

## Spain: A Walking Tour of Basque Country

### Pre-Trip-Extension - Madrid

2 Nights from \$445 per person, double occupancy

- Two nights at the NH Paseo del Prado Hotel
- Daily buffet breakfast
- City Information
- Airport transfers

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

### DAY 1: Depart from home / Fly overnight to Madrid

Depart from home for Madrid, Spain. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

### DAY 2: Arrive in Madrid

Upon arrival at Madrid's airport, claim your luggage and clear customs. If your luggage is lost, fill in a PIR form before leaving the customs area: VBT representatives are not allowed into the customs area. Please make certain that your VBT luggage tags are affixed to your bag so your VBT representative can identify you. After exiting customs, enter the arrival hall and look for your VBT representative who will be holding a VBT sign and will make arrangements for your transfer via taxi or van to your Madrid hotel (transfer time is approximately 30–45 minutes, depending on traffic).

You have the rest of the day to relax or begin exploring the city on your own.

Hotel: NH Paseo del Prado

### DAY 3: Independent exploration of Madrid

Enjoy your first full day of independent exploration in Spain's capital. Your hotel is conveniently located on the Paseo del Prado, within the "Golden Triangle of Art" comprising three art museums: the Prado Museum, the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (a modern art museum) and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, which is housed in the renovated Villahermosa Palace.

After visiting the museums in your neighborhood, you may wish to continue walking to the Royal Palace (Palacio Real), the official residence of the Spanish royal family, or the nearby Teatro Real, featuring a restored Opera House. Tonight, try one of the many renowned restaurants in this gastronomic capital.

Hotel: NH Paseo del Prado

Meals: Breakfast

## **DAY 4: Fly to Bilbao / Join VBT Air Package guests**

Transfer to Madrid's airport today for your hour-long flight to Bilbao. Upon arrival at the Bilbao airport, claim your luggage. Please make certain your VBT luggage tags are affixed to your bag so your VBT representative can identify you. As you enter the arrival hall, look for your VBT representative holding a VBT sign. Please wait here while your representative helps make arrangements for your transfer to your hotel in Bilbao (a drive of approximately 20 – 30 minutes).

VBT provides you with City Information that includes information and recommendations about what to see and do in Bilbao. Take the rest of the day to explore Bilbao and have dinner on your own.

VBT Air Package guests arrive throughout the day.

Hotel: NH Collection Villa de Bilbao

Meals: Breakfast