



# Portugal & Galicia, Spain

The food, wines & culture  
May 23rd - 1st June, 2025



## Treasures of the Iberian Northwest

This trip offers a wonderful overview of the best of Galicia and northern Portugal, including three wine regions of Galicia and the Vinho Verde region on the way to the wonderful Douro, finishing in the vibrant city of Porto. Magnificent scenery, great contrasts between wine styles and nationalities, Celtic Spain and six wine regions in nine days, this is always one of our favourite trips. What's not to love?

## What's so special about Galicia and northern Portugal?

Galicia confounds those who think of Spain as flamenco and fighting bulls as much as the Douro and Minho surprise Algarve lovers. Misty valleys echo to soulful Celtic pipes and coasts as dramatic as the west of Ireland have sent hosts of emigrant Gallegos to the Americas. Fishing and wine predominate. Seafood in the rias (fjords) is Europe's best and the stunning wine terraces of Ribeira Sacra show winemaking at its most dramatic. Ribeiro and Valdeoras are stunning regions with plenty of history and wonderful wines too.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century through fabulous restaurants and luxury hotels.

The rural wine region of Vinho Verde offers food and wine experiences closely tied to its origins. The Douro is one of the greatest wine tourism destinations, the astonishing terraces overlooking the river now producing great still wines and ports.

Above all though, the joy is in the small villages where grapes, unrecognisable to outsiders, produce wines of huge character, quality and individuality. If you want to discover the glories of Godello, Vinhao, Merençao, Albarino, Mencia and the port grapes join the tour.

## Trip Highlights

- Michelin 2\* dinner The Yeatman in Porto
- Wine visits in Rias Baixas, Ribera Sacra, Valdeoras, Ribeiro, Vinho Verde, Douro
- Lunch at the legendary Quinta do Vesuvio
- Cookery class in the Douro
- Boat rides on River Sil and River Douro
- Walking tour of historic city of Santiago de Compostela
- Dinner at top restaurant DOC
- Michelin star dinner in A Tafona

## Top wineries included

Albamar, Palacio de Fefiñanes, Algueira, Aphros, Valdesil, Quinta do Soalheiro, Coto de Gomariz, Quinta do Noval, Quinta do Vesuvio, Grahams

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## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1 Friday 23 May.** Meet in the foyer of the Hotel San Francisco, a converted 18th century convent in Santiago de Compostela and our home for the next 2 nights, for a guided walk through the historic town, including a visit to the cathedral that marks the end of the legendary Camino. Early evening dinner at Michelin starred A Tafona in the old town. **D**

**Day 2. Saturday 24 May** We head south to the seaside wine region of the Rias Baixas for a tasting at the beautiful Palacio de Fefiñanes before a short drive to visit Albamar. Xurxo Alba's wines are a great small producer expression of the albariño grape. We have lunch in the family run furancho style restaurant. Back to Santiago for free evening. **B/L**

**Day 3. Sunday 25 May** We check out and leave Santiago at 0930 to drive to Ribeira Sacra for a visit and lunch at Adega Algueira, a high-class winery near the Sil canyons, where Fernando Gonzalez makes a range of excellent wines (from local varieties) that are highly rated by Parker. Lunch and then a river cruise down the Sil in the afternoon. A riverside drive before we check into the Parador de Monforte for 2 nights. Dinner at the hotel. **B/L/D**

**Day 4. Monday 26 May** We set off for a visit to the wonderful Valdesil winery in the Valdeorras wine region before lunch at the rustic but stunning Moncloa de San Lazaro restaurant. After a sleepy bus ride back to the hotel we have a free evening. **B/L**

**Day 5. Tuesday 27 May** After a check out we visit Coto de Gomariz, one of Galicia's avant-garde wineries and one with a proud history of being the oldest registered winery on the Iberian Peninsula, in Ribeiro. We taste their red and white wine produced using organic and biodynamic methods. Cross into Portugal for a visit to Quinta de Soalheiro, one of the premier wineries in the Vinho Verde region, with lunch at their nearby family run Quinta da Folga. Back to the wonderful Parador in

Baiona for one night where we enjoy a tapas dinner. **B/L/D**

**Day 6. Wednesday 28 May.** We check out and cross the border again to visit the charismatic Vasco Croft in his Aphros winery Vinho Verde region. After lunch there, head south to the dramatic scenery of the Douro. Check in to the lovely Vintage House, overlooking the river at Pinhao for next 2 nights. Free evening **B/L**

**October Day 7. Thursday 29 May** We leave the hotel for a morning visit to the wonderful Quinta do Noval before a short train ride to one of the region's legendary locations, Quinta do Vesuvio. Lunch here is a privileged experience, before a train ride back to Pinhao. At 7pm we leave for a tasting menu dinner at DOC, the best restaurant in the region. **B/L/D**

**Day 8. Friday 30 May** After a morning traditional rabelo boat ride to Folgosa we enjoy a visit and cookery class leading to lunch at Quinta da Pacheca, a delightful traditional producer in a beautiful location near Regua. We then head on to Porto and check in to the majestic Yeatman Hotel, our base for the next 2 nights. Free evening. **B/L**

**Day 9. Saturday 31 May** Morning visit and tasting at the historic Graham's port lodge. Lunch and the afternoon are free before a reception on the hotel terrace then dinner in the Yeatman's 2-star Michelin restaurant, one of Portugal's very best. **B/D**

**Day 10. Sunday 1 June** After breakfast, end of tour.





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\$5995 per person sharing  
\$1300 single supplement  
\$750 deposit per person  
*Limited to 20 guests*



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

## Included

- 2 nights at the Hotel San Francisco, Santiago de Compostela
- 2 nights at the Parador, Monforte de Lemos
- 1 night at the Parador, Baiona
- 2 nights at Vintage House Hotel, Pinhao
- 2 nights at The Yeatman, Porto
- Private transport by luxury coach
- English speaking guides
- Breakfast daily; 12 lunches or dinners
- Entrances and activities as specified
- All winery visits

*Contact us to sign up for this trip*

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## Not included

