x Double room 2 sharing	2hrs 10mins
			Departing Santiago / Madrid		20mins to Santiago airport / 5hrs 50mins to Madrid

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Portugal
- 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 museums
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!

Family run hotel in Madrid's artistic centre

Set in the genuine Madrileño neighbourhood of Lavapiés yet with all the city's major art galleries - El Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza and the Reina Sofia - within a short walk, this small, family-run hotel is a breath of fresh air. The building, which has been in the family for two generations, has been recently restored with clean, white decor throughout making the most of Madrid's wonderful light whilst retaining some delightful original fe...[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

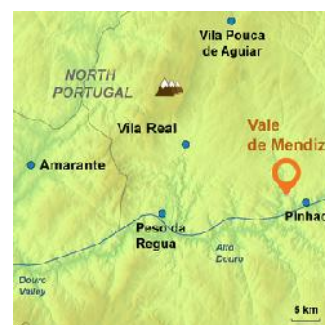


Region: Alto Douro

Take an unforgettable boat trip from Peso de Regua upriver to Pinhao
Or an historic steam train journey on the same route
Pinhao and its delightful train station, decorated with beautiful azulejos – tiles
Magical walks and stunning views among terraced vineyards
Picnic at the beauty spot of São Salvador do Mundo
Take a trip to see the Paleolithic rock-art in the valley of Côa

Winery hotel with superb views and pool

Perched high above the Douro in the delightful Vale de Mendiz (known as the valley of gold), with the most stunning views of the surrounding hills and terraced vineyards snaking their way down the valley to Pinhao, this lovely, small rural hotel makes a perfect base for exploring the region. At one time the Magalhaes family home and estate, producing port since 1870, it was transformed into a hotel with all modern comforts in 2005. With a w...[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 Melgaço
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

Tradition, innovation and style in central Santiago

With the emphasis on personal service and designed using the oriental principles of 'Wabi-Sabi' this truly unique hotel in the old town of Santiago is an experience in itself. In one of the quieter parts of town, but within easy reach of the main sights, this 19th century house is a charming, perfect balance of old and new, creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony - its original old stone walls and oak beamed ceilings blending more than ha...[Read More](#)



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