

'TASTE THE CAMINO' EXPERIENCE

Friday 17th March to Tuesday 21st March 2017

If you like Spain, you'll love **La Rioja** region. This is wine country, bordered by mountain ranges north and south creating three distinct climates, sparsely populated, crisscrossed with rivers and replete with centuries old vineyards.

The 1,200 year old **Way of St. James / Camino de Santiago** pilgrimage road crosses the heart of the region. Steeped in historical, architectural and artistic treasures boasting spectacular Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries and palaces, La Rioja offers much more than just its world famous wine. Come and see for yourself.

The "**Taste The Camino Weekend**" is a 4 night / 5 day visit. Adam Wells will accompany you throughout the duration of the trip.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Visit to **Haro**; wine capital of the Rioja region – wine tour and tasting in the historical 'Railway Station' district, home to the most famous Rioja wineries.
- Stay in **Santo Domingo de la Calzada**, one of the most famous towns on the whole Camino de Santiago. Visit its cathedral; the site of one of the most famous Camino de Santiago legends – the cockerel and hen miracle.
- 5 hour, 18km walk along an alternative Camino de Santiago pilgrimage road from Najera – seat of the Kings of Pamplona and Navarre - to **San Millán de la Cogolla**; the birthplace of the Castilian Spanish language.
- Evening visit to **Ezcaray**; a town set in the foothills of the Sierra de la Demanda mountains with its own unique style of town architecture.
- Visit to **Briones** and walk the 5km to San **Vincente de Sonsierra**; both hill-top villages overlooking Spain's second longest river, the Ebro.
- Stay in **Logroño**; capital of the region. Experience '**Calle Laurel**' one of Spain's most famous and lively 'tapas' streets celebrated for its gastronomy.
- 4 hour, 12km walk along the **Camino de Santiago** from Logroño to Navarrete.
- Visit & walking tour of **Laguardia**; walled town and one of Spain's most picturesque villages – visit to the church of **Santa María de los Reyes** and its unique polychrome portico doorway – one of only two in Spain. Enjoy too a visit to a traditional family run winery.
- Return bus travel from/to Bilbao Termibus bus station to Haro / Logroño.
- Travel in La Rioja
- 2 nights three-star bed + breakfast twin-room sharing accommodation at Hotel Corregidor in Santo Domingo de la Calzada.
- 2 nights three-star bed + breakfast twin-room sharing accommodation at the Hotel Carlton in Logroño.
- Winery tour and tasting on day one and guided tours on days two and three.
- Lunch on day three and dinner on days one, two and four.



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Flights
- Evening meals and lunches where not described
- Snacks/coffees
- Travel + medical insurance
- Incidental expenses
- Tips

PRICE: £495

ITINERARY

Day 1 Bilbao, Haro, Santo Domingo de la Calzada

- Meet: 12pm noon in arrivals at Bilbao airport. Transfer by public transport to Bilbao city centre.
- Take mid-afternoon bus from Bilbao Termibus bus station to Haro.
- Wine tasting and tour of a 'Railway District' winery.
- Transfer to & evening + dinner in Santo Domingo de la Calzada.

Day 2 Najera, San Millán de la Cogolla, Ezcaray

- AM: 5 hour, 18km walk from Najera to San Millán de la Cogolla.
- PM: visit & guided tour of Monasteries of Yuso and Suso in San Millán de la Cogolla.
- Evening: visit to and dinner in Ezcaray.



Day 3 Briones, San Vicente de Sonsierra, Logroño

- AM: visit to Briones and 5km / 1 hour walk along the River Ebro to San Vicente de Sonsierra.
- Lunch.
- Transfer to Logroño.
- PM: guided tour of old Logroño's old quarter.
- Evening: visit to 'Calle Laurel'.

Day 4 Camino de Santiago, Navarrete, Laguardia

- AM: 4 hour, 12km walk along the **Camino de Santiago** to Navarrete.
- PM: return to Logroño.
- Late afternoon: bus transfer and visit to Laguardia.
- Evening: dinner in Laguardia and return to Logroño.

Day 5 Logroño to Bilbao

- AM: transfer by bus to Bilbao Termibus station and onward connection to Bilbao airport.

CONTACT

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