

Gourmet & Wine Tours

LA RIOJA DOQ

10-hours Tour

ITINERARY 2-NIGHTS / 3-DAYS TOUR

Day I: La Rioja Alta: Traditional Wineries

Day 2: La Rioja Alavesa: Avant-garde & 12th century caves

Day 3: La Rioja: beyond the wine

Day 1: La Rioja Alta: Traditional Wineries Morning Program

- > A private vehicle will be at your disposal during the whole day. The driver will pick you up at the selected point in Bilbao and will take you to La Rioja Wine Region.
- Lopez de Heredia Cellar. The third oldest winery in la Rioja and the first established in Haro in 1877. Frozen in time still with its own Cooperage.

Lunch

> Tapas Lunch in Haro in a wine bar

Atfernoon Program

- ➤ We'll start visiting *La Muga Winery*, awarded by Wine&Spirits Magazine (the most renowned Spanish wine by the consumers). Come along with us and discover the secret of our wines right from their source, from the vineyard to the cellar. Full visit and wine tasting.
- Beronia Winery will be our second stop this morning: A personalized tour and tasting where you will see the work carried out in the winery and experience the pillars and history which characterize Bodegas Beronia.
- Check-in at hotel selected in la Rioja













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Day 2: La Rioja Alavesa: Avant-garde & 12th century caves

Morning Program

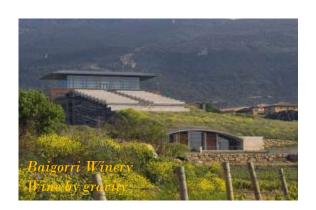
- A private vehicle will be at your disposal during the whole day. The driver will pick you up at the hotel.
- Bodegas Carlos San Pedro: Sample wines directly from the tanks, 8 metres underground, beneath the medieval hill town of Laguardia. Tour and Tasting
- ➤ Bodegas Baigorri: An architectural masterpiece. Built into the hillside the winery uses gravity to make the wine.

Lunch

> Lunch in Bodegas Baigorri paired with wines:

Atfernoon Program

- Marqués de Riscal. the second oldest winery in Rioja established in 1858. Visit the wine village and take in the iconic Frank Gehry hotel, built above the wine cellar.
- ➤ Vestiges of the past. visit some of the villages in Alava which still conserve part of the ancient walls. Castles, towers houses, stately homes that you can find all over the province.













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Day 3 La Rioja: beyond the wine

Morning Program

- > A private vehicle will be at your disposal during the whole day. The driver will pick you up at the hotel.
- > Sightseeing in Vitoria (capital of province): The Old Quarters of Vitoria-Gasteiz, declared a Monumental Site in 1997, still preserves its medieval layout intact. The Medieval Quarters enable visitors to enjoy the history of the city, discover civil buildings, mansions, tower houses and beautiful temples of great interest as examples of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical art. The "Four Towers" of the churches of San Pedro, San Miguel, San Vicente and the Cathedral of Santa Maria set an emblematic figure of the city and their interiors offer significant architectural elements

Lunch

Lunch at a singular Sidreria/Asador (cider bar / grill house) Cider and wine straight away from the barrel all year round.

Afternoon Program

> Private transfer to Bilbao Airport





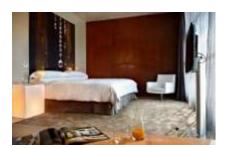








LA RIOJA: VIURA 4* (SMALL LUXURY HOTELS)













Viura is an architecturally flamboyant, modern hotel with dramatic mountain views of the Sierra de Cantabria. With a fine dining restaurant, a bar, a wine cellar and a gym, this is a striking yet particularly comfortable bolthole from which to unravel the mysteries of the Rioja Alavesa wine country. Wonderful hotel, especially for wine lovers. We highly recommend to have dinner in the restaurant, as the food is excellent and they have a large winelist with all the wines of the Rioja at very reasonable prices





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INCLUSIONS

- Transport with Private Vehicle
- Guide and Driver from Byyou Wine Tours
- Lunch at a Sidreria / Asador
- Guided tour and Wine Tasting in 5 wineries
- 3 Lunches in traditional restaurants and cellars
- Guided Sightseeing in Medieval villages and Vitoria
- Accommodation:
 - Viura 4* (Small Luxury hotels) 2 nights breakfast included.

FACTS

- > The first Spanish Wine Region in obtaining the DO (Appellation of Origin) and also the first one with the DOQ (Qualified Appellation of Origin). Only two wine regions in Spain has earned this honor (La Rioja and El Priorat).
- > From avant-garde architecture to outdoor pursuits and culinary delights, this area of northern Spain is a traveller's paradise.
- > A total of 1.200 wineries in 3 sub-regions: La Rioja Alavesa, La Rioja Alta, La Rioja Baja.
- > TheSurface: 63.583 has
- Main Grapes:
 - > Red wines: Tempranillo, Graciano, Garnacha, Mazuela.
 - ➤ White wines: Viura, Malvasia, Garnacha Blanca













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LOCATION: FROM BILBAO TO LA RIOJA WINE REGION

DISTANCE FROM BILBAO IIIKM.



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