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TRIP START DATES

2022

2023

APR | 09, 16, 23, 30

APR | 08, 15, 22, 29

MAY | 05, 07, 12, 14,
19, 21, 26, 28

MAY | 04, 06, 11, 13,
18, 20, 25, 27

JUN | 04, 11, 18, 25

JUN | 03, 10, 17, 24

JUL | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

JUL | 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

AUG | 06, 13, 20, 27

AUG | 05, 12, 19, 26, 31

SEP | 01, 03, 08, 10,
15, 17, 22, 24, 29

SEP | 02, 07, 09, 14,
16, 21, 23, 28, 30

OCT | 01, 08, 15, 22

OCT | 07, 14, 21



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PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Combine this trip with **Highlights of Spain** to create **SPANISH HERITAGE**.

Combine this trip with **Amazing Spain & Portugal** to form **GRAND SPAIN & PORTUGAL**.

REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY**

11 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

14 MEALS

17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER[®]

Madrid: Join the female pillars of the local community on a neighbourhood walking tour and learn the history of the women's movement in Spain, firsthand.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Santiago de Compostela: Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert to visit the cathedral. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James, through parks and gardens.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Gijón: Meet Flor, a local of Gijón, for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that she has prepared just for you.

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Celebration Dinner in Barcelona.

Taste wine in Rueda.

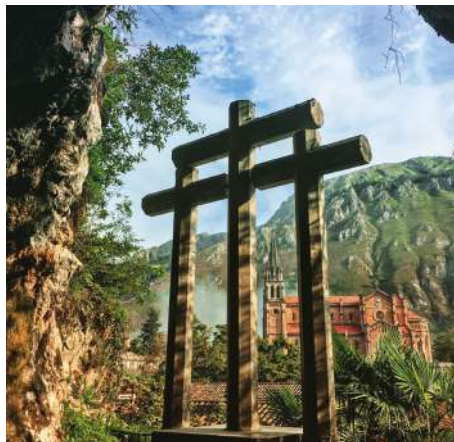
NORTHERN SPAIN

"This trip follows the Camino trail, the famous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela... but backwards!"

– Enzo, Travel Director



SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN



@TRAVELFILIPPO, COVADONGA



@LEANNE4874, SEGOVIA'S ALCAZAR (OPTIONAL)



DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (DWW)

Melia Serrano Madrid/NH Collection Madrid Suecia.

DAY 2 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighbourhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods. Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota.

Some of Spain's most fashionable white wines are produced in Rueda. This morning we have the opportunity to learn how they are made and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape.

Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 4 SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Relaxed Start. Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk along the Way of St. James, through scenic parks and gardens. Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. (B)

DAY 5 ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Relaxed Start. Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo.

A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay.

Meet Flor, a local who will invite you to join her for lunch. Hear about daily life in her hilltop village, as you enjoy a delicious meal that Flor has prepared from locally sourced ingredients, accompanied by delicious local cider.

In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (LW)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

DAY 6 PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)

Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 7 BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Relaxed Start. In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum.

Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock.

Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty, as you walk with your Local Expert through the Old Quarter to see the Plaza de la Constitución. Head to Monte Igueldo for breathtaking views of the town and La Concha Bay. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 8 SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Biarritz, stroll the promenade of the famous La Concha bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town? (B)

DAY 9 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)

Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

DAY 10 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Join a Local Expert to see the Gothic Quarter. Walk through the Roman gate to see the narrow lanes and old squares.

Travel along Passeig de Gràcia to reach the Eixample district and behold Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside to see its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and incredible stained-glass windows.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

DAY 11 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)

KEY

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Optional Place Visited

Trip Options

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



INSIGHT CHOICE Visit Santiago de Compostela Cathedral with a Local Expert. (Day 4, Santiago de Compostela)



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