

NORTHERN SPAIN AND THE ARAGON MOTO GP 2018

13 days, 1000 miles

16th September check in at Brittany ferry terminal Portsmouth 21.30

Depart Portsmouth 22.30

17th September. Sea cruise.

18th September Arrive Bilbao 07.45

Shortest distance 100 miles, 2 hrs

On arrival in Bilbao take the coast road west to your overnight hotel. You will have time to explore Bilbao this morning (or at the end of your tour). The city of Bilbao is situated on the northern side of Spain, close to the coastline and nearby beaches, being the largest and most lively city in the Basque Country. Bilbao is a particularly historic city, with a legacy of old buildings and a rich culture, based around Old Town Bilbao, in the Casco Viejo area.

However, Bilbao is constantly reinventing itself, with many spectacular projects and impressive contemporary architecture, such as the breathtaking Guggenheim Museum, making this one of Spain's most exciting cities. Often known locally simply as 'Botxo', Bilbao also boasts an impressive selection of restaurants and shops, together with a vibrant nightlife to rival any city. With a scenic backdrop of green hills from the Vizcaya area, Bilbao has long been a major tourist destination and is dissected by the Nervión River, much of which is lined by a host of sightseeing opportunities.

Your overnight hotel is about 100 miles west, in the small port of San Vicente, overlooking the bay. The famous biking roads of the Picos de Europa are on your doorstep.



Hotel Faro de San Vicente, San Vicente de la Barquera
Bay view or partial bay view rooms. 2 night bed and breakfast (3)*

This modern hotel enjoys a great setting in San Vicente de la Barquera, overlooking the natural bay, and just across the bridge from the old town. The nearest beach is just 500 metres away. Many restaurants and bars can be found in the vicinity. Links to the public transport network are just 700 metres from the hotel. The charming towns of Comillas and Santillana del Mar are within easy reach, as is the motorcycling paradise of the Picos de Europa. The tastefully-designed guest rooms come well equipped with modern amenities. Bathroom, Disability-friendly bathroom, Bathtub, Hairdryer, Direct dial telephone, TV, Radio, Central heating, Wheelchair-

accessible, Smoking rooms, Extra beds on demand. No pets allowed. On street parking, 24-hour reception, Wired Internet, Wi-fi, Lift access, Bicycle storage, Newspapers, Dining area, Cafe, Bar, Restaurant, Highchairs, Breakfast room, Conference room, Meeting room, Photocopier, Fax. Built 2001, 50 rooms.

19th September

After breakfast head up into the hills for some great riding roads through the Picos de Europa

20th September

150 miles, 4 hrs

A scenic cross-country ride to the Rioja Wine region. Laguardia is a small, ancient town, capital of the Rioja wine region.



Villa de Laguardia, Laguardia

2 nights, bed and breakfast (4)*

Hotel Sercotel Wine Oil Villa de Laguardia has 83 air-conditioned rooms featuring minibars and digital programming is available for your entertainment. Private bathrooms have hair dryers and bathrobes. Conveniences include phones, as well as safes and desks. Pamper yourself with a visit to the spa, which offers massages, body treatments, and facials. If you're looking for recreational opportunities, you'll find an indoor pool, a

spa tub, and a sauna. Additional features include complimentary wireless Internet access, an arcade/game room, and gift shops/newsstands. Grab a bite to eat at one of the hotel's dining establishments, which include 3 restaurants and a coffee shop/cafe. Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at a bar/lounge. Business, Other Amenities Featured amenities include a business center, dry cleaning/laundry services, and a 24-hour front desk. Free parking is available onsite.

21st September

Plenty of wine tasting options available as well as short scenic rides. Your hotel is close to Bodegas Ysios, Bodegas Marques de Riscal and Finca Valpiedra.

22nd September Head south-east this morning towards the excitement of the MotoGP at Aragon

Shortest distance 190 miles, 3-1/2 hrs

NH Collection Gran Hotel Zaragoza

2 nights bed and breakfast (4)*

Our hotel in Zaragoza is just over an hour from the track. It is a grand old building in the heart of the city, built in the 1920s, within easy walking distance of some of the city's best museums, including the Museo Provincial with its Goya paintings and the Museo Pablo Serrano with its abstract sculptures. You'll find plenty of high-end shops and restaurants right on the doorstep, too. The hotel's 133 rooms, renovated in December 2014, are spacious and bright with



stylish hardwood floors and contemporary bathrooms. The hotel restaurant, La Ontina, serves first-class Spanish cuisine and has an excellent tasting menu. There's an in-house gym, too, as well as a newly renovated bar and a beautiful domed hall where you can relax with a cup of coffee. Offsite parking c. 100 m from hotel, to pay locally.

23rd September. Race day. Enjoy the ride to Alcaniz, and join the Spanish bikers, who have a real passion for MotoGP (well, they are quote good at it as a nation!)



24th September After breakfast this morning the journey home begins heading north to the Huesca region and the mountains of the Pyrenees, ending in the ski resort of Campo. 120 miles, 3 hrs



Hotel Los Nogales, Campo

2 nights bed breakfast (3)*

Located in the Benasque Valley, Hotel Los Nogales is in the mountains and minutes from Caiguila Plaza and Juegos Tradicionales Museum. Good access to the mountains of Pirineo Aragonés. Facilities include 24h reception, cafe/bar, limited room service, lift, parking and laundry services. There is free Wi-Fi internet access in the whole hotel. All rooms are simple and comfortable and are equipped with bathroom, TV and

desk.

26th September. A lovely cross-country ride through the southern Pyrenees to Pamplona, famous for its Bull Run.

130 miles, 3 hrs



Hotel Zenit, Pamplona

1 night B&B (4)*

Hotel Zenit Pamplona is a modern design hotel in the business district, minutes from La Morea Shopping Center, and close to El Sadar Stadium. 85 air-conditioned rooms featuring minibars and LCD televisions. Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and digital programming is available for your entertainment. Private bathrooms have

complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Conveniences include phones, as well as safes and desks. Enjoy a 24-hour health club and a sauna, concierge services, and discounted use of a nearby fitness facility. Guests can catch a ride to nearby destinations on the area shuttle (surcharge). Satisfy your appetite at the hotel's restaurant, which features a bar. Dining is also available at a coffee shop/cafe. Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at a bar/lounge. Express check-in, and dry cleaning/laundry services. Free parking.

27th September.

Leave Pamplona today heading for your return port of Bilbao exploring as you go, you should aim to arrive at the port for check in an hour before departure, no later than 14.30.
100 miles, 3 hrs

Depart Bilbao 15.30

28th September Arrive Portsmouth 14.15

Prices

1 couple on 1 motorcycle in 1 room/cabin
£1664 = £832 per person

Two solo riders on 2 motorcycles in 1 room/cabin
£1860 = £930/person

Solo rider in own room
£1550