



TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING
LEVEL

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Europe / Spain / Basque Country + Rioja

Basque Country + Rioja Eclipse Bike Tour

A 2026 Total Solar Eclipse Over Northern Spain

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch the 2026 total solar eclipse in one of the few countries where it will be observable, and mark the occasion with a celestial celebration as the moon passes between earth and the sun
- Pedal traffic-free roads through vineyards with majestic views of the Sierra del Cantabrico mountains
- Immerse yourself in the world of *Tempranillo*, *Garnacha tinta*, and *Mazuelo* varietals during tastings with local producers and visits to our favorite *bodegas*
- Savor Riojana and Basque dishes at the two-star Michelin restaurant known for launching the region's culinary renaissance
- Ride a section of the Camino de Santiago to the Monastery of Yuso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as the birthplace of the Spanish language



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Bilbao, Spain
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
The Artist-Grand Hotel
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Bilbao, Spain
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Bilbao Airport or your post-trip Bilbao hotel
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
11:00 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.



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Tour By Day

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Into the Vines

Your DuVine guides will greet you at one of our recommended hotels in downtown Bilbao, then we're off to our iconic hotel designed by Frank O. Gehry: the glittering, ribbon-like roof appears right from the middle of the vineyards as we approach. After a safety review and bike fitting, we head out on our first ride through the Tempranillo vineyards, then return to Hotel Marqués de Riscal for a relaxed lunch amidst the gardens of their terrace restaurant. Spend the rest of the afternoon by the pool or head to the hotel's Caudalie vinotherapy spa for one of their wine-infused treatments. This evening we raise a glass to the week ahead and share an unforgettable *Riojana* meal at Marqués de Riscal.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Bilbao, Elciego, Samaniego

Accomplished: 16 miles / 25 km, elevation gain: 1,180 feet / 360 meters

Accommodations: [Marqués de Riscal](#)

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The City of Cellars

Today, take your pick between an easygoing or a more challenging route. We'll climb out of Elciego along a ridge high above the vineyards, then meet the Ebro River after descending through the town of Lapuebla de Labarca. Our destination is the medieval town of Laguardia, which sits upon a warren of 300 cellars carved from rock during the Middle Ages. These cellars (called *calados*) aren't just subterranean wineries—they were once hideaways to protect townspeople in times of turmoil. They're also a striking contrast to the ultra-modern wineries that have cropped up since Spain joined the European Union in the mid-1980s. Enjoy a traditional *tapas* lunch of cheese, charcuterie, olives, and croquettes at our favorite local restaurant, then opt to tack on some extra miles or hop in the van for a lift back to the hotel. Tonight, we transfer to downtown Haro, the spiritual capital of the Rioja wine region. There, our friend Jaime opens the doors to his family-run restaurant, which has been serving its famous wood-oven roasted lamb since 1870.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Lapuebla de Labarca, Laguardia, Elciego

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 1,804 feet / 550 meters

Longer Option: 27 miles / 44 km, elevation gain: 2,385 feet / 727 meters

Accommodations: [Marqués de Riscal](#)

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The Dynasties of Rioja

Begin the day with a bang on a spectacular climb towards the Sierra de Cantabria mountains. As we gain elevation the valley below seems to expand endlessly, filled with vineyards as far as the eye can see. Break for a well-deserved lunch at Dinastía Vivanco, a family winery that's also Spain's largest private museum of wine accouterments and art. After, hop in the van and head back to Hotel Marqués de Riscal or keep riding to rack up some extra miles. Tonight, our friend Irene hosts us at her family-run winery in Elciego for a casual dinner of tuna and local meat grilled over wood cuttings from her vines, paired with a selection of her estate's wines.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Briones, Elciego

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 2,130 feet / 650 meters

Longer Option: 36 miles / 59 km, elevation gain: 3,200 feet / 980 meters

Accommodations: [Marqués de Riscal](#)

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Eclipse Over Rioja

Today we cruise south to the 11th-century UNESCO World Heritage Monastery of Yuso, considered the birthplace of the Spanish language. We'll pass pilgrims from around the globe and stop to chat as they hike this section of the 500-mile Camino de Santiago. Today's lunch is a beautiful array of local cuisine served in the renovated part of the monastery, bridging the gap of time through food. Choose to bike back to the hotel or transfer by van for some downtime (and perhaps a Spanish *siesta*). Tonight is the show we've all been waiting for as a total solar eclipse takes place over northern Spain for the first time since 1905. A celestial celebration awaits at a prestigious, family-owned winery, where we'll enjoy a feast among the vines with unparalleled views of the evening's *sol y sombra* spectacle.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: San Millán de la Cogolla

Accomplished: 22 miles / 35km, elevation gain: 1,574 feet / 480 meters

Longer Option: 44 miles / 71 km, elevation gain: 3,100 feet / 944 meters

Accommodations: [Marqués de Riscal](#)

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The Path of Saints

The last leg of our pilgrimage takes us along vineyard roads and past medieval villages into the Sierra de la Demanda mountains. Along the way, pause for photos at a 2,000-year-old Roman bridge then continue cycling to the village of Santo Domingo de la Calzada, where your guides relate the story of Saint Dominic and the miracle of the rooster at a popular pilgrim's café. Lunch in Ezcaray follows, and there's time to visit a luxury scarf and blanket weaver in town to stock up on a few souvenirs before we head to our final luxury hotel. Tonight, we'll gather for a celebratory aperitivo before dinner at our hotel's two Michelin star restaurant, El Portal de Echaurren. The meal, prepared by our friend Francis Paniego—one of Spain's most influential chefs—promises to be a culinary showstopper and is the perfect way to cap off an incredible week.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Ezcaray, Briones

Accomplished: 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 2,329 feet / 710 meters

Longer Option: 42 miles / 67 km, elevation gain: 3,030 feet / 925 meters

Accommodations: [Hotel Echaurren](#)

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Adiós Rioja

Bid *adiós* to La Rioja, its wines, medieval architecture, sumptuous gastronomy, and stunning landscapes. After breakfast, we transfer back to Bilbao where your guides will take you to your post-trip hotel or the Bilbao airport.

Meals: Breakfast
