

Monasteries & Wine

A Culinary experience through Northern Spain



SPAIN - Monasteries & Wine Tour

Join Sechrist Travel for a week through art, history and food across Old Castile and Rioja in Central & Northern Spain

Part of our route will include following the **Camino de Santiago (Way of Santiago)**, the ancient pilgrimage route of Saint James. We will also enjoy to the **Rioja Wine Region**

We will enjoy the wine and superb gastronomy, as well as, the art, history and nature of the region. We will visit medieval villages, monasteries, cathedrals, and historic wineries.

With your arrival into **Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD)**, we transfer directly to the **Castile region** for our 1st overnight!

We end with a visit to **Segovia**, a fairy tale sight, where you will enjoy its old quarter, the Plaza Mayor, the Alcazar, and the Roman Aqueduct.

- Enjoy attending vespers with the Benedictine Monks of Silos
- Follow the **Camino de Santiago (Way of Santiago)**, the ancient pilgrimage route of Saint James.
- Visit some of the most unique 1000 year old churches and learn about the Romanesque Art
- Enjoy the exceptional wine regions of **La Rioja** and **El Bierzo**

Cities Visited:

- Madrid
- Burgos
- Logroño
- Leon
- Santiago de Compostela
- Salamanca
- Segovia

When: September 25 - October 4, 2022

Where: SPAIN

Cost: LAND \$2,899 per person + AIR



Day 1: Sunday 25 September Departure

Overnight flight to **Madrid–Barajas Airport (MAD)**

Day 2: Monday 26 September Arrival in Madrid, SPAIN

Morning arrival into **Madrid–Barajas Airport (MAD)**. After customs formalities the group will be welcomed by your tour manager and board our waiting motor-coach. You will head north of Madrid and across the mountains before continuing through the plains of **Castile** with its main river, the Duero. We will visit **Peñafiel** and one of the wineries of **Ribera del Duero** before lunch. You will enjoy the local asados and lamb with the Ribera del Duero wines . After a short drive, you will arrive to the **Cemetery of Sad Hill** and Canyon. Sad Hill cemetery is the setting for the climax of The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Later we will visit the **Monastery of Silos** and attend the **Vespers** service where the Benedictine monks will sing Gregorian chant . You will continue to our accommodation in an ancient monastery in Lerma or in Silos

Group Welcome Dinner Provided

Day 3: Tuesday 27 September Burgos - Camino de Santiago - La Rioja

After breakfast, we will visit the ancient city of **Burgos** and it's cathedral where you will meet your first pilgrims on the way to Santiago. The **Monastery of Las Huelgas** and the gothic Cathedral, celebrating its 800th year before following the **Camino De Santiago** to the **La Rioja region**. Once in the area you will visit a centenary winery run by the fifth generation of winemakers. After the experience you will make it to the fantastic accommodation in the heart of La Rioja wine region. Dinner and overnight stay at the **Palacio Tondon**, by the banks of the river Ebro.

Group Dinner Provided

Day 4: Wednesday 28 September La Rioja

After breakfast, La Rioja obviously is more than wine and a superb gastronomy, it is also rich in art, history and nature. Today you will sample some of this other amazing features of this area. We will visit medieval villages, monasteries,... At the end of the day, we will be back to the hustle of the capital of La Rioja , **Logroño**. Tonight we will experience a traditional tapas dinner. Overnight stay at Palacio Tondon.

Group Dinner Provided

Day 5: Thursday 29 September Camino de Santiago - Leon

After breakfast, we depart **La Rioja** following the **Camino de Santiago** towards the ancient kingdom of **Leon**. We will visit the small villages of **Castrojeriz** and **Fromista** to visit some of the most unique 1000 year old churches and learn about the Romanesque Art and the legends of this millenary road. We will visit one of the D.O. (Denomination of Origin) Vinos de Leon wineries before arriving to the ancient city of **Leon**. Once in the heart of the city, you will the opportunity to stroll around one of the most outstanding cathedrals of Spain. We will enjoy a wine together in an amazing neighborhood known as the **Barrio Humedo** before checking at the hotel. We will spend the night at the **Parador de San Marcos**, one of the best examples of the Renaissance architecture in Spain, built at the time of the Catholic monarchs as a pilgrim's hospital and monastery. Dinner and overnight stay. (*) Alternative accommodation will be San Isidoro de Leon, that was also monastery and cloister located on top of the pantheon of the Kings of Leon that preserves the best Romanesque frescos.

Dinner On Your Own





Day 6: Friday 30 September Camino De Santiago - El Bierzo - Galicia - Santiago

After breakfast, we depart from **Leon** towards the **El Bierzo** wine region, where we will learn about the **Mencia grapes**, a very old and unique grape variety before crossing the boundaries with the most western most lands of Spain, **Galicia**. We will stop in some of the beautiful villages and, if weather permits, take the chance to walk a little stretch of the Camino; feel like a pilgrim for a while! We will arrive to **Santiago de Compostela** in the afternoon to enjoy a walk through its old town and enjoy some tasting experience of **D.O Albariño** and **Riberio** local wines. Santiago de Compostela will be the right place to get lost and enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela.

Dinner On Your Own

Day 7: Saturday 1 October Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast, our local guide will take us around to visit the unique **Romanesque Cathedral** and you will understand why over a millennium millions of pilgrims struggled walking for months to arrive to this holy place. Its cobbled stone streets, its granite fortress-like palaces and humble churches irradiates spirituality. You will have the rest of the day at leisure to complete the discovery of the city on your own before we gather together for dinner. Your guides will give you some recommendations to try the local gastronomy based mainly on fish, seafood and fresh vegetables. Dinner and overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela

Group Dinner Provided

Day 8: Sunday 2 October Santiago de Compostela - Ribera Sacra - Salamanca

After breakfast, leaving behind Santiago and driving west towards the central plains of the peninsula but still in Galicia region, we will stop to visit the **D.O Ribera Sacra** and taste some of their best wines and visiting one of the family owned wineries perched on the mountains overlooking the river banks. We will arrive to **Salamanca** in the afternoon. After checking you will have time for a brief stroll around some of the most significant places of what it is consider the third oldest university city in Europe . Overnight stay in Salamanca.

Dinner On Your Own

Day 9: Monday 3 October Salamanca - Segovia - Madrid

After breakfast, leave this university city towards **Madrid**, with a last stop in **Segovia**, a fairy tale sight, where you will enjoy its old quarter, the Plaza Mayor, the Alcazar and the Roman Aqueduct. We will stop in **Jose Maria Restaurant**, that owns one of the best wineries of **Ribera del Duero**. We will continue to Madrid where you will arrive with some time to rest before enjoying your Farewell Dinner in the heart of the city. Overnight stay.

Group Farewell Dinner Provided

Day 10: Tuesday 4 October Departure

Today we say farewell as we go our separate ways. After breakfast, we will make our way to **Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD)**

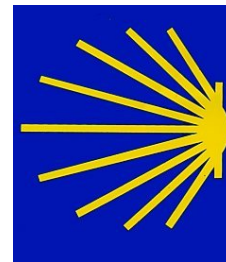




For more information:

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Monasteries & Wine - Spain

September 25 - October 4, 2022

Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy

• **\$2,899.00**

• ***\$150, per person, Early-bird discount if registered and deposited by **February 15, 2022****

• ***\$400.00 - single occupancy supplement charge**

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ **March 15, 2022** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **April 30, 2022** = \$1000 per person
- ▶ **June 15, 2022** = \$1000 per person
- ▶ **August 15, 2022** = Final Balance; estimated at \$399 per person
- ▶ **REFUNDS:**
 - ▶ 1st \$150 per person is non-refundable upon deposit
 - ▶ 50% of deposits become non-refundable on June 25, 2022
 - ▶ 100% of deposits become non-refundable on August 25, 2022

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- ▶ **Eight (8) nights accommodation** at superior tourist-class hotels, plus one (1) night in flight
- ▶ **Luxury Motor Coach transportation** throughout your tour.
- ▶ **Daily Buffet breakfasts PLUS five (5) group dinners**
 - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
- ▶ **GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS:**
 - ▶ Burgos
 - ▶ Leon
 - ▶ Santiago de Compostela
 - ▶ Salamanca
 - ▶ Segovia
- ▶ **ENTRANCE FEE:**
 - Monastery of Silos
 - Cathedral of Saint Mary of Burgos
 - Santa María de León Cathedral
 - Santiago de Compostela Cathedral
 - Wineries: D.O D.O Albariño, Ribero, Ribera del Duero, Ribera Sacra
- ▶ Tips for city guides and coach Drivers
- ▶ Taxes are included for all services

PLUS:

- ▶ A professional Tour Director to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of the tour group
- ▶ A complete *Itinerary* for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person – 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- ▶ Personal Protective Equipment: Face-masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes provide to each individual traveler
- ▶ Full support of an Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ▶ \$2M Sechrist Travel Tour Liability Insurance coverage

- ▶ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- ▶ Transportation to/from your HOME Airport is arranged ON YOUR OWN
- ▶ Round trip air transportation – to / from **Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD)**
 - ▶ Airfare is estimated at \$1,400.00 **Subject to current rates*
 - ▶ *Group fares possible based on a minimum of 10 passengers*
- ▶ Meals not listed as 'included'
- ▶ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ▶ Anything not mentioned in "Your Tour Experience Includes" Passport fees
- ▶ Checked baggage fees (if applicable), portage of luggage, Instrumental rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ▶ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance
 - Can be provided through **Sechrist Travel's** trusted partner, **TravelSafe**, for an additional cost
 - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx
- Please note, actual activities might take place on different days that suggested in the proposal.

AIR package ESTIMATE = \$1,200 - \$1,400* per person

- ▶ Flight **MUST** be arranged **ON YOUR OWN** for morning arrival into Madrid on **OCTOBER 26** (*departing the US on OCTOBER 25*)
- ▶ Above airfare is estimated for 2021 and provided as a guideline for the final cost of the tour
- ▶ Group flight arrangements may be made through Sechrist Travel for groups of 10 or more using the same GATEWAY city and on the same flight itinerary
- ▶ All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier. Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group/individual.

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$2,899.00 + AIR per person

- ▶ ***+ or – based on actual airfare***

- **Send ALL payments and correspondence to:**

Sechrist Travel
13300 Bothell Everett Hwy
Ste. #303-6108
Mill Creek, WA 98012

I. **Payment Schedule**

- A. Reservations for participation in the **Monasteries & Wine** are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$500 per person deposit
 - 2. early deposits are encouraged, with the first payment due no later than **March 15, 2022**
- B. The 2nd payment is \$1000 per person due **April 30, 2022**
- C. The 3rd payment is \$1000 per person due **June 15, 2022**
- D. **The final balance, estimated at \$399 per person, is due August 15, 2022**
- E. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- F. Billing Statements will be based upon your number of participants, and will indicate payment due dates, reflect your hotel occupancy choices, include airfare (if applicable), include the airport/hotel transportation fees (if applicable), include costs for extra nights in hotel if elected and available, costs for optional provisions (if applicable), and include your payment summary.
- G. Billing Statements will be adjusted to reflect your housing choices; any additional charges based upon hotel upgrade costs or other services purchased are due 30 days prior to arrival. Adjustments and payment due dates are indicated on your monthly statements.
- H. ***LATE PAYMENTS:** When payment is late, and no prior arrangements have been made; a fee totaling 5% of that particular amount due will be assessed and added to the final balance due. If a late payment is anticipated and unavoidable, Sechrist Travel must receive your request in writing.

II. **Miscellaneous Information**

- A. Checks should be made payable to: **SECHRIST TRAVEL**
- B. Credit Card Payments are available though are preferred vendor, **STRIPE (available upon request)**
- C. Mailing instructions:
 - 1. checks should be mailed to **Sechrist Travel at 13300 Bothell Everett Hwy, Ste. #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012**
 - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- D. Refunds:
 - 1. The 1st \$150 per person becomes non-refundable upon deposit (*approx. 6 months prior to departure*)
 - 2. 50% of deposits becomes non-refundable on **June 25, 2022** (*3 months prior to departure*)
 - 3. 100% of deposits become non-refundable on **August 25, 2022** (*30 days prior to departure*)
 - a) All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after **August 25, 2022** (*30 days prior to departure*)
 - 4. Name substitutions/replacements, without penalty, are permissible
 - 5. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
 - 6. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
- E. If your arranged trip inclusions or accommodations become unavailable due to “acts of God,” Sechrist Travel reserves the right to change your tour and include other trip inclusions and accommodations.

