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# SAN SEBASTIÁN & RIOJA

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Picture yourself savoring regional wines as sunlight shines on medieval villages. Here in Spain's Basque Country, where the sea meets the mountains, life moves at a slower pace – inviting you to taste, connect, and wander. Relish the bold and traditional flavors that define its outstanding cuisine, from Rioja's sun-drenched vineyards to San Sebastián's seaside pinxtos bars. Lose yourself among ancient salt valleys, and charming fishing villages that whisper secrets of the past. And discover the joy of living like a local – unhurried, passionate, and full of life.



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## YOUR ITINERARY

#### SIGNATURE MOMENTS

- TASTE YOUR WAY THROUGH SAN SEBASTIÁN: Wander the lively streets of San Sebastián, where world-famous pinxtos bars tempt with bold flavors a tradition born in the early 20th century to entice locals in for a small bite and drink.
- HIKE THE CAMINO ALONG THE COAST: Trace a stretch of the Camino del Norte one
  of the most breathtaking routes of the legendary Camino de Santiago, walked by pilgrims
  since the 9th century along cliffs that meet the ocean and the sky.
- VENTURE INTO THE VINEYARDS: Embark on a guided hike through Rioja's famed vineyards to soak in the natural beauty and discover the art of winemaking that defines this region. This special experience brings you into the heart and soul of one of the world's most celebrated wine destinations.
- FLAVORS INSPIRED BY A MICHELIN-STARRED MASTER: Savor the regional flair of authentic cuisine, crafted under the inspiration of Michelin-starred Chef Francis Paniego at the Hotel Marqués de Riscal. Experience the luxury of local ingredients, thoughtfully transformed into unforgettable flavors.

#### HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Expert guidance provided by your Roam Director and local guides
- Exceptional 4- and 5- star accommodations chosen for their character, comfort, and connection to place
- Gratuities included for Roam Directors, drivers, luggage handlers, bellmen, doormen, and dining room servers
- 14 meals included (6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 3 dinners)
- Curated activities offered as "Your Choice" options are included in your journey price

For travelers in the United States, call your travel advisor or 1-877-519-2204.

In the following countries, call your travel advisor or the number for your market:

- United Kingdom: 0800-810-8020
- Australia: 1800-962-043
- New Zealand: 0-800-500-732

In all other countries, please call the United States phone number.



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### San Sebastián

#### DAYS 01-03: HOTEL MARIA CRISTINA

Since it opened in 1912, Hotel Maria Cristina, a Luxury Collection Hotel, has been intimately linked to the history and cultural life of San Sebastian. In the late 19th century, the seaside town on the southern point of the Bay of Biscay became a favorite destination for royalty and aristocrats who came to enjoy the sunshine and newly recognized therapeutic properties of sea bathing, where a traditional afternoon stroll along the boardwalk offered an opportunity to see and be seen while the many cafés and open-air terraces were filled with high society. A stay here is more than a night's rest – it's a glimpse into the city's elegance and effortless grace.

#### STAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Beautiful river and city views
- 24-hour fitness center
- On-site dining and bars Morimoto Epicurean San Sebastián, Maria Cristina Breakfast & Dry Martini by Javier de las Muelas

#### DAY 01

#### ARRIVE IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Arrive with an included transfer from Bilbao Airport (BIO) or the San Sebastián train stations and settle into the Hotel Maria Cristina. Tonight, meet fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant.

• MEALS: Dinner

#### DAY 02

#### FLAVORS OF SAN SEBASTIÁN

Savor the spirit of San Sebastián with a funicular up to Mt. Igueldo for panoramic views of the city and beaches. Sample local favorites with Basque flair on a guided pinxto bar tour, taking you through the many local specialties. Continue your evening by indulging in more of the culinary treasures this foodie region has to offer.

- YOUR CHOICE: An optional early morning with a refreshing walk and swim at La Concha Beach.
- ◆ MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

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#### DAY 03

#### COASTAL STATE OF MIND

Set out on a rejuvenating hike along a section of the Camino de Santiago Trail, where sea breezes and sweeping views act as your guide toward the charming fishing village of Getaria. Explore the gems of this fishing village, including their famous seafood grill dishes, and take in this coastal haven's charm. Later in the evening, embrace your last opportunity to experience the region's unique cuisine.

- YOUR CHOICE: Explore Getaria your way fresh fish and pinxtos await.
- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

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## Rioja

#### DAYS 04-07: HOTEL MARQUÉS DE RISCAL

Like a ribbon of wine unfurling across the Rioja landscape, the avant-garde Hotel Marqués de Riscal – designed by visionary architect Frank Gehry – blends production with countryside serenity. Surrounded by rolling vineyards, it stands as both a working winery and a place of leisure for guests. Guiding its acclaimed cuisine is Chef Francis Paniego, who captures the essence of Rioja in every dish.

#### STAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-service spa treatments with signature services
- 24-hour fitness center
- 61 luxury bedrooms all with unique features
- Winery with beautiful vineyards around the entire property
- On-site dining Restaurante Marqués de Riscal, 1860 Tradición, Vinoteca & Bistro, Asador Torrea

#### DAY 04

#### SPECIALTY SALT IN AÑANA

Journey to Añana Salt Valley, one of the world's most remarkable cultural landscapes, to explore centuries-old terraces, hear stories of the families who've preserved this tradition, and enjoy a gourmet salt tasting. The salt from this valley is prized by chefs around the world, making this tasting a rare experience. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour and tasting of your accommodation's famed wines and historic cellar. Later in the evening, an authentic dinner of regional light bites paired with wine await.

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- YOUR CHOICE: An evening at leisure at Hotel Marqués de Riscal.
- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 05

#### A DAY IN THE VINEYARDS

Cycle through nature's masterpiece – the lush vineyards of Rioja. Take in the mountain views before enjoying a well-earned lunch paired with local wines. Unwind with an afternoon siesta or make the most of your accommodation's amenities – perhaps a rejuvenating visit to the spa. As evening falls, enter the dreamy town of Laguardia to admire its preserved buildings and wine cellars.

- YOUR CHOICE: Exploring the medieval town of Laguardia how you choose.
- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 06

#### TASTES AND TRAILS OF RIOJA

Embark on a guided hike through the vineyards, admiring rolling landscapes and gaining insights into the art of grape growing and winemaking – an intimate experience that immerses you in the very heart of this wine region. After lunch at a historic bodega, soak in every bit of luxury from your accommodation – whether it's a soothing massage or a refreshing dip in the pool. Your evening concludes with a specially prepared selection of dishes inspired by Michelin-starred Chef Francis Paneigo at the Hotel Marqués de Riscal.

- YOUR CHOICE: An optional early morning yoga session at the Hotel Marqués de Riscal overlooking the vineyards.
- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 07

#### **JOURNEY ON**

Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel. Transfers are included to Bilbao Airport (BIO).

- YOUR CHOICE: Morning departures or extend your stay in Rioja.
- ◆ MEALS: Breakfast



## TRIP PREP & ESSENTIALS

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED ON THIS JOURNEY?

All hotel accommodations, airport and train station transfers, excursions, select meals, sightseeing, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Roam Directors, local guides and drivers are included.

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

International round trip airfare, travel protection plans, and any activities and meals you choose to pursue during free time that are not outlined in the itinerary are not included in the price of the trip.

#### WHERE DOES THE TRIP START AND END?

The journey begins in San Sebastián, with included transfers to the hotel from Bilbao Airport (BIO) or the San Sebastián train stations, provided we receive your arrival details at least three weeks in advance. The journey ends in Rioja, with included transfers to Bilbao Airport (BIO). Transfers may be shared with fellow Roam by Tauck guests.

#### **HOW ACTIVE IS THIS JOURNEY?**

The activity level of this tour is 4 and is designed for fit, vigorous travelers capable of easily walking 3+ miles over hills and and/or rocky or uneven terrain. Many days might include active pursuits such as hiking, bicycling or kayaking one to three hours at a time.

#### WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED?

U.S. citizens need a passport valid for six months beyond the end of the trip; no visa is required for entry into Spain. Non-U.S. citizens should check with an embassy or consulate of Spain to determine what travel documentation are required for entry. All guests are required to provide their passport information to Tauck at time of booking.

**Please Note**: Longer stays abroad for any purpose may require additional travel documentation.



## ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SOLO TRAVELERS?

Yes. Solo travelers typically pay an additional cost known as a solo supplement, which covers the second portion of the room rate normally shared between two guests. The exact amount varies by journey and departure date. If you'd like details or a specific quote for your preferred trip, please call us at 877-519-2204 - we're happy to help.

#### DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposits & Payments: A \$700 per person deposit (plus optional Protection Plan or Cancel Fee Waiver) is due at booking. Final payment is due 90 days before departure for land journeys, and 120 days for cruises and rail. If paid by credit card, final payment will be charged automatically unless you opt out at booking. Unpaid bookings may be canceled and subject to fees.

#### TAUCK'S GUEST PROTECTION

Tauck's Guest Protection gives you added peace of mind, with cancellation coverage before your journey begins and insurance benefits while you're traveling. To be eligible, it must be purchased within 10 days of your initial deposit. This optional protection includes:

**Cancel for Any Reason**: Under Tauck's Cancellation Fee Waiver you can cancel your tour for ANY REASON up to the day before departure and receive a money-back refund (except in Extreme Circumstances\*) on the land tour cost, based on your original method of payment.

**Trip Cancellation**: If you must cancel your tour due to a covered reason, the plan provides coverage for the amount you paid for your travel arrangements. Since the non-insurance cancellation waiver takes care of the land package cancellation fees already, this benefit reimburses the airfare cancellation charges up to the value of your original airfare purchase.

**Trip Interruption**: If you have to interrupt your tour for covered reasons, the plan provides reimbursement for up to \$10,000 to catch up to your tour or return home.

**Travel Delay**: Provides reimbursement for missed, prepaid travel arrangements if you are delayed by a common carrier, natural disaster, unannounced strike, or other reasons as cited in the plan.

**Medical Expense**: Reimburses covered medical expenses incurred in the event you become injured or sick during your trip.

**Baggage / Personal Effects Protection**: Provides reimbursement in the event your luggage or personal effects are lost, stolen, damaged or delayed during your trip.

**Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services**: Provided by Carefree Travel Assistance; 24-hour emergency telephone assistance hotline for medical and travel related problems.



#### The cost of Tauck's Guest Protection is: \$399 per person

For full details, visit tauck.com/travelprotection

\*Extreme Circumstances: In the event of an act of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorism, accident, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, or other event or circumstance beyond our control that contributes to or results in cancellation rates above our historical cancellation rates in the absence of such event or occurrence, Tauck reserves the right to issue a credit to you in lieu of a money-back refund, applicable to a future Tauck journey. Travel Insurance Benefits - Underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

#### WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

**If you cancel within 10 days of initial deposit**: Within the first 10 days after you place your initial deposit, you may cancel your reservation for any reason with no cancellation fees.

If you cancel more than 10 days after initial deposit: Regardless of reason, cancellations result in costly charges from our travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by canceling confirmed bookings. These fees vary from tour to tour. Therefore, the following fees apply.

#### **Cancellation Fees with Tauck's Guest Protection Plan:**

Loss of Guest Protection fee, per person

#### **Cancellation Fees without Tauck's Guest Protection Plan:**

- 60 days or more before departure: \$350 per person
- 59 8 days before depature: \$600 per person
- 7 1 days before departure: \$900 per person

Time of cancellation will be when notice is received in our Wilton Woods, CT office.

In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, Tauck reserves the right to amend the cancellation and transfer terms outlined herein.

**Note:** All Guests, regardless of residency, who book a Tauck journey have the option of purchasing the Cancellation Waiver provided by Tauck in the event they need to cancel their trip after making their reservations. Tauck's Guest Protection, which includes both the Cancellation Fee Waiver and the Travel Insurance Benefits and Assistance Services described above, is not available to residents of Puerto Rico.