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Northern Spain, Portugal & France Tour

16 days from \$4599

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



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Explore Madrid, Salamanca, Porto, Santiago de Compostela, Oviedo, Bilbao, Toulouse, 2 nights Barcelona

Departs:

2020 - 03, 10 November

Price:

From \$4599 per person twin share.

Single supplement from \$2300 & includes your own room.

Escorted Package Includes:

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Sydney & Perth to Madrid & Barcelona
- Extra \$250 per person from Hobart & Canberra.
- 13 nights First Class accommodations
 - 2 nights Madrid
 - 1 night Salamanca
 - 1 night Porto
 - 2 nights Santiago de Compostela
 - 1 night Oviedo
 - 2 nights Bilbao
 - 2 nights Toulouse
 - 2 nights Barcelona
- 19 meals: 13 breakfasts, 6 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Gratuities for tour manager & coach driver

Special Features

- Visit the Prado Museum in Madrid and view an astonishing collection of Spanish masterpieces
- View the Alcazar in Segovia with its soaring turrets, moats and magical towers
- Visit the Stock Exchange, renowned for its exquisite facade and ornate gilded Arabian Hall in Porto
- Enjoy a wine tasting in the Douro Valley
- Attend a traditional cider pouring demonstration in Oviedo
- Explore the Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry in Bilbao

- Visit the stunning seaside resort of San Sebastian, called the “Pearl” of northern Spain
- Visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, a major Roman Catholic pilgrimage site
- Admire the Saint-Sernin Basilica in Toulouse, a major stop on the route of St. James
- Visit the impressive fortified walled city of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Excludes:

- Single supplement, from \$2300 & includes your own room
- Travel insurance (required)
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the inclusions or in the itinerary

**\$750 per person deposit is required
to confirm your reservation.**

*Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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ITINERARY:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Depart for Spain

DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Madrid

Arrive in Madrid, Spain's energetic capital city and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and attend an orientation meeting at approximately 7 pm on the upcoming journey through Spain, Portugal and France with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers, followed by a Welcome Dinner

Overnight: Madrid

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Madrid City Tour

This morning, begin with a sightseeing tour of Madrid. Drive along the Gran Via through the Opera District, Plaza de Colon and view the Royal Palace. Pass through Puerta del Sol Plaza and Plaza de España with its monument to the author Cervantes. The tour will end at the world-renowned Prado Museum, where you will be able to view works of art by famous artists such as El Greco, Velázquez, and Ribera. Spend the afternoon at leisure or, join the *optional* tour to Toledo, former capital of Spain and one of the oldest cities in Europe. Visit St. Tome Church with its El Greco masterpiece and Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue with its beautiful Moorish architecture

Optional: Half Day Toledo (PM)

Overnight: Madrid

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Friday - Segovia and Avila en Route to Salamanca

Travel across the rugged Sierra de Guadarrama to the historic city of Segovia. View the best preserved 1st century AD Roman aqueduct, symbol of the city, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and visit the fairy-tale Alcazar with its soaring turrets, moats and magical towers. Marvel at the powerful Gothic Cathedral that took almost 200 years to complete before walking through the Jewish Quarter. Then, to stunning Avila, surrounded by imposing city walls, one of Spain's best preserved bastions with its convent that pays homage to St. Theresa, founder of the Order of the Carmelites. Drive to the lively university town of Salamanca; view the 12th century Old Cathedral, the Salina and Monterrey Palaces and the historic center of the city. Arrive at Plaza Mayor, considered Spain's most beautiful central plaza, exceptionally memorable when illuminated at dusk. Dinner together tonight is in Salamanca

Overnight: Salamanca

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Douro Valley, Delightful Porto

Depart for Portugal on your way to the Douro Valley. Travel the scenic port wine road and visit one of the biggest estates of Sogrape, producing both Porto & Douro wines. Enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to the delightful Northern city of Porto with a dramatic setting on the banks of the Douro river. Later, participate in the *optional* Douro River Cruise with meal. Cruise along the colorful river valley, viewing the city from a new perspective. Pass by the numerous port wine cellars and under Ponte Luis I Bridge. Afterwards, enjoy a meal of local specialties in a typical restaurant with drinks included

Optional: Douro River Cruise with Meal (PM)

Overnight: Porto

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Sunday - Porto City Tour, Santiago de Compostela

Start your morning with a sightseeing tour of Porto. Take a panoramic drive, and visit the 14th century Gothic Church of Sao Francisco with its gilded baroque columns and the Stock Exchange, renowned for its exquisite neoclassical façade and ornate Arabian Hall. This afternoon drive to Santiago de Compostela, the legendary destination for Pilgrims who walked the “Saint James Road” to visit the shrine here

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Explore Santiago de Compostela

This morning, take a guided tour of Santiago de Compostela, one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages, and where the remains of the Apostle St. James are laid to rest. Visit the city’s world-famous Romanesque cathedral and Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental square surrounded by magnificent buildings in various styles. Balance of the day is at leisure for individual pursuits

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Tuesday - Oviedo City Tour

Depart for Oviedo, the regional capital of Asturias, a treasure trove of Spanish religious architecture. Upon afternoon arrival in Oviedo, embark on an orientation tour of the city. Walk through the historic town center, stop at the El Fontan market dating back to the 1520s and, conclude with a visit to the beautiful Cathedral. Admire the detailed cloisters, intricate buttresses and the main portico with its Arabesque decorations. Balance of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a traditional cider pouring demonstration during your dinner of local delicacies

Overnight: Oviedo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Wednesday - Covadonga, Bilbao

Depart Oviedo and stop in Covadonga to view the Shrine of our Lady of Covadonga, located in the Picos de Europa mountain range. Continue to the culturally rich city Bilbao to visit the gleaming Guggenheim Museum. Designed by Frank Gehry, the inspirational design utilizes flowing canopies, ship shapes, towers and flying fins. Afterward, check into your hotel with time to settle in before dinner together

Overnight: Bilbao

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Thursday - Excursion to La Rioja Region

This morning, travel through green fertile valleys and picturesque villages to the beautiful wine region of Rioja. Here, visit a traditional Spanish winery (bodega) and enjoy a wine tasting, before departing for Logroño, the capital of La Rioja region. Upon arrival, take an orientation tour of the town with its tree-studded plazas and narrow streets. Free time for lunch on your own. Perhaps, head to Laurel street, famous for its wine bars, for tapas and wine. Then, travel to the picture-perfect town of Laguardia with its medieval fortress and walled old quarter. After your visit, return back to Bilbao.

Overnight: Bilbao

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Friday - Lourdes, Travel to Toulouse

Depart Bilbao and stop in San Sebastian, for a panoramic city tour. Your journey continues to Lourdes, in the foothills of the Pyrenees, that rose to international fame in 1858 when visions of the Virgin Mary were described at the Grotto of Massabielle. The town is now a major site of Roman Catholic pilgrimage and of reported miraculous healings. Visit the sacred church, sanctuary and grotto where the apparitions took place and behold the healing water spring from the grotto, believed to possess therapeutic properties. Time to reflect on your own before departing this holy city for Toulouse.

Overnight: Toulouse

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12, Saturday - Toulouse Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will begin with an orientation of this regional capital. Known as the Pink City, on the river Garonne, Toulouse is known latterly for its modern aircraft and space rocket manufacturing. View the Capitole square and City Hall, which is organized around the Henry the fourth courtyard, adorned with the French king's statue. Visit the Saint-Sernin Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built from the 11th to the 14th centuries, and a major stop on the pilgrimage route of St. James. It is one of the largest Romanesque churches in Europe. Afternoon is at leisure for individual pursuits or, join the *optional* Albi Tour. Travel to the historic city of Albi and visit the ancient center of the city, adorned with brick houses, and the former home of famous painter Toulouse-Lautrec. Discover the imposing Sainte-Cécile Cathedral, with its lavish interior and Berbie Palace, now a museum devoted to painter Toulouse-Lautrec

Optional: Half Day Albi Tour (PM)

Overnight: Toulouse

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Sunday - Medieval Carcassonne, Barcelona

The first stop today is at the fairy-tale medieval town of Carcassonne. Your guided walking tour takes you around Europe's best restored ancient fortified city with its over fifty towers and turrets, still standing today. Stroll along the cobbled streets to the St. Nazaire Basilica, adorned with magnificent stained glass and intricate carvings. Browse the shops selling medieval wares, and perhaps taste some of the local peasant stews at a café in the fortified town. Later, continue towards the Mediterranean Sea and back into Spain and the city of Barcelona

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14, Monday - Barcelona City Tour

This morning's tour of Barcelona begins with a panoramic drive of the old Harbor, Plaza de España and Plaza Catalunya. You will also have a chance to pass by Gaudi's iconic *La Sagrada Familia*, a colossal church that is legendary and still unfinished. Ascend Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore the many galleries, museums, and sights in this magnificent city. Perhaps partake in the *optional* tour to Montserrat that begins with a scenic drive past picturesque villages to Montserrat Mountain. Here, visit the Royal Basilica to see the famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta." On your last night in Spain, join your fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Dinner

Optional: Half Day Montserrat Tour (PM)

Overnight: Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 15, Tuesday - Depart Spain

Transfer to the Barcelona airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

HOTELS:

Subject to confirmation by the tour operator and may be substituted for suitable alternatives at their discretion.

Sercotel Gran Hotel Conde Duque, Madrid



This first class hotel is located in Madrid's city center close to major attractions.

Hotel Hesperia Madrid, Madrid



This deluxe hotel is situated nearby the National Museum of Natural Sciences.

Alameda Palace, Salamanca



This deluxe hotel is situated in the Plaza de España.

Hotel Artheus Carmelitas, Salamanca



This first class hotel is located in the historical city center, close to many of the main monuments of Salamanca.

Crown Plaza Porto, Porto



This deluxe hotel is located nearby Bessa Stadium.

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela



This deluxe hotel is located in the city of Santiago de Compostela, nearby the Galicia Auditorium.

AC Hotel Oviedo Forum, Oviedo



This first class hotel is located in the commercial district of Oviedo.

Barcelo Nervion, Bilbao



This first class hotel overlooks the Nervión River.

Crowne Plaza Toulouse, Toulouse



This deluxe hotel is located at the corner of Toulouse's Capitole Square.

lunion Barcelona, Barcelona



This first class hotel is located in Barcelona's Poblenou neighborhood.

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- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
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- Call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Toledo Tour

Toledo is a "Museum City" of great artistic beauty. Former capital of Spain and one of the oldest cities in Europe, Toledo has magnificent examples of architecture from different periods, making it one of the leading artistic cities of the country. In Toledo visit the most famous monuments, such as St. Tome Church, which houses El Greco's 'The Burial of Count Orgaz' and the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue. Also admire its famous hand-crafted work, the "Damasquinado."

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #3	01 Jan 2020 - 31 Mar 2020	AUD\$115.00
	01 Apr 2020 - 30 Nov 2020	AUD\$108.00



Douro River Cruise with meal (PM)

Join a cruise along the colorful river valley, viewing the city from a new perspective. Pass by the numerous port wine cellars and under the magnificent bridges crossing the valley. A meal of local specialties in a typical restaurant, with drinks included, highlights this tour.

Note: Depending on local conditions, you may enjoy your meal either before or after your cruise.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #5	01 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2020	AUD\$115.00
	01 Apr 2020 - 30 Nov 2020	AUD\$115.00



Half Day Albi Tour

Travel to the historic city of Albi, whose ancient and authentic center resembles a Tuscan city, situated on a headland on the banks of the Tarn river. Enjoy a visit to the *Vieil Albi*, the ancient center of the city, adorned with brick houses, and the former home of famous painter Toulouse-Lautrec. The Episcopal City of Albi is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you will discover the imposing Sainte-Cécile Cathedral, a monument which juxtaposes its defensive external architecture with its lavish internal decoration. Continue with a visit to the Berbie Palace, now a museum devoted to painter Toulouse Lautrec.

Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Day #12	01 Mar 2020 - 30 Apr 2020	AUD\$100.00
	02 May 2020 - 30 Nov 2020	AUD\$100.00



Half Day Montserrat Tour

Enjoy a relaxing drive along the picturesque villages of the province to reach Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica, where you will see the famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta."

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #14	11 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2020	AUD\$108.00
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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

DEPOSIT

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

PRICES

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AMENDMENT FEES

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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CLAIMS

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.

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