



# MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY

*"The pintxos experience in San Sebastián is fantastic fun as you discover the delights of this lovely Spanish city and its unique gastronomy with a local at home in their own city."* - **Richard, Travel Director**

## INSIGHT CHOICE

**Paris:** Choose between shopping at Galeries Lafayette and a guided tour around the Right Bank led by the Local Expert. Alternatively, join a local foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies.

## INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

**Madrid:** Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an Art Historian and see Pablo Picasso's masterpiece Guernica, one of the world's greatest anti-war paintings.

**Visit** Bramante Staircase, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica with a Local Expert.

## TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

**Travel** on the Eurostar train.

**Visit** Burgos Cathedral

**City tours** of Bordeaux, Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, Pisa and Florence, all with Local Experts.

**See** Paris • Amboise Château • San Sebastian • Burgos • Plaza de Cibeles, Royal Palace and Puerta del Sol in Madrid • Las Ramblas and Sagrada Familia in Barcelona • Avignon • Nice • Monaco • Pisa • Duomo and Plaza della Signoria in Florence • Colosseum in Rome.

## AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris • Dine with locals in San Sebastian • Farm-to-Table dining Avignon • Celebration Dinner in Rome.

**Taste** olive oil in Avignon.



Pinxtos, San Sebastian, Spain

## TRIP PLANNER - 16 DAYS

### EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT SAVE UP TO \$650 pp

TRIP CODE: T915

| STARTS       | ENDS       | TWIN   | STARTS       | ENDS       | TWIN   |
|--------------|------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------|
| ✕ Sat 25 Apr | Sun 10 May | \$6350 | ✕ Sat 18 Jul | Sun 02 Aug | \$6250 |
| Sat 09 May   | Sun 24 May | \$6350 | Sat 01 Aug   | Sun 16 Aug | \$6250 |
| Sat 23 May   | Sun 07 Jun | \$6395 | Sat 15 Aug   | Sun 30 Aug | \$6250 |
|              |            |        | Sat 29 Aug   | Sun 13 Sep | \$6450 |
| ✕ Sat 06 Jun | Sun 21 Jun | \$6425 |              |            |        |
| Sat 20 Jun   | Sun 05 Jul | \$6425 | Sat 12 Sep   | Sun 27 Sep | \$6495 |
|              |            |        |              |            |        |
| Sat 04 Jul   | Sun 19 Jul | \$6350 | Sat 03 Oct   | Sun 18 Oct | \$6395 |

**NOTES:** Twin prices are per person. ✕ These departures will stay at a hotel of similar standard in Tuscany. ✕ This departure will stay at Hotel San Sebastian in lieu of Barcelo Costa Vasca in San Sebastian.

**FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO:** Young Traveller \$630 | 2nd Trip \$162 | Past Guest \$325

**JOINING OPTIONS:** Join at Paris hotel and SAVE \$260 p.p.

**ROOMING OPTIONS:** Single Supplement from \$2000 p.p., up to \$2240 p.p. | Triple Room Supplement \$160

**PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION:** For your Travel Director and Driver \$254p.p.

WHY NOT COMBINE THIS TRIP WITH  
**SPLENDID EUROPE TO  
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FROM \$391 PER DAY

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## YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

16 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 15 BREAKFASTS | 4 DINNERS | 16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



### DAY 1

#### ✈️ DEPART FROM LONDON.

🚆 Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join in Paris at the Paris hotel.

🍴🍷 *Meet your Travel Director at 17:00 for a Welcome Dinner at an elegant local restaurant.*

☆ During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, facades of the Louvre, the River Seine, Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. (DW)

🏨 **Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel.**  
●●●●● | Contemporary | 📶

### DAY 2

#### PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT.

🗝️ Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose between shopping at Galeries Lafayette and a guided tour around the Right Bank led by a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a Local Expert, an avid foodie, to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

### DAY 3

#### AMBOISE AND ON TO BORDEAUX.

☆ Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stop in Amboise to see the impressive Royal Château. Continue to bustling Bordeaux, with its unique 18th century character. (B)

🏨 **Pullman Bordeaux Lac.**  
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### DAY 4

#### BORDEAUX AND SAN SEBASTIÁN.

☆ Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of France's best 18th century architecture which contributed to Bordeaux becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

👁️ *Journey onto San Sebastián where you will dine with the locals. Wander through the Old Town, as you enjoy the Basque gastronomic tradition of pintxos.* (B) (DW)

🏨 **Barcelo Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.**  
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### DAY 5 · RELAXED START

#### BURGOS AND MADRID.

☆ Drive south through the Pyrenees foothills, stopping in Burgos, the land of 'El Cid,' to see his burial place in the cathedral. (B)

🏨 **Hotel Riu Plaza De Espana, Madrid.**  
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### DAY 6 · RELAXED START

#### MADRID.

☆ Join your Local Expert for a sightseeing tour including the Old Town, Paseo de la Castellana, Plaza de Cibeles.

👁️ Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian to see Picasso's Guernica, one of the world's greatest anti-war paintings. (B)

### DAY 7

#### MADRID AND BEAUTIFUL BARCELONA.

Continue to the vibrant port of Barcelona. (B)

🏨 **Hilton Barcelona.**  
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### DAY 8 · RELAXED START

#### BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI.

☆ Join your Local Expert to walk through the heart of the Gothic Quarter. Travel by the Ramblas and along the Passeig de Gràcia.

☆ Continue through the Eixample district to see Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the mesmerising Sagrada Família. (B)

### DAY 9

#### AVIGNON, THE CITY OF POPES.

Journey to Avignon to see the famous Pont d'Avignon.

☆ Walk within the medieval narrow streets of the Old Town to the old Palais des Papes.

🍴🍷 *Learn about olive oil and enjoy a tasting of the freshest produce. After, indulge in a Farm-to-Table dinner, a delicious insight into traditional French home-style cuisine.* (B) (DW)

🏨 **Cloître Saint-Louis, Avignon.**  
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### DAY 10

#### ON THE SHORES OF NICE.

Journey along the French Riviera to the elegant resort town of Nice, where the rest of the day is at your leisure to stroll along the fabled Promenade des Anglais or relax on the beach. (B)

🏨 **Radisson Blu Hotel, Nice.**  
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### DAY 11

#### MONACO, PISA AND TUSCAN HILLS.

☆ In Monaco, be driven along part of the Grand Prix circuit, see the Royal Palace and visit the cathedral. Follow the arc of the Italian Riviera before arriving in Pisa.

☆ Join your Local Expert to see the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. (B)

🏨 **Grand Hotel Vittoria, Montecatini, Tuscany.**  
●●●●● | Heritage | 📶

### DAY 12

#### RENAISSANCE FLORENCE.

☆ Journey to Florence for sightseeing with your Local Expert. See the marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit the open-air gallery in Piazza della Signoria and see the area around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)

### DAY 13 · RELAXED START

#### THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME.

Arrive at the Eternal City, filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches.

🍴🍷 *What better way to toast the culmination of your Mediterranean journey, than with delicious Italian cuisine and wine.* (B) (DW)

🏨 **Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.**  
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### DAY 14

#### EXPLORING PAPAL ROME.

A Local Expert introduces the grandeur of the city.

👁️ Enjoy Insight's special VIP, fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase. Once inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. (B)

### DAY 15 · RELAXED START

#### ROME AT LEISURE.

The day is yours to enjoy Rome at your own pace. Perhaps venture to the ill-fated town of Pompeii? (B)

### DAY 16

#### ARRIVEDERCI ROME.

Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at approximately 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$1007