

Northern Spain Discovery

15th to 29th September 2027



15 nights of discovery & exploration around the Costa Verde

Enjoy touring in a lesser-known area of Spain as we discover the gems of its north.

The north of Spain offers distinct differences to its more familiar south, including its own Basque language. We start on Spain's north Costa Verde (Green Coast), in its best architectural city of San Sebastian, where its close proximity to France mixes aspects of French and Spanish cultures. We then go inland with visits to Haro at the centre of the Rioja wine producing region, Burgos the capital of the Kingdom of Castile, and the Picos Europa National Park for the north's highest mountains.

Upon returning to the Costa Verde, we pick up the most popular of the Camino de Santiago routes and follow this along the coast, where many people will be seen completing their pilgrim journey. Along the coast interesting villages are visited, many styled similar to those found around the Cornish coast.

We continue along the Costa Verde to arrive in Santiago de Compostela, just like thousands of others do each year, upon the completion of their own pilgrim route. Here we discover why this city has become such an attraction.

This tour precedes the Portugal Discovery tour, which starts 2 days later and just 125 miles away from the finish. Combining the 2 tours can give a total holiday of 40 nights.

15 Nights

Day 1 – Wednesday 15th September 2027

We meet at a campsite on Spain's northern Costa Verde (Green Coast) in the enchanting city of San Sebastian. Early evening the Tour Directors will host a welcome drinks reception and tour briefing outside their motorhome, following which we have a group dinner in a nearby local restaurant. An opportunity to meet your fellow travel companions.

Day 2

Today we make use of the local city transport which picks up from outside the campsite for a day in San Sebastian. During the morning there will be a guided city walking tour taking in the architecture of this city that mixes aspects of French and Spanish influences. The remainder of the day is free, returning to the campsite again using the local city transport to be dropped right outside the campsite.

Day 3

Move inland to the town of Haro, located at the centre of the Rioja wine growing region and home to much of its production. **90 miles**



Day 4

This morning it's just a short walk to one of the most prestigious Bodegas of the Rioja Region. We have a guided tour of the cellars, including of course a tasting session. Following our tour, we will be served a traditional Spanish lunch within the Cellar's own Dining Room. Free afternoon/evening for exploring Haro.

Day 5 – Sunday 19th September

Move today to the world heritage city of Burgos. Our campsite is a pleasant 45-minute riverside walk from the historical centre. **55 miles**

Day 6

Join today with the Tour Directors as they take a walk into town for a guided city tour. Alternatively, local buses leave from the campsite to the centre or a taxi can be used (both payable locally). Our local guide will take us around the historical centre and explain the history of this city, that was the capital of the Kingdom of Castile.

Day 7

Leaving the city, we travel to the National Park of the Picos mountains, where peaks reach 2,650m. **100 miles**

Day 8

Free day. Spectacular views of the Picos Europa mountains are available directly from the camping and a good visit is the very picturesque town of Potes, 1 mile from the camping.



Day 9

Travel back to the Costa Verde to reach the beautiful coastal fishing town of Cudillero. Leaving the Picos Mountains the road follows the river through the 'Picos Gorge'. Marvel at the high scenery all around and the engineering required for getting a road into this narrow valley. Our campsite on the coast is a family affair where we stay for 4 nights. **125 miles**

Day 10

A free day and the opportunity of joining with the Tour Directors in taking the local narrow-gauge railway (payable locally) to the city of Aviles.

Day 11

Coach excursion from the campsite to the city of Oviedo, capital of the Principality of Asturias. Guided city tour and city restaurant lunch included.

Day 12 – Sunday 26th September

Free day. The fishing village of Cudillero is less than a mile from our camping and something special to see. It can be reached by foot or using a local taxi.

Day 13

Travelling across northern Spain on some very scenic roads, our destination is Santiago de Compostela, acknowledged as the traditional end of the Pilgrim route and the burial place of the Apostle James. The amazing Cathedral built here in his honour attracts pilgrims from all over the world. **155 miles**



Day 14

Join with the Tour Directors this morning to walk the final 2km of the Camino de Santiago, this being the distance from the campsite to the Cathedral. Once in the city join at the Cathedral for the midday Pilgrim's Mass, where those who have completed their Pilgrimage are mentioned – a very unique experience. During the afternoon we have a guided walking tour of the city to learn how the Cathedral became a place of Pilgrimage. Free time for own lunch arrangements.

Day 15

A free day. Next to the camping is a large commercial centre offering an easy opportunity to explore and shop Spanish styles. This evening, we get together in the campsite's own restaurant for a 'Farewell Dinner'.

Day 16 – Thursday 30th September 2027

Tour ends. It's an easy return to Santander for the ferry back to Portsmouth. Alternatively take a longer route back travelling through France towards the UK. NOTE: The Tour Directors will not be returning at this time, they will move on to the Portugal Discovery tour, that starts in 2 days and 125 miles from here.

PRICE **TOUR DEPOSIT £500** Balance 10 weeks prior to start of tour

Motorhome with 2 people = £1,499 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £2,249

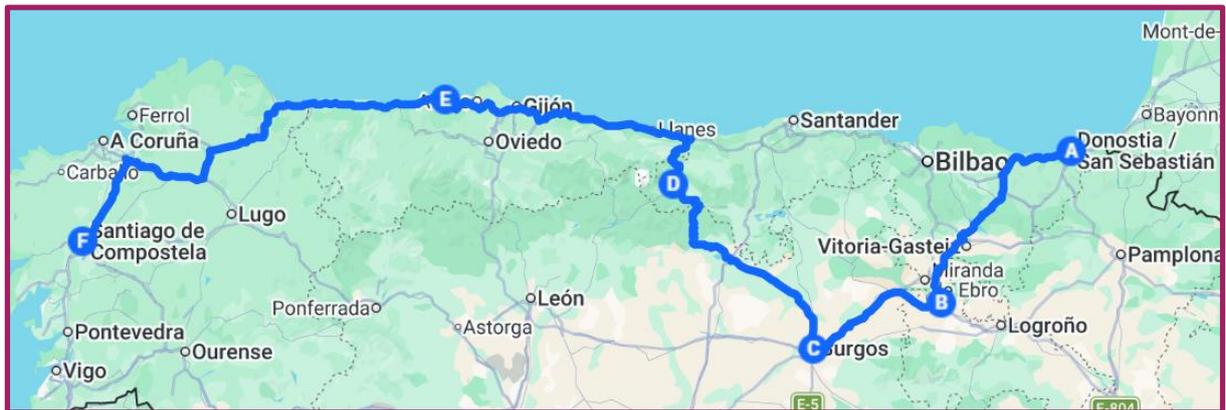
INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 15 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Transfers required for excursions unless stated otherwise
- Entrance fees on excursions unless otherwise specified
- Spain Michelin map
- Tour information pack with suggested routes and GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of two experienced Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome throughout the tour
- Minimum of 1 drink with all group lunches and 2 drinks with all group dinners (beer, wine, soft drink)

EXCURSIONS & EVENTS INCLUDED

- Welcome tour drinks reception
- Group dinner in local restaurant
- Guided walking tour of San Sebastian
- Visit to Haro Bodega
- Tour and tastings at Bodega
- Lunch at Bodega
- Guided walking tour of Burgos historical centre
- Opportunity to join the tour directors in taking the train to Aviles (payable locally)

- Excursion to Oviedo city
- Lunch in Oviedo restaurant
- Guided walking tour of Oviedo
- Opportunity to join with tour directors to walk the last 2km of the Camino de Santiago
- Visit to the Pilgrims Mass
- Guided walking tour in Santiago de Compostela
- Farewell Dinner



This tour starts in northern Spain. If you would like to travel from the UK at the same time and with the Tour Director on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf. There is also the option to have a return Spain to UK crossing included.

OPTIONAL OUTWARD PACKAGE

- Outward Portsmouth to northern Spain ferry with inside en-suite cabin. Option at time of booking to upgrade to outside cabin at additional cost of £40.
- Meet with the Tour Directors at Portsmouth for the evening sailing on Sunday 12th September 2027
- 1 additional Campsite night with hook-up in northern Spain on Tuesday 14th September
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome from Portsmouth

PRICE

6m motorhome with 2 people - £449 per person

6m motorhome with 1 person - £889

Supplement for motorhomes above 6m - £70 per metre or part metre

Deposit £500

Balance payable 10 weeks before the start of tour

OPTION TO INCLUDE RETURN FERRY CROSSING

If you would like to have the return northern Spain to UK ferry included to your booking, this can be done at the time of booking. The date for the return is flexible for you to choose and the price will be that offered by Brittany Ferries for your selected date.

Deposit £400

Balance payable 10 weeks before the start of tour