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Northeastern

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A World of Discovery



Barcelona Cook & Taste

Discover alluring aspects of Spain's personality on an intriguing journey through its northeast corner, home to diverse regions with distinctive identities, languages and cultures. From Catalonia along the Mediterranean to the Basque region on the Bay of Biscay, this enriching experience introduces you to the proud heritage, wondrous architecture and irresistible food that form the fabric of Spanish life. Your itinerary begins with four nights in delightful Barcelona, Catalonia's jewel. Venture next to the Navarra region for a night in the medieval town of Olite at a historic paradior beside a turreted castle. Then, round out your travels in Basque Country over four nights in dynamic San Sebastián!

Top: Royal Palace of Olite | Cover: La Sagrada Família, Barcelona | Mail panel: San Sebastián

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Admire **Barcelona's magnificent architectural gems** by the great Catalán Modernist masters, Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner.
- ▶ Learn how to prepare traditional dishes at a **hands-on Catalán cooking session**.
- ▶ Explore **enchanting Olite's storybook castle** and its winding medieval lanes.
- ▶ Savor the Navarra region's flavorful vintages at a **bodega wine tasting**.
- ▶ Bask in stunning **San Sebastián**, famous for its world-class dining scene.
- ▶ Get firsthand perspectives on Basque life at a **dinner with local residents**.
- ▶ Marvel at the shimmering, titanium-clad **Guggenheim Museum Bilbao**.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

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Dear Vanderbilt alumni and friends,

Join us for an exhilarating, nine-night exploration that reveals the remarkable riches of northeastern Spain! As you explore the area's distinctive regions, you'll come away with a richer understanding of Spanish history and culture through fascinating excursions and illuminating perspectives from expert guides and lecturers.

Begin in vibrant Barcelona, where you'll witness the spectacular creations of Catalonia's illustrious architects, stroll in the medieval quarter and try your hand at Catalán cooking. In the Navarra region, romantic Olite will capture your imagination as you stand on the ramparts of its turreted castle and wander down narrow medieval lanes. Other highlights include a guided stroll in its capital, Pamplona, and a tasting of Navarra wines at a countryside bodega. In Basque Country, share a dinner with residents and hear about Basque life, tour the groundbreaking Guggenheim Bilbao and revel in San Sebastián's scenic beauty and top-notch cuisine.

It's a terrific opportunity to savor Spain's must-see destinations while also enjoying the camaraderie of traveling with a small group. Plus, your itinerary has been balanced with plenty of free time for creating adventures of your own. Ensure your place on this incredible journey to Spain by reserving today!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn

Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive "beyond the classroom experience."

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Bodega Otazu



La Rambla, Barcelona

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Barcelona, Spain. 🌐

Day 2 | Barcelona, Spain

Arrive and transfer 🔄

to the Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

Enrichment: History of Catalonia and Barcelona. Gain interesting insights about one of Spain's most independent-minded regions.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception in the hotel and then enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a restaurant.

Day 3 | Barcelona

Discovery: Palau de la Música Catalana. Tour this gorgeous art nouveau concert hall by architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which opened in 1908.

He called upon the best Catalán artists to adorn the hall with colorful mosaics, elaborate sculptures and a superb stained-glass skylight. This UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the premier examples of Catalán art nouveau architecture in Barcelona.

🌐 **AHI Connects: Barcelona Cook and Taste.**

Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make classic Catalán dishes, then dig in and enjoy the results!

Discovery: Gothic District. Walk with your guide through this atmospheric quarter where medieval Barcelona flourished. See Plaça St. Jaume and Plaça del Rei, the historic powerhouse of medieval Catalonia. Next, admire the Gothic Cathedral of Barcelona and the Roman walls.

Free Time: Seek out Catalán specialties for dinner.



Palau de la Música Catalana, Barcelona



Cathedral of Barcelona



Parc Güell, Barcelona

Day 4 | Barcelona

Enrichment: Modernism and the Architecture of Gaudí. A local expert shares how Antoni Gaudí's deep faith and love of nature influenced his works.

Discovery: Gaudí's Barcelona and Catalan Modernism. Revel in breathtaking masterpieces of the Catalán Modernist movement by Gaudí and Montaner that have been recognized as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Begin in Gaudí's imaginative Parc Güell, and meander with your guide to see the whimsical buildings and curving mosaic benches. After a delicious lunch at a farmhouse restaurant, explore Montaner's Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, a former hospital complex with exquisite pavilions in a garden setting. Your final stop is La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's majestic cathedral. Gaze up at the sculptural details on the exterior and step inside to appreciate his bold use of color, light and form.

Day 5 | Barcelona

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Casa Amattler.** Take a guided tour of this splendid house by Catalán architect Josep Puig i

Cadafalch that features an intricate facade, original period furniture, stained-glass windows and fine artwork.

•**Jewish Heritage Walk.** Delve into the fascinating history of El Call, home to Barcelona's Jews from as early as the city's Roman years, and visit a Jewish cultural center in a 13th-century home.

Free Time: Create your own agenda for lunch and sightseeing for the rest of the day.

Day 6 | Zaragoza | Olite

This morning, check out of the hotel and embark on your journey to Olite with a stop in Zaragoza.

Discovery: Zaragoza. Often overlooked by travelers, the region of Aragón boasts marvelous remnants of its Roman, Moorish and medieval eras. In its capital city, Zaragoza, visit the *Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar*, a baroque beauty with a richly decorated interior that includes frescoed domes by Francisco Goya, a native son of the Aragón. Afterward, break for lunch in town. Continue to Olite, a small town in the Navarra region, and check in to the *Parador de Olite*.

Discovery: Medieval Olite. Graced with a fairy-tale castle, handsome noble houses and stately



Vineyard at Bodega Otazu



La Concha Bay, San Sebastián

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Works of Antoni Gaudí**, Barcelona
2. **Palau de la Música Catalana and Hospital de Sant Pau**, Barcelona

churches, Olite magically evokes the medieval splendor of the Kingdom of Navarra. At twilight, stroll leisurely with your guide along the cobblestone lanes of this charming town to take in its landmarks.

Day 7 | Olite | Pamplona | San Sebastián

After breakfast, check out of the parador and walk to the Royal Palace of Olite.

Discovery: Royal Palace of Olite. Once the court and favorite residence of Charles III, King of Navarra, this palace is often referred to as a castle because of its crenellated towers and

imposing battlements. Feel transported to the Middle Ages as you explore this grand Gothic building with French and Mudéjar details added by the king in the 15th century.

Head to San Sebastián. On your way, visit one of Navarra's fine bodegas and its capital, Pamplona.

AHI Connects: Bodega Otazu. At this elegant winery set in a small valley by the Arga River, relish lunch and a sampling of wines made exclusively with grape varieties from the estate.

Discovery: Pamplona. With your guide, meander along the picturesque streets of this city known for the chaotic Running of the Bulls during the annual festival of San Fermín. See the bullfighting ring, Castle Square and Santa Maria Cathedral.

Arrive in San Sebastián, or Donostia in Basque, and check in to the Catalonia Donosti Hotel.

Free Time: Cosmopolitan San Sebastián has a culinary reputation second to none! Its exceptional gastronomic scene draws visitors from around the globe looking to enjoy its bevy of Michelin-starred eateries and innovative pintxos (tapas) bars. Find a special spot for dinner on your own tonight.



Pamplona



Waterfront dining, San Sebastián



Guggenheim Bilbao



Day 8 | San Sebastián

Discovery: San Sebastián. San Sebastián rose to prominence as a resort town in the mid-1800s when Queen Isabella II, following advice from her doctor, chose it as her summer seaside retreat. Spanish royalty and aristocrats followed, adding a touch of glamour, and the city expanded with lovely Belle Époque buildings that reflected its new status. Take a walking tour on the narrow lanes of the buzzing old town to see highlights such as the impressive, 18th-century baroque Basílica de Santa María del Coro. Then, make your way to the waterfront promenade and soak up the sweeping view of La Concha Bay, famed for beautiful beaches like Concha and Ondarreta.

Free Time: Make your own plans this afternoon.

Enrichment: A History of Northern Spain.

For thousands of years, the Basque people have inhabited this mountainous region and preserved their distinctive culture and language. Discover more about Basque Country from a local expert.

AHI Connects: Meet the People. Gather with a diverse group of residents for a wonderful dinner and conversation about Basque life.

Day 9 | Bilbao | San Sebastián

Discovery: Bilbao and the Solomon R.



"Puppy" by Jeff Koons, Guggenheim Bilbao

Guggenheim Museum. Get acquainted with the city's top sites on a scenic tour before visiting the Guggenheim Bilbao. Designed by American architect Frank Gehry and regarded as one of the most important buildings of the 20th century, this striking structure features a dazzling, curvy facade clad in thin sheets of titanium with glass and limestone elements. Accompanied by your guide, get a closer look at the exterior and then view the modern and contemporary art inside. Relax over a refreshing lunch in Bilbao after your excursion.



Free Time: Enjoy dinner on your own and the evening at leisure back in San Sebastián.

Day 10 | San Sebastián



Free Time: Look forward to an exciting day filled with new discoveries, local color and tantalizing Basque cuisine! Your Travel Director can suggest sightseeing, shopping and dining options.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception in the hotel, followed by a Farewell Dinner at one of the city's excellent restaurants.

Day 11 | In Transit

Transfer  to the Bilbao airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 *Flights and*  *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

Note About Activity Levels

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website for more specific details.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches

Accommodations

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally situated for exploring northeastern Spain's acclaimed landmarks while also providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of their services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Renaissance Barcelona Hotel | Barcelona



Parador de Olite | Olite



Catalonia Donosti Hotel | San Sebastián



Treasures of Northeastern Spain

Trip #:5-27761W

Call our travel experts at 615-322-3673 to reserve your place! (Preferred registration method.)

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

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Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,195 (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Barcelona, Spain, with a return from Bilbao, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

First Class Business Class Premium Economy

No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **February 23, 2023** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by Bank Transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. If paying by check, please call for details before submitting.

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<https://vander.ahitravel.com/destinations/1711A?schoold=181>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

Program Dates

Air Program dates: May 9-19, 2023

Land Program dates: May 10-19, 2023

Land Program

Full Price

\$4,545

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\$250

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\$4,295

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VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,195 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **Price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- ▶ Arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- ▶ **Flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- ▶ **Assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

Pintxos (tapas)



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For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

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- **Included AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers travel- and health-related contingencies; available for U.S. residents only
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- Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey
- **Travel Directors** specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols
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- Rigorous sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups
- Hand sanitizer available for guest use

Basilica, Zaragoza



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Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.
- **1 night** in Olite at the first-class Parador de Olite.
- **4 nights** in San Sebastián at the first-class Catalonia Donosti Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at a maximum of 24 travelers.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
 - Tour a glorious art nouveau music palace.
 - Admire Barcelona's Gothic Quarter on foot.
 - Marvel at extraordinary architecture by Gaudí and Montaner during guided visits.
 - Take in Zaragoza's ornate, baroque basilica.
 - Savor Olite's medieval ambience at twilight.
 - Explore the storied Royal Palace of Olite.
 - Taste local wines at a well-regarded bodega.
 - See Pamplona's highlights on a guided walk.
 - Delight in San Sebastián's historic charm and picture-perfect La Concha Bay.
 - Chat with Basque residents over dinner.
 - Visit the renowned Guggenheim Bilbao.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **🌍PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**
A choice of excursions in Barcelona.
 - Casa Amattler | Jewish Heritage Walk
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **🌱AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **🌍AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

Passenger Service Representative |

After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. Our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our engaging local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



View from Royal Palace of Olite



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