

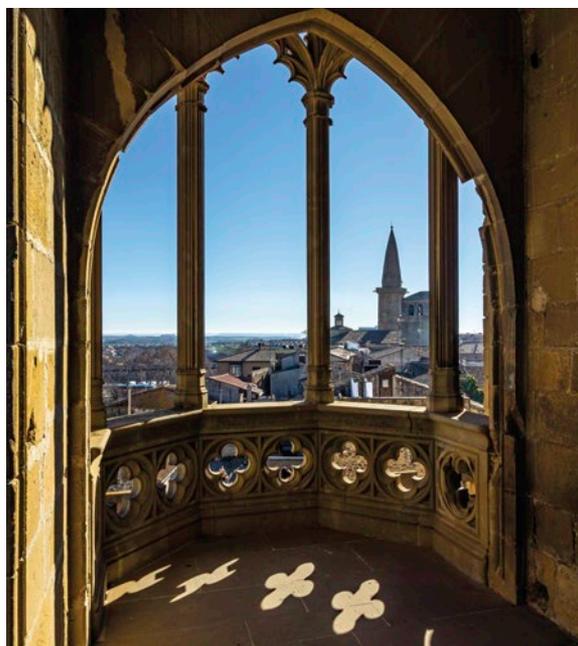


Treasures of Northeastern Spain

Barcelona, Olite & San Sebastián

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Admire **Barcelona's magnificent architectural gems** by the great Catalan Modernist masters, Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner.
- ▶ Learn how to prepare traditional dishes at a **hands-on Catalán cooking session**.
- ▶ Explore **enchanting Olite's storybook castle** and its winding medieval lanes.
- ▶ Savor the Navarra region's flavorful vintages at a **bodega wine tasting**.
- ▶ Bask in stunning **San Sebastián**, renowned for its world-class dining scene.
- ▶ Get firsthand perspectives on Basque life at a **dinner with local residents**.
- ▶ Marvel at the shimmering, titanium-clad **Guggenheim Museum Bilbao**.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



View from castle balcony, Olite

Spain's northeast corner reveals an extraordinary bounty of historic riches! From Catalonia to Basque Country, discover glorious architecture and distinctive facets of Spanish culture on this rewarding, nine-night journey! In Barcelona, delight in dazzling buildings by celebrated architects and try your hand at Catalán cooking. Head into the Navarra region, where you'll soak up Olite's medieval ambience, sample flavorful wines and stroll through Pamplona. Round out your adventure in San Sebastián, a jewel of the Basque region, and relish its amazing scenery and cuisine, along with a wonderful meal with local Basques!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Barcelona, Spain. 🌐

Day 2 | Barcelona, Spain

Transfer 🚗 to the Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

Enrichment: History of Catalonia and Barcelona.

Gain insights about this independent-minded region.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Barcelona

Discovery: Palau de la Música Catalana. Tour this gorgeous art nouveau concert hall by architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, completed in 1908. He called upon the best Catalán artists for its colorful mosaics, elaborate sculptures and superb stained-glass skylight.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Barcelona Cook and Taste.** Learn how to make Catalán dishes and savor the tasty results!

Discovery: Gothic District. On a guided walk, take in the atmospheric quarter where medieval Barcelona flourished. See Plaça St. Jaume, Plaça del Rei, the Gothic Cathedral of Barcelona and the Roman walls.

Free Time: Seek out regional specialties for dinner.

Day 4 | Barcelona

Enrichment: Modernism and the Architecture of Gaudí. A local expert reveals how Antoni Gaudí's faith and love of nature deeply inspired his creative efforts.

Discovery: Gaudí's Barcelona and Catalan Modernism. Revel in breathtaking masterpieces of the Catalán Modernist movement by Gaudí and Montaner during guided visits. Walk through Gaudí's charming Parc Güell featuring fanciful buildings and undulating mosaic benches. After enjoying lunch at a farmhouse restaurant, explore the captivating Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, a former hospital complex by Montaner envisioned as a garden city. Then, inside La Sagrada Família, appreciate Gaudí's use of color, light and form to create a grand, spiritual aura.



Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **4 nights** in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.
- **1 night** in Olite at the first-class Parador de Olite.
- **4 nights** in San Sebastián at the first-class Catalonia Donosti Hotel.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**
A choice of excursions in select locales.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.



2023 Departures & Pricing

May 23 – June 2, 2023

Full Price from	\$4,545
Special Savings	0
Special Price from	\$4,545*

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,195 (limited availability).

Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://duke.ahitravel.com/destinations/1711A?schoold=50>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Electives available at an additional cost.

Day 5 | Barcelona

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

• **Casa Amattler.** Step inside this splendid landmark by Catalán architect Josep Puig i Cadafalch adorned with an intricate facade, exquisite woodwork and fine art.

• **Jewish Heritage Walk.** Explore the fascinating history of the Catalán Jews in El Call, and visit a 13th-century home, Casa Adret, that is now a Jewish cultural center.

Free Time: Head off to see more of this beautiful city!

Day 6 | Zaragoza | Olite

Check out this morning and begin your journey to Olite.

Discovery: Zaragoza. The capital city of the Aragon region, Zaragoza boasts a baroque beauty, the Nuestra Señora del Pilar Basilica. Go inside to see its ornately decorated interior, including frescoed domes by Goya. Afterward, sit down for a refreshing lunch in town.

Check in to the Parador de Olite.

Discovery: Medieval Olite. With its fairy-tale castle, stately churches and narrow lanes, Olite magically evokes the medieval splendor of the Kingdom of Navarra. Take a leisurely walk at dusk through this lovely town seemingly untouched by time.

Day 7 | Olite | Pamplona | San Sebastián

Discovery: Royal Palace of Olite. Tour this majestic palace with crenellated towers that features French and Mudéjar details added by Charles III in the 15th century. Check out of the parador and depart for San Sebastián.

AHI Connects: Bodega Tasting and Lunch. Taste excellent Navarra wines paired with a delicious meal.

Discovery: Pamplona. Meander along the picturesque streets of this city famed for the chaotic Running of the Bulls during the annual festival of San Fermín. See the bullfighting ring and the Gothic Santa Maria Cathedral. Arrive at the Catalonia Donosti Hotel in San Sebastián.

Day 8 | San Sebastián

Discovery: San Sebastián. This cosmopolitan Basque resort town is widely acclaimed for its picture-perfect beaches and stellar culinary scene. On a guided walk in the elegant old town, admire Basilica de Santa María



del Coro and the Belle Epoque buildings, plus stroll on the boardwalk that hugs spectacular La Concha Bay.

Free Time: Follow your own agenda this afternoon.

Enrichment: A History of Northern Spain. Delve into the story of Basque Country, which has preserved its unique culture and language, one of Europe's oldest.

AHI Connects: Meet the People. Dine with a group of residents and learn about Basque life and customs.

Day 9 | Bilbao | San Sebastián

Discovery: Bilbao and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. See Bilbao's top sites on a scenic tour, then visit this visionary museum by American architect Frank Gehry, regarded as one of the most important buildings of the 20th century. View its impressive contemporary art with your guide, and relax over lunch later in Bilbao.

Free Time: Return to San Sebastián for time at leisure.

Day 10 | San Sebastián

Free Time: The entire day is yours to plan and enjoy!

Meet for a Farewell Reception in the hotel, and continue the celebration at a Farewell Dinner together in town.

Day 11 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Bilbao for the return flight to your gateway city.