



NC2 Camino del Frances

Historically the most important and certainly the most travelled route to Santiago, el Camino del Frances, the Frenchman's route, is steeped in history from start to finish.

A journey into the Spanish interior, untouched by mass tourism, here you will experience the real Spain. This is a journey of contrasts starting in the high mountains of Navarra across the arid plains of the Meseta and finishing in lush green hills of Galicia. All along the way you'll discover beautiful religious architecture from the humblest parish church to the magnificent cathedrals of Burgos, Leon and of course Santiago de Compostela, all dedicated to the glory of St James.

This could also be called the Ruta del Vino, crossing the wine regions of Navarra, La Rioja, up and coming Bierzo and finishing in Galicia, home to the fantastic whites of Albariño.

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Navarra, Baztan-Bidasoa Valleys, Bera	HNAV8 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins from airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Rioja Wine Region, Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron	HCRT1 Boutique-style Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 10mins
3	Day 5 to 6	1 night	Burgos Province, Burgos	HBUR2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr
4	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	León, city and nearby, León	HLEO1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 50mins
5	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Galicia, Santiago and the Interior, Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 40mins

Includes:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire **or** return ferry to Northern Spain
- Guide book to Northern 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

Navarra, Baztan-Bidasoa Valleys



Highlights

- Valleys of Baztan & Bidasoa - lost in time
- Picture-postcard villages of the French Pais-Basque
- Hondarribia, San Sebastian, Biarritz & St Jean de Luz
- Ride the train to the peak of La Rhune, stunning views
- Head south for vineyards, castles & don't miss Pamplona

HNAV8 3-star Hotel, Bera

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Housed in an 18th century building in the old quarter of Bera this elegant family home has been converted into a comfortable small hotel, taking great care to preserve the original character of the house but without any compromise when it comes to comfort.

The interior decor includes artefacts, furniture and paintings that have been in the family for generations. Bedrooms and the bathrooms are spacious and well-equipped and there are several common areas including a sunny gallery on the ground floor which really brings the garden inside and the restaurant, popular with the locals, which offers local Navarran gastronomy at its very best.



Main facilities	• Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles, suite, superior rooms with balcony one room for reduced mobility; family • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

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

HCRT1 Boutique-style Hotel, Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron

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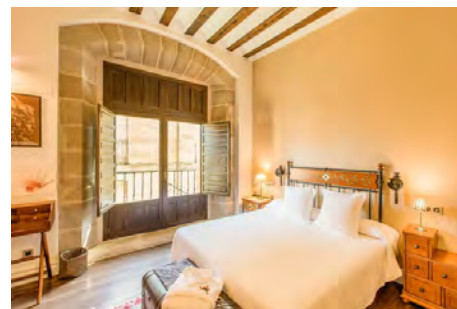
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This fine 17th century mansion, in the centre of the picturesque, medieval village of Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron, in La Rioja Alta, has been recently restored but certainly has a history!

Originally the home of a wealthy family, in the 1920's and 30's, the building was put to use as a bakery, theatre and cinema before, during the Civil War, being occupied by Italian troops who passed on their pasta recipes to the locals.

The present owners, Laura and Jose Angel, the most welcoming and attentive of hosts, fell in love with the place and restored the building into the very special small hotel it is today.



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Highly individual rooms - double or twin, suites; family rooms (connecting), triple and quadruple rooms. Also adapted for reduced mobility. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (extra charge) • On-street parking • Pets allowed by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 3

Burgos Province



Highlights

- Essential stop on the Camino de Santiago
- Truly awesome cathedral, recently restored
- The city of El Cid Campeador
- Bustling old town; lively bars & restaurants
- Atapuerca & the Museum of Human Evolution

HBUR2 4-star Hotel, Burgos

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

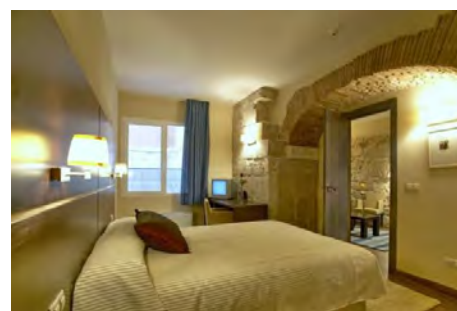


A genuine medieval palace, just a short walk from Burgos Cathedral and the tapas bars and asadores for which the city is also famous.

Built in a golden age when Burgos which grew wealthy from the wool trade, the Palace has recently been restored to a very high standard.

Rooms are very spacious and decorated in modern style with natural tones and making good use of the architectural details of the original palace.

With friendly staff and plenty of space to relax and soak in the feeling of the ancient building the hotel makes the perfect base to get the most out of your stay in Burgos.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double / twin with living room, duplex suite (some with Cathedral view) • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• Garage parking (extra charge) • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • Electric vehicle charging station • No pets allowed

Stage 4

León, city and nearby



Highlights

- Crossroads of Camino de Santiago and Via de Plata
- Cathedral of Santa Maria - beautiful stained glass
- Tapas in 'la Zona Humeda' in Leon old-town
- The true Holy Grail? In the Colegiata de San Isidoro
- Lovely Astorga with its Gaudi palace

HLEO1 3-star Hotel, León

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This very special hotel in the heart of León, just a short walk to the magnificent Cathedral, is full of history and art.

Forming part of the outstanding 11th century complex of the Real Colegiata de San Isidoro de León with its amazing Romanesque frescos, the hotel was at one time a monastery.

The hotel is a living monument; quiet and comfortable yet light and well equipped for the modern world. Yet, stepping out onto the Roman walls at the back, the past will not evade you.

Don't miss a guided visit of the building by the very friendly staff!



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard, Superior and Premium doubles: Also single and disable adaptedrooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (extra charge) • No pets allowed

Stage 5

Galicia, Santiago and the Interior



Highlights

- One of Europe's most important pilgrim destinations
- Take a walking tour around this World Heritage City
- Visit the Cathedral said to house the bones of St James
- Always lively with a strong tradition of street music
- Multitude of bars and restaurants!

HSAC6 3-star Hotel, Santiago de Compostela

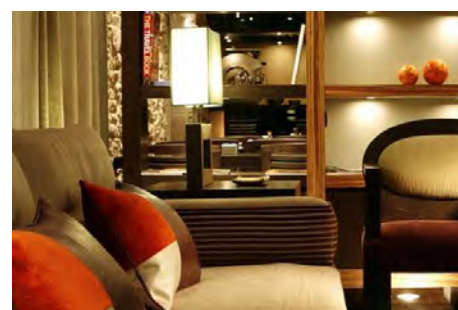
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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



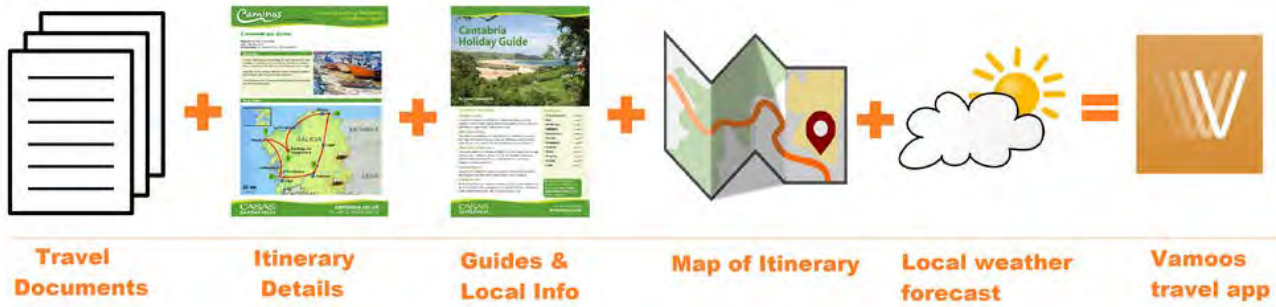
With the emphasis on personal service and designed using the oriental principles of 'Wabi-Sabi' this truly unique hotel in the old town of Santiago is an experience in itself.

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 happily with elegant modern design and furnishings.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• En-suite double, superior double, single; Standard with balcony. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

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