



CASTILLA Y LEÓN:

Wine Route by 5 denomination of origin

RIBERA DEL DUERO

RUEDA

TORO

CIGALES

ARLANZA

This nine-day adventure puts you in the midst of Castilla y Leon's wine producing region and includes visits and tastings at the area's most prestigious wineries. You will learn about the various "Denominaciones de Origen" (Denominations of Origin) of the regional wines. The route winds through magnificent Mediterranean scenery and offers opportunity to visit historic monuments and picturesque villages enroute.

Day 1: **Madrid-Torremilanos-Aranda de Duero** (Burgos)

Morning departure for the Bodegas Peñalba in Torremilanos, set in the Duero River basin. This is the area of the Ribera de Duero wines, extracted from "tempranillo", early harvested grapes

Touring: Visit the city of Aranda de Duero, site of the Gothic Church of Santa Maria and the underground Medieval wine cellars dating back to the XV century.



Tasting and lunch at the Torremilanos Winery

Afternoon touring to the Monastery de la Vid (Monastery of the Vineyard) and to the historic village of Peñaranda de Duero with its picturesque plaza, castle, and Renaissance palace.

Dinner at the Meson de la Villa, located in the heart of Aranda de Duero.

Overnight at the Hotel Torremilanos

Day 2: **Peñafiel–Bodegas Arzuaga** in Quintanilla de Onesimo (Valladolid)

Morning departure from Torremilanos for Peñafiel, with an opportunity to visit to the town's Wine Museum set in a magnificent XV century castle.

Lunch at a winery in Quintanilla de Onésimo

Afternoon touring to a variety of area sites such as the XII century Cistercian Monastery in Valbuena.

Tasting and dinner at the Arzuaga Winery

Optional visit to the Casino de Boecilla in Valladolid

Overnight at the Hotel Arzuaga

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Day 3: **Medina del Campo–Rueda**

Almost all of the wineries that carry the Denomination of Origin Rueda are located in the area of the same name. Especially noteworthy are the aromatic white wines extracted from the white *verdejo* and *sauvignon* grapes, and the sparkling wines comparable to the Catalan *cava*.

Touring: Among the sites to be visited in the region are the town of Olmedo, with its Mudejar-style Church of San Miguel; the Castle of Coca, one of the most relevant examples of Mudejar military architecture; Medina del Campo, once an international financial center and the town in which Isabel la Católica died, and the Ethnology Station in Rueda.

Wine tasting and lunch in Rueda

Afternoon touring to the Royal Monastery of Santa Clara, where the historic characters María Padilla and Juana la Loca resided.

Dinner and overnight at the Parador de Tordesillas



Day 4: **Toro–Zamora**

The Denomination of Origin Toro is a true revelation in the realm of Spanish wines. In Toro they produce excellent, robust red wines, distinctive for their fruity components.

Morning departure from the Parador for Toro in the region of Zamora to visit the Mudejar-style Monastery of Sancti Spiritu. The Dominican nuns here are renowned for their delicate pastries.

Tasting at the Fariñas Winery, which was a pioneer in the production of the Toro Denomination of Origin.

Lunch at the winery or in the nearby town of Coreses.

Afternoon departure for Zamora, where, after a rest at the Parador, you will tour the impressive Cathedral, Romanesque churches and fascinating old quarter.

Dinner and overnight at the Parador of Zamora, in a XV century Renaissance palace

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Day 5: **River Duero Cruise**

Morning departure for Miranda do Douro (Portugal), where you will have coffee at the Pousada and free time for shopping

Lunch at the Pousada de Miranda, followed by a **River Cruise** to view the impressive rock formations etched by the river's flow. Return to Miranda de Douro.

Departure from Miranda do Douro by bus for Fermoselle to tour amidst its magnificent Mediterranean surroundings, with almond, olive, lemon and orange groves edging the riverbanks.

Return to Zamora for Tapas at typical restaurants

Overnight at the Parador in Zamora



Day 6: **Zamora-Valladolid-Burgos**

Morning departure for Valladolid.

Touring of the center of town along the "Route of the Heretics"

Afternoon departure for Cigales to tour its wineries.

At the Denomination of Origin in this area you will find rosé, white and red wines that have achieved international recognition for their success in blending red grapes (garnacha and tempranillo) and white grapes (viuras and verdejo).

Visit-Tasting and Lunch in Cigales Winery

Departure for Burgos

Dinner and overnight: Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, a former Jesuit convent

Evening trip along the Ruta de la Luz (Route of the Light), an unforgettable bus tour of the lighted monuments of Burgos.

Day 7: **Burgos (City)**

Morning touring to visit the Gothic Cathedral, a World Heritage Site, the Cistercian Monastery of the Huelgas Reales (XII century) and the Gothic Monastery of La Cartuja de Miraflores (XV century).

Lunch at the Casa Ojeda, an acclaimed restaurant in the city center.

Afternoon touring to the town of Atapuerca to visit the Yacimientos de la Sierra de Atapuerca, World Heritage Site and cradle of the first Europeans.

Dinner and concert at the Hotel Landa Palace

Overnight at the Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced

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Day 8: **Burgos (Province)**

Morning departure for the Villa Ducal de Lerma. Walk around the historic center and see the public works dating to the XVII century.

Tour the Sierra Wineries near Lerma

The tempranillo grape wines of this area are known under the Denomination of "Vinos de la Tierra", wines of the land "Ribera del Ardanza".

Continue touring to the Villa Condal in Covarrubias

Lunch at Galo Restaurant



Tour to the Monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, a Romanesque jewel, and walk the Espacio Natural de la Yecla (The Natural Space of La Yecla)

Return to Lerma

Dinner and Lodging at Parador de Lerma

Day 9: **Departure from Lerma to Madrid Barajas Airport**