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## NC3 Taste of the North

Wherever you go in Northern Spain you're in for a gastronomic treat, from the famous 'Cocina Vasca' to the first class seafood of Galicia, accompanied by world class wines from La Rioja to Albariño. Here we offer some of the highlights in a route full of contrasts yet without a lot of driving.

And it's not all about the food - here you'll find dramatic mountain scenery, fantastic beaches and a wealth of art and architecture, not least in Frank Gehry's famous Guggenheim Museum.

**Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast, Bilbao	HBIL1 Family-run Hotel 1 x Superior double room	20mins from airport or ferry (1hr 10mins from Santander ferry port)
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Rioja Wine Region, Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron	HCRT1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 10mins
3	Day 5 to 8	3 nights	Cantabria, West Coast, Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins

**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

### Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast



#### Highlights

Frank Gehry's Guggenheim & its sister the Bellas Artes  
 Basque cuisine, pintxos or something more substantial  
 Basque coast, lovely beaches, spectacular rock formations  
 Head for the hills, great walking just near the city  
 San Sebastian, Belle Epoque elegance by the sea

### HBIL1 Family-run Hotel, Bilbao

[See full details](#)

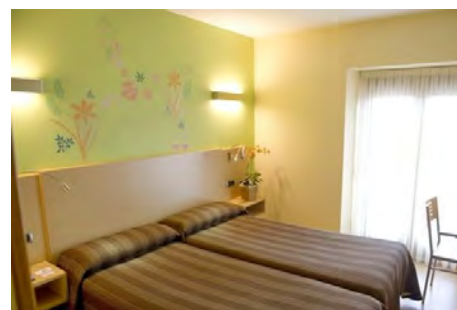
**Accommodation:** 1 x Superior double room, B&B



Set high on Monte Artxanda, the "balcony of Bilbao", this small family-run hotel offers all the tranquility of a rural environment with fantastic views over and easy access to the city of Bilbao. You can literally stay in the hills and walk to the Guggenheim!

The hotel is an authentic Vizcayan "caserio", a large stone built country house, and its sixteen spacious rooms are comfortably furnished in traditional style.

Only 12 kms from Bilbao Airport, 3 km from the city centre, close to the coast and lovely countryside and a good golf course (6 km) - this is a very good spot from which to discover Bilbao.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Superior double and twin rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • Electric vehicle charging station • 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-Hotel, Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron

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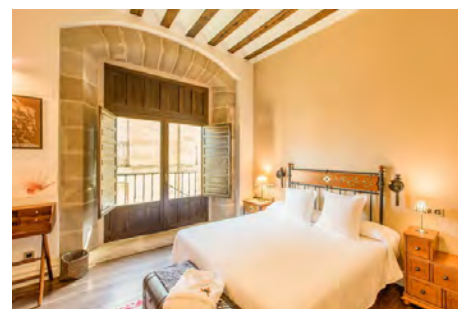
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• 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
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (extra charge) • On-street parking • Pets allowed by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 3

### Cantabria, West Coast



#### Highlights

- San Vicente, Comillas or Santillana del Mar, historic seaside villages
- Sandy beaches and craggy protected coves
- Carmona, Barcena Mayor in the beautiful valleys
- World heritage cave paintings at Altamira
- Wonderful walks along the coast or in the rolling hills

### HSAN2 3-star Hotel, Santillana del Mar

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double room, B&B



Just outside the historic village of Santillana del Mar in a peaceful spot, this handsome building is set in attractive gardens, with a terrace and swimming pool, and views over red roofs and green hills.

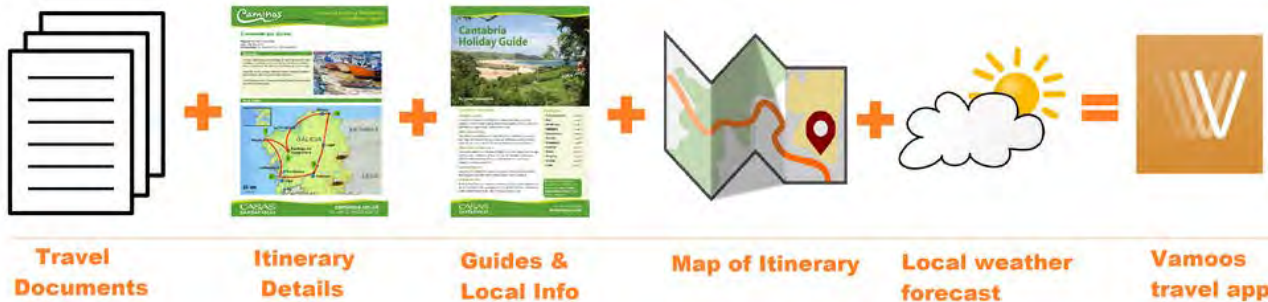
Decorated and furnished in the traditional period style of the region, and family run, it combines elegant simplicity with rustic charm - and with all modern comforts.

There is a lounge and breakfast room/bar (Santillana del Mar, about 5 minutes' walk away, has a good choice of restaurants).



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double and twin rooms; Superior rooms with balcony; Adjoining rooms for families; Ground floor rooms suitable for guests with restricted mobility (not wheelchair)
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed

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