

All our multiday tours are well balanced between time to spend on day tours and free time which you can use for yourself. The main sights are covered within excursions, provided in the main itinerary and included by default.

However, for those who'd like to spend even more time exploring the beauty of Spanish and Portugal cities, we have below the list of optional excursions which we may offer during the tour.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The tours below may or may not be offered. We always try to give you the opportunity to visit even more places, but if a particular group is initially small, the guide will not offer the tours because he/she knows that minimum won't be reached. If tours are offered, that would be done on the way to relevant cities (extra tours for Seville will be offered on the way to Seville, etc).
- Also, if the tour is offered, but a required minimum is not reached, the tour will not take place.
- Payment: if a minimum is reached and the tour will take place, you can pay the guide in cash or with credit card.

All prices are below the tour description, and are given per person. You can pay directly to the guide with a cash or credit card.

#### OPCIONAL TOUR IN SANTANDER:

##### SANTANDER (30€)

First, we'll conduct a short panoramic tour, passing through the most emblematic places of the city: the popular beach of Santander - Sardinero, the casino, the sculpture facade of the headquarters of the Santander bank – one of the top banks in Spain and currently in a top 20 largest banks in the world. You'll see the area of old residential mansions, the golf park and a bay of Santander, then we'll arrive to the lighthouse where free time for walk around and photos will be given. Then we'll depart to the island of Magdalena, passing the football stadium of Racing Santander (El Sardinero) and the Palace of Congresses with unique whale-shaped architecture. On the Island we'll stop at the entrance of the Palace of Magdalena, - an early 20<sup>th</sup> century building of an eclectic style, combining English, French, and regional styles. On a special tourist train we'll travel through gardens and surroundings of the palace, during which the story of the place will be given. After, we'll return to the center of the city to visit the Cathedral of Santander (Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Asuncion).

#### OPCIONAL TOUR IN OVIEDO:

##### PANORAMIC VISIT + CIDER DEGUSTATION (37€)

Tour through the capital of Asturias – Oviedo, will get you to a most notable sights of this northern Spanish town. You'll climb Monte del Naranco hill, from where you can oversee the whole area, you'll visit the Pre-Romanesque Church of San Julián de los Prados – one of Unesco World Heritage sites. On the way

back to the old town you'll pay a visit of the Cathedral of Oviedo. Final part of the tour – Cider tasting - typical low alcohol drink, based on apple distillation, and produced locally (taste reminds of champagne a bit). Duration of the tour - approximately two and a half hours.

## **OPCIONAL TOURS IN SAN SEBASTIAN:**

### CITY TOUR + MONTE IGELDO (50€)

We'll first start with passing through the most famous parts of the city - the beach, then the Cathedral of San Sebastian, and the so-called "romantic area", where the big chain stores and Belle Epoque buildings are next to leafy pedestrian precincts. You'll see the Hotel Maria Cristina and the Victoria Eugenia Theater, as well as Kursaal Congress Center and Auditorium - work of the famous architect Rafael Moneo.

Upon arrival at the Town Hall, we will start the walking through the old part of the city, passing by the Basilica of Santa Maria del Coro (Baroque) and San Vicente (Gothic style). We will continue to the pedestrian area where you will find the largest concentration of "pintxos" bars – famous type of tapas of Northern Spain, the main difference being that pintxos are usually 'spiked' with a skewer or toothpick, often to a piece of bread. Later we'll finish the tour in the Plaza de la Constitución - Old Town's hall square.

### TOUR TO FRENCH TOWNS SAN JUAN DE LUZ AND BIARRITZ (60€)

This is the tour to Southern France, to visit a couple of beautiful villages, that are located just 30 and 45km respectively, from San Sebastian. First stop – San Juan de Luz – a small fishermen's and corsairs (pirates!) settlement, that got converted to a touristic spot in the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century. The most important monument here is the parish of San Juan Bautista, where the King of France Louis XIV got married, also Spanish Infanta Maria Teresa of Austria. We pass along the port, the beach and walk through some shopping streets.

We will continue towards Biarritz, which is 15 km away. Arrival to the lighthouse of San Martin will give us some stunning views of the Great Beach as well as the whole French Landes coast. In Biarritz - a city with a bit more than 20,000 habitants, were having their holidays both French and Spanish kings, dukes and many rich and aristocratic families. Some emblematic highlights of the town to see: an old port, the church of Santa Eugenia, the casino or the Rock of the Virgin and its footbridge.

### TOUR TO FRENCH TOWNS SAN JUAN DE LUZ Y HONDARRIBIA (60€)

First stop – French town of San Juan de Luz – a small fishermen's and corsairs (pirates!) settlement, that got converted to a touristic spot in the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century. The most important monument here is the parish of San Juan Bautista, where the King of France Louis XIV got married, also Spanish Infanta Maria Teresa of Austria. We pass along the port, the beach and walk thru some shopping streets.

Continuation to Hondarribia – a Spanish coastal town, bordering with France. We will visit the famous arch of Santa Maria and its impressive walls. This arch in the 15<sup>th</sup> century used to be is the main entrance of the town, giving access to Plaza de Armas and a castle, as well as the town hall. Walking through the streets of the old part, we will reach San Pedro Street, famous for its colorful houses and numerous pintxos bars.

**OPCIONAL TOUR IN SALAMANCA (27€):**

City tour around the ancient and central area of Salamanca, - a city, proclaimed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1988, -it stands out for its monuments and especially the University, - which considered one of the oldest in the world. We will see it during our walking tour, as well as the central square Plaza Mayor, the Casa de las Conchas – a historical building from 15<sup>th</sup> century, now serving as a library, and the Cathedral of Salamanca.