



Starting in Northern Navarra, this route will take you into the high mountains of Huesca, the dramatic desert landscape of Las Bardenas, through Navarran wine-country to La Rioja and on to Bilbao.

Straddling the ancient kingdoms of Castile, Navarra and Aragon, borders hard fought in medieval times, here you'll find some of Spain's finest castles and Romanesque churches as well as some of its best modern architecture among the vines in La Rioja and, of course, in Bilbao's iconic Guggenheim Museum.

Throughout the trip you'll enjoy great walking, wonderful scenery, fine local wines and gastronomy and, of course, a warm Spanish welcome.

**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	30mins from Biarritz airport / 1hr 30mins from Bilbao airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Aragón, Western Valleys, Lárrede	HTEN2 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 40mins
3	Day 5 to 7	2 nights	Navarra, Roncal and Salazar Valleys, Isaba	HISA1 Family run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
4	Day 7 to 9	2 nights	Rioja Wine Region, Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron	HCRT1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 40mins
5	Day 9 to 11	2 nights	Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast, Bilbao	HBIL1 Family-run Posada 1 x Superior double room	1hr 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 and Pyrenees
- [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.



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

## Stage 2

### Aragón, Western Valleys



#### Highlights

- Stunning glacial scenery in the Tena Valley
- Reindeer, bison, bears and more in La Cuniacha
- Castillo de Loarre & Mallos de Riglo rock formations
- San Juan de la Peña monastery, the spiritual heart of Aragón
- Huesca, the tiny capital with a gastronomic side

### HTEN2 Boutique-Hotel, Lárrede

[See full details](#)

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



This delightful 4-star, chalet-style hotel sits in harmony with the mountains of the Valle de Tena, just 30 km from the ski resorts and 35km from the entrance to the truly awesome Ordesa National Park.

Set in spacious grounds the hotel is built in the style of a Swiss timber and stone chalet with delightfully simple décor with wood-panelled walls creating a warm and relaxed atmosphere in keeping with the rural surroundings.

There's a stunning outdoor pool in the spacious grounds, as well as a spa, restaurant with terrace and cosy bar for guests. Upgraded rooms feature private balconies or terraces and some free-standing hot tubs too.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, duplex double, superior with terrace - garden views, superior with terrace - valley views, premium suite, superior suite. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Electric vehicle charging station • No pets allowed

## Stage 3

### Navarra, Roncal and Salazar Valleys



#### Highlights

- Irati forest - immense native woodlands
- Lumbier & Arbayun, stunning gorges with vast resident vulture colonies
- Ochagavia & Isaba; Ori, your first 2000m mountain
- Wonderful cheeses from Roncal & Ossau-Iraty
- Roncesvalles, start for the Camino de Santiago

### HISA1 Family-run Posada, Isaba

[See full details](#)

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



Opened in 1950 this delightful guest house, set in the village of Isaba at the head of the Roncal Valley in the Navarran Pyrenees, has been recently renovated to a high standard and is the perfect base to discover the charms of this rugged yet beautiful region.

The 20 fully-equipped rooms all have en-suite bathrooms and are decorated in a surprisingly modern style, making a feature where possible of the building's historical charm.

The village has good amenities, including a good public swimming pool and several restaurants and Ochagavia, the Irati forest and the gorges of Arbayun and Lumbiers are all within easy reach.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double or twin, standard or superior, some with balcony, junior suite and suite. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

## Stage 4

### 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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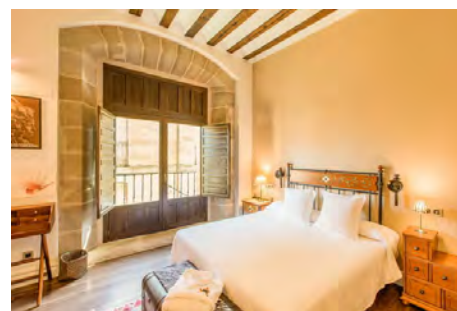
**Accommodation:** 1 x Double room (2 sharing), B&B



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 5

### 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 Posada, Bilbao

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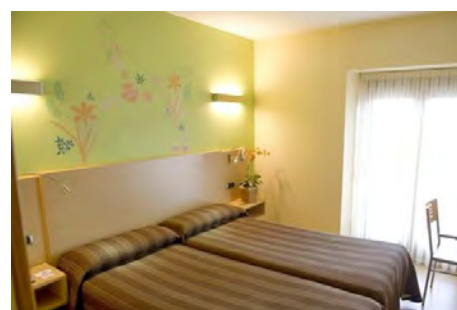
**Accommodation:** 1 x Superior double room, B&B



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!

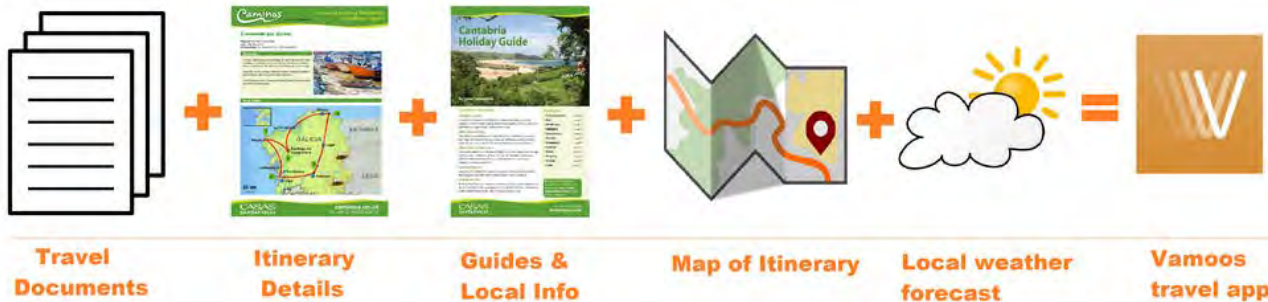
The hotel is an authentic Vizcayan "caserio", a large stone built country house, and its sixteen spacious rooms are comfortably furnished in traditional style.

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

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