



Douro Valley, Portugal



Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, Spain

Northern Spain & Portugal: Pilgrimage into the Past

Spain: Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, León, Santiago de Compostela |

Portugal: Douro Valley, Porto

17 days starting from **\$6,645**

including international airfare from San Francisco (SFO) or Los Angeles (LAX)

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Return Date: OCTOBER 8, 2025

Activity Level:

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Bilbao, Spain
2-4	Bilbao
5-6	Pamplona
7-8	León
9-11	Santiago de Compostela
12-13	Douro Valley, Portugal
14-16	Porto
17	Return to U.S.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country

PRE-TRIP: 5 nights from **\$2,095**

Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais

POST-TRIP: 4 nights from **\$1,695**

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight from the U.S. to Bilbao, Spain.

DAY 2 • Bilbao, Spain

Arrive in Bilbao, Spain, and meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those on our optional *Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country* extension.

DAY 3 • Bilbao

Get acquainted with Bilbao during an included walking tour. Visit the medieval Old Town, also known as the “Seven Streets” neighborhood, which is home to the Ribera Market—Europe’s largest covered market.

DAY 4 • Bilbao • Guernica • Visit Guernica Peace Museum • Txakoli wine tasting

Explore the Basque coast, beginning in Guernica where the German Luftwaffe bombed in 1937. After, visit a community center for a conversation about the struggle for Basque independence. Then, head to a family-run wine cellar to learn about and taste *txakoli* wine.

DAY 5 • Bilbao • San Sebastian excursion • Pamplona

We travel overland to Pamplona in the heart of Basque country. Along the way, we’ll stop in San Sebastian, Spain’s gourmet capital. Get to know the city during a walking tour.

IT’S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 32 meals—15 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 8 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 15 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters for 1 piece of luggage
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure



Camino de Santiago, Galicia, Spain

DAY 6 • Conversation about the running of the bulls • Walk the Camino de Santiago • Pamplona

Explore the Camino de Santiago, one of Europe’s most important pilgrimage routes. Then, visit Pamplona, a city made famous by the running of the bulls, with a walking tour led by a local resident who will discuss the controversy surrounding this local tradition.

DAY 7 • Ubidea • Overland to León

Today we travel overland to León with a stop along the way in Ubidea, one of the smallest towns in Basque Country. We’ll set explore Ubidea’s archaeological center before continuing onward to León.

DAY 8 • A Day in the Life of a Spanish farm • León

Spend **A Day in the Life** of a rural Spanish farm. After meeting the farm’s owner, we’ll explore the property, see the animals, and sit down to a farm-fresh lunch. Later, set on a discovery walk in León to witness the city’s long history, with a mix of medieval, Gothic, Renaissance, and Modernist architecture.

DAY 9 • Santiago de Compostela

Travel to Santiago de Compostela, the culmination of the *camino*. Along the way, we’ll stop in Santa Colomba de Somoza, a



Porto, Portugal

small village nestled in the historical region of la Maragatería. We'll visit a local beekeeper and have lunch with a local family before continuing on to Santiago.

DAY 10 • Santiago

Today, explore Santiago de Compostela, the city that has been the destination of many pilgrims, on a walking tour ending at the famous cathedral.

DAY 11 • Santiago • Optional Pontevedra & Combarro tour

Explore on your own today, or join an optional tour to the riverside city of Pontevedra and Combarro, a fishing village famous for its *hórreos*, traditional stone grain stores on stilts.

DAY 12 • Douro Valley • Chaves • Home-Hosted Lunch • Explore Chaves

Today, we leave Spain and depart for Portugal's Douro Valley. Our first stop across the border is in Chaves, a town known for its hot springs and its military value. Later, savor an authentic slice of Portuguese life during a **Home-Hosted Lunch** with a local family in Chaves.

DAY 13 • Discover Douro Valley • Douro River cruise • Quinta visit

Explore port wine country along the Douro River during a cruise, enjoying views of the rolling hills, terraced vineyards, and Portuguese countryside as they pass you by. Later, we'll visit a *quinta* (wine farm) to trace the path of port from grape to glass. We'll also enjoy lunch at the vineyard.

DAY 14 • Porto

Travel west to coastal Porto, and enjoy a panoramic driving tour to see some of its famous sites and buildings. Then, we'll explore Porto's 2,000-year-old streets during a walk tour with a stop at the Palácio da Bolsa, the city's stock market and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 15 • Porto • Optional Arouca tour

Explore Porto at your own pace today. Or join us for an optional tour of the Arouca Bridge and Geopark—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—before making our way to Arouca Monastery.

DAY 16 • Porto • Portuguese youth emigration conversation

Enjoy a walking tour of Porto, and visit landmarks like the Parque das Virtudes and the Clérigos Church. Then, meet with local students to discuss how educated young people seem to be rapidly emigrating from Portugal.

DAY 17 • Return to U.S.

Depart for the airport for your return flight home, or to begin our post-trip extension to *Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais*.



Carcassonne, France

Carcassonne, Bayonne & French Basque Country

5 nights pre-trip from **\$2,195** Only **\$439** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight to Toulouse, France.

DAY 2 • Arrive Toulouse, France • Transfer to Carcassonne

Today, arrive in Toulouse, where an O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and assist in your transfer to Carcassonne.

DAY 3 • Explore Carcassonne

This morning, we'll gather for a Welcome Briefing at the hotel before we get to know Carcassonne during a walking tour. We'll stroll through La Cité before we stop into a local café for coffee. This evening, we'll gather for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 4 • Explore Carcassonne • Optional Albi tour

After breakfast, enjoy the day pursuing independent discoveries in Carcassonne. Or, you can join an optional tour to Albi, a medieval town perched on the banks of the Tarn River.

DAY 5 • Carcassonne • Overland to Bayonne

This morning, we depart for Bayonne, pausing en route to explore Auch. We continue on to Bayonne this afternoon.

DAY 6 • Explore Bayonne • Discover Basque Country

This morning, we'll explore Bayonne on a walking tour. We'll enjoy an in-depth discovery of life in Basque Country, beginning in Laressore, a village on the Nive River. Here, we visit a workshop specializing in the *makhila*, the walking stick with a secret weapon inside. Later, we'll visit Espellete, a town that makes the red pepper that flavors Bayonne ham.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodation
- 9 meals—5 breakfasts and 4 lunches
- 7 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



Cascais, Portugal

Lisbon, Sintra Palace & Seaside Cascais

4 nights post-trip from **\$1,795** Only **\$449** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

DAY 1 • Overland to Lisbon • Explore Aveiro

This morning, we depart for Lisbon, stopping en route to discover Aveiro, including its 1,000-year-old salt flats and charming canals.

DAY 2 • Explore Lisbon

Today we enjoy a walking tour of Lisbon, beginning in Belem, the historic neighborhood overlooking the harbor, as well as the home of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites dating from the early 16th century: Belem Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. Then, we'll continue to the Alfama district. You have free time to explore Lisbon independently.

DAY 3 • Lisbon • Explore Sintra & Cascais

We'll explore Sintra today, a village dating back to the Middle Ages. We'll visit the Convent of the Capuchos, as well as the towering Regaleira Palace, followed by time to discover Sintra at leisure. We'll continue on to the seaside retreat of Cascais before returning to Lisbon.

DAY 4 • Explore Lisbon

We explore Lisbon on foot this morning, following cobbled lanes and soaking in the city's mix of historic buildings and modern pleasures. We'll also enjoy a ride on local public transportation. Following free time this afternoon, we'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner together.

DAY 5 • Return to U.S.

We depart for the airport for our flights home.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights accommodation
- 8 meals—4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 1 dinner
- 7 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



Ubidea, Spain

2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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Small Group Adventure only	\$5,295
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AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco (SFO)	\$1,350
Los Angeles (LAX)	\$1,350
Sacramento (SMF)	\$1,450

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 Deposit per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, late June 2025

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

1-800-955-1925

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based on a trip price of \$6,500 per person

Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
15 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1,300
14 months prior	9% off	\$585	\$1,170
13 months prior	8% off	\$520	\$1,040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% off	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% off	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% off	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to \$18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.oattravel.com/tc for details. See www.oattravel.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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