



# LONE MADRONE

Basque Country Post Cruise from  
Bordeaux to San Sebastian and Bilbao  
June 26 - June 30, 2022



  
**Terroirs Travels**  
*Prestige Wine Adventures*



# The Spanish Basque Country San Sebastian/Bilbao

The Basque Country is one of Europe's oldest and strongest cultures: Straddling two nations on the Atlantic Coast — stretching about 100 miles from Bilbao, Spain, north to Bayonne, France — lies the ancient, free-spirited land of the Basques. The Basque Country is famous for its beaches, modern architecture, for its feisty, industrious natives and for its incredible cuisine! **The two main cities, San Sebastian and Bilbao, have become world leaders in gastronomy, counting more Michelin starred restaurants per square meter than any other city in the world.**

**The Spanish Basque Country is also simply beautiful:** Bright white chalet-style homes with deep-red and green shutters scatter across lush, rolling hills, a stunning coastline, and the Pyrenees Mountains soaring high above the Atlantic!

**Our custom designed 5 day adventure is based in San Sebastian,** the cosmopolitan seaside resort with beaches framed by a gorgeous bayfront promenade, and world-renowned restaurants helmed by innovative chefs. Its cobblestoned old town (Parte Vieja) houses chic upscale shops and vibrant pintxos bars. **From there we venture off to the spectacular wine regions of Northern Spain, the Txakolina and the Rioja,** where Spain's finest wines emerge from. and we get to taste at the most famous wineries.

Small hilltop medieval towns overlooking an awesome countryside, charming fishing villages serving the freshest grilled fish, the site of **Guernica** immortalized by Picasso, a walk along the **Camino de Santiago trail**, the incredible outdoor “mercados” – food markets , **pintxos bar hopping**... these are some of the fun daily adventures we will enjoy as we discover this extraordinary corner of Spain.

**The last day and night are dedicated to Bilbao, the capital of the Basque Country :** With its staggering architecture, venerable dining scene and stunning landscapes just outside the city center, Bilbao is one of the great treasures of the Basque Country. It is renowned for the **Frank Gehry–designed Guggenheim Museum** which houses prominent modern and contemporary works, but it is the curvy, titanium-clad building that receives the most attention. After lunch at the museum's famed Bistro restaurant, our private guide will tour us through this awesome building.

There are multiple choices for celebrating our last night in the Basque Country: **Bilbao is a vibrant city with Michelin-starred eateries and buzzing pintxos bars, all offering a different take on Basque cuisine.** The cobblestone streets of the old town also feature endless rewards for foodies with eateries lining the Plaza Nueva.

Three of the four evenings/dinners on this tour have purposely been left “at leisure” in order to give each of you the opportunity to select your own culinary feast in this gastronomic wonderland!

**I am happy to provide a list of the top-rated restaurants for San Sebastian and Bilbao to those interested;** reservations well in advance are recommended and I certainly can assist you with that.

**I have selected the hotel Villa Soro for you in San Sebastian as it is the most lovely 19th century manor house with utter comforts and charm.** The renovation that transformed it from a private house into a top-notch hotel was done with care and attention to detail in keeping with a Belle Epoque style and feel, without, of course forsaking modern niceties such as Internet connection.

It is surrounded by beautiful gardens and about 1 kilometer from the beach and downtown: **I have included a nightly scheduled shuttle for your convenience in getting you to center town and back.**

By contrast, I have chosen **Hotel Miro in Bilbao**, a smart, modern boutique hotel staying very much in the architectural style of its neighbor, The Guggenheim Museum. **Created by fashion designer António Miro, the hotel has a very cosmopolitan vibe and contemporary bright décor.** Great location.

**LOGISTICS:** Air schedules for June 2022 are not posted yet and most probably won't be until June 2021. My colleagues in the Frosch Air Dept. can assist in ticketing your itinerary, let me know and I will put you in touch with them.

And some of you may want to spend some time in Paris or Bordeaux prior to embarking on June 19, 2022: if you need help, I am happy to assist with hotels and touring, please indicate so on the Post Cruise Registration Form.

I know you will all enjoy sharing this exciting fun-filled adventure with your fellow Lone Madrone friends: **please secure your spot by signing up quickly as the tour is capacity limited to 12 couples .**

From fairy tale-like villages and modern architectural landmarks to world-class food and wine, the Basque Country will enchant you!

Warmest Regards,  
Joelle Cliff



**MORNING**

9am: Meet French guide and private motorcoach at the Uniworld dock in **Bordeaux**.

Scenic drive down the French Basque Coast to **St Jean De Luz** with short panoramic tour of elegant **Biarritz**, the queen resort of the French Basque region.

**12.00pm: Lunch at Illura**, located in Hôtel La Réserve on the heights of St-Jean-de-Luz, with a superb terrace overlooking the ocean, serving delicious food with excellent locally sourced ingredients.

**AFTERNOON**

Visit of **St Jean de Luz**: What was once the center for Basque corsairs in the 17th century has now become an easy going beach resort town. This charming seaside village sits at the foot of the Pyrenees, on a gentle, crescent-shaped bay with fine sand and has an old town that is filled with colorful timbered Basque houses. On main street **Rue Gambetta**, you will find what is referred to as “**Linge Basque**,” which are solid fabrics that feature brightly striped patterns. Linge Basque is a deep-rooted tradition from the Basque Country: napkins, kitchen towels and other cotton and linen products that make for great souvenirs and gifts.

Meet our Spanish Guide and continue the road trip across the border to San Sebastian.

**Panoramic tour of the highlights of San Sebastian**

Check in at hotel Villa Soro

**EVENING****Guided Pintxos and Wine tour (2 groups of 11 pax).**

Visit iconic bars in San Sebastian's most famous neighborhood for the essential Pintxos experience.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Soro\*\*\*\* in San Sebastian

**Morning:**

Breakfast at our hotel

Guided walking tour of Mercado de la Brexta, the Vieja Parte, the Cathedral & the Basilica

**Transfer to Txakolina Wine Region**

Visit and tasting at Gaintza Txakolindegia winery. Gaintza has a long and proud history. Four generations of the Lazkano family have prepared, produced and distributed txakoli, (pronounced [tʃako'li]) a slightly sparkling, very dry white wine with high acidity and low alcohol content that this Basque region is famous for.

**Lunch at restaurant Elkano in Getaria**

One of the world's most famous seafood restaurants, Elkano was founded in 1964 and embraces a 'fin-to-tail' ethos. Its speciality is seasonal fish prepared with disarming simplicity, such as its showstopping turbot, accompanied by vegetables from local farms.

**Afternoon:****Option 1 :**

Transfer back to San Sebastian and enjoy afternoon at leisure

**Option 2 :**

**Walk along the sea on part of the Camino de Santiago Trail from San Sebastian to the picturesque fishing village of Pasaia**, that captured the heart of Victor Hugo.

Return by private coach

**Evening:**

Dinner will be at leisure

One shuttle transfer to the city center and one transfer back in the evening is provided.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Soro\*\*\*\* in San Sebastian





**Morning:**

Breakfast at your hotel

**Transfer to La Rioja Wine Region****Visit Eguren Ugarte winery**

Founded in 1870 by Anastasio Eguren, it is known as one of the longest-standing vineyards in Europe. Eguren Ugarte is a 140-year-old landmark in the famous Rioja Alavesa terroir.

Perched on the beautiful hills of Sierra Cantabria, Eguren Ugarte boasts a family winemaking legacy in the Laguardia region with 12 spectacular wine varieties.

**Lunch at the winery with wine pairings****Afternoon:****Walking tour in the lovely medieval town of Laguardia.**

Situated on a hill and surrounded by a 13th century wall, it is a natural balcony facing the wine region.

**Visit Ysios winery in the afternoon.**

Located just north of Laguardia, at its foothills, is the chic and truly avant-garde winery of Ysios. The building is a masterpiece from Santiago Calatrava. It's an amazing building in an equally amazing setting right next to Laguardia. Ysios is famous for its Tempranillo.

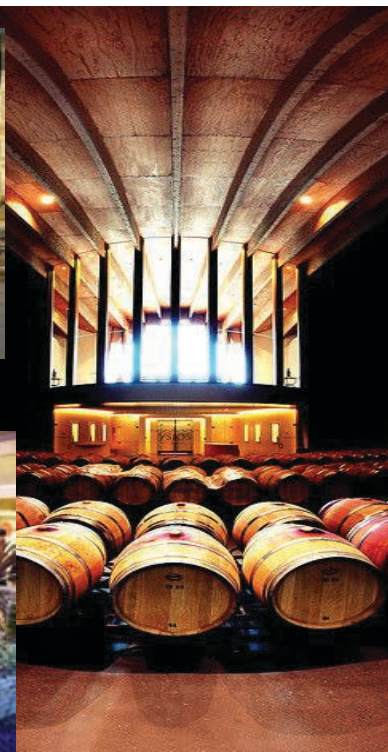
**Transfer back to San Sebastian** and, time-permitting, visit La Concha beach area and Monte Igeldo.

**Evening:**

Tonight's dinner will be at leisure in **La Concha area**

One shuttle transfer to the city center and one transfer back in the evening is provided.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Soro\*\*\*\* in San Sebastian





**Morning:**

Breakfast at our hotel

**Transfer to San Juan de Gaztelugatxe**

The Basque coastline is very rough in this area. The sea ceaselessly erodes the rocky coast creating tunnels, arches and caves. The island of Gaztelugatxe is in the center of this section of coast next to the small Aketx island, a sanctuary for marine birds. The hermitage is accessed by a narrow path, crossing the solid stone bridge, and going up 231 steps. According to legend, after the slightly strenuous climb to the top of the crag one should ring the bell three times and make a wish.

**Transfer to Bilbao**

Walking tour in Bilbao includes La Ribera market, a 10,000 square meter covered market, the largest in Europe. Located within **Casco Viejo** (Old Town), the market is filled with stands of local fresh produce, bars and restaurants – a must-visit when in the city.

**Lunch:**

Transfer to the Guggenheim Museum for lunch at the museum's famous Bistro restaurant.

**Afternoon:**

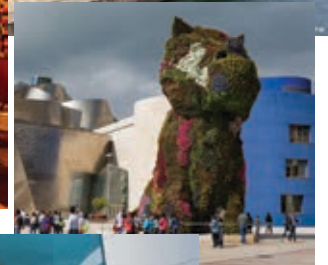
Visit of the museum with a local guide. The Guggenheim which was designed by Canadian-American architect Frank Gehry, features modern and contemporary art. It is one of the most admired works of contemporary architecture, built alongside the Nervion River.

**Evening:**

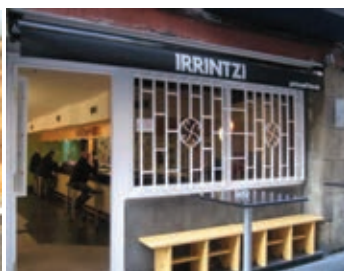
Transfer to hotel Miro and check in.

Tonight's dinner will be at leisure. An opportunity, perhaps, to sample one of the great Michelin restaurants Bilbao is renowned for.

Overnight at the Hotel Miro\*\*\*\* in Bilbao



Azurmendi



Andra Mari



Zortziko

**Morning:**

Breakfast at your hotel & check out

Group 1: Guests with early morning flight: early morning transfer to Bilbao airport

Group 2: Guests with later flight departures: 12.00pm transfer to Bilbao airport

*Adios!*

## PRICING

price per person accommodated in a Double/Twin Room	2400 €
per person accommodated in a Deluxe Room at Villa Soro	2600 €
Single supplement in Double/Twin Room only	665 €

**A minimum of 22 participating members is required to guarantee this pre-cruise at the above pricing.**

### **The tour price includes:**

- 3-night accommodation at Villa Soro\*\*\*\* in San Sebastian with breakfast, city tax and portorage included
- 1-night accommodation at Hotel Miro\*\*\*\* in Bilbao with breakfast, city tax and portorage included
- Activities and visits mentioned in the above offer
- Lunch on day 2, 3 & 4
- Evening Pintxos and Wine tour with a local guide on day 1 - includes food & drinks
- One English-speaking licensed guide
- Private luxury coach with driver throughout the tour from pick up at Uniworld Bordeaux dock to drop off at Bilbao airport. on day 5 (additional transfers on day 2 for the optional activities).
- 1 small bottle of water per person and per day is included,
- Driver and waiters gratuities

### **The tour price does NOT include:**

- Guide gratuities, International flights or any fees related to it, passport fees
- Personal expenses such as excess or overweight baggage charges, laundry, telephone, email, room services, Individual travel insurance, baggage/ personal accident insurance, medical expenses,
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees/visits/activities not specified in the itinerary
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Any other service that is not listed under the « the price includes » section

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 10% deposit will be due at time of booking
- 2nd deposit of 30% will be due by February 1st, 2022
- 3rd deposit of 30% will be due by March 15th, 2022
- Final payment will be due by May 1st, 2022

Payment is made in Euros to Inland Travel by credit card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express)

### FINAL DOCUMENTS

You will receive the final documents, via email, 30 days prior to the arrival date in France.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Prior to March 15th, 2022; Inland Travel will charge a 3% administrative fee.
- Between March 15th, 2022 and April 15th, 2022; Inland Travel will charge 30% of the trip.
- Between April 15th, 2022 and May 15th, 2022; Inland Travel will charge 70% of the trip.
- After May 15th, 2022; Inland Travel will charge 100% of the trip.

***We strongly recommend that travelers purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance.***

***Every cancellation must be notified to Terroirs Travels by email.***

***Within 30 days of receiving written notification of the cancellation, refund will be processed***

### DURING THE TRIP

Each tour that will be cancelled, modified, interrupted or shorten for any reason by the client during his stay, will not give right to any refund or any compensation. Each additional fee due to a modification or addition requested by the client, will be charged to the client.

### UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

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### PASSPORTS AND VISAS

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