



Madrid to Porto

2-9 June, 2024



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Spain brings with it the beauty of the high altitude clarity of Old Castile, with its magnificent castles, mountains and squares and for savouring the wines of the Sierra de Gredos. Regional gastronomic specialities as well as some of the world's best hams make this a food and wine lover's heaven.

Crossing the border into northern Portugal is a throwback to days gone by, a world away from Algarve glitz and glamour in the south.

Porto is a gem of a city, the clusters of atmospheric streets either side of the Douro retaining their long lived maritime soul whilst opening the door to the 21st century through fabulous restaurants and luxury hotels.

The Douro is one of the greatest wine tourism destinations, the astonishing terraces overlooking the river now producing great red wines and ports.

Trip Highlights

- Tapas tour in Madrid
- Winery lunch in the Sierra de Francia
- Wine tasting in the Sierra de Gredos
- Visit to top class ham producer in Guijuelo
- Michelin 2* dinner The Yeatman in Porto
- Traditional rabelo boat ride on the Douro river
- Wine and Port visits in the Douro Valley
- Dinner at top restaurant DOC
- Lunch at the iconic Quinta do Vesuvio

Top wineries included

Taylor's, Kopke, Quinta do Vesuvio, Quinta do Noval, Quinta do Crasto, Quinta do Vallado, Bernebeleva, La Zorra, Bodega Almaroja



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Trip Itinerary

2nd June (Sunday)

Meet in Madrid to stay one night at delightful and well located Hospes Puerta de Alcala hotel. Evening tapas tour in the Las Letras district. **D**

3rd June (Monday)

Set off for the remote and excellent Bernebeleva winery in the Gredos mountains where we enjoy a tasting of several different styles of wine. On to Avila for short walk around the old town, followed by a tasting of the Sierra de Gredos wines of the region, including delicate high altitude garnacha reds. Our tasting is at La Bodeguita where we also enjoy a light tapas lunch. We then drive on to Salamanca where we check in to the Palacio de Castellanos for 2 nights, probably with time for a walk up to the Plaza Mayor, Spain's most graceful square **B/L**

4th June (Tuesday)

We head south to the ham capital of Spain and, the small town of Guijuelo, where we have a family tour of the finest jamon producers, Simon Martin, concluding of course with an extended tasting in the cellar. We then head further south to Spain's newest DO in the Sierra de Francia mountains where we visit the excellent La Zorra winery before lunch at their beautifully located Mirasierra restaurant, renowned for their excellent local lamb and beef. After lunch we enjoy a walk through La Alberca, one of the beautiful mountain villages of the area before we head back to Salamanca, where the evening is free. **B/L**

5th June (Wednesday)

We set off for the Portuguese border and on the way meet the magnificently eccentric Charlotte



Allen (Almaroja) for a visit to her winery and vineyards in Arribes, followed by a tasting of her excellent wines possibly with some tapas. We take the train from Pocinho and alight at Quinta do Vesuvio, the legendary Symingtons single quinta property, where we enjoy a visit and lunch at the quinta overlooking the Douro. After lunch we depart by train along the Douro to Pinhão on one of the world's great train rides takes us through the Douro Superior Check in for two nights to the Vintage House where the evening is free. **B/L**

6th June (Thursday)

Morning visit to Quinta do Noval followed by tasting. Stunning property, great history, ports and magical views. We see the legendary Nacional vineyard. We then travel along to Quinta do Crasto where we enjoy a visit, tasting and private lunch. Back to the Vintage House before rabelo boat ride to DOC the best restaurant in the Douro, overlooking the river enjoying a tasting menu with a selection of Douro wines. **B/L/D**

7th June (Friday)

Morning visit and tasting at Quinta do Vallado (one of the Douro boys), followed by lunch. Leave the Douro and head on to Porto for a two night stay in the 5 star Yeatman Hotel. Free evening. **B/L**

8th June (Saturday)

After breakfast we take walk down the hill for a visit and tasting to the oldest shipper Kopke to for a tasting. Kopke are renowned leaders in the aged colheitas which makes for a wonderful experience. Lunch and afternoon is free Late afternoon visit to Taylor's Port Lodge before dinner in the Yeatman 2 start Michelin restaurant. **B/L/D**

9th June (Sunday)

After breakfast, end of tour.



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\$4895 per person sharing

\$1250 single supplement

\$750 deposit per person

Limited to 20 guests

Included

- 1 night at Hospes Puerta de Alcala, Madrid
- 2 nights at Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
- 2 nights at Vintage House Hotel, Pinhao
- 2 nights at the Yeatman Hotel, Porto
- Private transport by luxury coach
- English speaking guides
- Breakfast daily; 9 lunches or dinners
- Entrances and activities as specified
- All winery visits



Not included

Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance, gratuities for guides

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