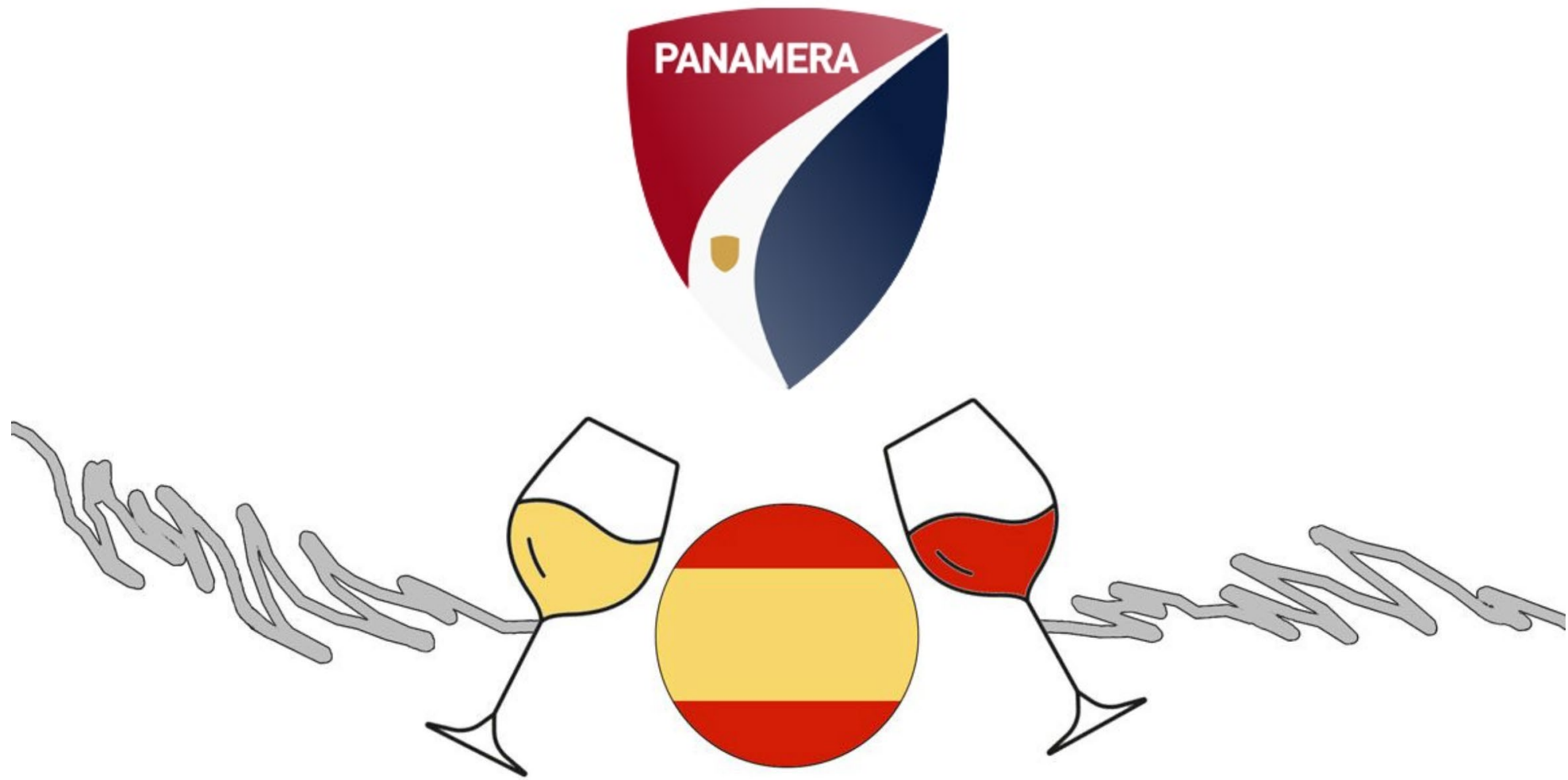




Spanish Tour 26

ADVANCE OVERVIEW

Version 4

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); or an Exclusive Wine Tasting Tour and lunch in the Rioja Alavesa region in the province of Álava. In either instance, you'll enjoy specially selected wine tastings and exquisite food pairings in truly unforgettable settings.

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 Pyrénées. Lush valleys, high mountains, deep gorges and verdant landscapes, a perfect place to spend time and enjoy our company.

Itinerary

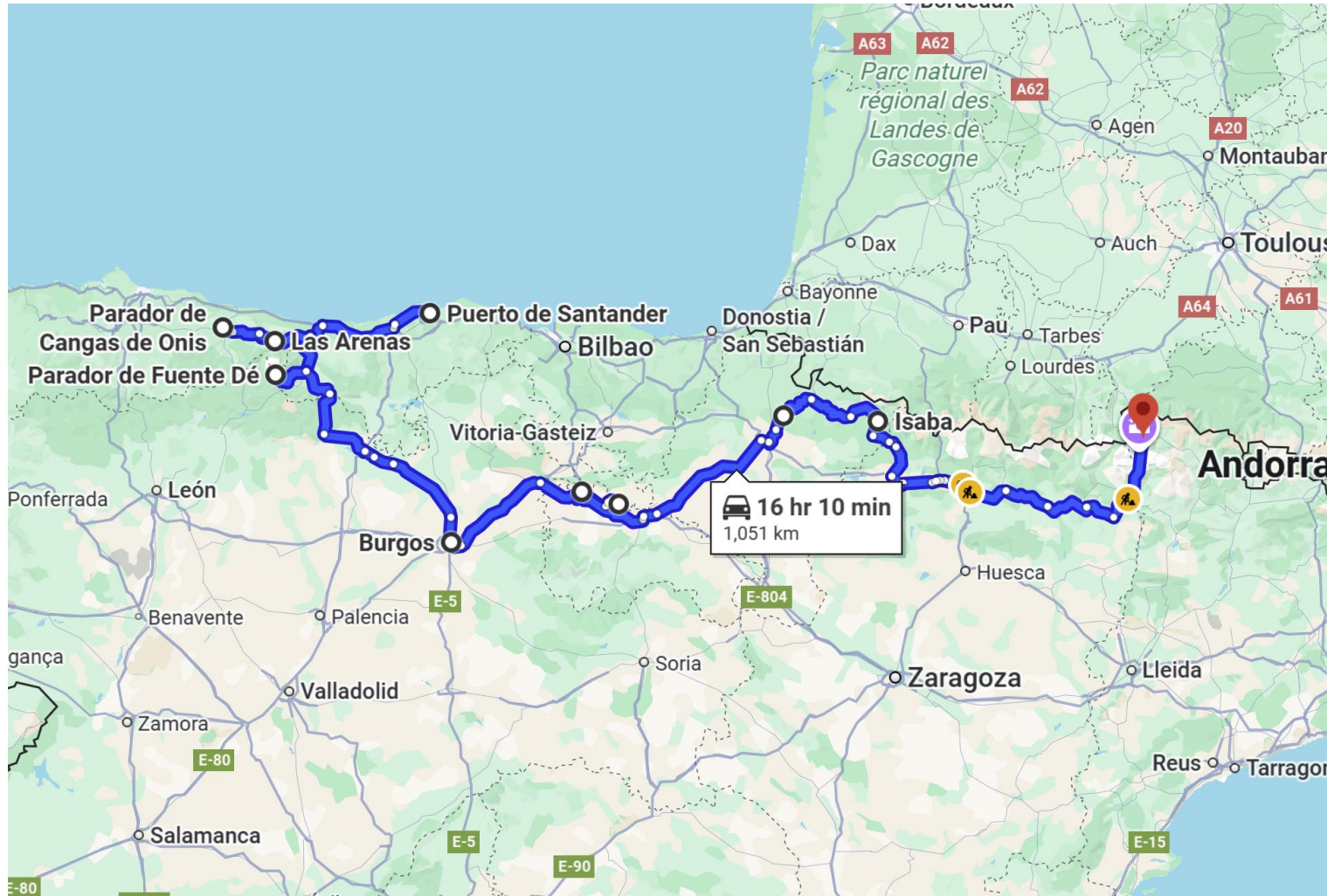
Ser	Day	Date	Itinerary	Activity	Evening Meal	Overnight Hotel
1	Sun	07-Jun	Tour commences. Ferry to Spain	Brittany Ferries Plymouth to Santander dep 16:45hrs	On board Ferry	On board Ferry
2	Mon	08-Jun	Drive to the northern part of the Picos de Europa	Ferry arr 15:15hrs. Drive to our overnight hotel in 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 southeast to Elciego, near Haro, in the heart of the Rioja region	Route options taking us to our wine tasting base at Bodegas Valdelana, Elciego	Reception in Bodegas Valdelana Restaurant in Elciego	Bodegas Valdelana
7	Sat	13-Jun	Wine Festival / Exclusive Wine Tour	Group 1 - La Cata del Barrio de la Estación wine festival in Haro Group 2 – Exclusive Wine Tasting Tour and lunch in the Rioja Alavesa	Restaurant in Elciego	Bodegas Valdelana

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 options potentially taking in one of Henry Catchpoles favourite driving roads northeast of Pamplona	Hôstal Lola, Isaba	Hôstal Lola, Isaba
9	Mon	15-Jun	Explore the area around Isaba	Explore the scenic foothills of the Pyrenean west around Isaba	Hôstal Lola, Isaba	Hôstal Lola, Isaba
10	Tue	16-Jun	Drive to Vielha in the Pyrenean south east	Route options 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	-	-

Note: Routes options that follow are provisional and will be confirmed on issue of final itinerary

Spanish Tour 26 – Summary Route



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Highlights include:

- Ferry to Santander
- Exploration of the Picos de Europa
- 2 nights at the Parador de Cangas de Onís
- 2 nights at the Parador de Fuente De
- 2 nights at the Bodegas Valdelana
- El Barrio de la Estación (Haro) / Exclusive Wine Tasting Tour
- 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



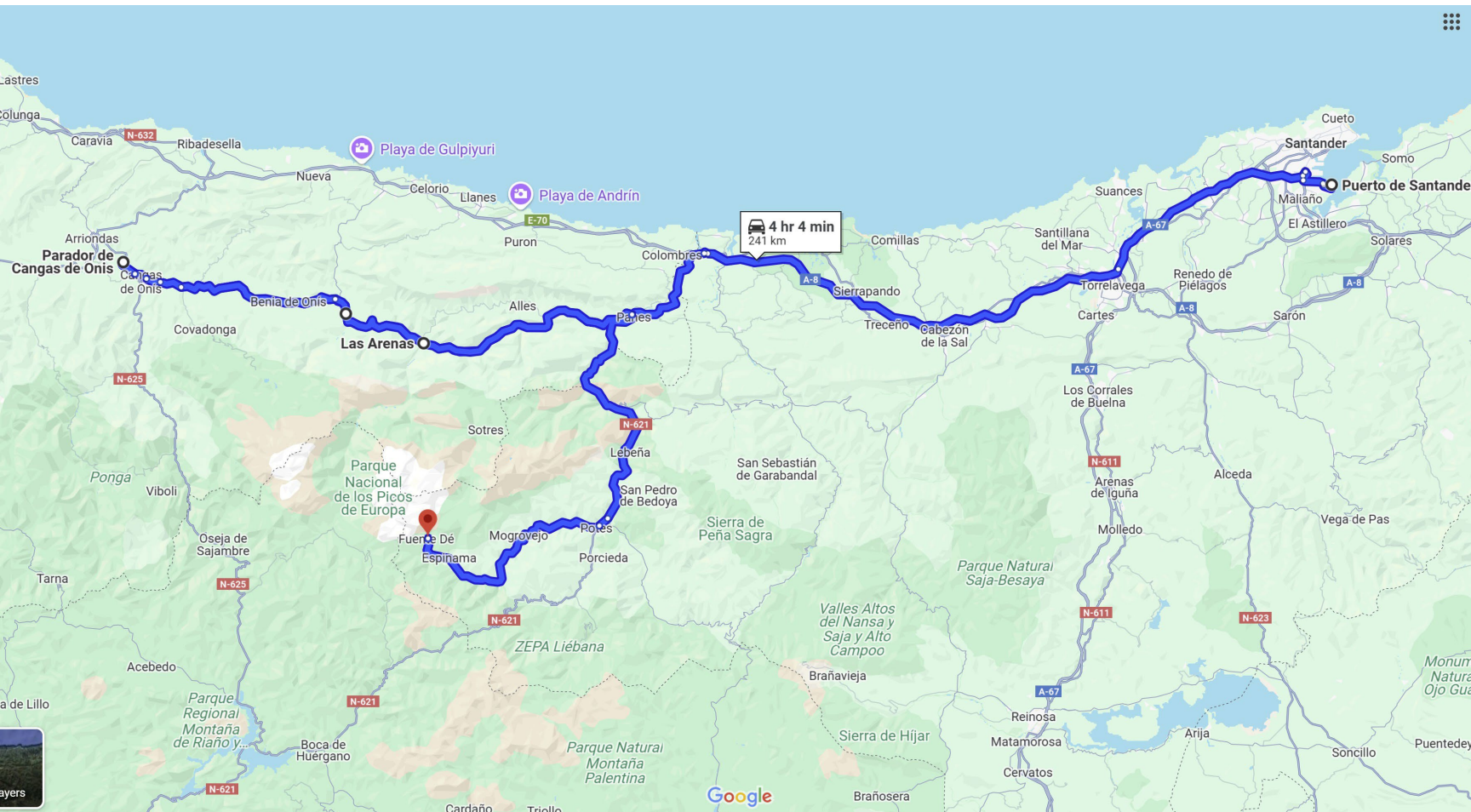
Travel Day

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 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

Day 2 – Day 5

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 Onís

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 Onís 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

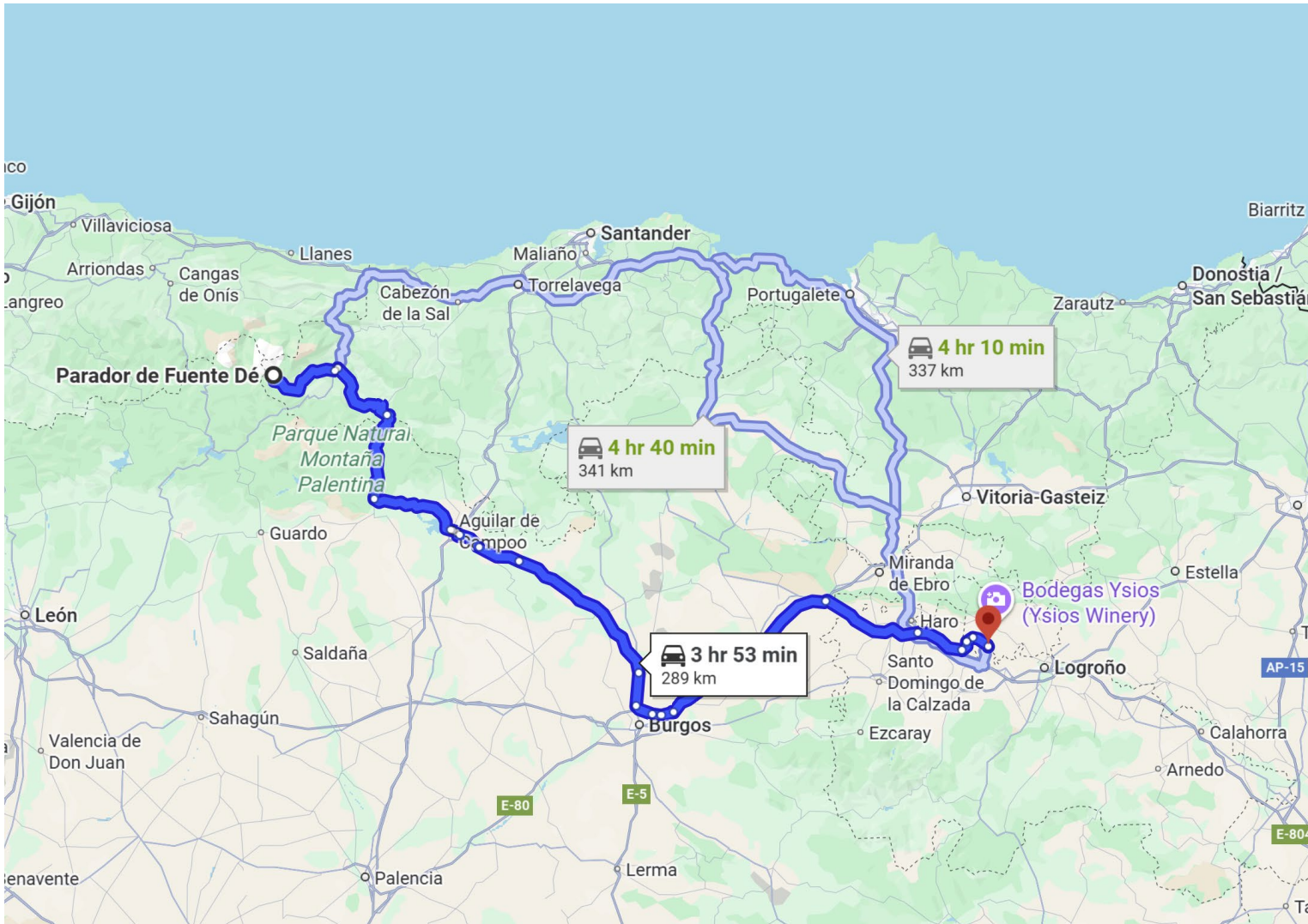
Day 4 & Day 5 Accommodation

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 / Exclusive Wine Tour



Day 6 - Friday

Drive south east to Bodegas Valdelana, Elciego in the heart of the Rioja region.

[289 km, 3 hours, 53 mins]

Day 7 – Saturday

Divide into 2 groups:

Group 1 - La Cata del Barrio de la Estación wine festival in Haro

Group 2 – Exclusive Wine Tasting Tour and lunch in the Rioja Alavesa

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Bodegas Valdelana

Day 6 – Friday

Most of us will be staying at the Bodegas Valdelana where the Valdelana family has been cultivating vineyards since the end of the 16th century. Overflow accommodation for the rest of the group will be in private accommodation nearby.

The pitched-roof winery dates back to the 15th and 16th centuries. In addition, the attic is home to an Ethnographic Museum, being the reflection of vine-growing in Rioja Alavesa.



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Bodegas Valdelana

Day 6 – Friday

Our arrival will be greeted by a private wine tasting event.

Bodegas Valdelana recently received the “Best of Wine Tourism” award in the category “Art and Culture”, the most important award in wine tourism. This prize recognizes the wide experience in wine tourism that their cellar offers its visitors.

Day 7 Activity

Group 1 - La Cata del Barrio de la Estación wine festival in Haro



11am Arrive **La Cata del Barrio de la Estación** wine festival in Haro

4.30pm Depart **La Cata del Barrio de la Estación** wine festival in Haro

7.30pm **Joint evening meal** in Elciego

Group 2 – Exclusive Wine Tasting Tour and lunch in Rioja Alavesa



10.30am Wine Tour of **Marqués De Cáceres** in Cenicero

1:30pm Lunch at the **Marqués de Riscal City of Wine** in Elciego

4:30pm Wine Tour of **Marqués de Riscal** in Elciego

7.30pm **Joint evening meal** in Elciego

Group 1



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La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 1

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.

Group 1



La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 1

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.

Group 1



La Cata del Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 1

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

Group 1



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La Cata del El Barrio de la Estación

Day 7 - Saturday

Video overview

Group 2



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Marqués De Cáceres

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 2

A private tour awaits in the engaging Marqués De Cáceres winery where we will visit key areas of our wine production process. Learn about the meticulous methods used for bottling, aging, and finishing their wines. The experience culminates in a delightful tasting of three selections. Each wine is thoughtfully paired with delicious cheese sourced from the Cameros region of Spain, enhancing the flavours and making for a totally memorable tasting experience.

Group 2



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Marqués de Riscal

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 2

We will have private dining and a exclusive wine tour by indulging ourselves in the luxury hospitality of the Frank O’Gehry designed Marqués de Riscal City of Wine. This five-star hotel is part of the ambitious City of Wine complex which sets Marqués de Riscal apart in the realm of wine tourism.

The complex, launched in 2006, also includes a spa and two restaurants – one of which has a Michelin star.

Group 2



Marqués de Riscal

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 2

Traditional and seasonal dishes in a modern setting. The best of Basque and Riojan cuisine and delicious, healthy dishes made from seasonal produce.

Our lunch will be prepared under the expert guidance of Michelin starred Riojan chef, Francis Paniego

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Group 2



Marqués de Riscal

Day 7 – Saturday – Group 2

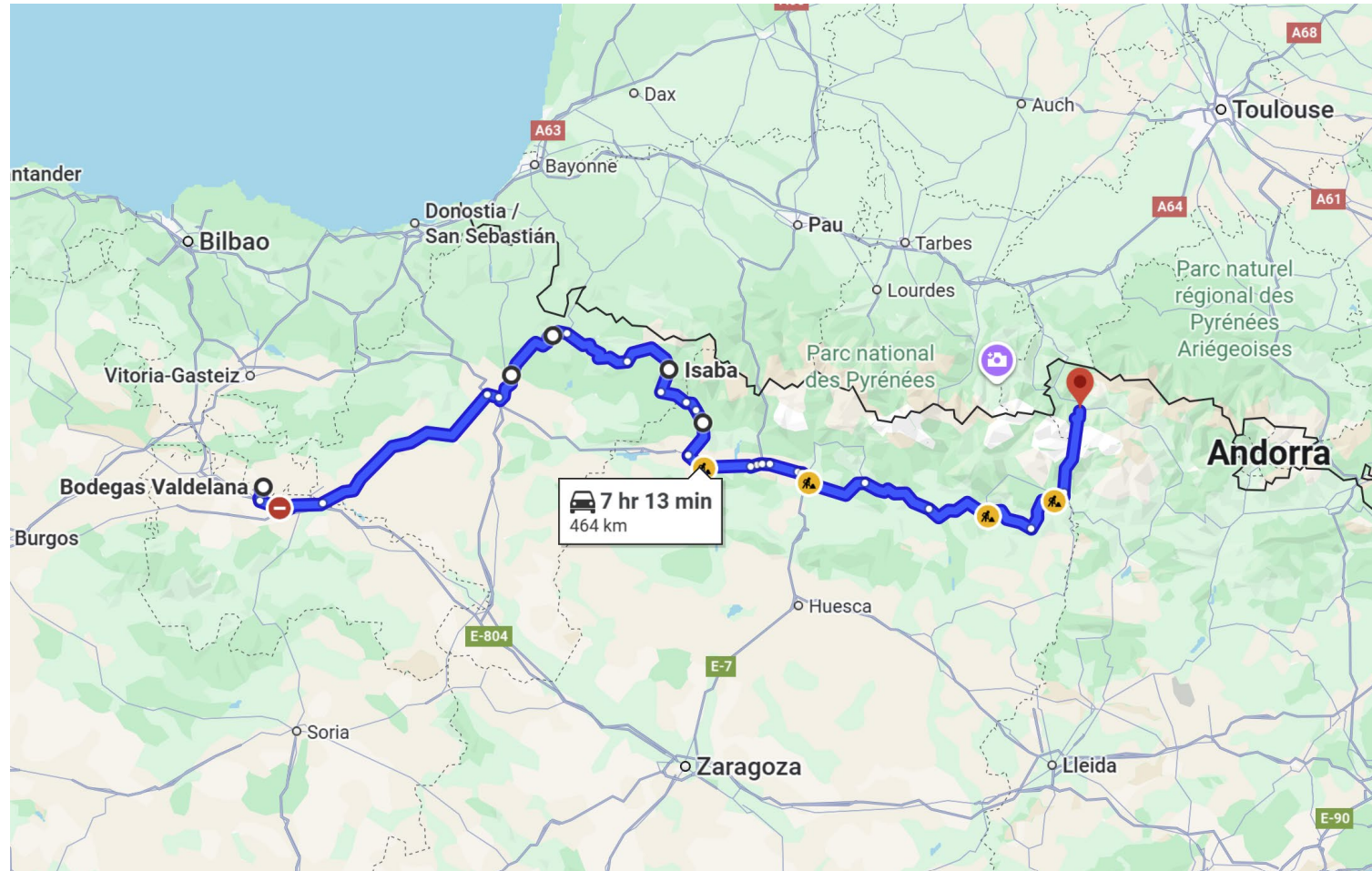
After lunch our second wine tour of the day commences.

Marqués de Riscal consistently produces high-quality wines, particularly reds.

The flagship wine, Finca Torrea, is highly regarded by wine critics worldwide. The diverse range of wines goes from traditional Riojas to more modern blends.

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Part 3 – East to the Pyrénées



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Day 8 - Sunday

The next part of our tour takes us east towards the Pyrénées 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.



Pyrenées

Day 7 – Day 11

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



Pyrénées

Day 8 – Day 11

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

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



Hôstal Lola, Isaba

Day 8 & Day 9 Accommodation

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

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 Pyrénées 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 Pyrénées, 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

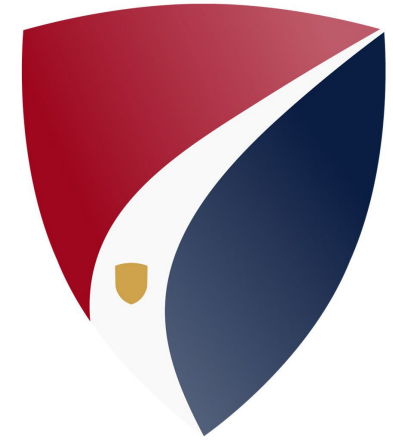
Day 12 - Thursday

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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