

VINTAGE SPAIN 
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presents

Rioja Gourmet Wine Break

4 days/3 nights


Campo Viejo

Summary: Vintage Spain has worked with Campo Viejo to create this fantastic tour which will give you a good experience in Riojan wines, while showing some of the landmarks of Riojan history and art. The famous Guggenheim museum in the nearby city of Bilbao will be a nice complement to the tour. And of course the trip will include a visit to the stunning Juan Alcorta winery where Campo Viejo is produced.

Highlights: 3 nights lodging (one night Bilbao, 2 nights Rioja), 1 guided wine tour, one traditional Riojan lunch with wine, one tapas tour, one cheese and olive oil tasting, 4 days rental car, Winery visits: Juan Alcorta and artisan subterranean winery in Laguardia, Guggenheim Museum



Itinerary

Legend: H: hotel, B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: Dinner

Day 1: Arrival in Bilbao. Overnight in Bilbao (H)

Arrive to Bilbao. Pick up your rental car at Bilbao airport and drive to your hotel in Bilbao. Enjoy free time in Bilbao and dinner on your own (If you prefer you can pick up the car the next day)

Day 2: Bilbao, the Guggenheim and Medieval Rioja. Overnight in Rioja. (H, B, L, WV)



After a full breakfast in your hotel you can visit the **Guggenheim Museum** designed by the architect Frank O. Gehry (tickets included). This Museum, together with the landscaping and buildings that surround it, can be considered as one of the best settings in Spain today, worth to spend some time admiring architecture at its best. A walk along the waterside of the Nervion river with the Calatrava bridge, and the spider or the flower puppy in front of the Museum are now landmarks in the new image of modern and artistic Bilbao.

Depart Bilbao and enjoy a wonderful drive to Rioja through the green mountains of the Basque countryside. Arriving in Rioja you will enjoy the breathtaking views of the Riojan vineyards and a traditional lunch will be waiting for you. After lunch we invite you to visit the **medieval walled village of Laguardia** (13th century) and its church. Under the stone paved streets and homes of Laguardia it is full of old subterranean bodegas, and over them there are many historic monuments and sites, like the Gothic facade of Santa Maria de los Reyes church from the 14th century. **Visit an artisan subterranean winery with underground cellars and taste the wine produce there.** Dinner will be on your own.

Day 3. Guided Tour of Rioja Wine. Overnight in Rioja. (H, B, L, WV)



Today, your guide will pick you up to visit Campo Viejo winery: Juan Alcorta with a tasting of Campo Viejo wines. You will also have a cheese and olive oil tasting and a tapas lunch in Laurel Street in Logroño, with talk on its history, Rioja and its wine culture. Dinner will be on your own.

CAMPO VIEJO WINERY: BODEGAS JUAN ALCORTA in Logroño, www.bodegasjuanalcorta.com. Situated in the heart of La Rioja the land is ideally suited to growing, making and ageing wines. Its spectacular architecture and the efficiency of its modern winemaking process place Juan Alcorta in the vanguard of winemaking and the new wine culture. Some of the more traditional winemaking processes are retained such as allowing the grapes to fall by the force of gravity and the excavation of the cellar underground, resulting in a quality range of stunning Campo Viejo wines.

Day 4. Back home and end of the trip. (B)

Transfer to Bilbao airport after breakfast

Price and conditions

Price per person in double room tax included:

- 945 euros per person for a group of 2 people
- 745 euros per person for a group of 4 people
- Discounts for larger groups

This price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation with breakfast in double occupancy. Rooms are standard double, upgrade is possible and single supplement applies, 1 night in Bilbao, 2 nights in Laguardia
- Rental car for 4 days
- Transport as per itinerary with a bilingual Spanish/English driver/guide for one day, the day of the guided tour
- Meals as per itinerary with wine. 1 traditional lunch, and tapas lunch in Logroño.
- Entrance fees the Guggenheim Museum
- Informal cheese and olive oil tasting
- 2 Winery visits with wine tasting included
- Tour information and detailed itinerary.
- Taxes

What is not included:

- Meals not included.
- Hotel expenses like mini bar, room service, laundry, telephone, etc., and expenses of a personal nature, cancellation insurance, health insurance, etc

Conditions

- The tour is fully customizable, you can have the first or the last night in Bilbao, depending on flight times. The final schedule will depend on winery availability and your personal preferences
- If for any reason any given establishment is not available during the dates requested, we will change the winery, hotel or restaurant for a different one within the same category and level of service.
- We accept credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) and bank transfers
- **Deposit:** A 100€ per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. 100% of the total tour price (the 100€ deposit is then applied) must be received 30 days before the starting of the tour.
- **Cancellation policy:** More than 30 days before the tour starts full refund minus 100€ handling fee. Less than 30 days before the tour starts there is no refund. Tour cancellations must be made in writing.

LODGING:

Bilbao: A centrally located 4 star hotel. The hotel will be within walking distance of the Guggenheim Museum. We will give you the best available choice for the selected days

Rioja: A 4 star hotel in Laguardia or Logroño. You can also select a bed and breakfast style lodging or a more countryside setting. Options will be given and suggestions made according to the dates

Terms and Conditions

In these conditions "the company" means RUTAS DE VINO S.L. who acts as the tour organizer and an agent for all carriers and services. The company cannot be held responsible for expenses outside the tour itinerary, or liable for weather conditions, acts of God, natural disasters, strikes, terrorism, injury, property loss and/or damage or other events beyond control. The company is not liable for personal injury or property damage due to occurrences, negligence, or omissions caused by tour suppliers such as but not limited to: establishments frequented, hotels, product producers, restaurants or transportation companies. The company reserves the right to adjust the itinerary if necessary and substitute services of an equitable or better quality if required. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the company reserves the right to cancel a tour at any time before departure and supply participants with a full land refund. This does not include additional expenses such as but not limited to: passport fees, nonrefundable airline tickets.

- **Payment has to be made to Vintage Spain - RUTAS DE VINO S.L. by:**
 - Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard (we do not accept American Express)
 - Bank Transfer to Rutas de Vino SL.
- **Deposits:** We require a non refundable deposit to secure the reservation. The amount will depend on the characteristics of the tour
- **Final Payment of Balance:** Full payment is due within 30 days of tour. If tour date is less than 30 days away, full payment is required upon booking confirmation.
- **Cancellation Terms:** More than 30 days before the tour starts full refund minus deposit. Less than 30 days before the tour starts, cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. Tour cancellations must be made in writing.
- Health/accident insurance is strongly recommended. We do not assume any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage of personal effects or for any injury or loss during the duration of the tour.
- We do not make any reservations of wineries or restaurants before the confirmation of the tour. We will always try to accommodate your request.

Testimonials/ References: **You can review past client comments in our web page:**

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References are always available upon request.

Many thanks for your interest in our tours!