



*'Taste the world your way'*

## Spain, Ribera del Duero - Sights & Tastes of Central Spain

### Overview

Luxurious circle trip to the north, from Madrid into the Ribera del Duero wine region, as well as Salamanca and Segovia. This is a private tour for two or more people for five nights which shows off the historical side of Spain (think cathedrals, abbeys and aqueducts), together with a food-fest of meals highlighted with wines of the region. Staying in famed castles, convents and boutique hotels, and eating in Spain's best restaurants.

**Travel Type:** [Food and Wine](#), [Private Touring](#)

**Location:** [Madrid](#), [Ribera del Duero](#), [Spain](#)

**Code:** ESMADGMFW

**From AUD:** \$7,899

**Duration:** 6 Days

**Offer Expires:** Dec 31, 2020



### Summary

Take a magical circle trip from Madrid. This six day private tour introduces you to the highlights of the wine region known as Ribera del Duero and the cities of Segovia and Salamanca.

The tour is as much about food and wine as it is about Spain's ancient past. You will see one of the world's best preserved aqueducts towering above a city; thousands of years old, but still standing as locals go about their daily business. You will see cathedrals and abbeys, and eat in some of the country's leading restaurants.

All meals are paired with wines of the region, and there are a couple of winery visits too, so that you may learn more and better acquaint yourself with what Ribera del Duero stands for in this regard.

The accommodation is second to none on this program and is not only five star standard



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throughout, but sees you staying in historical buildings which will connect you with Spain's illustrious past. Stay in structures hundreds of years old, some of which were formerly abbeys, convents or castles in lifetimes gone by. Read more about these unique accommodations in the Price Tab.

## Itinerary

### Day One Madrid - Segovia

Welcome to Madrid! You will be warmly met at the train station or airport by your local host. Start exploring briefly the city on a tapas tour of Madrid, you will walk a little the city and enjoy some tasting samples. Later on, you will drive you to Segovia, your next destination. Segovia is 100km from Madrid, and it is very well known for its aqueduct, palace and cathedral, and also for its famous "cochinillo" or suckling pig. 20:45 This evening enjoy an organised dinner in the Michelin Star Restaurant to celebrate your arrival. A sample menu may feature foie gras, traditional lentils, curry ravioli, turbot, lamb, cider and calvados (locally made liqueur), pear mignardises including wines. Return to the hotel and overnight.

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### Day Two Segovia - Ribera del Duero

Breakfast in the hotel. 10:00 meet your guide to start your visit of Segovia, visiting the highlights of the city such as the alcazar, cathedral and aqueduct. After your visit of Segovia, continue following the Royal Path to La Granja, where the king built his residence to retire. 13:00 Lunch in one of Segovia's leading restaurants where you will take in a menu of famous local dishes such as Iberian ham and cured cheeses, asparagus salad, stuffed piquillo pepper, Segovia mushrooms, La Granja beans, roasted suckling pig and punch tart, complimented with wines from the Ribera del Duero. Following lunch you will head to the very place your lunchtime wines were produced. 16:00 Arrive in Ribera del Duero region for a winery visit where you will learn about the property and the wine making process, followed by a tasting and pairing with local delicacies. This tour will be made in a 4x4 vehicle driving through the property. Enjoy an overnight stay on the property, in a wonderful abbey which has now become a hotel. Take some time to relax and breath in the energy of the venue before an organised dinner in the Abbey this evening. 20:00 Dinner in the Michelin Star Restaurant. Take in a specially designed dinner with their own locally-made wine. Overnight.

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### Day Three Ribera del Duero - Salamanca

Breakfast in the hotel. 10:00 After the relaxing morning, you will have organised a visit to another winery, to compare different wineries and ways in which they are operated. Transfer to a local restaurant and settle in for something special. A three course lunch, paired with regional wines will be presented. After lunch, continue your trip towards Salamanca, to arrive to where you will spend the night. Check in and enjoy some down time before an organised five course dinner in the hotel. The meal is served with matched wines by a sommelier. Overnight.

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#### Day Four Salamanca - Madrid

Breakfast in the hotel. 10:00 Enjoy the property, in an easy morning, before you head towards the center of Salamanca to visit the city. Start in the Plaza Mayor, then visit the Cathedrals and the University. In this city tour, enjoy the local delicacy, the Spanish ham: Jamón de Guijuelo and learn about it. Let's take the chance to enjoy a delicious lunch in Salamanca, with prime meat cuts and local wine production. After lunch, you will be transferred to Madrid, driving through the Sierra de Guadarrama and enjoying the green view. At your arrival in Madrid, check in the hotel and time to freshen up. 17:00 you will have a walking city tour of the city of Madrid, exploring what it has to offer and getting to know the history. On this walking tour, visit places such as Plaza España, the Royal Palace and the historical Habsburg city center. 20:30 Tonight we will have dinner organised in the hotel restaurant Atico for a set tasting menu featuring dishes such as prawn and citric hummus salad, duck confit wrap with foie gras and truffle tuna, mango and avocado tartare with puffed bread and kimchi, flame grilled sea bass with mango, quinoa and marine algae roast Iberian suckling pig, breadcrumbs, carrots and endives a-la-vanilla, liquid dulce de leche (toffee caramel) lollipop cakes. Naturally this is served with a wine pairing. Return to the hotel. Overnight.

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#### Day Five Madrid

Breakfast in the hotel. 10:00 Time to explore the cultural side of Madrid, today you will start walking down the Gran Via street, where you will see many relevant buildings and walk through the Castellana street all the way to the Prado Museum. There you will be exploring the paintings and understand the origins of this iconic venue. Return to the hotel, time at leisure to explore the city on your own. Your host will happily assist you to plan your time, accordingly.

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#### Day Six Madrid

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy this morning to say goodbye to the city, check out from the hotel at 12:00. 15:00 Private transfer to Madrid airport.

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## Inclusions

All transfers and transportation in a five seat SUV with driver/host

Two nights The Principal Madrid in an Executive Room

One night Convento de los Capuchinos Segovia in a Double Room

One night Abadia Retuerta Le Domein (Ribera del Duero) in a Classic Room

One night Hacienda Zorita Salamanca in a Celda Room

Breakfast daily

Tapas lunch in Madrid  
Michelin starred dinner in Madrid with wines  
City tour in Segovia  
Two winery visits, tour & tastings in Ribera del Duero  
Three traditional lunches (Segovia, Ribera del Duero, Salamanca) with wines  
Michelin starred dinner at Abadia Retuerta in Segovia with wines  
Five course dinner at Hacienda Zorita with wines  
City tour in Salamanca with ham tasting  
City tour in Madrid  
Dinner at Atico in Madrid with wines  
El Prado Museum tour

## Package

### Departure Dates

This tour operates daily and year round.

### Price

\$7899 per person based on twin/double

### About Your Accommodation

Segovia: Convento de los Capuchinos \*\*\*\*\* The largest estate in the historical quarter of Segovia, dating back over 400 years. History and tradition blend with minimalistic lines and new architectural trends and design to create one of the Castilla's most unique and exclusive spaces. In one of Segovia's most privileged areas, Eurostars Hotel has converted the old Oblatas Convent to open the city's first five-star hotel, an establishment which promises to be one of the city's new gems. Austerity transformed into luxury. Located in the noble heart of Segovia and enjoying sweeping views of the Eresma Valley and its boulevard, the Eurostars Convento Capuchinos is home to 62 luxury rooms, a gourmet restaurant, a spa with jetted pool, sauna, Turkish bath and relaxation area, meeting rooms and a spacious garden area. The original building consisted of a church, a convent and the founders' residence. The church has been converted into a gourmet restaurant, and the other two areas house the rooms and the hotel's common services. The hotel has received a complete interior transformation, but its exterior remains unchanged. The former orchard is now a wonderful garden with broad terraces and magnificent views. Room Category: Double Room

Ribera del Duero: Abadia Retuerta, Le Domein \*\*\*\*\* Abadía Retuerta is a mute witness to history and a place where the land and the vine come together. The duty of our Duero Valley winery is to respect and preserve the legacy we have inherited in one of the top wine regions of Spain, our surroundings, the monastery and its wines. To return what we can to the earth, enhancing and increasing what we have so generously been given. Our wines, made from a careful selection of the best grapes in our vineyards, are a bold commitment to terroir wines.

In an endeavour to establish Christianity in Castile during the Reconquest, the Count of Castile commissioned the construction of a series of convent-fortresses. As a result, in 1146, the Premonstratensian order built the monastery of Santa María de Retuerta in a beautiful enclave on the banks of the Duero River. The monks of the order of Saint Norbert were given terras et vineas (land and vines) in Duero Valley and the second abbot brought the first French grape varieties from Burgundy that were planted in this famous Spain wine region. Since then, the land of our estate has been dedicated to the vine, to silence and to devotion. In the ancient hall, LeDomaine's 27 double rooms and 3 suites have been carefully renovated and styled to contemporary five-star standards with every amenity you would expect in a luxury hotel. Each accommodation has generous views overlooking wide expanses of vineyards and vividly changing Spanish skies. Establishing symbiotic harmony between people and nature was fundamental in Romanesque architecture and essential to the lifestyle of the monks as well. Quiet harmony resonates throughout the whole of LeDomaine. Almost three years after it was opened and thanks to the excellent work by the kitchen staff, the Refectorio restaurant has been awarded its first Michelin star. The hotel's head chef is Marc Segarra, whose career and talents have seen a meteoric rise over the past decade as he has collaborated with a series of Spain's star chefs in the kitchens of their award-winning restaurants. Marc bases his culinary ideas on a creative interpretation of tradition and the use of local ingredients. Room Category: Classic Room

Salamanca: Hacienda Zorita \*\*\*\*\* Bringing Hacienda Zorita and its 700 years of history back to life seemed like an ideal dream conceived by Víctor Redondo Sierra back in the day. But just as in other successful stories, sheer belief and determination made the dream come true. After the final touches in 2001, the glorious reopening took place in 2003 following the old traditional heritage. The day came at last: Hacienda Zorita fleshed out as the most charismatic Wine Hotel in Spain. La Casa Grande hold 17 double rooms with views to the Tormes river. All of them combine the hacienda's heritage and the understated elegance and simplicity in design with one of the finest collections of Dominican religious art. The Haciendas Club invites us to appreciate the flavours of life in a magic setting. Get to know our wines better and the secrets within them and discover our handmade rum produced for our members and guests exclusively. Welcome to our wine and spirit world by Hacienda Zorita! Our newly opened restaurant Warehouse @ The Organic Farm offers you top quality meat from our meadows, with our specialty 'Buffala de Campagna' - equivalent to Kobe in Salamanca. Our Organic Farm is also home to the only balsamic vinegar cellar in Spain that follows the old tradition and to our impressive dry house with over 7000 Iberian Pata Negra acorn-fed hams, all that surrounded by an idyllic field full of holm-oaks, cork and olive trees and vineyards. As a curiosity, in this same place is where Christopher Columbus stayed before and after contacting Isabel La Católica to agree to finance his journey to the Indies. Room Category: Celda Room

Madrid: The Principal \*\*\*\*\* The Principal Madrid Hotel is much more than a luxurious modern boutique hotel. Its prime location in the heart of Madrid, its exclusive entrance, its 76 elegantly appointed rooms, the stunning Terraza (rooftop terrace, 7th floor) with what may be

the best views in Madrid, and its Ático (penthouse, 6th floor) where avant-garde haute cuisine meets classic cocktails in a space with the best music are reasons enough not to miss the opportunity of discovering this renovated building, now one of the capital's must-see sights. The hotel's impressive Ático and Terraza boast the best panoramic views of downtown Madrid. In both, amid large, lush garden areas, you can sip a cocktail or order from the menu concocted by Ramón Freixa (2 Michelin stars), soak up some sun in the Solarium or enjoy the sound of the overflow pool and the best ambient music or our outdoor showers in summer... and always with the finest service to ensure that your every wish is granted. The hotel also has a Wellness Suite that offers couple or individual treatment sessions. Experience the pleasure of wellbeing with a session in our private massage room. If you feel like going for a run, ask the hotel for a map of suggested routes through the nearby El Retiro Park. A personal trainer is also available on request. In addition, The Principal Madrid Hotel boasts a gym, parking, and special rooms (some with a separate entrance at Gran Vía 2) for meetings, social events or private dinners. Room Category: Executive Room