



## PO5 Madrid - Porto - Santiago

Discover two countries in one trip. Take in the charms and highlights of Northern Portugal combined with some of Spain's grandest cities.

Start in Madrid, Spain's elegant, lively capital, then head west to Salamanca, the country's oldest and grandest University city. Discover the Douro valley, the world's oldest wine region, and the charms of Porto on the Atlantic coast before heading north and finishing like a pilgrim in historic Santiago de Compostela.

Return to Madrid on the fast train or internal flight, or drop the car and head straight back to the UK from Santiago.

**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 Madrid airport
2	Day 3 to 5	2 nights	Salamanca Province, Salamanca	HSAL5 5-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 10mins from airport (car hire pick-up)
3	Day 5 to 7	2 nights	Douro Valley, Vale de Mendiz	HDOU2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs 10mins
4	Day 7 to 10	3 nights	Porto, Porto	HOPO2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
5	Day 10 to 12	2 nights	Minho Coast, Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 10mins
6	Day 12 to 15	3 nights	Galicia, Santiago and the Interior, Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 10mins

**Includes:**

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Madrid
- Guide book to Portugal and 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

### 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 Chamberi, 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.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
<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>	• Standard doubles, Superior and Circular Premium rooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

## Stage 2

### 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

### HSAL5 5-star Hotel, Salamanca

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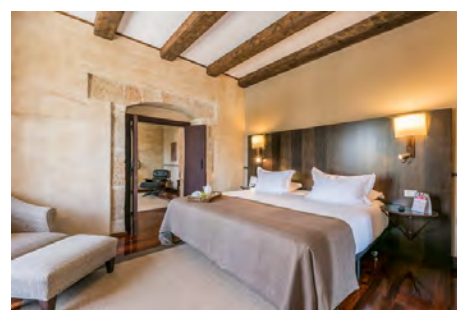
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Housed in a Dominican convent from the 16th-century this magnificent, 5-star hotel is right in the centre of Salamanca. The Plaza Mayor, Cathedrals, Old & New and all the other main sights are a short walk from the door.

The rest of the rooms are located in a four storey building with magnificent views over the rooftops to the cathedrals and cloisters.

A stylish bar and library area on a lower level of the main building gives onto the terrace and courtyard whilst the restaurant, the wine cellar and the breakfast room are located in the former refectory of the Dominican Convent, in an impressive, atmospheric wine cellar.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twin, single, superior, various suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (extra charge) • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 3

### Douro Valley



#### Highlights

- Fabulous Douro scenery - take an unforgettable boat trip
- World Heritage Douro vineyards, the World's oldest!
- Romantic Amarante on the River Tamega
- Lamego - famous stairs of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
- Superb gastronomy in the atmospheric "adegas" taverns

### HDOU2 4-star Hotel, Vale de Mendiz

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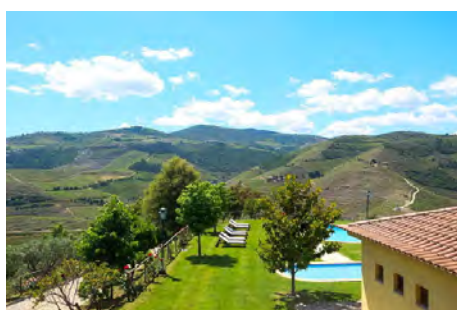
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.

In this unforgettable setting the friendly, efficient and informative staff can organise a wine tasting and tour of their vineyards and trips on foot, by bike, boat and jeep, and will ensure your stay is a special one.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year) • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twin, triple • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 4

### Porto



#### Highlights

- Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
- Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
- Visit WOW! - the World of Wine
- Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
- Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto

### HOPO2 3-star Hotel, Porto

[See full details](#)

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



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 away - and the manicured gardens with their stunning "azulejos" provide respite from the hustle and bustle of the city.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • 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>	• Double, twin, (castle or garden) superior, suite, family suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (extra charge) • No pets allowed

## Stage 5

### Minho Coast



#### Highlights

Delightful Caminha and the fortress towns of Valença, Monção and Melgaço

Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way

Viana do Castelo with its windswept Atlantic coastline

Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge

Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

### HMIN2 3-star Hotel, Vila de Punhe

[See full details](#)

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



As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, 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. Read a good book or wander in the woods!

Its charming and enthusiastic owners, Joao and Ana, transformed the old farm buildings on the estate into cosy traditional cottages and then with flair and imagination added two more very modern minimalist properties - very chic - all blending in happily with the lush vegetation.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only
<b>Room types</b>	• One and two-bedroomed cottages • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed

## Stage 6

### 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

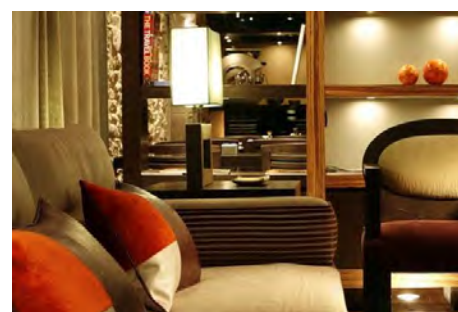
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**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.

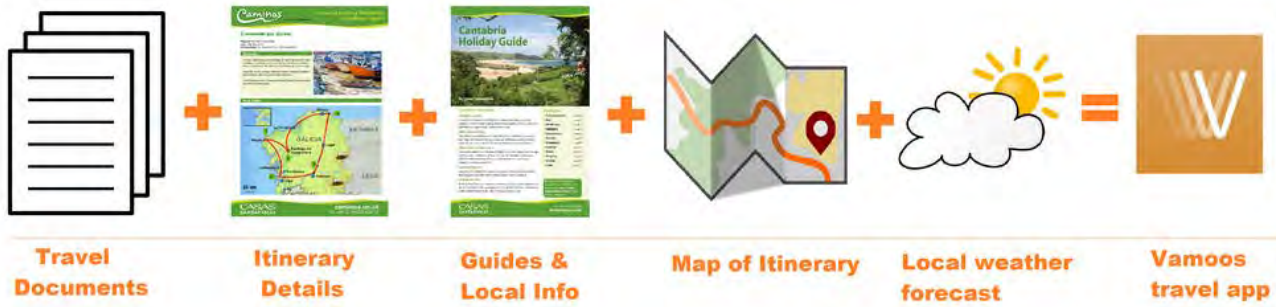
In one of the quieter parts of town, but within easy reach of the main sights, this 19th century house is a charming, perfect balance of old and new, creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony - its original old stone walls and oak beamed ceilings blending more than happily with elegant modern design and furnishings.



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



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