



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Basque Culture & Bordeaux

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

DAY 1 ○ ARRIVE BILBAO, SPAIN

Arrive in Bilbao, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join the cocktails and a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Gran Hotel Domine
Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 ○ GUERNICA & THE COAST | A LEGACY OF REMEMBRANCE

Start your day by visiting nearby Guernica, a city inextricably linked to the brutality of war and nationalism as vividly portrayed in Pablo Picasso's masterwork, Guernica. Delve into the poignant history that inspired the master, seeing ground zero of the infamous bombing raid that leveled the city in 1937. Then, discover Guernica's renowned market, one of the finest in all of Basque Country, where growers from across the province display their freshly harvested products for locals and visitors alike. Then, return to Bilbao to explore the fascinating streets of its Old Town, followed by a relaxing evening at leisure.

Gran Hotel Domine
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 ○ BILBAO | MASTERWORKS OF THE GUGGENHEIM

Explore the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and its world-class collection of modern and contemporary art. Then, embark on a private boat trip to a wine cellar which is sunken more than 60 feet below the sea level, and enjoy local wines paired with lunch on board. Proceed to San Sebastián for an Buongiorno Travel-exclusive dining experience at a local gastronomic society, a members-only social club where Basque cuisine and culture are passed from one generation to the next.

Hotel Maria Cristina
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 ○ SAN SEBASTIÁN | SUN, SURF & CIDER

Today, you will have the chance to explore San Sebastián's local cider culture, learning how this delightful regional staple is brewed, poured and quaffed in the Basque tradition. After some time at leisure to relax or explore, join a Chef's Table experience by preparing and tasting regional favorites.

Hotel Maria Cristina
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAY 5 ○ PAMPLONA | HEMINGWAY'S HAUNTS

Visit a family-run dairy farm and taste their fresh cheeses. Head to Pamplona — home to the annual festival of San Fermin (the running of the bulls) that inspired Hemingway's classic *The Sun Also Rises*. After lunch at leisure, stroll the city's medieval lanes with a local expert, and then return to San Sebastián. Tonight, you may prefer to explore the city's world-renowned culinary scene independently, with advice from Buongiorno Travel if you like.

Hotel Maria Cristina
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 ○ BORDEAUX, FRANCE | DUET OF SPICY & SWEET

Cross the border into France, pausing the break in the scenic fishing village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz. Continue into the foothills of the Pyrénées, stopping to try the local peppers of Espelette, an ingredient prized by chefs the world over. Continue to coastal Bayonne for an expert-led chocolate tasting. Proceed northward to Bordeaux, where your guide reveals the city as you walk to a local restaurant for dinner.

Inter Continental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 ○ BORDEAUX | WINES OF THE CHÂTEAUX'S CELLARS

Today, discover some of Bordeaux's iconic châteaux, enjoying privileged access to areas otherwise closed to the public. Savor expertly curated tastings of some of the world's most coveted wines, and take a lunch break at one of the châteaux.

Inter Continental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 ○ BORDEAUX | DELICACY OF THE COAST

Drive to Arcachon, a charming seaside town renowned for its oysters. Join an oysterman to Ride Like a Local around his beds, savoring fresh oysters plucked straight from the sea. After lunch on board, head to shore for a guided tour of The City of Wine, celebrating the region's deeply rooted wine culture with a Scenic Sundowner. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in a private salon of your hotel overlooking the opera house.

Inter Continental Bordeaux – Le Grand Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 ○ DEPART BORDEAUX

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast
