



 **Duration**
9 days

 **Activity Level**
Moderate

 **Journey Type**
Land



Eclipse in Spain ~ Bilbao & San Sebastian

August 6-15, 2026

Starting from \$6,745/pp



Day-by-Day Itinerary

Eclipse in Spain ~ Bilbao & San Sebastián

Air Program: 10 days/9 nights (includes 1 air night)

Land Program: 9 days/8 nights

Breakfasts: 8 | Lunches: 4 | Receptions: 2 | Dinners: 5

B | L | R | D denotes included breakfasts, lunches, receptions and dinners.

A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Land Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Land Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.

This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.

Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands. Please note, excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, stairs, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches.

- Mild: Walk under 1 mile on mainly flat terrain; navigate under 50 stairs; stand under 1 hour
- Moderate: Walk 1-3 miles on flat/uneven terrain; navigate 50-100 stairs; stand 1-2 hours
- Active: Walk 2+ miles on flat/uneven terrain, including up and down inclines; navigate 100+ stairs; stand 3+ hours

Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Day 1 | Thursday, August 6 | Depart gateway city

AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Bilbao, Spain. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: BIO.

Day 2 | Friday, August 7 | Bilbao, Spain | San Sebastián

Catalonia Donosti Hotel

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Arrive at Bilbao Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you.

Transfer to the Catalonia Donosti Hotel in San Sebastián. Please note, if you arrive before check-in time, your room may not be immediately available.

Tonight, at a Welcome Reception in the hotel, get acquainted with your fellow travelers.

Day 3 | Saturday, August 8 | Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France | San Sebastián, Spain

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Start each day with a satisfying breakfast at your hotel.

Depart for Saint-Jean-de-Luz in France, and on your route, stop to admire the border town of Hondarribia.

Saint-Jean-de-Luz. Journey to this pretty waterfront town with a swashbuckling past. In the 17th and 18th centuries, fishermen traded their nets for swords and cannons to become feared corsairs. Saint-Jean-de-Luz also was the site of a very important royal wedding in the 17th

century, the union of France's King Louis XIV, the Sun King, and Maria Teresa of Spain. Discover its intriguing history on a walking tour that takes you past the Church of St. Jean the Baptist. (Moderate)

Enjoy lunch on your own in Saint-Jean-de-Luz before returning to San Sebastián.

Free Time: Make your own plans for dinner this evening. When it comes to food, San Sebastián has a culinary reputation second to none! Its exceptional gastronomic scene draws visitors from around the globe eager to check out its bevy of Michelin-starred eateries and innovative pintxos bars. Your Travel Director can offer recommendations.

Please note: Dinner reservations at some of San Sebastián's most popular upscale restaurants are often in high demand. If you have a particular restaurant in mind, we recommend making your reservation online as early as possible prior to departure.

Day 4 | Sunday, August 9 | San Sebastián

Catalonia Donosti Hotel

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San Sebastián. Known as Donostia in Basque, San Sebastián rose to prominence as a resort town in the mid-1800s when Queen Isabella II, following advice from her doctor, chose it as her summer seaside retreat. Spanish royalty and aristocrats followed, adding a touch of glamour, and the city expanded with grand Belle Époque buildings that reflected its new status. Take a walking tour on the narrow lanes of the buzzing old town to see its highlights, including the impressive, 18th-century baroque Basílica de Santa María del Coro. Then, stroll on the waterfront promenade for spectacular views of La Concha Bay, famed for its scenic beaches like Concha and Ondarreta. (Moderate)

After your excursion, enjoy lunch with your group at a restaurant.

Free Time: The afternoon is yours to explore San Sebastián on your own. Perhaps take a walk on the Paseo Nuevo, which takes you around Monte Urgull, one of the two hills that overlook the city. Nearby is the Museo de San Telmo with exhibits on Basque culture and Spanish art.

Enrichment: A History of Northern Spain. For thousands of years, the Basque people have inhabited this mountainous region and preserved their distinctive culture as well as their language, Euskara, one of Europe's oldest. Delve into the story of this alluring corner of Spain, known as Euskadi, or Basque Country.

AHI Connects: Meet the People Dinner. Join a diverse group of residents for dinner and conversation about life in the Basque region.

Day 5 | Monday, August 10 | Pamplona | Argómaniz

Parador de Argómaniz

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After breakfast, check out of the hotel and journey to Pamplona (Iruña in Basque), the capital of the Navarra region.

Pamplona. Ernest Hemingway brought worldwide attention to Pamplona's signature event, the chaotic Running of the Bulls, in his 1926 novel, "The Sun Also Rises." With a guide, meander down the town's atmospheric streets, where crowds throng each July during the weeklong festival of San Fermín. See the bullfighting ring, Castle Square, the Gothic Pamplona Cathedral and more. (Moderate)

Afterward, head to a winery near Pamplona for lunch with your group.

Continue to Argómaniz and check in to the Parador de Argómaniz. This evening, dine with your fellow travelers at the parador.

Day 6 | Tuesday, August 11 | Santo Domingo de la Calzada

Parador de Argómaniz

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Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Rich in character, this vibrant town in Spain's La Rioja region is a popular stop on the French route of the Camino de Santiago (or Way of St. James), one of the most important Christian pilgrimages of the Middle Ages. Both a spiritual and cultural journey today, the pilgrimage's various routes ultimately lead to the shrine of the apostle St. James in Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. Santo Domingo de la Calzada, named after its 11th-century founder who built roads, bridges and a hospital to help

pilgrims, boasts a Romanesque cathedral, chapels and noble houses. Admire its landmarks and gain insights from your guide on a walk. (Moderate)

Relax over lunch at a restaurant in town before returning to Argómaniz.

Enjoy dinner at the parador this evening.

Day 7 | Wednesday, August 12 | Argómaniz | Laguardia | Solar Eclipse Event

Parador de Argómaniz

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Free Time: Spend the morning at leisure in Argómaniz.

Depart this afternoon for Laguardia. Spain's renowned Rioja wine region, straddling both sides of the Ebro River, is divided into three subregions, and Laguardia is the capital of the Rioja Alavesa subregion.

Laguardia. Soak up the delightful ambience of this medieval walled town on a guided walk down its pedestrian-only lanes. Take in the 13th-century fortifications and entrance gates; the Romanesque church; the Plaza Mayor with its charming clock; and the underground network of wine cellars beneath town. Laguardia's location also affords lovely views of the Ebro Valley and the Cantabrian Mountains. (Moderate)

After your walking tour, travel to a winery in the region. Enjoy a delicious dinner and a champagne toast before the solar eclipse.

Solar Eclipse Viewing. Feel the soul-stirring, visceral impact of a total solar eclipse firsthand. Watch in amazement as the moon gradually passes between the sun and Earth until the astounding period of totality, when it completely blocks the sun's rays. Rarer than a partial solar eclipse, this dramatic celestial phenomenon offers viewers in its path the opportunity to see the sun's corona, weather permitting. You will be provided with special-purpose safety eyewear for observing the eclipse. (Moderate)

Day 8 | Thursday, August 13 | Vitoria-Gasteiz | Bilbao

Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao

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Old Quarter of Vitoria-Gasteiz. The dynamic city of Vitoria-Gasteiz is the administrative capital of Basque Country, and its name combines its Spanish and Basque titles. Originally founded as Vitoria by Sancho VI, the King of Navarra, in the 12th century, it features a wonderful medieval quarter near the Gothic Cathedral of Santa María. Some of the city's oldest streets surround the cathedral, and their names, such as Zapatería (shoemakers), Pintorería (painters) and Herrería (blacksmiths), hearken to the medieval trade guilds that once thrived here. On a guided walk, admire the Plaza de la Virgen Blanca, which honors the White Virgin, the city's patron saint; palatial Renaissance gems; and other notable buildings. (Moderate)

Savor a tapas lunch in town after your excursion.

Continue to Bilbao later and check in to the Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao.

Free Time: Spend the evening at leisure in Bilbao.

Day 9 | Friday, August 14 | Bilbao

Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao

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Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Begin with a panoramic tour of the city's top sites, and then visit the Guggenheim Bilbao along the Nervión River, regarded as one of the most important buildings of the 20th century. Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the structure's stunning, curvy exterior is clad in thin sheets of titanium and features glass and limestone elements. After it opened in 1997, it was the catalyst for an ambitious revitalization of Bilbao. View the museum's striking modern and contemporary art collections with a guide. (Moderate)

Free Time: Explore more of Bilbao on your own this afternoon. Perhaps you'll head to Casco Viejo, the lively medieval district filled with stately buildings, beautiful churches like the Santiago Cathedral, and inviting restaurants and bars. This compact neighborhood is also known as "Las Ciete Calles" in honor of Bilbao's original seven streets from the 15th century.

Tonight, celebrate your sojourn in Spain at a Farewell Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Day 10 | Saturday, August 15 | Depart for gateway city

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After breakfast, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for Bilbao Airport for your return flights home. Your Travel Director will provide the details.



What's Included

Program Overview

- Small group: Sized just right at 32 guests.
- 3 nights in San Sebastián, Spain, at the first-class Catalonia Donosti Hotel.
- 3 nights in Argomaniz at the first-class Parador de Argómaniz.
- 2 nights in Bilbao at the first-class Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners.
- Farewell Dinner and Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

On-site Features

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program with baggage handling.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

Flexibility

- Flexibility to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights

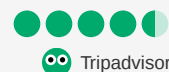
Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

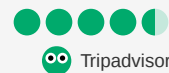
Catalonia Donosti Hotel

Housed in a former 18th-century convent, this contemporary hotel offers the comfort, luxury and modern amenities of a boutique property complemented by historic character. Restaurants, shops and landmarks are an easy walk from its prime location. Head to the rooftop terrace and pool for gorgeous views over San Sebastián and Concha Bay. The Aldapeta Gastrobar serves innovative takes on traditional Basque dishes and a hearty breakfast buffet. Feel rejuvenated at the spa, featuring two pools and a steam bath, or the well-outfitted fitness room. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



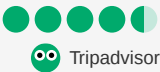
Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao

Conveniently located in the heart of Bilbao, this stylish, contemporary property puts you close to excellent restaurants, cafes, shops, parks and the Guggenheim Bilbao. The professional hotel staff offer attentive, friendly service to ensure a pleasant stay. Kick back at the inviting bar with friends or head to the rooftop, which features a small pool and sundeck. After an exciting day of touring, relish the comforts of your large, well-appointed guest room that includes complimentary Wi-Fi.



Parador de Argómaniz

A tranquil and relaxing stay awaits at the Parador de Argómaniz,- housed in a stately, 18th-century former palace. Its large terrace offers lovely views of the surrounding plains, while the parador's restaurant serves tasty Basque cuisine that showcases the region's freshest ingredients. The generously sized, comfortable rooms are outfitted with modern amenities and feature complimentary Wi-Fi.



Pricing

Trip Price (USD)	
Base Price	\$6,745
You Pay	\$6,745 per person

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; U.S. government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is \$750.00 per person. To view Program Terms and conditions please click [here](#). Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

*Full Payment Discounts are only available at the time of booking with initial payment 120+ days prior to departure. This offer only applies to full payment at the time of reservation. Details on how to qualify for this savings will be included when your reservation request is confirmed.

