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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-calibre professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in Spain's breathtaking beauty and incomparable culture, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao

- ► **Sip Rioja** at a familyowned vineyard in Spain's fertile wine country.
- ► Engage with gregarious locals during an intimate gathering in San Sebastián.
- ►In Bilbao, get an insider's look beneath the iconic contours of the **Guggenheim Museum.**
- ► Discover the grandeur of **Madrid,** a truly Spanish city with a delightful allure.
- ► Step inside **Toledo's Gothic Cathedral**, one of Europe's finest gems.
- ► Roam **Laguardia's** honeycomb of historic wine bodegas.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a ten-day journey that showcases Northern Spain's personality-packed regions. On this intimate program, you will travel under blue Castilian skies to encounter timeless churches, avant-garde architecture and lively city plazas — all while experiencing Spain's irresistible verve and passion for life.

Encounter Madrid's treasures and tapas bars on an outing through Spain's sunny capital city. Beyond this regal centre, discover Toledo's unique blend of Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures, and taste the exceptional flavours of Spain's fertile wine country. Step inside the serpentine walls of the Guggenheim Museum, and bask in refreshing breezes in San Sebastián, along the Bay of Biscay. This educational adventure in Spain is certain to enrich your life with an experience you will never forget!

Our carefully planned itinerary combines exciting excursions and stimulating lectures with ample leisure time, allowing you to create your own adventures. Space is limited on this memorable journey, so we encourage you to make your reservation early!

Sincerely,

Daphne Jas

Daphne Tao Manager, Alumni Travel Program

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DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart gateway city for Madrid, Spain.

DAY TWO

MADRID, SPAIN

Upon arrival, transfer ★ to Hotel Wellington. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

DAY THREE

BIL

MADRID

Educational Focus: Spanish Art.

Excursion: *The Spanish Capital.* Conceived and built when Spain was at the height of its power, Madrid still has the look and feel of the seat of a great empire. Discover this bustling European capital during a panoramic tour. See the Royal Palace, the Plaza España, which features a monument dedicated to Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, and the Plaza Mayor, which was built during the reign of King Philip III during the 1600s. Enjoy the sights along the Gran Vía, Madrid's beautiful main boulevard.

Local Flavour: Break for lunch at a restaurant in the Plaza Mayor.

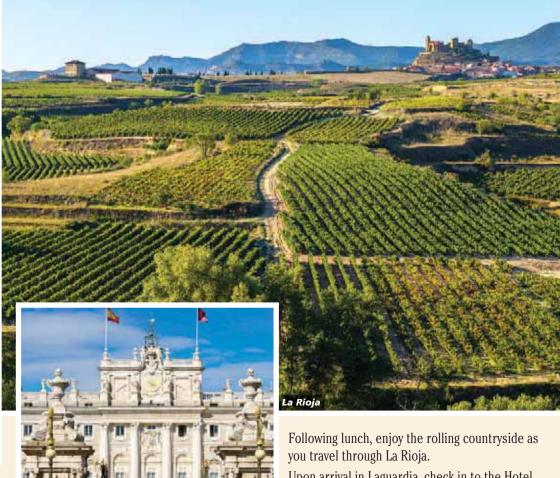
Independent Exploration: The afternoon and evening are at leisure in Madrid. Perhaps visit Madrid's myriad parks, churches or museums.

DAY FOUR

TOLEDO

Excursion: Toledo, the Cultural Capital. Perched on the banks of the Tagus River, marvellous Toledo displays a harmonious blend of Jewish, Moorish and Christian cultures. On a walking tour, explore this community where narrow streets flaunt sword shops and marzipan bakeries. See the city's well-preserved historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the imposing Toledo Cathedral, one of the most impressive Gothic structures in the world. Stand before El Greco's "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz," inside Santo Tomé Church, and step inside the Santa María La Blanca Synagogue.

Educational Focus: Contemporary Spain.



Upon arrival in Laguardia, check in to the Hotel Villa de Laguardia Sercotel.

Local Flavour: Enjoy a typical Rioja dinner this evening, complemented by the region's famous wine. Characterized by fresh produce and quality ingredients, the savoury cuisine from the La Rioja region will delight you with new flavours.

DAY SIX B | L | D

DAY FIVE

BILID

BURGOS | LAGUARDIA

Today, travel from Madrid to the hilltop town of Laguardia, which overlooks the romantic La Rioja wine country.

Excursion: *Burgos.* En route to Laguardia, visit mediaeval Burgos, nestled near the Arlanzón River. Stroll through the Old Town, and visit the Burgos Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Founded in 1221 by Bishop Mauricio, the cathedral features three naves, several beautiful chapels and a golden staircase.

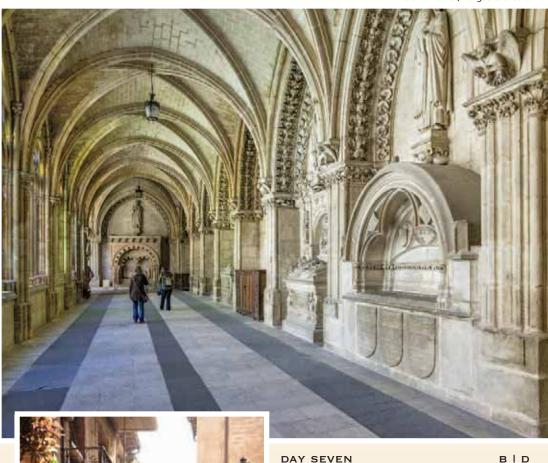
Local Flavour: Dine on delectable regional dishes near the cathedral.

LAGUARDIA

Excursion: *Wine Tasting in La Rioja.* Visit Bodegas Luis Cañas, a family-owned winery. Explore the beautiful property during a guided tour, and enjoy a tasting of the local vintages.

Local Flavour: Banquet at the winery for lunch.

Excursion: *Laguardia.* Set amid a backdrop of rolling vineyards and the Cantabrian Mountains, the 12th-century walled city of Laguardia was originally noted for its strategic military position. Tour this romantic mediaeval hamlet, and visit the church of Santa María de Los Reyes and the Plaza Mayor. In the neighbouring village of Elciego, enjoy a guided tour and tasting of the famous Marqués de Riscal winery. See the estate's



Frank Gehry-designed hotel featuring a multihued mosaic reminiscent of pink, gold and silver wine bottles.

DAY SEVEN

BILBAO | SAN SEBASTIÁN

This morning, depart for San Sebastián.

Excursion: *Bilbao*. In transit, visit Bilbao, the capital of Basque Country, and tour the Guggenheim Museum. Inside the museum's undulating titanium curves, admire an excellent collection of contemporary masterpieces by artists ranging from de Kooning to Rothko. Then, see the highlights of Bilbao during a guided tour.

Upon arrival in San Sebastián, check in to the Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra.

Educational Focus: The History of Northern Spain.

Cultural Experience: Enjoy a gathering, dinner and conversation with local residents tonight.

DAY EIGHT

BIL

SAN SEBASTIÁN

Excursion: A Walk Through San Sebastián.

Known as the Pearl of the Cantabrian Coast, San Sebastián is famous for its gardens and parks. Admire the city's many attractions



including the lively tapas bars, boardwalk and Belle Époque buildings.

Local Flavour: Enjoy a lunch of Spanish tapas. These tasty canapés and finger foods range from nuts and meat-filled pastries to cheeses and seafood.

DAY NINE

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SAN SEBASTIÁN

Independent Exploration: Spend the day at leisure in San Sebastián. Perhaps take a stroll along the city's beaches or search for treasures along the Avenida de la Libertad.

ELECTIVE | *Pamplona*. Renowned for its annual San Fermín Festival, Pamplona was first glorified in Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises." Discover Pamplona's narrow streets, visit one of the world's largest bullrings and see the chapel where the matadors pray prior to their duels. Visit the Church of San Lorenzo and the Santa Maria Cathedral, and enjoy lunch. Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception and Dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY TEN

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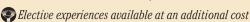
IN TRANSIT

Following breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

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B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



| ACCOMMODATIONS |



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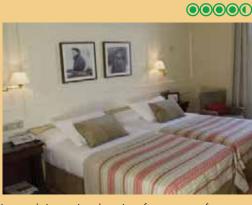
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HOTEL DE LONDRES Y DE INGLATERRA | SAN SEBASTIÁN





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- 1. The Historic City of Toledo
- 2. Burgos Cathedral



| INCLUDED FEATURES |

ACCOMMODATIONS

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- Three nights in Madrid, Spain, at the deluxe Hotel Wellington.
- Two nights in Laguardia at the first-class Hotel Villa de Laguardia Sercotel.
- Three nights in San Sebastián at the first-class Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra.

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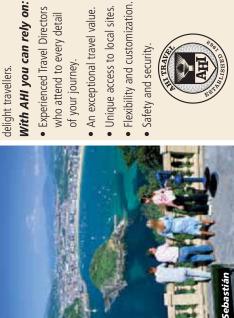
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