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## Ficha viaje



### The Old Castilla

10-day trip in which we will enjoy a visit to the highlights of Madrid and a route through the ancient Kingdoms of Galicia, León and Castilla. It is the area where more resistance has been opposed to invasions, both Roman and Arabic, and can be considered the historical origin of current Spain. We will pass by the austere Castilla, the mythical and legendary Galicia, the green and mountainous Asturias, Cantabria and Euskadi, bordered by the Cantabrian Sea. We will visit the places included in the program and discover others that will undoubtedly impress us. In addition to all this, we will have the pleasure to taste its extraordinary cuisine.

We will also have the opportunity to visit the most interesting places in Madrid and enjoy a walk through its streets full of centuries of history.

History, art, culture, customs, landscape, gastronomy ... You will find all this and much more if you join our proposal.

During our trip we will visit 13 World Heritage places, 15 Capitals of Spain with the greatest history and the most spectacular coasts of Spain.

Please, don't limit yourself to this offer. If you wish to ask for further conditions don't hesitate to contact us. Let us know your preferences and we will be happy to help you!

## Resumen del viaje

### Summarized

Day 1. Madrid. Day 2. Ávila-Salamanca. Day 3. Zamora-León. Day 4. Lugo-Coruña. Day 5. Oviedo-Santander. Day 6. Bilbao-Vitoria-Burgos. Day 7. Palencia-Valladolid. Day 8. Segovia-Madrid. Day 9. Madrid. Day 10. Return from Madrid.

## Itinerario ampliado

### Extended itinerary

#### Day 1.

We will pick you up at the Barajas airport or train station, visit the Prado Museum and stroll through the most endearing places in the city.

#### Day 2.

Crossing the Guadarrama tunnel, we will go to the walled city of Ávila. We will walk through ancient streets and walls, discovering charming corners such as the Cathedral Square, Italy or Santa Teresa squares, surrounded by old monasteries and other ancient monuments. From here, we will go to Salamanca, awaits one of the oldest universities in Europe. It is more than eight centuries old. We will tell you about a famous game for those who visit the façade: to find a famous frog on it. We will enter the Cathedral, old and new part, and we will walk through the city, where we will enjoy one of the most beautiful squares in Spain and take our souvenir photos.

#### Day 3.

We will start our way to the North and meet the ancient city of Zamora and river Duero, whose origins go back to the Bronze Age (its historic center is a jewel of Romanesque art) and we will walk through its streets and walls. We will visit its cathedral culminated by an impressive dome.

We will leave for León and stop for lunch in the city of Benavente.

We will take contact with nature in our visit to the caves of Valporquero. And we will return to the city that emerged as the camp of the VI Roman Legion and became the Middle Ages capital of the kingdom of its name. In it we will enjoy visiting such artistic places as the Palace of the Guzmanes, the Casa de Botines and, especially, its famous cathedral. Inside we will contemplate the rays of the sun coming through its impressive stained glass.

#### Day 4.

On our trip to Coruña, we will stop at Las Médulas, a spectacular natural area originated by the exploitation of a gold mine by the Romans. Then we will arrive to the city of Lugo surrounded by the oldest Roman wall of the world, in which we will enjoy a pleasant walk. From there we will go to Santiago de Compostela, the destination city of European pilgrims from the first epochs of Christianity, where we will eat and visit its cathedral.

In Coruña, the bimillennial Tower of Hercules, the oldest Roman lighthouse in the world and the only one in service. We will walk through the port and the beautiful city center impregnated by the scent of the sea. We will have dinner in a city restaurant.

#### Day 5

Very early in the morning, from the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean, winding through its spectacular estuaries, we will go to the Cantabrian Sea, not without visiting the city of El Ferrol beforehand, with a magnificent port defended by forts and walls.

We will pass through a multitude of charming villages and coves along the Cantabrian Corniche until we reach Oviedo. Oviedo it the former capital of the Kingdom of Asturias, the point of origin of the uprising against the Arab conquerors. We will walk through the city and visit its cathedral. Next, go to the neocueva of Altamira, (possible visit with previous reservation at the request of the travelers). In Santander we will get lost in its street, contemplate façades that look out to the sea, the port and beaches. We will stroll until we reach El Sardinero beach.

#### Day 6

In the morning we will go to Bilbao and visit the city center. Then we will go to Vitoria and enjoy touring the city and eat.

We will cross moors and vineyards from which the famous Rioja wine is extracted while we continue our journey towards Burgos, where we will visit its beautiful cathedral, considered by many the best example of Spanish Gothic art. We will walk through its streets and enjoy its fabulous cuisine while we dine in one of the city typical restaurants.

#### Day 7.

Departure to the current capital of Castilla-León, Valladolid, birthplace of King Felipe II, and who had under his crown the greatest empire in the history of the world. Valladolid was its capital at that time. In our journey we will cross the plains of old Castile where cereals are grown and we will see their leafy vineyards that produce one of the most important wines of the country, the Ribera de Duero, one of whose wineries we will visit. In Palencia is the first University of Spain and one of the oldest in the world. We will visit its cathedral "Bella desconocida" and enjoy a meal in a typical place. In Valladolid we will visit the Oriental Museum and stroll through its Plaza Mayor, the beautiful Plaza

de San Pablo where we can contemplate the façades of its magnificent buildings and visit some of them, and the most typical streets flanking it.

Day 8.

Back to Madrid we will pass through Tordesillas, where "Juana la Loca" died, heir of the Catholic Monarchs and we will visit the Castle of La Mota, with its magnificent Homage Tower. There Queen Isabella the Catholic was born. We will pass by another important castle, the one of Coca and we will arrive to the city of Segovia where we will contemplate the imposing Roman Aqueduct and visit the magnificent cathedral and El Alcázar. Once in Madrid, we will have dinner at a typical restaurant.

Day 9. In the morning, we will visit the Prado Museum, one of the main art galleries of the world. In the afternoon, the Royal Palace and then we will have free time\* to dedicate it to shopping. You can count on our guidance.

Day 10. We will accompany you to the airport to wish you a happy return trip.

\*Take advantage of your free time with the different optional proposals: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Incluido

### Included services

- Transfer and pick up (airport-hotel).
- 4/5 stars hotels or similar in double room.
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners.
- All internal trips and tickets for scheduled visits and if necessary, any other type of services from Viajes Simorgh, with a Spanish or English speaking guide included.
- Travel insurance and documentation.

## No Incluido

### Not included services:

- In general, any service not included in "Included Services"
- Entry visa to Spain (unless previously agreed).
- If you make your trip from Iran, we can arrange it for you without additional expenses if you request it with a minimum period of one month, before the trip, and provide us with the required documentation

## Condiciones

- The trip is designed for minimum groups of 4 people; those of 8 or more will have a discount of 100 Euros per person. For smaller groups, consult conditions and budgets without commitment.
  - Transportation will be made, depending on the number of travelers, in tourism, microbus, minibus or bus.
  - The reservation period ends 15 days before the start of the trip. If you are not on time, let us know and we will see the possibilities of availability.
  - It is a trip in which almost everything necessary for the trip and stay in the country is included. You, practically, should only worry about your purchases.
  - If the group has different preferences or needs a modification of the trip, we recommend you to contact us and we'll advise you and adapt ourselves to your preferences and time availability.
- We'll be happy to customize your trip!

### Supplements

- For accommodation in a single room: € 270

## CANCELLATIONS

### • Exclusive responsibility of VIAJES SIMORGH:

All money obtained from the client will be refunded by Viajes Simorgh or we will offer you the possibility of a deferment. In addition, to compensate any inconvenience caused to the client, you will receive a [Simorgh Red Feather](#) that will allow you to get a discount on your next trip.

If any scheduled activity cannot be carried out, by the sole responsibility of Viajes Simorgh or its provider, the client will receive an equivalent compensation free of charge and, if this is not possible, the official amount will be refunded.

### • On request by the client:

- Made 60 days or more in advance of the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will refund the integrity of the money received, the client must assume, if any, the costs of refund and transfer.
- Made between 30 and 59 (both inclusive) days in advance of the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will refund 95% of the money received, with 5% as compensation for expenses due to management, reservations, etc.
- Made between 15 and 29 (both inclusive) days in advance of the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will return 90% of the money received, with 10% as compensation for expenses due to management, reservations, and other non-refundable

affected services.

- Made between 7 and 14 (both inclusive) days before the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will return 75% of the money received, with 25% retained as compensation for expenses due to management, reservations, tickets and other non-refundable affected services.

- Made between 3 and 6 (both inclusive) days before the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will return 50% of the money received, with 50% as compensation for expenses due to management, reservations, tickets and other non-refundable affected services.

- Made less than 3 days before the date of travel: Viajes Simorgh will return 25% of the money received, with 75% retained as compensation for expenses due to arrangements, reservations, tickets and other non-refundable affected services.

-The date of cancellation is considered as the one in which the client communicates by reliable means his intention to the Travel Agency and the Travel Agency receives it. For this reason, customers are asked to insist if after a period of more than 12 hours they have not received the acknowledgment of receipt by Viajes Simorgh.

## Hoteles

### **Accommodation**

Double room in five or four star hotels.

## Discounts

- All of our clients will receive a [Simorgh Red Feather](#) as a discount, equivalent to 3% of the amount paid for this trip, for their next trip or contract with us. Also for family member or friend (prior authorisation by Viajes Simorgh), under same conditions.

- All our customers who purchase their trip by plane, train or bus through Viajes Simorgh, will receive a [Simorgh Yellow Feather](#) will serve as a discount, equivalent to 2% of the amount of their next trip (flight, train or bus ) contracted with us, or the trip of a family member or friend (in these cases after consultation and authorization of Viajes Simorgh), under the same conditions.

- Customers who make their Reservation and pay the same in advance, will additionally receive:

. A [Simorgh Yellow Feather](#), if they do it 60 or more days in advance.

. A [Simorgh Green Feather](#), if they do it 30 or more days in advance.

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MONEY EXCHANGE: If you wish, Viajes Simorgh can exchange your money at market cost, committing to exchange the remainder amount at the same exchange rate when the trip finishes.