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A Private Luxury 11 Day Tour of Bilbao, San Sebastian and Barcelona

DAY 1

PRIVATE ARRIVAL TRANSFER BILBAO AIRPORT

Upon arrival at Bilbao airport, and after claiming your luggage, our English-speaking driver will greet you at the airport arrivals hall at the desired time. You will be privately transferred from Bilbao airport to your hotel in high-class private vehicle. You will check into your hotel, if the room is not ready, the hotel will store your luggage for you and the rest of the day is at your leisure.



Bilbao, an industrial port city in northern Spain, is surrounded by green mountains. It's the de facto capital of Basque Country, with a skyscraper-filled downtown. It's famed for the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, which sparked revitalization when it opened in 1997. The museum houses prominent modern and contemporary works, but it's the curvy, titanium-clad building that receives the most attention.

Carlton Hotel Bilbao

Plaza Federico Moyúa, 2, 48009 - BILBAO

3 nights at Carlton Hotel Bilbao in a Superior Room inclusive of breakfast



The Hotel Carlton is the most emblematic and luxurious establishment in the Villa de Bilbao. Distributed over 6 floors, it has 142 spacious rooms of different categories: standard rooms, superior rooms, demi Suite, Suite and Imperial Suite.

DAY 2 -

PRIVATE CULTURAL WALKING TOUR OF BILBAO

This morning a local English-speaking guide will meet you in the hotel lobby for a private cultural walking tour of Bilbao where entrances to The Guggenheim Museum is also included. After the tour, the rest of the day is at your leisure.

Private Cultural Walking Tour of Bilbao: We cannot get acquainted with Bilbao in a better way than through its heart, that is, its Old Town. While accompanied by our local guide we will saunter nooks brimming with life and keeping the essence of this metropolis with their industrial and fishing traditions. Our cultural tour will be complemented with the gastronomic treasure of the region: its pintxos, a miniature piece of cuisine that was born being very simple and that the bars of the Basque Country were improving and complexifying in order to attract more customers to their bars. After such a delicious itinerary, we will discover the Bilbao's most iconic building, the Guggenheim Museum, a glimmering titanium structure that looks more like a sculpture than a museum with which the architect Frank Gehry called the world's attention. Accompanied by our host we will delve in both the whimsically unique pieces exhibited and the explanations about the grandiose building's history. An all-around circuit in one of the country's most inspiring buildings.



The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is a museum of modern and contemporary art designed by Canadian American architect Frank Gehry, and located in Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain. The museum was inaugurated on 18 October 1997 by King Juan Carlos I of Spain, with an exhibition of 250 contemporary works of art.

DAY 3

PRIVATE BIKING EXPERIENCE WITH VIRGINIA BERASATEGUI

Today we include a private biking experience with Virginia Berasategui. This tour includes the services of a professional athlete as a private host for your private biking experience with all required equipment (professional carbon bikes, high quality cycling jersey...). You will enjoy a visit to Txakoli winery with wine tasting and lunch will be included in a well-known Basque restaurant. We will also provide a vehicle for any mechanical and traveller support.

Private Biking Experience with Virginia Berasategui:

Bilbao's surroundings are a gift of nature which deserves being visited. And all the more if accompanied by a most special guide, Virginia Berasategui, one of the best known and successful sportswomen around: winner of several ironmans, gold medallist in many a World Triathlon and European Championship... all in all certifying her at the best Spanish female triathlete of all times. Such an extraordinary escort to enjoy an exclusive day's adventure. After retirement from professional competition, Virginia devotes her time to share the beauty and charm of her land with the world, thus she has prepared a very special day for us: We will pedal along with her the area of Urdaibai, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and one of the world's most impressive natural spots. A unique and vital experience, transforming our life to the degree that we plan in advance with Virginia. She will guide us through the most beautiful corners of this cherished landscape which, to boot, will end with a tasting of "txacoli" wine and a delicious meal in one of the athlete's favourite places.



DAY 4

BILBAO TO SAN SEBASTAIN VIA SAN JUAN DE GAZTELUGATXE



This morning, you will meet with your driver/guide and depart from Bilbao to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, a magical coastal place literally “out of a movie” that you will visit with a local host. After breathing the sea breezes and touring the place, it will be time to cross the natural area of Urdaibai, an area declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1984. After this route you will arrive at Guernika, a town full of symbolism for the Basque people that was disproportionately punished in the Spanish Civil War, a fact that inspired Picasso to complete the “Guernica”, the most famous painting of the 20th century, a masterpiece that portrays the horrors of war. You will visit this well-known town with a local guide who will help you understand why this town is a symbol of democracy and a pacifist icon today. After this visit, you will go to a fantastic baserri, a Basque farmhouse to enjoy the local gastronomy (lunch not included, only booking). Upon finishing lunch, you will face your last trip that will take you directly to your hotel in San Sebastian. This evening meet in the hotel lobby with your expert English-speaking guide. Embark on a Private Gourmet Pintxos Tour with food and drinks included. The tour will end late this evening, and you can make your way back to your hotel at your leisure.



Gaztelugatxe is an islet on the coast of the Bay of Biscay belonging to the biscayan municipality of Bermeo, in the Basque A autonomous community. It is connected to the mainland by a man-made bridge. On top of the island stands a hermitage named Gaztelugatxeko Doniene in Basque (or San Juan de Gaztelugatxe in spanish), dedicated to John the Baptist, that late discoveries indicate might date back to the 9th century. With another small neighboring island, Aketx, they form a protected biotope that extends from the town of Bakio to Cape Matxitxako, on the Bay of Biscay.

Gernika is a town in the province of Biscay, in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, Spain. The village is situated in the region of Busturialdea, in the valley of the Oka River. The river ends in an estuary that gives its name to the village of Guernika. Its mouth is known as the Urdaibai's estuary's heart.

San Sebastián is a resort town on the Bay of Biscay in Spain's mountainous Basque Country. It's known for Playa de la Concha and Playa de Ondarreta, beaches framed by a picturesque bayfront promenade, and world-renowned restaurants helmed by innovative chefs. In its cobblestoned old town (Parte Vieja), upscale shops neighbor vibrant pintxo bars pairing local wines with bite-size regional specialties.



[Hotel Maria Cristina](#)

República Argentina K., 4, 20004 Donostia, Gipuzkoa, San Sebastian

3 nights at Hotel Maria Cristina in a Deluxe Room inclusive of breakfast



Overlooking the Urumea River, this grand belle époque hotel dating from 1912 is 8 minutes' walk from La Concha Beach, a 10-minute walk from Gros train station and 7 minutes on foot from the elegant shops in the city center.

DAY 5

FREE TIME TO EXPLORE AND A PRIVATE SAILING EXPERIENCE ON THE COAST

Today you will have some free time at leisure to explore the city further. Later in the afternoon or early evening, you will enjoy a private 2-hour sailing experience along the coast with drinks on board.

Sailing on the Coast of Gipuzkoa: Sailing a boat across Donostia-San Sebastián is one of the many grand assets the Basque Country can offer. But it can get even better if we sail aboard a classical wooden vessel with an almost centennial history, which is nonetheless perfectly preserved. Aboard the iconic sailboat and accompanied by two passionate local sailors bent on reclaiming and sharing their historical heritage, we will live an experience which goes beyond recreational outings. We will drop the mooring in San Sebastián's dock in a unique boat, abrim with style, one of the best spots to enjoy the coast, its natural enclaves and shores, among which we find -of course- the Playa de la Concha, a customary contender in the "best beach in the world" lists. Once arrived we will moor our beautiful vessel to enjoy the most impressive sunset we will ever witness and forge the memory of this coast firmly in our minds.



DAY 6

PRIVATE TOUR FROM SAN SEBASTIAN TO BIARRITZ AND SAN JUAN DE LUZ

You will meet with an English-speaking driver and expert guide at your hotel this morning for a morning tour to visit Biarritz and San Juan de Luz. The French south coast has been and is one of the most sought-after destinations among wealthy French people: fishing villages that have known how to adapt to the times, palaces where royalty used to spend the summer...Biarritz will be our first stop. This city was a vacation spot and home for French and later Russian royalty. A fishing and mainly whaling town became a place full of palaces and mansions. The local market, Old Port and The Virgin's Rock are some of the locations we can enjoy. After that, a 30-minutes' drive will take us to San Juan de Luz, the so-called "city of corsairs" with a population of around 13,000 inhabitants, stands out for its wooden architecture and its crescent-shaped bay. Having a walk down Gambetta Street and the promenade are a must. Finally, we will return to San Sebastián.



Biarritz, an elegant seaside town on southwestern France's Basque coast, has been a popular resort since European royalty began visiting in the 1800s. It's also a major surfing destination, with long sandy beaches and surf schools. A symbol of Biarritz, the Rocher de la Vierge is a rocky outcrop topped with a statue of the Virgin Mary. Reached via footbridge, it offers sweeping views of the Bay of Biscay.

DAY 7

PRIVATE TRANSFER TO SAN SEBASTIAN AIRPORT & TRANSFER FROM BARCELONA AIRPORT TO HOTEL

Meet your driver in the lobby of the hotel for a private transfer to San Sebastian airport for your independently booked flight. Upon arrival at Barcelona Airport, you will be met by your driver holding a sign with your name on it and privately transferred to your city centre hotel. The rest of the day is free to visit sites not included in your touring in the coming days.



Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region, is known for its art and architecture. The fantastical Sagrada Família church and other modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí dot the city. Museu Picasso and Fundació Joan Miró feature modern art by their namesakes. City history museum MUHBA, includes several Roman archaeological sites.

Hotel Neri Relais & Chateau

Carrer De Sant Sever, 5, 08002, BARCELONA

4 nights at Hotel Neri Relais & Chateau in a Deluxe with Terrace inclusive of breakfast



Located in the heart of the Gothic Quarter and surrounded by the old Jewish Quarter, the Hotel Neri occupies two historic buildings, one of them being a magnificent 12th century medieval palace, from which the old courtyard was recovered, and the sgraffito found, considered to be of the most important in the city.

DAY 8

PRIVATE HALF DAY GAUDI BARCELONA CITY TOUR

This morning you will meet with an expert English-speaking local guide for a private half day city tour of Barcelona. Entrance is included to Sagrada Familia and Park Güell with services of a vehicle and driver for up to 4 hours. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the city further at your leisure.

Strolling around Modernist Barcelona: No visit to Barcelona would be worth its while without closely tracing the work of its most illustrious architect and most famous representative of Catalan Modernism: Antoni Gaudí. Accompanied by a private expert guide we will visit the outside and inside of the Sagrada Familia, the iconic basilica and the most recognized work of the Catalan genius which, despite being already World Heritage site, is still under construction and guaranteed to leave no one indifferent. We will crown the trip at the district of Gràcia, where we will stroll Park Güell, a wonderful expanse where the union between nature and art is crafted in front of our eyes, another masterpiece of Gaudí to enjoy in depth and discover its incredible trencadís mosaic technique. A unique place to bring the great Modernist tour to a close, a masterpiece that reveals Gaudí's boundless imagination.



DAY 9

PRIVATE GUIDED BICYCLE TOUR OF BARCELONA & PRIVATE TAPAS COOKERY EXPERIENCE IN THE EVENING

This morning, we include a private guided bike tour of Barcelona with a local guide. Later in the day, you will enjoy a private cookery experience with an expert chef. The rest of the day is at your leisure to further explore Barcelona.

Private Guided Bicycle Tour: There is only one way to enjoy all the jewels of Barcelona in a few hours without losing the contact with people, Barcelona atmosphere and the city essence... that's in two wheels! Along this route, we will discover the most interesting areas and places of the Condal City, starting with the Olympic Port, at the heart of Barcelona's colourful beach front. Hidden back streets, lively squares, Roman walls and medieval palaces in the old centre will be combined with spacious streets and its modernist architecture. Discover the Ciutadella Park, Antonio Gaudí's famous masterpieces, Passeig de Gràcia, the Eixample and Raval neighbourhood, the Gothic Quarter, Barceloneta area... in a private bike route with expert guide. Services include guide, bicycle rental and necessary equipment.



Private Cookery Tapas Experience. An exclusive and private workshop of traditional Spanish cuisine is about the best way to introduce ourselves in the local gastronomic culture. To discover the processes, ingredients and ways of cooking the most famous dishes and tapas in Spain can be the most useful memory of our trip in order to surprise friends at home afterwards. In this experience, a private master chef will reveal to us the secrets of Spanish gastronomy and will help us create our own menú so that we, at the end, can taste the wonderful result. Esqueixada, a Esqueixada (a typical Catalan cod salad), patatas bravas (spicy potatoes), fideua marinera (short and thin noodles with seafood) or the classic Catalan cream for dessert will be some of the protagonists of this delicious workshop. All this, in a downtown space surrounded by a diaphanous atmosphere inspired in New York essence. Delicious!



DAY 10

PRIVATE HALF DAY WINE EXPERIENCE

This morning will be free for some time to relax and explore. In the afternoon, we include a private half day wine experience which will include a private English-speaking local guide, a private winery visit with tasting of the three most emblematic wines of the winery followed by a tapas-lunch of local products. We include a driver and vehicle for all transport today. The rest of the evening is at your leisure.



Wines, Rocks, Passion: At the heart of the Garraf Mountain Range, surrounded by nature and ploughed land arduously tilled across the generations, we find Can Ràfols dels Caus, a place with a simple philosophy: nature can but to give you back what you gave to her. We will start our exclusive visit accompanied by an expert host at the old farmhouse, which goes back to the XVIIth century, and be introduced to the creation and essence of Carlos Esteva, its head crafter. After a welcome drink in the old winery, we will stroll the vineyards and taste the final product of grapes in the place where they grow. This will be followed by a magic

moment: the earth will open itself to the next winery project which is integrated in the Garr af's massif. This display of respect for the environment, and unique enclave of high landscape value, combines architecture linked to previous centuries with life underground. The winery, one of the most special and attractive of Europe, will leave no one indifferent while we trail through the wine-making process in its natural way led by gravity. This experience's grand finale will be the combination of the three best wines accompanied by gourmet tapas elaborated out of the best local produce.

DAY 11

PRIVATE DEPARTURE TRANSFER BARCELONA AIRPORT

You will be met at your hotel and privately transferred to the airport to catch your departing flight.

Travelling Passengers: 2

Please see below for complete list of included services.

Accommodation is included for 10 nights at the following hotels including breakfast.

Accommodation

Days	Nts	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Day 1	3	Bilbao	Carlton Hotel Bilbao	Superior Room
Day 4	3	San Sebastian	Hotel Maria Cristina	Deluxe Room
Day 7	4	Barcelona	Hotel Neri Relais & Chateau	Deluxe with Terrace

Transport

Day	City	Service	
Day 1	Bilbao	Private Arrival Transfer Bilbao Airport	Private Service
Day 4	Bilbao	Bilbao to San Sebastain	Private Driver/guide
Day 6	San Sebastian	Biarritz and San Juan De Luz	Private Driver/guide
Day 7	San Sebastian	Transfer to San Sebastian Airport	Private Service
Day 7	Barcelona	Arrival Transfer Barcelona Airport	Private Service
Day 11	Barcelona	Departure Transfer to Barcelona Airport	Private Service



Services

Day	Service	
Day 2	Cultural Walking Tour of Bilbao	Private Service
Day 2	The Guggenheim Museum	Entrance Fee
Day 3	Biking Experience with Virginia Berasategui	Private Service
Day 4	Evening Pintxos Tour in San Sebastian	Private Service
Day 5	2 Hour Sailing Experience on The Coast of Gipuzkoa	Private Service
Day 8	Half Day Gaudi Barcelona City Tour	Private Service
Day 9	Guided Bicycle Tour of Barcelona	Private Service
Day 9	Local Chef & Tapas Dinner Barcelona	Private Service
Day 10	Half Day Wine Experience	Private Service

PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Tours, Guides and Experiences as specified in your itinerary
- ✓ Transfers with a private driver, touring with an expert driver/guide (one person) and luxury vehicle
- ✓ Professional travel expert available 24/7 throughout your trip.
- ✓ Hotel taxes and fees.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ Flights from USA or Europe.
- ✗ Travel insurance and cancellation insurance.
- ✗ Tips to your driver / guide.
- ✗ Your own additional trip costs.
- ✗ Anything not specified in your itinerary



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