

Ribera del Duero

The vineyards, villages and people
behind the wine and culinary scene

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Day 1

Soft landing

Located a north of Madrid, in the Castilla y León autonomous community, Ribera del Duero is an ancient wine region considered today as a source of high quality internationally acclaimed wines. Visiting Ribera del Duero is like traveling back in time. The enchanting towns, mysterious tunnels and secret cellars will make you feel like you are in the Middle Ages.

Meeting at Madrid airport, we begin our journey and head off to the landscapes and vineyards of Ribera del Duero.

We start at one of the most well-known wineries in the area, one that preserves many of its old vines. After a tour of the winery and an intriguing wine tasting, we will be hosted to a private lunch in their beautiful tasting room overlooking the vineyards.

From there we continue to the old city of Aranda de Duero and the hotel that will be our home for the next few days. Hidden in this hotel is a small winery producing excellent local wines. The winemaker himself is one of the most interesting producers in the region.

After a quick check in, we are off on a lovely evening walk to the old city's center, to celebrate our first evening at a typical tapas restaurant.





Day 2

Ancient tradition

Ribera del Duero is among the great, elite wine regions of Spain, and its wines are recognized worldwide. It is the birthplace of some of the best wineries in Spain and it is here that we will discover ancient wineries with centuries-old traditions.

After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our day with a visit to a family winery located at the top of the hill of a small village. Hidden underground is a subterranean wine cellar from the sixteenth century comprised of tunnels dug into the rock and carved into the stone that seem to go on and on.

Our next stop is to one of the largest and most impressive wineries in the region, where we will have a tour of the unique facility, followed by wine tastings alongside a variety of local dishes with a modern interpretation.

In the afternoon, after we had a chance to freshen-up at the hotel, we head off to a short walking tour of the beautiful city. We end up at an ancient underground cellar, one that has a fascinating historical story, where we will also have a special wine tasting and dinner.

Day 3

Quality and innovation

Breakfast at the hotel, and we are off to a beautiful Bodega focusing on wines made only from Tempranillo. Before entering the world of wine, the family started as boutique cheese producers, and are committed to quality production in both their endeavors.

We will taste their wines and cheeses in their impressive cellar, decorated with works of art created by local artists, friends of the owners.

We continue to a small family winery that incorporates traditional production methods alongside innovative thinking. They produce exciting wines with a distinct local character, and an impressive aging capacity that has been praised by the world's greatest wine critics. Here we will have a wine tasting accompanied by a light lunch.

From there we head off to a fascinating visit to a local cooperage that supplies quality, hand-made barrels to the wineries of the region.

Back to the hotel to relax for a while, and then we head to dinner at a nearby restaurant to enjoy the good wines and delicacies that Ribera del Duero has to offer.





Day 4

Castles and stars

After check out and breakfast, we make our way to a most impressive ancient castle situated on the top of a hill, looking down and around at a spectacular view.

There we will visit a wine museum housed inside the castle, and have a panoramic view of the region helping us better understand the terroir of Ribera del Duero.

Our next stop is to a particularly fascinating winery, located in the heart of the vineyards. As well as producing grand and impressive wines, the winery also has a Michelin starred restaurant. Following a tour and wine tasting, an unforgettable culinary experience awaits us.

Full and jolly, we make our way to our new hotel - an exquisite structure of a monastery from the 12th century. After checking in, we have a free evening to independently enjoy our new surroundings.

Day 5

Pastoral Ribera

Following breakfast, we begin our morning with a visit to an intriguing winery whose philosophy is based on innovation, research, and the aspiration to learn new methods of production and maturation of their wines.

They will introduce us to their techniques, their impressive and unique vessels, and of course their wines. Finally, we will be treated to a hearty lunch at the winery and enjoy the pastoral atmosphere of the village surrounding it.

Back at the hotel there will be some free time to enjoy all this beautiful residence has to offer - spa, pool, luxurious bar and hidden corners.

We meeting again in the evening for a celebratory dinner, and to raise a glass or two to mark our last evening together in Ribera del Duero.





Day 6

Madrid magic

After breakfast and check out, we leave the hotel and head towards Madrid, the magnificent capital city of Spain, to enjoy our last day of the trip before heading back home.

We will stroll through the picturesque alleys of the city, absorb its unique urban atmosphere, and enjoy some free time to tour the streets at our own pace and style.

This is the perfect opportunity to search for local delicacies that will remind us of the flavors of Ribera del Duero at home as well.

We meet again for lunch and a final drink, after which we make our way to the airport, and say goodbye.

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