

- 4- A visit to the wonderful **Rioja wine region**, specifically the Basque Rioja Alavesa where the best wines are produced. We'd have a detailed visit of two very different family-owned wineries that have produced **wine for generations**. We'd also enjoy a tasting of their best wines at each. Afterward, we'll enjoy a tour of the pedestrian-only streets of the medieval walled town of **Laguardia**, before going off-the-beaten-path to explore several prehistoric sites in the area. Rioja Alavesa is quite different from the rest of the Basque Country. It is a great way to get acquainted with the wine culture so rooted in the Basque way of life.

This **9h visit** includes a visit to **two different wineries with a complete wine tasting at each**, transport included, for up to 4 persons, not including cost of meals and drinks (other than at the wineries):



- 2 persons: €
- 3 persons: €
- 4 persons: €



- 5- A visit of a txakoli (our renowned white wine) winery on our way from Bilbao to **San Sebastian**, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. On the way to this gastronomic city we'll visit the quaint fishing town of **Getaria** on the rugged Basque coast, where we would visit a txakoli winery (a unique wine only produced in the Basque Country) and enjoy a wine tasting. On arrival in San Sebastian, we'd start with a tour through the hidden corners of its pedestrian-only Old Town, which is full of atmospheric "**pintxos**" bars that you'll enjoy the local way (cost of pintxos and drinks not included). We will also visit the amazing **Comb of the Wind**, tour the Concha promenade along one of the three spectacular beaches, as well as the Paseo Nuevo.

Price including wine tasting at a txakoli winery, for this 8h tour.

- 2 persons: \$872
- 3 persons: \$933
- 4 persons: \$1005

- 6- A two country Basque Cultural Tour: We'll begin in Spain for a visit to **Hondarribia**, one of the most beautiful towns on the Basque coast. It is the gateway to the **French Basque Country**, where we'll visit the quaint villages of **St Jean de Luz and Biarritz**, before experiencing the "Basqueness" of **Bayonne** on the French side of the Basque Country and its countryside. A 9h tour.

Price is \$836 including transport, for up to 4 persons, not including cost of meals and drinks.

- 7- The Txakoli Wine D.O. has three areas, Getariako Txakoli (near San Sebastian), Bizkaiko Txakoli (Bilbao area) and the smallest one and less known, **Arabako Txakolina**. So I'd propose a visit to a small and family owned txakoli farm of Arabako Txakolina D.O., very unique and very unknown, but of great quality. It's located high up on a hill (I believe it's the highest txakoli vineyards). Wonderful wines, they even make a champagne out of txakoli. We could visit the small farm and the vineyards, followed by a tasting of some of their products, they also offer a farm meal (totally private) based on the products they grow.

This day we can also visit a 7000 year old "salt valley", unique in Europe, located on an off the beaten path route, as well as some beautiful towns on the way, and we could descend the port of Orduña (900mt) to almost sea level, on a beautiful winding road with fantastic views over a glacier valley.

Price of the approx 8 hour tour is \$710.

Not included: Tickets to the Salt Valley are 10 eur each and the visit to the farm is 15eur per person (including a wine tasting). With the meal included, it's +40eur per person (includes wine tasting and wine with your meal).

- 2 persons: \$957
- 3 persons: \$1058
- 4 persons: \$1173



- 8- An inland tour of the province of Gipuzkoa (San Sebastian) that includes a visit to beautiful **Oñate** (with its 16th century university) and the amazing Sanctuary of **Arantzazu**, on the Aitzgorri mountains and so unique. We'll also see the **basilica of Loyola** and the impressive tower castle where St Ignatius (founder of the Jesuit order) was born, as-well-as other quaint towns in the area. The lush, mountainous countryside in this area is beautiful and dotted with charming villages. In case the visit is done from Bilbao, we would also visit **Elorrio** and its medieval palaces, as well as the impressive 7th century burial site of Argiñeta.

Price is 665eur including transport, for up to 4 persons, not including cost of meals and drinks.

- 9- We'll visit two **prehistoric caves** in the neighboring Cantabria region, unchanged for thousands of years, to discover the amazing prehistoric past of northern Spain. We'll admire their more than 14,000 year old prehistoric paintings whose hidden meanings still puzzle scientists. Our tour will be complemented by a visit to the beautiful city of Santillana del Mar, where we'll wander the medieval cobblestone streets lined with house palaces. **THE CAVE TOUR IS IN SPANISH ONLY, for an English tour please contact for a quotation as the full group entrance has to be purchased)**

- 2 persons: 690EUR (Spanish)
- 3 persons: 710EUR (Spanish)
- 4 persons: 725EUR (Spanish)

Transport INCLUDED on the non-pedestrian trips in a comfortable and spacious vehicle (not a van, it's a 5+2 seater, with fully independent and reclinable seats). All tolls, parking and gas costs are included.

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NOTES

- **All prices to be added 21% IVA (VAT) IF APPLICABLE**
- **Food, drinks or tickets are not included except otherwise indicated.**
- **The above tours are suggestions on the most demanded ones, but most of them can be customized to suit your requirements, that include visits to different wine regions, cheese farms, prehistoric caves in Cantabria, Pamplona visit, hiking experiences, yacht sailing, helicopter experiences...always bespoke and subject to availability.**
- **Standard tour length is around 8 hours, unless otherwise specified.**
- **Tours are never subcontracted except in case of my personal inability for a justified reason.**

- I'm a Guggenheim Museum authorized guide.
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