



Basque Country & La Rioja Car Tour

6 Nights - Bed & Breakfast

Your itinerary

The following pages contain general information about your car or motorcycle tour and the locations where you will stay. For your individual itinerary please refer to your holiday documentation.

Hotel directions

With your travel documents is an information sheet for each hotel we have booked for you giving directions together with some further details.

Arrival

Unless stated, you will be expected to arrive at each of the hotels pre-booked for you by 6pm each day. This should allow time for a fairly leisurely drive between hotel stops but if you find you will be arriving later than this please ring the hotel so that your room is held for you.

■ Day 1 | Bilbao

Before reaching **Bilbao** we suggest that you leave the motorway and visit the vibrant town of **Portugalete** at the mouth of the estuary. Its huge hanging transporter bridge has been granted UNESCO heritage status so it's definitely worth taking the lift to the top for the view. Spend the rest of the day discovering Bilbao's old quarter and enjoy some pintxos/tapas at the **Ribera market**.

Overnight stay in the large, modern Hotel Abando in the city centre.



■ Day 2 | Bilbao

A visit to the **Guggenheim museum** and its surroundings is a must and a walk along the river is highly recommended. To admire the museum and other sites of Bilbao from a different aspect why not enjoy a boat trip or take the funicular to the top of **Mount Artxanda** for some stunning views.

2nd overnight stay in the Hotel Abando.

■ Day 3 | Bilbao > San Sebastian (100km – 1h10min)

From **Bilbao** leave the motorway behind and drive along the coastal road towards **San Sebastian**.

Discover pretty fishing villages including **Lekeitio**, **Guetaria** and **Mundaka** which is also a lovely summer resort popular with surfers. Explore beautiful natural areas such as the **Urdaibai Natural Park**.

Overnight stay in the elegant Hotel Europa in San Sebastian.

■ Day 4 | San Sebastián

Go to the top of **Monte Igueldo** via the funicular for the best panoramic views of **San Sebastian** which can be taken in whilst relaxing with an aperitif. Walk along the **Concha beach** as far as the **Peine del Viento** monument and explore the old quarter with its traditional bars. If you have time, a visit to the neighbouring village of **Hondarribia** is recommended.

2nd overnight in the Hotel Europa.



■ Day 5 | San Sebastián > Logroño (165km – 1h50min)

Perhaps not as well known as many of its more famous neighbours and therefore not as busy, **Logroño** has a charm all of its own and is a great place to explore. It was once an important stopping point on the **Pilgrims' Route to Santiago** and has an excellent reputation for good food and drink.

In particular it is well known for its pintxo (tapas) bars so don't miss a visit to **Calle Laurel** and **Calle San Juan** where you will find the vast majority of them.

Overnight stay in the beautifully renovated 16th century palace Calle Mayor, Logroño.

■ Day 6 | Exploring La Rioja

Visit the lovely medieval village of **Laguardia** and **Abacial's Tower** for some impressive views of the surrounding vineyards. Spend time in **Haro**, a lovely village with many wine cellars also known as the Capital of the Rioja Wine. And, if you still have time after this, call in at **Santo Domingo de la Calzada**, one of the most well known stops along the **St James Pilgrimage Way**.

2nd overnight stay in Calle Mayor.



■ Day 7 | Logroño

Visit the **La Rioja Wine museum** in **Briones** for a great experience that reveals all the secrets of RiojWine (must be booked in advance).

You can benefit from a discount on entrance fees and/or purchases at the following wineries on presentation of your Brittany Ferries ticket:-

Bodegas Cune - Viña Real (Laguardia)

10% discount on the entrance fee using the code Brittany-VR in their app

<https://cvne.com/>

Bodegas Luis Cañas (10km west of Laguardia)

5% discount on purchases when a visit is booked on line using the code BRITFER2025

<https://www.luiscanas.com/>

Finca Valpiedra, Fuenmayor (11km south of Laguardia)

10% discount on the entrance fee and purchases

<https://familiamartinezbujanda.com/>

Bodegas Izadi in Villabuena (13km west of Laguardia)

10% discount on purchases plus a welcome drink

<https://www.izadi.com> - booking via website required

Bodegas Rioja Alta (Haro)

5% discount on purchases

<https://www.riojalta.com/en/>

Bodegas Arizcuren in Logroño

10% discount on the entrance fee

<https://www.arizcurenvinos.com/>

Bodegas Altanza (15km west of Logroño)

15% discount on the entrance fee

<https://bodegasaltanza.com/>

Bodegas Marqués de Riscal (20km west of Logroño)

5% discount on entrance fee using the code BRITTANY25

<https://www.marquesderiscal.com/>



Tour driving distance is approximately 265km (165 miles, 3h)

Please note that the time given covers the distance between overnight stops.

This itinerary includes some recommended visits that are not included in the price of the tour so must be paid direct.