



IC3 Wine and Castles Tour

Start in Madrid to discover the historic and contemporary treasures of this vibrant city before you hop from castle to castle and wend your way through Spain's most prestigious wine regions, names to conjure with Rioja, Ribera del Duero, Toro and Rueda. Visit the great wine centres of Laguardia, Haro, Logroño, Peñafiel and Valladolid and 'drink in' the traditions and beautiful landscapes.

It's not all about the wine - authentic castles, each different and charmingly restored, will be your home at each stop and you'll find plenty to visit from historic villages to the monumental university city of Salamanca and plenty more besides.

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Madrid Province, Madrid	HMAD4 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	20mins from airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Rioja Wine Region, Laguardia	HLAG2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 30mins
3	Day 5 to 7	2 nights	Valladolid and Ribera del Duero, Curiel	HCUR1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 30mins
4	Day 7 to 9	2 nights	Salamanca Province, Topas	HTOP1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs

Includes:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire when leaving Madrid
- Guide book to Spain
- [Personal Travel App](#) including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

Excludes:

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point
 - extra driver
 - child seats
 - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

Stage 1

Madrid Province



Highlights

- Capital of Spain - one of Europe's largest
- Golden Triangle of Art - Prado, Reina Sofia & Thyssen Bornemisza Museum
- Puerta de Alcalá, Royal Palace, Almudena Cathedral...
- World-class galleries, theatres, cultural centres & events
- Distinctive atmosphere in each barrio; lively bars & restaurants

HMAD4 4-star Hotel, Madrid

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This charming, neoclassical hotel sits perfectly at home in the classy neighbourhood of Chamberí, one of Madrid's wealthier areas.

With the city-centre just five minutes away by underground rail and the airport 15 minutes, the hotel is perfectly placed to get in and around Madrid.

Step out of the hotel door to find bars and restaurants in Plaza Olavide and Calle Fuencarral, which offer an authentic slice of Madrileño life. For art lovers the Joaquin Sorolla House Museum is an easy walk from the hotel and shouldn't be missed.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles, Superior and Circular Premium rooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

Stage 2

Rioja Wine Region



Highlights

- Spain's most prestigious vineyards
- Riojan & Basque cuisine - excellent local ingredients
- Stunning modern architecture among the vines
- Medieval Haro, Laguardia, Labastida and many more...
- Dinastia Vivanco museum of wine culture

HLAG2 3-star Hotel, Laguardia

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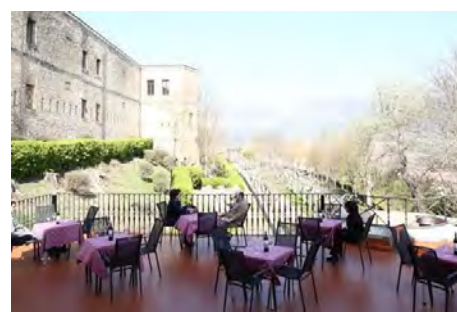
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Though built in 1863 in the Modernista style this striking building with its imposing watchtower was constructed with the remains of a small medieval castle.

The location is excellent, built into the town wall and at the same time set up and back from the road, with fantastic views of the town, vineyards and the mountains.

The hotel has a cosy restaurant and a separate bar which has a nice terrace and is open to the public. Guests are of course invited to climb the tower and enjoy those magnificent views!



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standar double or twin; Suites. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• Garage parking (extra charge) • On-street parking • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 3

Valladolid and Ribera del Duero



Highlights

- The 'Golden Mile' - legendary wine route including Vega Sicilia Castle, wine museum and historic town of Peñafiel
- Cycle or wander along the banks of the Duero river
- Historic Lerma and the old part of Valladolid
- Traditional gastronomy with delicious roast lamb

HCUR1 3-star Hotel, Curiel

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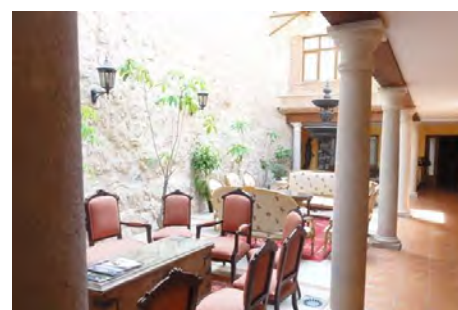
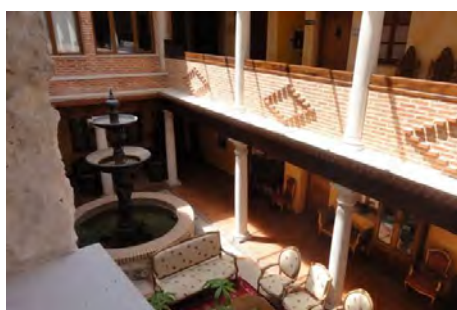
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Perched upon its little mountain overlooking the village of Curiel this pocket-sized fairy tale castle is now a stylish and comfortable hotel and a perfect base from which to discover the Ribera de Duero wine region.

The current owners have restored the castle walls to their former appearance and inside have built a charming hotel and restaurant making good use of the architectural features, don't miss the views from the rooftop terrace.

The owners have their own bodega in Curiel which they are happy to show to guests and of course they can help you to organise visits to any of the myriad other bodegas in the area.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles and suites. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

Stage 4

Salamanca Province



Highlights

- Salamanca - truly monumental university city
- Toro, Rueda & Sierra de Salamanca wines
- Delicious jamon from Guijuelo
- Historic Tordesillas, Toro & Zamora
- Sierra de Francia & villages of Las Batuecas

HTOP1 4-star Hotel, Topas

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



The moat is now a lovely walled garden with a glimmering pool, the battlements sunny terraces for guests to take in the views, and the armoury a shady patio but in every other way this hotel is a very 'proper' castle indeed.

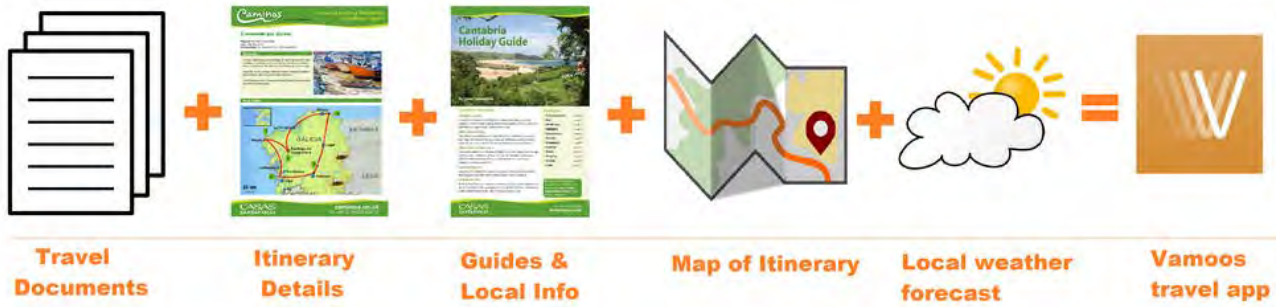
This XV century castle, at various times owned by Ferdinand, the Catholic King, the Duke of Alba and Cardinal Fonseca was declared a monument of national interest in 1931.

Looking out over vineyards, the castle is perfectly situated to visit monumental Salamanca and Zamora, home to Spain's finest collection of Romanesque architecture.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public
Room types	• Double , twin and superior rooms.. Junior suites and suite. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

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