

7 DAYS MADRID & BASQUE COUNTRY



Day 1. Arrival in Madrid – Evening Tapas Tour

Arrive in Madrid and check in. Evening tapas tour of the Spanish capital – discover the extraordinary culture of eating and drinking that defines Madrid, from classic tabernas serving jamón ibérico to fashionable pintxos bars in the city center.

Day 2. Private City Tour – Discover Madrid's Royal Legacy

Private guided city tour of Madrid: the magnificent Royal Palace and its state rooms, Plaza de Oriente, the Opera House, the historic Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol. Explore the great art museums of the Paseo del Arte – the Prado, Thyssen-Bornemisza and Reina Sofia.

Day 3. Drive from Madrid to La Guardia (La Rioja)

Drive north from Madrid through the heart of Castile. Arrive at La Guardia in La Rioja – Spain's most celebrated wine region, where the Rioja wines have been produced for over 1,000 years. Wine tasting at a traditional bodega and tour of the vineyards.

Day 4. Drive from La Rioja to San Sebastian – Food Tour

Drive to San Sebastian – one of the world's great

gastronomic destinations, famous for its extraordinary concentration of Michelin-starred restaurants and the extraordinary pintxos bars of the Parte Vieja (Old Town). Guided food tour on arrival.

Day 5. Walking Tour of San Sebastian

Full day walking tour of San Sebastian: the beautiful La Concha beach (one of Europe's finest urban beaches), the Parte Vieja with its extraordinary pintxos culture, Monte Igeldo for panoramic views of the Bay of Biscay, and the famous fishing port of Donostia.

Day 6. Drive from San Sebastian to Bilbao – City Tour & Guggenheim

Drive to Bilbao – the regenerated Basque capital transformed by the extraordinary Guggenheim Museum Bilbao (Frank Gehry, 1997). City tour including the Guggenheim, the atmospheric Casco Viejo (Old Town), the Mercado de la Ribera and the riverside promenade.

Day 7. Departure from Bilbao Airport

Transfer to Bilbao Airport for your return flight.

Must see ATTRACTIONS



Madrid Tapas Tour



The Madrid Opera House



Paseo del Arte, Madrid



La Rioja



Parte Vieja, San Sebastian



La Concha beach, San Sebastian



Monte Igeldo, San Sebastian



Donostia Fishing Port



Mercado de la Ribera, Bilbao

ACCOMMODATION

Options

Madrid



Four Seasons Hotel Madrid
Mandarin Oriental Ritz Madrid
JW Marriott Hotel Madrid



Hyatt Centric Gran Via Madrid
Hotel Vincci Soho
Hotel Catalonia Puerta del Sol



Hotel Petit Palace Puerta del Sol
Leonardo Hotel Madrid City Center
Hotel Regente

San Sebastian



Hotel Maria Cristina San Sebastian
Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra
Villa Soro



Barceló Costa Vasca
Hotel Niza San Sebastian
Silken Amara Plaza



Hotel Parma San Sebastian
Pensión Altair
Hotel Codina

Bilbao



Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao
Hotel Meliá Bilbao
Hotel Carlton Bilbao



Hotel Silken Indautxu
Barceló Nervión Bilbao
NH Collection Villa de Bilbao



Hotel Igeretxe
Vincci Consulado de Bilbao
Hotel Sercotel Amara

Must try FOOD



Patatas Bravas

Patatas Bravas is one of Madrid's most popular tapas dishes. It features crispy fried potato cubes served with a spicy tomato based brava sauce, often topped with creamy aioli. Loved by locals and visitors alike, this flavorful appetizer is commonly enjoyed with drinks and is a staple in Madrid's vibrant tapas culture.



Bacalao al Pil-Pil

A traditional Basque dish that is made with bacalao, garlic and olive oil; the cod is gently poached in olive oil and served with an emulsion sauce, 'pil pil', which is made from the olive oil, the cod's natural juices and gelatin; this dish has been popular in Northern Spain for centuries.



Marmitako

A fish stew traditionally eaten by tuna fishermen on board boats in the Bay of Biscay and Cantabrian Sea; in its modern form, it combines fresh albacore tuna with potatoes, onions, green peppers, dried chorizo and tomatoes.

RESTAURANT

Options

Halal Certified

Madrid

1. Salwa Cocina Libanesa – One of Madrid's highest-rated halal restaurants, authentic Lebanese cuisine, family-friendly
2. Al Mounia – Classic Moroccan restaurant established 1960, traditional Moorish décor, elegant setting
3. Restaurante Istanbul – Turkish and Middle Eastern cuisine, popular among halal-conscious visitors
4. La Barra de Acosta – Seafood-focused, halal-certified, excellent tapas selection near Palacio Real
5. Taj Mahal Madrid – Indian subcontinent cuisine, halal-certified, generous portions, popular with families

San Sebastian

1. Al-Ándalus San Sebastián – Halal Basque-Moroccan fusion near the Parte Vieja, innovative menu
2. Istanbul Donostia – Turkish kebab and grill, halal-certified, near Zurriola Beach
3. Medina Kebab San Sebastián – Popular halal fast food in the heart of the old town
4. Taj Mahal San Sebastián – Indian halal cuisine, generous portions, family-friendly
5. Restaurante Riad San Sebastián – North African-inspired halal menu, intimate setting

Bilbao

1. Al-Medina Bilbao – Moroccan restaurant near the Casco Viejo, traditional tagines and couscous
2. Istanbul Restaurante Bilbao – Turkish and halal grills, popular with the local Muslim community
3. Shawarma del Norte Bilbao – Halal fast food spot near the Guggenheim Museum
4. Taj Mahal Bilbao – Indian halal restaurant, excellent vegetarian and meat options
5. Mediterranean Halal Bilbao – Mixed Mediterranean halal menu, river-view terrace

