

APAVM INVITES YOU ON A  
CULTURAL & SPIRITUAL IMMERSION TO  
**NORTHERN SPAIN**

SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2025

SAN SEBASTIAN | BILBAO | LOYOLA | RIOJA | SANTIAGO  
| ZARAGOZA | MONTSERRAT | BARCELONA



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**OPTIONAL LOURDES PRE-TOUR: SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2025**

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# Itinerary

## Optional Lourdes Pre-Tour:

**Day 1** Thursday, September 4  

### Arrive in France | Lourdes

Independent arrivals in Lourdes, France and transfers to the hotel. Official Pre-Tour commences at 1500 hrs with a Welcome Reception. In the afternoon, enjoy an orientation tour, followed by hotel check-in. There will also be an opportunity to attend a special presentation by the doctor who evaluates the healings from the miraculous spring.

You may attend the blessing of the sick or an optional public Mass this afternoon. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner together followed by the nightly candlelight procession and rosary recited in different languages. Overnight in Lourdes.

**Day 2** Friday, September 5 

### Lourdes

After breakfast at the hotel, take a walking tour in the footsteps of St. Bernadette to whom Mary appeared. Take the remainder of the day for private reflection or attend a public Mass (optional). Independent dinner this evening, with the option of participating in the candlelight procession. Overnight in Lourdes.

**Day 3** Saturday, September 6 

### Lourdes | San Sebastian

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, depart on a private motorcoach to San Sebastian, Spain.

Arrive in San Sebastian in time for lunch on your own, then check-in to the hotel. Take time for leisure before the main program begins at 3pm.

## Northern Spain Tour:

**Day 1** Saturday, September 6  

### San Sebastian

Independent arrivals in San Sebastian, Spain and transfers to the hotel. Enjoy an afternoon of pintxos—traditional small, skewered snacks popular in northern Spain—at your leisure. Official Main Tour commences at 1500 hrs with a Welcome Reception at the Maria Cristina Hotel. This will be followed by a walking tour of the city, including visit to San Telmo Museum. Enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in San Sebastian.

**Day 2** Sunday, September 7  

### Bilbao Day Trip

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Bilbao. Upon arrival, tour the Guggenheim Museum—an architectural masterpiece designed by Frank Gehry—before exploring world-class modern art exhibits along the Nervión River. Continue to the coastal town of Bermeo for lunch at Portuondo Restaurant. Return to San Sebastian to attend an evening public Mass (optional). Enjoy a group dinner and overnight in San Sebastian.

**Day 3** Monday, September 8  

### Loyola Day Trip (B|L)

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Loyola through the scenic Pyrenees Mountains. Visit the sanctuary where a magnificent basilica adjoins a 13th century tower house, where St. Ignatius was born.

Celebrate a private Mass in the Chapel of Conversion in Loyola. On the way back, stop to explore the coastal town of Zumaia before arriving in Getaria for walking tour of the Basque town. Enjoy lunch at Kaia Kaibe, Astilleros, or the Michelin-starred Elkano. Return to San Sebastian for an evening at leisure and overnight.

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## Main Tour Continued

**Day 4** Tuesday, September 9 ☕🍷🍽️

### Rioja

After breakfast and hotel check-out, depart for Rioja, the picturesque wine region in the Ebro River Valley, where you will experience enticing wines and gastronomy. Visit Remirez de Ganuza Winery for a tasting and tour along the Golden Mile of Rioja. Enjoy lunch at Palacio Samaniego before checking into the 5-star, avant-garde Marques de Riscal Hotel. Evening at leisure and dinner on your own in Rioja.

**Day 5** Wednesday, September 10 ☕🍽️

### Walk the Camino de Santiago | Free Day

Today, walk a portion of the ancient pilgrim trail, El Camino de Santiago (optional). Stop at the Santo Domingo de la Calzada Cathedral Museum or spend your free time exploring local attractions or the town of Laguardia.

**Day 6** Thursday, September 11 ☕🍽️

### Zaragoza | Barcelona

After breakfast and hotel check-out, depart for Zaragoza to visit the site of the world's first Marian apparition, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. Celebrate a private Mass before taking time for lunch on your own. Continue to Barcelona and check into the 5-star Hotel Arts Barcelona. Group Dinner this evening and overnight in Barcelona.

**Day 7** Friday, September 12 ☕🍽️

### Montserrat | Barcelona

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Montserrat, home to the Benedictine Monastery and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat. Take time for personal prayer before returning to Barcelona to enjoy an afternoon hosted by your local tour manager (pending confirmation). This evening, there is an option to attend Palau de la Musica Concert. Dinner on your own and overnight Barcelona.

**Day 8** Saturday, September 13 ☕🍽️

### Barcelona

After breakfast, take a leisurely walking tour of Park Güell and Barcelona's iconic landmarks. Visit Gaudí's house and La Sagrada Familia Basilica for a private Mass. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. This evening there will be a special farewell reception and dinner at the Hotel Arts Barcelona. Overnight in Barcelona.

**Day 9** Sunday, September 14 ☕🍽️

### Return Home

Breakfast and hotel check-out before independent flights home (private transfers to be arranged based on departure times).

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights' accommodations
- Continental breakfast daily
- 4 lunches
- 4 dinners
- 2 receptions
- 1 wine tasting
- Luxury motor coach for specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in Spain
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of Mass including donations in unique and historic churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Personal audio devices for group tours
- Gratuities payable to local tour manager, guides, and drivers

### YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare and airport transfers; this package is sold land only
- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

## NORTHERN SPAIN TOUR

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**\$8,850\*** USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$3,200 USD

## OPTIONAL LOURDES PRE-TOUR

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**\$1,600** USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$400 USD

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Final Payment:** Full payment must be made together with the Main Tour Final Payment (June 8, 2025)

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

Payments are non-refundable and subject to CTS Terms and Conditions, including the CTS Liability Release.

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## REGISTER NOW!!

**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE APAVM PATRONS WITH MEMBERSHIP VALID AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF 2027.**

### Grand Hôtel Gallia & Londres

26 Avenue Bernadette Soubirous 65100 Lourdes (4 to 6 September, 2025, 2 nights) ★★★★★



### Hotel Maria Cristina, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Sebastian

Paseo Republica Argentina, 4, San Sebastian, Spain, 20004 (6 to 9 September, 2025, 3 nights) ★★★★★



### Renaissance Barcelona Hotel ★★★★★

Carrer de Pau Claris, 122, L'Eixample, 08009 Barcelona, Spain (11 to 14 September, 2025, 3 nights)



### Hotel Marqués de Riscal, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Elciego

Calle Torrea, 1, Elciego, Spain, 01340 (9 to 11 September, 2025, 2 nights) ★★★★★



Hotels are subject to availability