





Vitoría-Gasteiz - Argomaniz (Álava)

Arrive Vitoria-Gasteiz.

The city offers an undeniable quality of life, with a great number of natural spaces and a green belt. You will find many museums in this city.

Also, all of them are located in buildings that should be visited by themselves.

Some of these museums that are worth highlighting are

Artium, Basque Museum of Contemporary Art, Museum of Sacred Art, Natural Sciences Museum or BIBAT, Fournier Cards Museum and Archaeology Museum.

Don't forget to visit the beautiful Santa María cathedral or old cathedral, whose renovation inspired Kent Follet for his acclaimed novel "The Pillars of the Earth",

the medieval old town, the San Miguel and San Pedro churches, the San Vicente tower, the Villasuso Palace and the Montehermoso Palace.

Same as in the rest of Euskadi, the txikiteo (having small glasses of wine) is a deep-rooted tradition.

Check the dates of the Pintxo Pote -these vary depending on the area- in which once a week, the bars include a tapa with every drink for an affordable price.

Check-in to <u>Parador de Argomaniz</u>, just 12 kilometres from Vitoria, the green and cosmopolitan capital city of the province.







Cantabria

We enter Cantabrian territories.

There are many interesting fishing towns nearby, such as Laredo, where La Salvé, one of the most extensive and beautiful beaches in the region, Castro Urdiales and Santoña can be found. This area is ideal for rowing and canoeing.

A visit to the Cabárceno Nature Park, a 750-hectare park with more than a hundred animal species from the 5 continents in semi-freedom, or the Asón Valley is also interesting.

Santander, with its fried squid and its Botín Centre, and Bilbao, with its famous pintxos and its Guggenheim Museum, are also other attractive places to visit.

You must try the artisan anchovies in olive oil, the tinned food that would also be the perfect souvenir.

Stay 2 nights at the <u>Parador de Limpias</u>.

Limpias is on the right bank of the eponymous estuary,
next to the waters of the river Asón. And King Alfonso XIII made this peaceful
setting his summer residence, in the Eguilior Palace,
which is now the Parador de Limpias.







Picos de Europa - Cantabria

We continue to delve into the wild Picos de Europa through the traditional Jacobean route that entered Liébana from the coast and went along the Nansa river and Valle de Lamasón.

Surrounded by the imposing verticality and the idyllic landscape of the mountains in the National Park of Picos de Europa, you will find the Parador de Fuente Dé which, next to the popular cable car -you should take it to enjoy some wonderful panoramic views from 2000 metres high- is the entry gate to magical forests, slopes and lookouts, which form a natural paradise of unrivalled beauty.

Having cocido lebaniego (traditional dish of chickpeas, potatoes and cabbage) is a wonderful way to restore your energy when you get back from your excursions. You can't forget to try the singular Picón Bejes-Tresviso cheese either, which is matured in caves.

Check-in to the <u>Parador de Fuente Dé</u>, in the heart of the Picos de Europa National Park. It's a modern mountain shelter located next to the town's well-known cable car. You'll find a warm and cosy interior, with spacious rooms and common areas with views of the natural landscape and a children's play area.







Picos de Europa - Asturias

Asturias is at its highest expression in these lands.

In the village of Cangas de Onís, we recommend discovering the Roman Bridge, the Chapel of Santa Cruz and the Cortés Palace.

To soak the culture of the place, you should enter some chigre (a type of bar) to see the show of pouring cider and taste it together with Cabrales cheese or some other delight of the many prepared in this region.

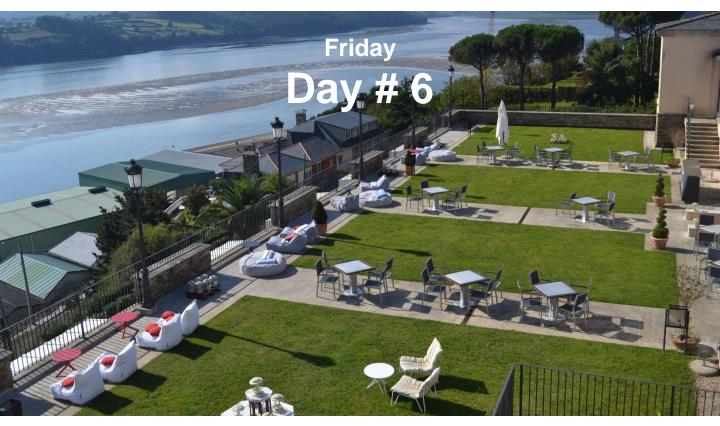
A destination for hikers and mountaineers, next to the National Park of Picos de Europa, visit Casa Dago (visitors' centre).

Relax by the Covadonga lakes (Enol and Ercina) and the Cares route.

Check-in to the <u>Parador de Cangas de Onís</u> that awaits you on the banks of the river Sella, surrounded by the spectacular Picos de Europa. This Parador puts at your disposal a selection of activities in its surroundings that seek three objectives: to raise awareness of the need to take care of the environment, revitalize rural areas and make your stay at the Parador even more fun and interesting.







Galicia

The Ribadeo or Eo estuary, which is part of the River Eo, Oscos and Tierras de Burón Biosphere Reserve, is a natural inlet of great ecological and environmental significance, and also the setting for all kinds of nautical and sporting activities. Here you can try, for example, the variety lateen sailing, the only one of its kind on the entire Spanish coastline.

You'll be fascinated by the beauty of the beaches along the Ribadó coast, and you mustn't miss Playa de las Cathedrals, considered one of the most spectacular in the world. It has been declared a Natural Monument. It is so called due to a set of cliffs more than 32 metres high which, sculpted by the wind and the sea, form arches and vaults through which the sun's rays pour, creating a marvellous and unique landscape.

Check-in to the <u>Parador de Ribadeo</u>, offering an excellent viewpoint over the estuary, a Galician mansion at the mouth of the river Eo, which is located in a beautiful fishing and tourist village, surrounded by greenery and overlooking the sea. This magnificent location, on the border between Galicia and Asturias, will let you enjoy unique views of the Galician landscape on one side and small Asturian villages on the other side of the river.

Don't miss the chance to try the exquisite traditional Galician cuisine, with dishes such as empanada (a local style of pie), lacón (pork shoulder), seafood and Galician wines.







Galicia

Vilalba is the capital of Terra Chá, which is located in the centre of the province of Lugo.

Here you'll enjoy natural surroundings such as the La Madalena river beach, the medicinal Charca del Alligal, and the banks of the numerous rivers that flow through these lands.

Next to the plain and the water is the Serra do Xistral and the Monseivane mountain where you'll relish losing yourself along rural paths.

A little more than 45 minutes away, these lands of Lugo overlook the sea, with such exceptional balconies as the beautiful Las Catedrales beach, and, closer at hand, the historic-artistic site of Mondonedo and the historical beauty of Lugo.

In Lugo, enjoy its Roman wall, which has been declared a World Heritage Site due to its perfect state of preservation, and one of the best-prepared cuisines in Galicia, where tapas are a religion.

Check-in to the **Parador de Vilalba**, located in a quiet town on the 'Way of St. James





Sunday **Day # 8**

Lugo (Galicia)

8 days in picturesque Green Spain, from the Basque coast to Cantabria to Asturias to Galician territories and entering the magnificent Picos de Europa, concludes today in Lugo/ Galicia.

