

Spanish Tour 26

ADVANCE OVERVIEW

Version 3

Itinerary

Welcome to the Panamera Spanish Tour 26.

The major highlight of the tour is a rare opportunity to experience La Cata del Barrio de la Estación, a wine tourism event that takes place every two years in the Barrio de la Estación in Haro (La Rioja) where the largest number of century-old wineries in the world are concentrated. Here, in the streets of the Barrio de la Estación, you'll enjoy specially selected wine tastings and exquisite food pairings in a truly unforgettable setting.

But there's more. We start our tour by exploring the stunning Picos de Europa region that forms part of the northern Cantabrian Mountains. The range is situated in the Autonomous Communities of Asturias, Cantabria and Castile and León.

We end our tour by heading east into the Pyrenees. Lush valleys, high mountains, deep gorges and verdant landscapes, a perfect place to spend time and enjoy our company.

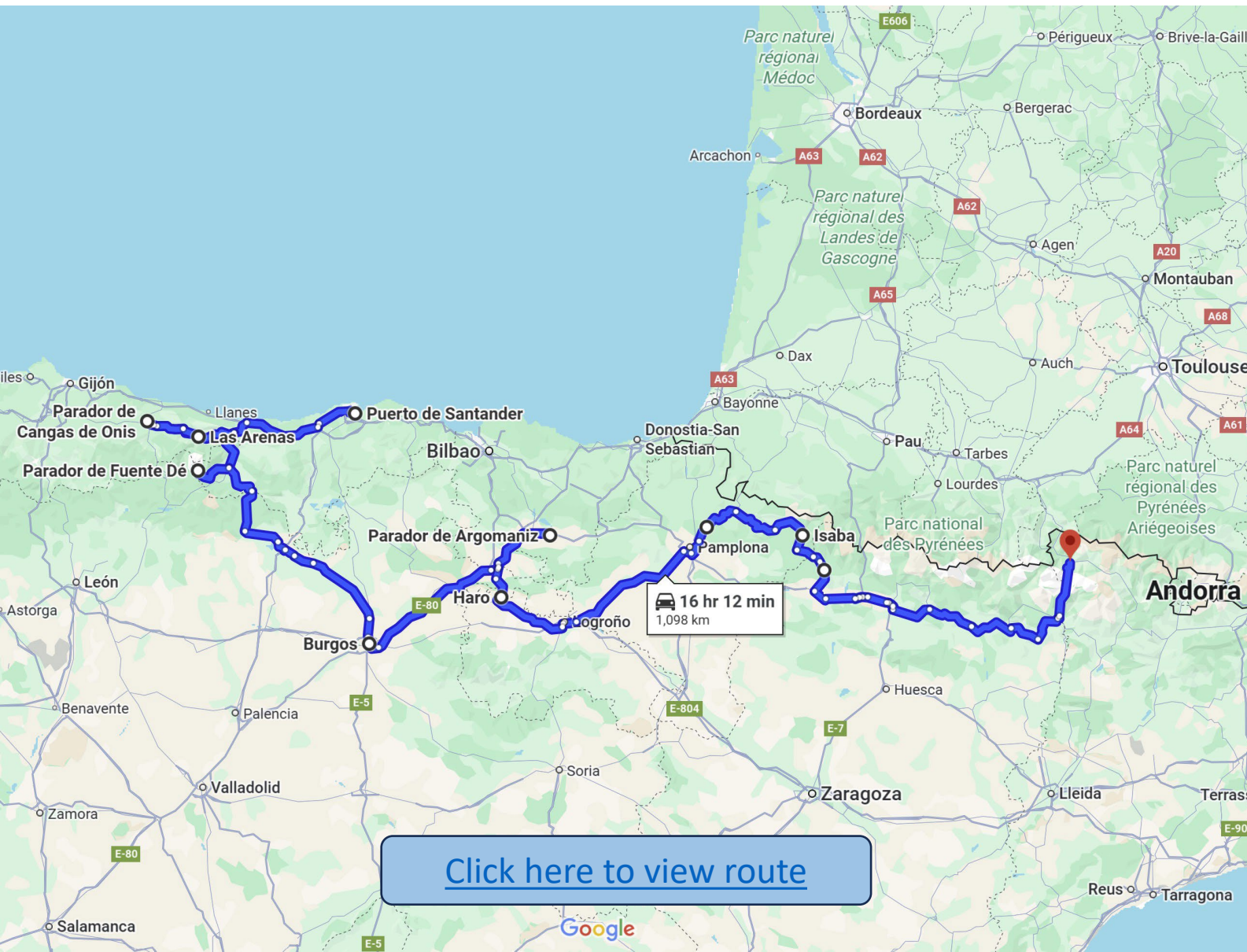
Itinerary

Ser	Day	Date	Itinerary	Activity	Evening Meal	Overnight Hotel
1	Sun	07-Jun	Tour commences. Ferry to Spain	Brittany Ferries Plymouth to Santander dep 16:45hrs	On board Ferry	On board Ferry
2	Mon	08-Jun	Drive to the northern part of the Picos de Europa	Ferry arr 15:15hrs. Drive to our overnight hotel in the Picos de Europa region	Parador de Cangas de Onis	Parador de Cangas de Onis
3	Tue	09-Jun	Leisure time to explore the Picos foothills region from our base at Parador Cangas de Onis	Viewpoints such as at Mirador de la Reina has been recommended	Parador de Cangas de Onis	Parador de Cangas de Onis
4	Wed	10-Jun	Drive to the south eastern part of the Picos de Europa	Traverse of the eastern Picos	Parador de Fuente De	Parador de Fuente De
5	Thu	11-Jun	Leisure time to explore the Picos foothills region from our base at Parador de Fuente De	Great opportunities for sights and walking	Parador de Fuente De	Parador de Fuente De
6	Fri	12-Jun	Drive south east to Haro in the heart of La Rioja region	Via Burgos	Parador de Argomaniz	Parador de Argomaniz
7	Sat	13-Jun	Wine festival	La Cata El Barrio de la Estación (Haro)	Parador de Argomaniz (charged to room)	Parador de Argomaniz

Itinerary (cont'd)

Ser	Day	Date	Itinerary	Activity	Evening Meal	Overnight Hotel
8	Sun	14-Jun	Drive to Isaba in the Pyrenean south west	Route via Pamplona, taking in one of Henry Catchpoles favourite driving roads	Hostal Lola, Isaba	Hostal Lola, Isaba
9	Mon	15-Jun	Explore the area around Isaba	Explore the scenic foothills of the Pyrenean west around Isaba	Hostal Lola, Isaba	Hostal Lola, Isaba
10	Tue	16-Jun	Drive to Vielha in the Pyrenean south east	Route via the foothills of the Pyrenean south	Parador de Vielha	Parador de Vielha
11	Wed	17-Jun	Explore the area around Vielha	Explore the scenic foothills of the Pyrenean south east around Vielha	Parador de Vielha	Parador de Vielha
12	Thu	18-Jun	Return to Santander	Catch afternoon Brittany Ferries sailing to Plymouth	On board Ferry	On board Ferry
13	Fri	19-Jun	Return ferry to UK	Arrive Plymouth mid afternoon	-	-

Spanish Tour 26 – Summary Route



Highlights include:

- Ferry to Santander
- Exploration of the Picos de Europa
- 2 nights at the Parador de Cangas de Onis
- 2 nights at the Parador de Fuente De
- El Barrio de la Estación (Haro)
- 2 nights at the Parador de Argomaniz
- 2 nights at the Hostal Lola, Isaba
- Exploration of the Pyrenean Region
- 2 nights at the Parador de Vielha
- Ferry return to Plymouth

13 Days - Sun to Fri inclusive



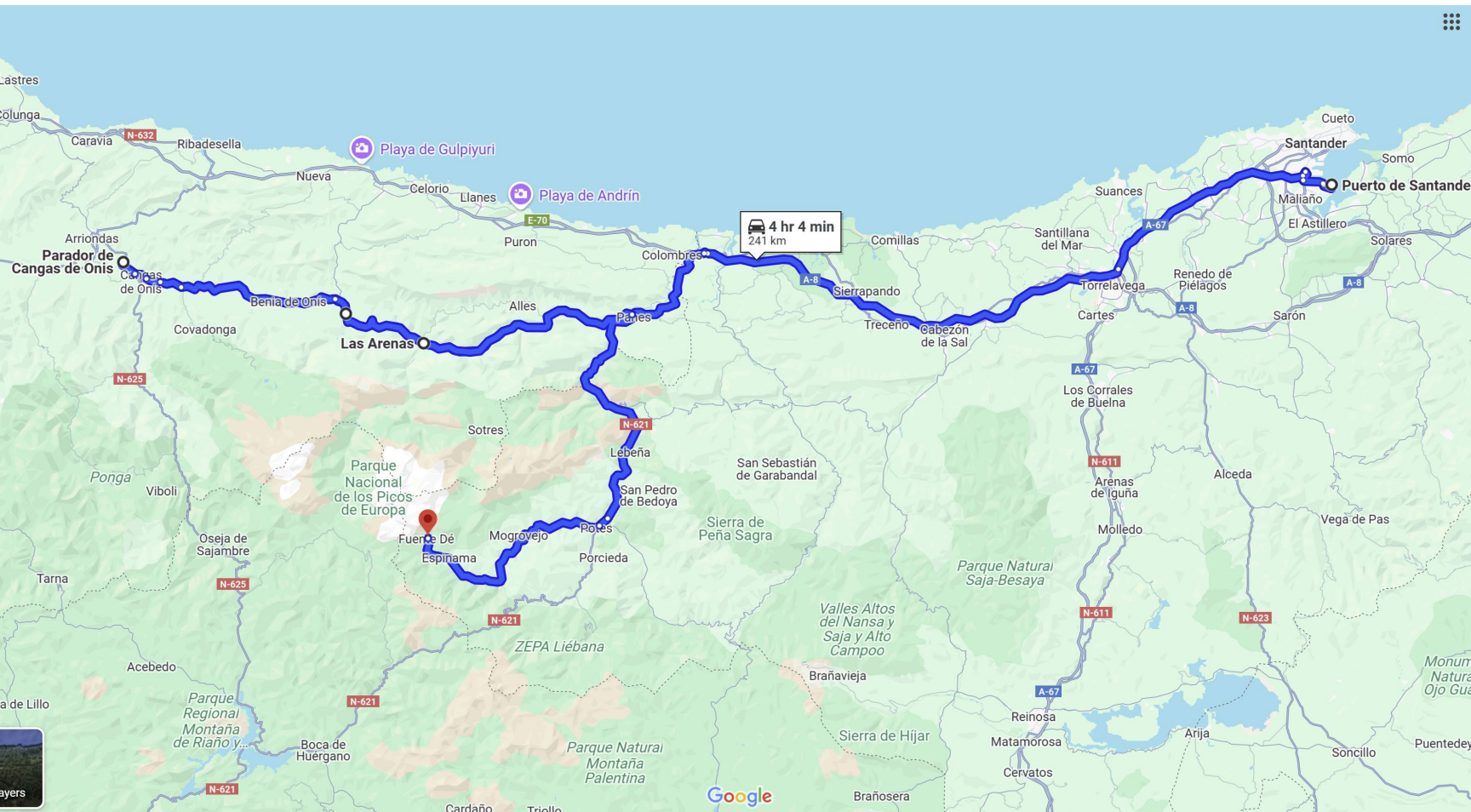
Travel Day

Day 1 - Sunday

Travel to Plymouth for the 16:45hrs Brittany Ferries departure to Santander.

Arrive the following day at 15:15hrs.

Part 1 - Picos de Europa



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Day 2 - Monday

On arrival at Santander, drive west to Parador de Cangas de Onís, west of Picos de Europa. [135 km, 2 hours]

Day 3 - Tuesday

Visit the and explore the scenic Picos foothills around Parador de Cangas de Onís such as the viewpoint at Mirador de la Reina.

Day 4 - Wednesday

Drive to Parador de Fuente De on the south east side of Picos de Europa. [130 km, 2 hours]

Day 5 - Thursday

Explore the scenic foothills around Parador de Fuente De such as the Teleferico cable car that ascends high into the Picos.



Picos de Europa

Day 2 – Day 5

The Picos de Europa is one of Spain's best kept secrets - a compact mountain range that straddles the provinces of Asturias, Cantabria and León.

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Picos de Europa

Day 2 – Day 5

The peaks are made of limestone, jutting sharply upwards from wide valleys created by glacial erosion.



Picos de Europa

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As well as the opportunities and sites close to the Parador, we can drive into the hills to the many spectacular viewpoints such as the Mirador de la Reina.



Picos de Europa

Day 2 – Day 5

Small mountain villages are tucked away in the higher slopes and are almost completely isolated.



Picos de Europa

Day 2 – Day 5

Deep gorges that plunge vertically down into deep river valleys, sparkling lakes and magical forests make this an area just begging to be explored.



BREATHING IN THE SILENCE

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Picos de Europa

Day 2 – Day 5

Overview



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Parador Cangas de Onis

Day 2 & Day 3 Accommodation

Every Parador is a member of a chain of Spanish state-owned mid-to-premium quality hotels, usually located in historic buildings or in nature areas with a special appeal. The chain consists of 97 Parador Hotels in Spain and one in Portugal, with every one having its own restaurant offering local cuisine. They are known to offer excellent value for money.

Parador Cangas de Onis is known for its good standard of accommodation and excellent location on the edge of the Picos area. The town itself is of historic interest whilst it is easy to access the hills, walking areas and views nearby.



Parador de Fuente Dé

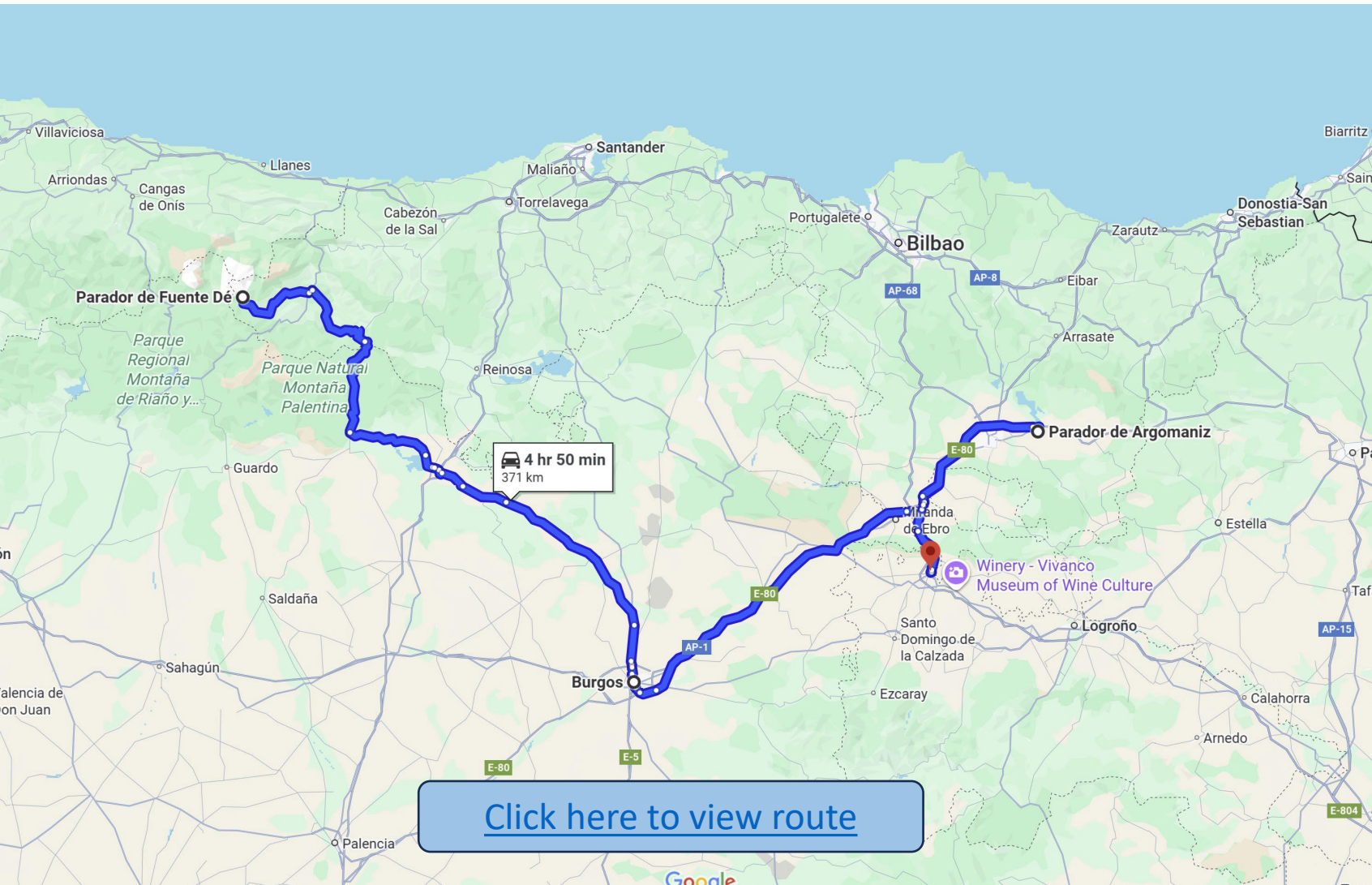
Day 4 & Day 5 Accommodation

Located at the end of a rising valley road and at the base of the Teleferico cable car that ascends high into the Picos. There's terrific scenery around this location, great opportunities for sights and walking, with plenty of options for some great drives.

Short runs, driving loops and even a day's run-out have been identified. It's an ideal base from which to explore the entire Picos region.

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Part 2 - El Barrio de la Estación



Day 6 - Friday

Drive south east to Parador de Argomaniz, in the heart of the Rioja region.

[275 km, 3 hours, 50 mins]

Day 7 - Saturday

Attend La Cata del Barrio de la Estación wine festival in Haro.

[40km, 40 min private coach to Haro]



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La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 - Saturday

La Cata del Barrio de la Estación is a wine tourism event that takes place every two years in the Barrio de la Estación in Haro (La Rioja) where the largest number of century-old wineries in the world are concentrated.



La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 - Saturday

You can visit the interior of many of these wineries in a single day, taste their wines and savour tapas prepared by acclaimed figures of international gastronomy.



La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 - Saturday

As well as the chance to taste the wines, renowned restaurants from the region produce delicious, sophisticated tapas to accompany the wines.



La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 - Saturday

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Parador de Argomaniz

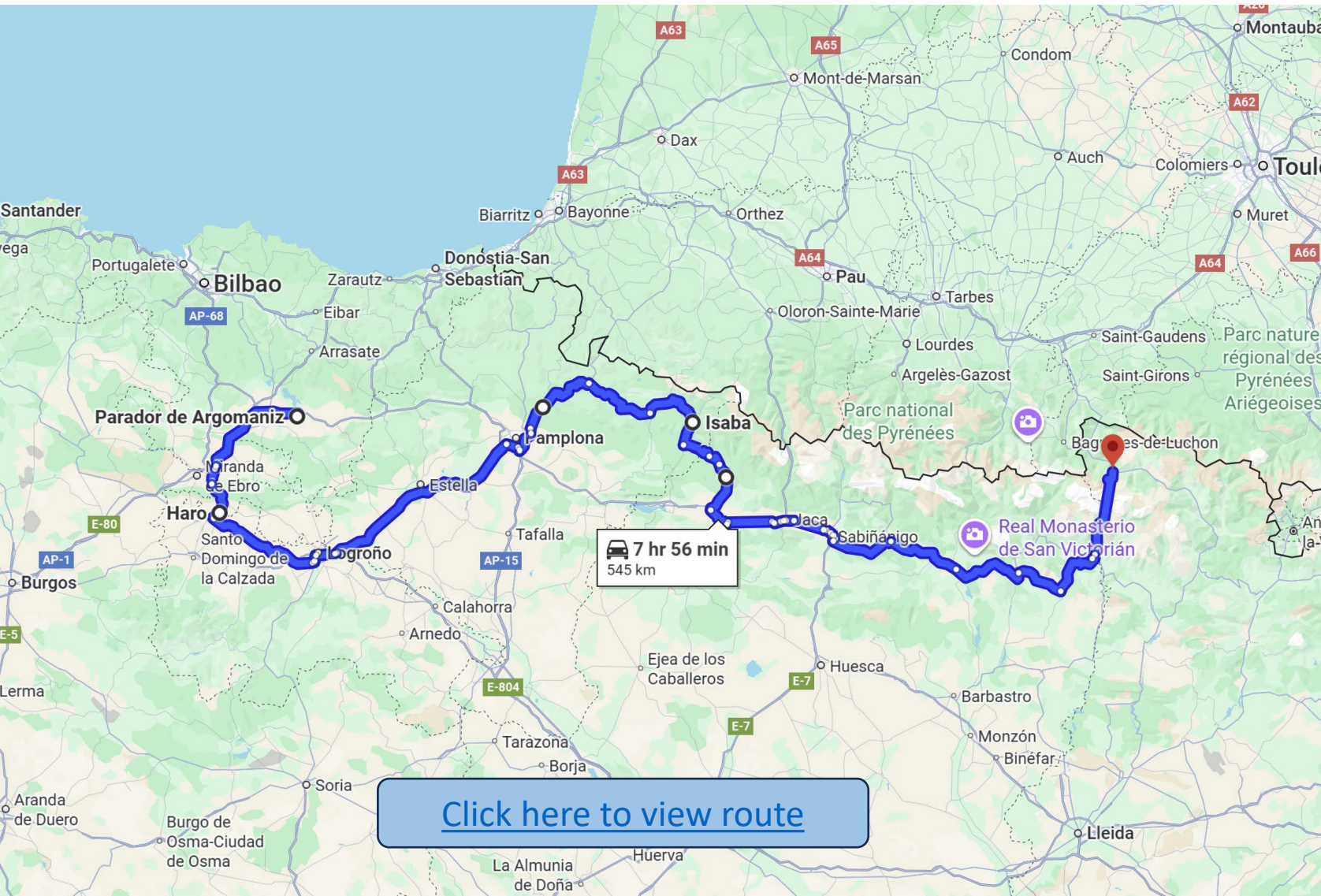
Day 6 & Day 7 Accommodation

The Parador de Argomaniz is an elegant Renaissance palace that looks out over the plains of Alava and the Sierra de Gorbea. An ideal place to disconnect and relax, with reading areas, terrace and gardens.

The building, which dates back to 1712, occupies the Palacio de los Larrea, whose coat of arms can be seen on the façade.

The Parador was also a Descalced Carmelite convent before being converted into a palace, and during the Peninsular War it was used as a headquarters for French troops. Legend has it that Napoleon planned the attack on Vitoria at this very place.

Part 3 – East to the Pyrenees



Day 8 - Sunday

The next part of our tour takes us east towards the Pyrenees to the Hostal Lola, Isaba potentially via one of Henry Catchpoles favourite driving roads. [285 km, 4 hours]

Day 9 - Monday

Explore the sights, waterfalls and walks in the region.

Day 10 - Tuesday

Drive to the Vielha region with its 2000m high peaks. [250 km, 4 hours]

Day 11 - Wednesday

Explore the scenic foothills around the Parador de Vielha.



Pyrenees

Day 7 – Day 11

The Pyrenees are a breathtaking mountain range whose jagged spine runs along the border that separates France and Spain.



Pyrenees

Day 8 – Day 11

Beautiful hiking trails span the full length of the range, making the Pyrenees a world-class destination for the adventurous traveller.

With towering waterfalls, stunning views, wonderful history, charming lodges and delicious cuisine, the Pyrenees is a region you will not want to miss



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Hostal Lola, Isaba

Day 8 & Day 9 Accommodation

Hostal Lola is a boutique hotel in Isaba, one of the best known and most visited towns in the Navarrese Pyrenees.

Noted for its authenticity, character and location. It gets great reviews so there's no need to worry about its 'hostel' billing. It combines style, tradition and comfort. The ideal place to discover and enjoy the Pyrenees in style and comfort.



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Parador de Vielha

Day 10 & Day 11 Accommodation

In a stunning setting perched high above the beautiful Valle de Arán in the Catalan Pyrenees, Vielha's Parador's delightful scenery make it a perfect summer destination.

It makes a great starting point for walking and hiking opportunities into the wonderful Arán Valley.

Vielha has a bustling old quarter where narrow streets are filled with lovely houses and a variety of restaurants plus quirky little shops selling local gourmet specialities.

Homeward Bound

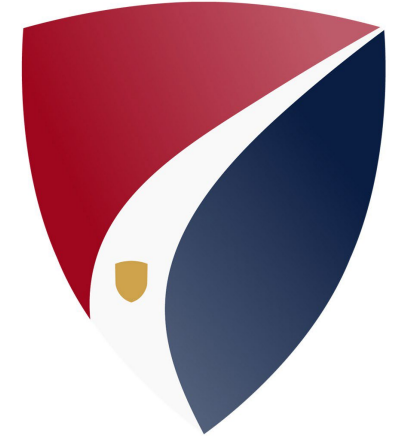
Day 12 - Thursday

Return to Santander early on day 12 to catch the afternoon Brittany Ferries sailing to Plymouth mid afternoon.
[502 km, 5hrs 4 mins]

Day 13 – Friday

Arrive Plymouth mid afternoon.

Tour Ends



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