

VINTAGE SPAIN

Rutas de vino

Invites you to experience the **Energy** from
“**Harvest Time**” in Rioja

GOURMET HARVEST EXPERIENCE IN RIOJA September and October, 2009

Harvest: From grape to bottle. September Program

Meet in the morning and start the walk to the vineyards. You will be accompanied by an expert viticultor who will explain about Rioja, grapes, land and vineyards. Learn about the importance of the grapes and the vineyards to have a good wine, and the difference that the soil and the weather have on the final fruit. It is time of harvest, so you will pick up the grapes by hand and put them in boxes before taking them to the winery.



After the vineyard you will head to our traditional winery (so called *bodega de cosechero*), in the same village, where we will carry out different experiments in order to understand the fermentation of wine and winemaking in general. You will later on descend to the 16th century cellar, dug in natural stone, where you will taste wine directly from the barrels (with the appropriate explanations). Finally, each member of the group will bottle his own bottle of wine, that he will carry back home personalized on the label.

Lunch will be traditional riojan food in a winery or a restaurant, depending on the day. And you will visit a modern winery where you will see the bustle of harvest time in a working place.

Traditional Harvest: Picking and Stomping. October Program



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And now the fun start, you will take the grapes and you will press them with your own feet in one of the stone lagares or lakes that were in use in Rioja during the XVI century. After such a hard work you will enjoy a well deserved traditional lunch and the visit to a working winery.

OPTION 1: ONE DAY HARVEST EXPERIENCE, 95 euros per person, extra 55 euros for transport. Dates: Sep 23rd, Sep 28th, Sep 30th

OPTION 2: FULL HARVEST EXPERIENCE: 195 euros per person, extra 55 euros for transport. 2 nights, one day harvest experience, Dates: Sep 22nd -24th, Sep 27th -29th, Sep 29th - Oct 1st

OPTION 3: ONE DAY HARVEST and STOMPING EXPERIENCE, 95 euros per person. Dates: October 11th.

Check new dates, we keep on forming new groups....

This price of the harvest experience includes:

- Transport in Rioja with a bilingual Spanish/English driver/guide when applicable.
- Harvest experience, with vineyard and winery visit.
- Lunch with wine as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to monuments and sites.
- 5 Winery visits with wine tasting included.
- Tour information and detailed itinerary.
- Taxes

The full harvest experience includes as well

- 2 nights in new hotel in Logroño. Rooms are standard double, upgrade is possible and single supplement applies.
- Dinner reservations or tapas tour advise in Logroño

Conditions

- If you want to extend the tour in Rioja, Bilbao, or anywhere in Spain, please let us know, we will be very happy to accommodate your request.
- 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.
- **Deposit:** A 50€ per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. 100% of the total tour price (the 50€ deposit is then applied) must be received 7 days before the starting of the tour.
- **Cancellation policy:** More than 7 days before the tour starts full refund minus 50€ handling fee. Less than 7 days before the tour starts there is no refund. Tour cancellations must be made in writing.
- **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.

Testimonials/ References: You can review past client comments in our web page:
<http://www.vintagespain.com/reviews.htm>

Many thanks for your interest in our tours!