



Your Itinerary



The Wine Cathedrals of La Rioja "Dive into the Wine Culture"

Day 1: USA / Spain

- Fly through the night to Madrid.

Day 2: Madrid

- Arrive at Madrid airport.
- Upon arrival, meet with your Imagine Tour Manager who will remain with you throughout your stay.
- Transfer to your hotel for check-in and freshen up.
- Head on a guided walking tour through the old Madrid: **Plaza de España, Gran Vía, Puerta del Sol** and **Calle de Alcalá**.
- Dinner at a local restaurant in the center of Madrid.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation.



Day 3: Madrid

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- Today, you will go on a guided visit of the **El Prado Museum** to admire the most internationally renowned Spanish painters: **Velázquez** and **Goya**.
- At lunch time, make a **"Tapas Route"**, including the **Museum of Ham and Gourmet Experience**, where you will enjoy the best Spanish omelette and taste the wines of Madrid.
- Free time to enjoy some typical **"chocolate con churros"** and shopping.
- In the evening, enjoy dinner an authentic **flamenco show** at **Las Carboneras**.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation in Madrid.





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Day 4: Madrid - La Rioja Alavesa - Laguardia

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit of the **Thyssen Museum**, to see the European impressionists painters.
- Then, stroll down through the **Parque del Buen Retiro**.
- Lunch at the **San Miguel Market** or the **Mercado de San Anton**.
- After lunch, departure by private motor coach to **La Rioja** (4 h.) The enclave of vineyards of La Rioja is splendid and depending on the time of year, their crops will present a violet or yellow colour, fused with the green of nature.
- Upon arrival at La Rioja, check-in to your hotel in **Laguardia** to rest and freshen up.
- Later, walk through the village of Laguardia. Its wall about 2 meters high, surrounds the village and its narrow streets with stone buildings gives it a special charm.
- Dinner at a local restaurant with "lamb chops with vine shoots". The lamb baked with vine branches is typical of the area of **Rioja** and **Navarra**.
- Return to your hotel for night accommodation in Laguardia.



Day 5: La Rioja Alavesa - Laguardia y El Ciego

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure with your private motor coach to **Ysios** winery. Located in **El Ciego-Alava**, this winery was designed by the famous spanish architect **Santiago Calatrava**. Visit this winery and have a wine tasting.
- Later, visit the **Bodega Artadi**, a reference in the region and where you will taste their plot wines ("**vinos de pago**") and one of the few wines in the world awarded 100 points by the American wine critic Robert Parker.
- Have lunch at the Bodegas Artadi.
- Then, transfer to the Hotel and Winery **Marqués de Riscal**, located in **El Ciego**. This hotel winery was designed by the famous architect **Frank Gheri** and it is a true visual attraction.
- Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere around wine (the hotel offers wine baths





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- Dinner at the hotel's restaurant. Tonight's dinner will be paired with wines from Rioja and you will learn to appreciate the pleasure of one of the most popular and well known wine regions in the world, La Rioja Wines. Renowned not only for the quality of its strains, but for their expertise and experience in the elaboration.
- Overnight accommodation in El Ciego.

Day 6: La Rioja - Haro - Villabuena de Alava - El Ciego



- Breakfast at the hotel and departure by your private motor coach to the town of **Haro**.
- Visit the **Ramón Bilbao Winery**, elected in 2014 by the IWSC, International Wine & Spirits Competition, as the best Spanish wine. You will taste "**Mirto**", its flagship wine, and enjoy a very special view over their vineyards.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- In the afternoon, visit the **López Heredia Viña Tondonia Winery**. Founded in 1877, it is one of the oldest wineries in La Rioja and famed for having one of the best preserved collections of old Spanish wines.
- After, departure for the **Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture**. With more than 4,000 m2 of exhibition space, this museum will transmit a universal view of the importance that wine has had in all cultures.
- Later, transfer to **Villabuena de Alava**.
- Dinner at the **Restaurant Hotel Viura** to enjoy a sensational combination with products and wines of the region.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation in **El Ciego**.



Day 7: La Rioja - San Vicente de la Sonsierra - Ezcaray - El Ciego

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure by your private motor coach to **San Vicente de la Sonsierra**.
- Visit the **Bodegas Contador**, where you will taste wines of **Benjamin Romeo**, one of the most innovative and awarded winemakers in the region.
- Lunch at the winery.
- In the afternoon, visit the vineyards and the **Sierra Cantabria Winery**. Enjoy a wine tasting of the wines produced by **Eguren**, one of the most important families of winemakers in Spain.



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- Later, transfer to the municipality of **Ezcaray**.
- Free time to stroll through its streets and arcaded squares and to visit the beautiful church altarpiece Santa Maria La Mayor.
- Dinner at the Echaurren restaurant, the most famous of La Rioja.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation in El Ciego.

Day 8: La Rioja - Madrid

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure by your private motor coach to Madrid (4 hours).
- Check-in at your hotel in Madrid to rest and cool off a bit.
- Free time for lunch and last minutes shopping.
- After, visit the **Royal Palace** which was the residence of the Spanish kings.
- Dinner at **La Bola**, a real madrileño cuisine restaurant.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation in Madrid.

Day 9: Madrid - USA

- After breakfast, transfer with your private motor coach to the airport.
- Check-in flight Madrid-USA
- Dinner and overnight on board.
- Have a good trip and end of our services.





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PRICE PER PERSON SHEET

This is a privately operated tour - you will not be combined with another group!

PRICE PER PERSON		PAYMENT SCHEDULE	
19 to 21 participants	\$ 0,000		
16 to 18 participants	\$ 0,000		
13 to 15 participants	\$ 0,000		
10 to 12 participants	\$ 0,000	Online options available	

PRICE INCLUDES:

- * Travel medical insurance.
- * Coverage for student travel: Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Delay; Missed Connection; Baggage and Baggage Delay; Medical Expense; 24-hour Assistance Services, 24-hour Customer Care.
- * Roundtrip Airfare (USA/Fort de France).
- * Departure taxes and Airline fuel surcharges at \$000 per person.
- * 7 nights in multiple occupancy (3/4 per room with private bath) in a quality 3 star hotel – twin occupancy for teachers.
- * 7 Breakfasts / 1 Lunch / 7 Dinners.
- * All cultural and aforementioned visits, activities, tours and admissions.
- * Associated transportation costs while in Martinique.
- * Service of a dynamic professional bilingual Forum tour manager for transfers.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Applicable airline baggage charges according to their policies.
- * Lunches except on day 7.
- * Recommended tips:
 - Tour Guide: 3 \$ per day, per person.
 - Bus driver(s): 1 \$ per day, per person.
- * Airline fuel surcharge increases: Departure taxes and Airline fuel surcharges in excess of \$694 per person.
- * Forum may be required to revise the final price of your tour 60 days prior to your departure.

Exchange rate: Forum has quoted this package at an exchange of 1 € = 1.15 USD. In the event of a significant change, Promé-tour may be required to revise the final price of your tour 60 days prior to your departure.

Date of quote: January 14, 2015

These prices are valid until: First payment deadline

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