

Northern Iberia and Barcelona

March 17 – 29, 2019



Explore the diverse regions and cities of the north on this most unique Northern Spain tour that includes a taste of Portugal. Discover Catalonia's distinct culture and proud traditions; the autonomous Basque region, with its own unique culture and language; and Castile, central to Spain's medieval history. Then we enjoy the art, culture and history of extraordinary Barcelona!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flights between Newark NJ and Porto Portugal; Bilbao Spain and Barcelona Spain and return
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
- 11 nights' accommodations at the following hotels or similar
- 4 nights Hotel Dom Henrique Porto, Portugal
- 1 night AC Hotel Marriott Leon, Spain
- 3 nights Melia Bilbao, Spain
- 3 nights Hotel Negresco Princess, Spain
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges including Barcelona city taxes
- Hotel portorage
- 11 Breakfasts
- 5 Dinners including a Douro River Cruise
- Extensive sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager from arrival to departure
- Services of local guides as required
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure at each hotel

Contact **Angie Kellich** for
additional information!

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SPECIAL FEATURES

- City Tour of Porto – Old Quarter, Ribeira District, Church of Santa Clara and more
- Douro Valley River Dinner Cruise
- Tour of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia
- Braga and Guimaraes Tour
- Castle of the Templars in Ponferrada
- City Tour of Leon – Basilica of San Isidoro, Royal Pantheon
- Asturias Region – Oviedo and Santander
- Tour of Bilbao – Cathedral de Santiago, Plaza Nueva and The Guggenheim Museum
- Pamplona, San Sebastian, and Biarritz France
- Picasso Museum
- La Sagrada Familia Cathedral
- Tour of Montserrat
- And so much more



You are invited to join Angie's Group along with our returning tour escort, Derek Payne. Derek has been our private escort for over 10 years. From the moment you arrive, Derek is there to welcome us and ensure that we enjoy our vacation to the fullest. Derek is with us all the way, a friendly face in a foreign land and a great traveling companion. He is exceptionally experienced, well-organized, knowledgeable and at the pinnacle of his career. He makes sure everything runs smoothly and takes time out to help with specific priorities and interests.

We all share a sense of fun and a common interest in discovery; an experience made more personal because our smaller group size is the optimum for guided touring. Along with Derek and a dedicated driver, you'll enjoy a spirit of companionship, while appreciating real freedom, comfort, space and privacy.

DAILY ITINERARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 - Depart for Portugal

Depart Newark, NJ on Lufthansa arriving Frankfurt connecting to Porto Portugal the following morning. Meals, beverages and entertainment aboard. (Flight times are subject to change until ticketed.)

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 – Porto Portugal

Upon arrival into Porto, you will be greeted by your Tour Manager after going through customs. En route, you will enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of Porto. The balance of the day is free. This evening, you will enjoy a Douro River cruise with dinner.

Overnight: Porto, Portugal

Meals: Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 – Douro Valley

Today will be spent touring Porto (Oporto), the '2nd city' of Portugal. Located along the Douro river estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centers, and the atmospheric ancient port is steeped in history and tradition. Porto is rich with well-preserved treasures, including monuments in the Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque and Neo-classical style. We will wander through Porto's lively city center, and see the Old Quarter, the modern districts, and the low section that fronts the River Douro. Our walking tour of Porto's riverfront Ribeira district will include the lavish rooms of its neoclassical Stock Exchange Palace, the exquisitely gilded Church of Santa Clara, the Cathedral and the São Bento Train Station. The alluring district of Ribeira is a crumbling but fascinating place made up of medieval streets and alleyways, including the riverfront square ("Praça da Ribeira"). During our time here we will see the Church of Sao Francisco which dates to the 13th century. After lunch on your own, we learn how port is made and get to taste it at one of the city's many producers. After our return, enjoy Porto on your own.

Overnight: Porto, Portugal

Meals: Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 – Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast we travel to Santiago de Compostela, Spain and the sacred pilgrimage route, St James Way. Built of golden granite, Santiago is one of the most beautiful of all Spanish cities. The medieval city has been declared in its entirety a national monument, and remains remarkably integrated, all the better for being almost completely pedestrianized. For centuries pilgrims have made their way along this historic path and on this tour you can be a part of their experience. Today we tour the sacred sites

of Santiago de Compostela, like the city's famous cathedral, as well as the UNESCO World-Heritage-listed Old Town. En route we make a stop in Baiona, one of the most important coastal towns in Galicia because of its harbor and fishing fleet. The caravel Pinta landed here on her arrival back in Europe from Columbus's "discovery" of America. You'll have time for enjoying a coffee or some Spanish tapas as well as local shopping before our return to Portugal.

Overnight: Porto, Portugal

Meals: Breakfast

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 – Braga / Guimaraes

Today we visit Braga, a UNESCO World Heritage city and famous for its churches, last count surpassing 300! As the religious center of Portugal, Braga boasts the highest number of churches per capita in Christendom. The Goidelic Celts, also known as the Bracari, are believed to have founded the city and given it a name several thousand years ago. The Romans occupied it in 250 BC and made it the hub of five major roads, all leading to Rome. Through them Christianity and the first Bishops of Braga eventually came. In the old quarter of Braga, you can explore the ornate Renaissance and Manueline palaces, baroque churches, and narrow medieval streets with time on your own for lunch and shopping. After lunch we proceed to Guimaraes, birthplace of Portugal's first king and for 2012, European Capital of Culture. In this charming town (a UNESCO site) we will have a walking tour of the old medieval quarter. We begin in the Largo da Oliveira, with its varying styles of architecture. As we walk through the Old Quarter, notice the window boxes with fresh, colorful spring flowers. On our walk you will see workshops, bakeries, stores, and operating like time has never passed. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight with many memories of Portugal.

Overnight: Porto, Portugal

Meals: Breakfast

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 – Porto / Ponferrada / Leon

After breakfast we travel through the picturesque countryside with a stop in Ponferrada and a visit to the "Castle of the Templars", a UNESCO World Heritage site. Although many secrets of this place have been told, there are dozens of stories related to the pilgrims of the Camino de Santiago who still await revelation. One of the known tales is related to the famous Jacques de Molay, a Grand Master of the Templar Order. After our visit and time for lunch we travel to León, the ancient seat of the Reconquista during the Middle Ages. Upon arrival, we join a local guide for a visit to the magnificent 13th-century cathedral, one of Spain's most beautiful buildings, with its sculpture-covered façade and impressive stained glass windows. Continue on for a tour of the city featuring the Basilica of San Isidoro and the adjoining Royal Pantheon, the resting place of León's ancient kings. This magnificent crypt has been described as the Sistine Chapel of Spanish Romanesque art. Pause to marvel at Casa de Botines, designed by the famous architect Gaudí. We continue to our hotel for check in. Dinner will be at the hotel with wine later tonight.

Overnight: Leon, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 – Leon / Oviedo / Santander / Bilbao

After breakfast we travel by road through the Asturias region to Bilbao with a stop in Oviedo. Oviedo is Asturia's capital city. It is famous for its elegant old town district with serene squares filled with cafes and the famous sidrarias, which serve the local hard cider, sidra. No visit would be complete without a stop at the cathedral situated on a square with two old mansions (palacios) and a chapel.

After our visit, we'll then make our way to the port city of Santander, a renowned tourist destination for the elite in the 19th century. You'll have time to walk through this beautiful town and enjoy lunch on your own. Then we'll continue deeper into Basque country toward Bilbao, tucked into the deep lush folds and clefts of Euskadi's coastal range. The name is "Bilbo" in Basque, but its inhabitants prefer to call it the "botxo," Basque for hole, or orifice. We check into our hotel followed by dinner with cider later at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Bilbao, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 – Bilbao City Tour / Guggenheim

After breakfast, this morning's tour begins in Bilbao's medieval Old City, with a charming mix of narrow cobblestone streets and inviting squares. See the Cathedral de Santiago (c. 1379), once a stop on the pilgrimage route; monumental Plaza Nueva; and busy seaside La Ribera market. Then take a guided tour of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and its contemporary art collection. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the jaw-dropping structure of limestone, titanium, and glass has drawn acclaim, attention, and visitors to this popular, revitalized city. Your last stop is Bilbao's Fine Arts Museum, with a rich collection of Spanish and Basque artworks. Enjoy lunch on your own with free time this afternoon.

Overnight: Bilbao, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 – Pamplona / Biarritz France / San Sebastian

This morning we visit Pamplona, at the foot of the Pyrenees, where the famous "running of the bulls" takes place. We'll have a guided walking tour to learn about how the city has served for centuries as both a military stronghold and an important point on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail. Featuring a daily bull run, this legendary festival was depicted in the writings of author Ernest Hemingway. Meander down winding alleys, admire well-preserved fortifications, and step inside ornate buildings such as Pamplona's ornate Gothic cathedral, one of the most important religious structures in Spain. Afterwards we travel to the west coast of France to Biarritz. This town was once a fishing village but has now become a desired destination for the rich and famous with its stunning beach and beautiful landscapes. Enjoy time in this town for meandering or just sitting at a café. We'll then depart for a visit to San Sebastián, a picturesque resort city sitting on the calm La Concha bay backed by low, rolling hills. The city is best known for its beaches but it is so much more, with a lively, buzzing atmosphere that fills the streets all day and well into the night. The charming Parte Vieja (old town) nestles at the foot of the green Monte Urgull, whilst Centro, the shopping and commercial district has some lovely 19th century architecture. After, we'll have a tapas hop throughout the town with suggestions from our escort before returning to Bilbao.

Overnight: Bilbao, Spain

Meals: Breakfast

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 – Bilbao / Barcelona

After breakfast this morning, we fly to Barcelona, capital of the unique Catalonia region of Spain. Upon arrival we travel to Barcelona's most famous and most photographed attraction - La Sagrada Familia Cathedral (Cathedral of the Holy Family), an amalgam of fantasy and Gothic impulses, and Gaudi's most unique piece of architecture. Our bus stops on the side of the Nativity facade (north) from where we walk around to the Passion facade.

We explore the interior and also visit the cathedral museum during our stop. We'll then have a panoramic tour of the city before checking into your hotel. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring before our dinner this evening at the hotel or a local restaurant with wine.

Overnight: Barcelona, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 – Barcelona City Tour

After breakfast this morning we visit the Picasso Museum. We also stroll down the avenue of Las Ramblas, the exotic "spine of Barcelona," with a stop to look at Palau Guell, another Gaudi creation. We continue to Placa Catalunya and Placa Reial via the central market, Bequiria; a very lively place, crowded with stalls selling caged birds and lush plants and the constant clamor of people haggling and selling. We then walk into Barri Gotic, a densely-packed area of narrow lanes with a fascinating mixture of medieval and stately Renaissance buildings. Enjoy the afternoon at your pace in Barcelona. Tonight we'll have our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with wine.

Overnight: Barcelona, Spain

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 – Tour of Montserrat

This morning after breakfast we have a tour of one of Spain's most sacred sites, set in beautiful mountains from Barcelona. Long before we reach Montserrat, we will see the jagged silhouette of the great peak, and understand how it got its name ('serrat' means 'serrated'). This massive rock fortress is dotted with paths, stairs, caves, chapels and hermitages. We drive through the Montserrat Natural Park and up to the Sanctuary, around 2,380 ft. above sea level. On a clear day you will see breath-taking panoramas of the Pyrenees. We will arrive at the Sanctuary, where we can visit the Royal Basilica and the Chapel of Our Lady of Montserrat. Inside the Chapel is the famous 12th century Romanesque carved wood statue of La Moreneta (the Black Virgin). La Moreneta is the patron saint of Catalonia, and is a presence strongly felt and revered. This celebrated statue has made The Royal Basilica one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Spain. We return to Barcelona with your afternoon free.

Meals: Breakfast

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019 - Depart for U.S.

After breakfast this morning you will transfer to the airport to board your flight departing Barcelona connecting in Munich and arriving later in the evening in Newark, NJ.

Meals: Breakfast

RATES

\$3,849

Double per person

\$4,679 single per person

Optional Travel Protection:

\$219 double per person / \$256 single per person

Note: Prices are based on a minimum number of 20 participants.

Cash Discount: If you should choose to pay by cash /check your final invoice will reflect a 5% discount.

Please advise Angie if you would like transportation to/from Newark airport. Cost to be divided between number of participants will be quoted 60 days prior to departure.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

1. All names as they appear on the passport in the following format. (LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / MIDDLE NAME)
2. Date of Birth for each passenger
3. Passport Number and Expiration Date
4. Gender
5. Rooming list (if you do not have a final rooming list we need a tentative with specified who will be a single and who will be in a double room.

Final payment due: January 14, 2019

Cancellation:
Once a partial or full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received and based on the following dates prior to departure. Up to 180 days prior to departure: \$300 per person 100 to 61 days prior to departure: \$400 per person 60 days or less prior to departure: 100% of land/air 75% of land/cruise services & 100% of air cost 30 days or less prior to departure/no show: 100% of all services.
FUEL SURCHARGES:
Airlines and cruise-lines retain the right to adjust

prices based upon market price fuel surcharges. In those cases, Gate1 will adjust your invoice accordingly. In order to avoid these potential charges, your entire group must be paid in full and airline tickets issued.
CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS:
All prices are based on current rates of exchange. Your final invoice will reflect any increases resulting from currency fluctuations.
SINGLE OR TRIPLE ACCOMMODATIONS:
Are limited and subject to availability.
SCHEDULED BUS TOURS:
Due to the limited capacity of our tours, we will periodically review the progress of your sales and reserve the right to recall group space without names and "per person" deposit at any time, with 7-days' notice.
DOCUMENTS:
Charge for paper documents when e-documents are available is \$30 per person. Provided full payment is received no later than your Final Payment Due date, documents will be sent via email 21 days prior to the onset of services. Paper documents when requested, will be delivered approximately 14-21 days prior to the onset of services. A complete street address is required for mailed documents (no PO boxes).

AIRLINE SEATS:

Seats will be requested per your completed passport name list and confirmed no earlier than 40 days prior to departure. Every airline has different seating policies. For individual airline policies and other relevant information go to <http://www.gate1travel.com/airlinepolicies.htm> Any name change may result in that seat being revoked by the carrier. Bulkhead and exit row seats are considered at airport check-in only. Domestic flights are blocked for group seat requests.
TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES:
Tour participants requiring any form of assistance are required to notify Gate 1 Travel in writing at the time of reservation, and must be accompanied by an individual responsible for providing those services. Tour managers, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. Escorted tours are fast-paced, often requiring lengthy walks over uneven terrain. Clients with special needs will be better served independently. Gate 1 can suggest touring options based upon specific requirements. Due to physical constraints and space limitations, wheelchairs, walkers and motorized scooters may not be taken aboard motor coaches, nor are these devices

suitable for touring. These devices may be utilized in public spaces such as airports, however may not be used while sightseeing. Any such devices will necessarily be counted as a checked piece of luggage, and passengers should consult with respective airlines for specific regulations.
OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES:
A limited selection of optional excursions and activities are available for purchase with escorted tour programs and form an integral part of the tour program. When traveling on a Gate 1 Travel escorted tour program, optional tours and activities may not be purchased from any third party without the prior written agreement of Gate 1. Gate 1 is not responsible for any services not purchased from Gate 1 Travel, regardless of any assistance or advice provided by any Gate 1 representative.
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MAIL Reservation Form and Deposit to:

Angie Kellich

400 N. York Road, Apt A, Hatboro, PA 19040

Phone: 215-284-7999

Would you like a single room: Yes _____ No _____

Deposit amount by enclosed check: _____

Deposit amount by Credit Card #: _____

Cardholder (print name): _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

(If not one of the traveling Passenger(s), cardholder must submit a copy of the front and back of the card)

ALL NAMES MUST APPEAR AS THEY ARE ON YOUR PASSPORT

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____

Passport #: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expires: _____

Optional Travel Insurance*: \$219pp Double/\$256pp Single: Yes No

*Please include insurance with your initial deposit or prior to final payment to be covered with insurance. <https://www.gate1travel.com/insurance/arch/>

GROUP PASSENGER AGREEMENT

Please review and initial each item below to confirm your understanding of the following important terms which should be advised to all group members.

____ Passengers are responsible to obtain the correct travel documentation (passport, visa, identification) for the destination(s) to be visited.

____ Passengers have been offered the option to purchase travel insurance.

____ Gate 1 Travel is not responsible for penalties incurred for tickets, international or domestic, not issued by Gate 1 Travel due to schedule and/or flight changes.

____ Wheelchairs, walkers and scooters are not permitted on "seat-in-coach" escorted tour excursions and Gate 1 Travel reserves the right to remove any individual from a tour who has not provided the required advance notification.

____ Prior to completion of full payment and issuance of airline tickets for the entire group there is a potential for a price increase(s) due to fuel surcharges imposed by airlines, cruise lines and/or transportation companies, as well as potential for increases in government levied taxes and fees. Once full payment is completed and all the airline tickets are issued, there will be no price increases.

Checks Payable to: Gate 1 Travel

Enclosed is my deposit for Northern Iberia and Barcelona

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Deposit per person is: \$500.00 due by December 7, 2018

Type of Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Amount Authorized to Charge: _____

Address if different from below: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Deposit per person to be charged: \$ _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____

Passport #: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expires: _____

Optional Travel Insurance*: \$219pp Double/\$256pp Single: Yes No

*Please include insurance with your initial deposit or prior to final payment to be covered with insurance. <https://www.gate1travel.com/insurance/arch/>

I understand that by my agreement, I consent to the potential for post-purchase price increases due to increases in fuel surcharges and/or government taxes.

____ Should I, or my companions, choose to participate in adventurous activities including, but not limited to, flight seeing, balloon rides, rafting, boat rides, canoe rides, zip lines, canopy walks, and animal rides, whether purchased via Gate 1 or not, we hereby release and discharge Gate 1 Travel, its agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising from my participation in these activities. We agree that this release will be legally binding upon ourselves, our

heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives; it being our intention to fully assume all risk of travel and to release Gate 1 Travel from any and all liabilities.

____ Any and all disputes shall be brought before the Courts of Montgomery County, PA within six months of departure date.

____ I have read and understand all terms and conditions detailed in this proposal and at <http://www.gate1travel.com/terms.aspx> and my signature constitutes acceptance of those terms. I will review the terms and conditions with all passengers on this group.

I/we have read the Terms & Conditions and agree to its terms.

Signature

Signature

All passengers must have a passport that is valid 6 months beyond the date of travel. If you do not have a passport, please apply for one, and send a copy as soon as possible. Contact your local passport office for details. It is your responsibility to obtain the proper documentation.