From north to south, east to west, the sun-kissed Wine Routes of Spain stripe the length and breadth of the Iberian countryside, offering world-renowned wineries, charming rural hideaways, quaint specialist shops, and an array of welcoming restaurants serving local food paired with the finest Spanish wines.

Across the Spanish countryside, both traditional and innovative wineries have joined forces, opening their doors and greeting xenophiles and wine novices alike with open arms, perfect pours, and a centuries-old artisan legacy to impart. Each of the 22 unique routes offer visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture; taking part in the local wine festivals and events, visiting museums for an intimate look at wine culture, indulging in wine therapy treatments at local spas, and so much more. The experiences are seemingly endlessly and surprisingly varied, but like most things in life, to truly discover the Wine Routes of Spain, you must first experience them for yourself.

The end product is a committed and cohesive collection of destinations catering to each and every palate, ensuring that whether you’re traveling with connoisseurs or hobbyists, family or friends, you’ll be sure to find a brand new world at the bottom of every glass.

The Rioja Alta Wine Route lies in one of Spain’s finest wine-producing havens, where much on the country’s wine culture was developed and where some of the most prestigious wines now originate. Beyond the barrels, Rioja Alta also boasts a rich artistic heritage set down on the banks of the Ebre River amidst the Toloño, Cantabria, and Demanda mountains, where the unrivaled hospitality of La Rioja’s towns and their people combine to create the ideal Iberian escape.

Rioja Alta Wine Route: info@rutasdelvinorioja.com; www.rutasdelvinorioja.com/en/
Located in the northwest of La Rioja, a short way from Logroño, Rioja Alta can be accessed by highway—the N-232 and the A-68—as well as by train from the Haro station and plane via the Logroño airport.

DON'T MISS

**TOP SLEEPS** | Along the Rioja Alta Wine Route, there is a bounty of accommodations available, from hotels and apartments to charming cottages and cozy inns, all of which offer the perfect opportunity to gather around a table—such as those at Parador de Santo Domingo de la Calzada—and enjoy good conversation and a glass of Rioja wine with old and new friends alike. Plaza del Santo, 3, 26250 Santo Domingo de la Calzada; www.parador.es

**TOP EATS** | The magnificent restaurants, taverns, and steakhouses of La Rioja Alta invite travelers to sample Rioja’s freshly harvested vegetables, traditional stews, and world-famous Sarmiento baked chops. For a truly authentic experience, make sure to try Rioja-style cod and potatoes, “pichillo” peppers stuffed with meat, and the region’s renowned “pochas riojanas” (haricot beans).

**ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS** | Rioja Alta offers a variety guided pathways that traverse the whole of the territory. A stroll along these tranquil thoroughfares is the perfect way to get to know the region’s fantastic natural beauty, from the rolling vine fields to the Sierra del Toloño mountains.

**FESTIVALS** | Each year, Rioja Alta’s quaint towns alight with festivals, including hundreds of patron saints’ celebrations and “romerías”, for instance the Romería of the Hermitage of Davalillo, held in San Asensio on the first Sunday after Resurrection Sunday.

Also held in San Asensio in late July, the Battle of Claret encourages locals and visitors alike to engage in a good-natured mock-dispute during which 30,000 liters of wine are splashed about town, soaking anyone who happens to be passing by.
Tucked between the River Ebro and the imposing Cantabria Mountain Range, Rioja Alavesa is a stunning 115-square-mile region situated in Basque Country, where vineyards have been tended since the Romans once ruled. The rolling region is home to nearly 400 wineries, which, along with its medieval towns, stately mansions, and peaceful churches, have helped to make the Rioja Alavesa Wine Route an essential destination for travelers looking to experience the many aromas, flavors, landscapes, and sensations of Spain.

And although Rioja Alavesa boasts countless wine festivals, events, cultural attractions, vinotherapy options, nature activities, and wine-related shopping opportunities, the true finishing touch to any visit is a night spent among the barrels and amidst vineyards at one of the area’s stunning avant-garde hotels and charming country houses.

Rioja Alavesa Wine Route: info@rutadelvinoderiojaalavesa.com; www.rutadelvinoderiojaalavesa.com/en/
Rioja Alavesa is the southernmost region of the Basque Country, located within an hour of the Bilbao International Airport.

**DON’T MISS**

**TOP EATS** | This gastronomically privileged area calls many of Spain’s best traditional dishes its own, such as potatoes with chorizo, hearty chops grilled over vine cuttings, and tender pork cheek in red wine and haricot beans. The local chefs combine tradition and modernity, offering everything from authentic tapas delicacies to gourmet menus, all paired with a selection of the best Rioja Alavesa wines.

**TOP WINERIES** | One of the region’s essential experiences is a visit to the Rioja Alavesa’s intimate wine cellars, where you can simultaneously learn the secrets of winemaking from their owners and take a trip back in time. Rioja Alavesa is also home to a variety of art and avant-garde architecture, such as the Santiago Calatrava, Crystal Cubes (the work of Inaki Aspiazu), and a majestic wine barrel from the mind of the French architect, Meziers.

**ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS** | Of all the routes criss-crossing Rioja Alavesa, the Enobus is perhaps the most diverse, weaving through ancient towns, wineries, olive oil mills, wine museums—such as the Villa Lucía Wine Culture Theme Centre—and much more.

In addition to the region’s wine-themed offerings, Rioja Alavesa also provides excellent bird-watching opportunities with species such as the European Bee-eater and Black-Crowned Night Heron darting amongst the region’s lush vineyards.

**FESTIVALS** | Every September Rioja Alavesa celebrates The Harvest Fiesta, while the Wine and Music Festival, held in July, and the February “Ustabetarri” Festival, in February, offer plenty of summer and winter fun as well.
Running through the heart of Castile along the length and breadth of the left bank of the river Duero, the Rueda Wine Route is home to some of the finest wine-growing conditions on earth, with its gorgeous weather and rolling geography lending themselves perfectly to the Verdejo grape, which imparts a singular and inimitable personality to each of Rueda’s distinguished wines. Thanks to this optimal setting, Rueda prides itself on a long history of viticulture dating back to the 11th century, offering visitors a once-in-a-lifetime look at the region’s time-honored grapevine care and wine production techniques, which continue to inform the friendly local culture to this day.

Rueda Wine Route: info@rutadelvinoderueda.com; www.rutadelvinoderueda.com/en/
GETTING THERE

The Rueda Wine Route is easily accessible by plane, nationally via Valladolid Airport, located 20 minutes away, and internationally via Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport in Madrid, just over an hour away. It is also easily reached by both rail and road.

DON'T MISS

TOP SLEEPS | The historic crossroads of Tordesillas is one of the Rueda Wine Route’s can’t-miss stops and is home to the Parador Nacional de Tordesillas, a beautiful manor ensconced by pine trees and a lush garden. Its architecture and decor recall classic Castillian glamour, further enhanced by wellness facilities like a Turkish bath, Jacuzzi, heated pool, sauna, and gym. Ctra. De Salamanca, 5, 47100, Tordesillas, Valladolid; www.parador.es

TOP EATS | In the region’s many tavernas and restaurants, the local “grandmothers’ recipes”, passed down over the course of multiple generations, have been given a modern touch, bringing out the best from beautiful raw ingredients such as suckling lamb, lentils from La Armuña, Fuentesaúco chick peas, and local wild mushrooms.

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS | The Rueda Wine Route is defined by 14 spectacular wineries characterized by ancient underground galleries that have remained intact since the Middle Ages.

When not nosing, tasting, and learning in these stunning time-capsules, Rueda’s homespun hospitality welcomes each visitor as if they were one of its own. Relax with a wine therapy in a spa or sweeten your stay with a traditional pastry, either way you are sure to get swept up in historic treasures, such as Castle of La Mota in Medina del Campo, and the warmth of the local residents.

FESTIVALS | Each of the Rueda Wine Route’s stunning locales offer a host of must-see celebrations including the Wine Harvest Festivities of Rueda, La Seca, and Serrada; the Medieval Market of Tordesillas; and Easter in Medina del Campo.
Possessing a unique blend of terroir, microclimate, and native grapes, the Ribera del Duero Wine Route is best known for its magnificent and complex red wines, which provide the perfect accompaniment to an afternoon spent basking on the banks of the nearby River Duero or amidst the vineyards, rolling hills, and expansive plains of this singularly stunning region. Encompassing the provinces of Burgos, Segovia, Soria, and Valladolid in Castile-Leon, this wine-rich retreat boasts nearly 52,000 acres of planted vineyards producing almost 50 million liters of wine each year, typified by the Tempranillo, which, as xenophile will no doubt know, is widely considered one of the noble grapes of Spain.

Ribera del Duero Wine Route: info@riberate.com; www.rutadelvinoriberadelduero.es/ingles/inicio.html
The Ribera del Duero’s Wine Route is situated approximately two hour’s drive time and one hour’s high-speed train ride from Madrid.

**DON’T MISS**

**ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS** | If you’re going to experience one thing in Ribera del Duero, make sure it’s the Castles Route, named for the countryside surrounding Ribera del Duero Wine Route, which is littered with ancient fortifications such as the Haza Walls, Tower of Guzmán, Zúñiga’s Palace, the Castle of Langa del Duero, and Peñafiel’s Castle, the seat of the Provincial Wine Museum and one of the showcase attractions of Spain’s Wine Routes.

For a mix of both wine and history, book a tour through the local underground cellars, which enchant visitors with their maze of galleries, beautiful arches, and rock-hewn vaults. Located underground at depths of nearly 40 feet, the cellars maintain a constant annual temperature of about 57 degrees, ideal for ageing in the region’s trademark oak barrels.

The ultimate experience, however, is a horsedrawn carriage ride among the vines that concludes with a tour of the local wineries and a tasting of local specialties like torreznos, morcilla, and chorizo.

**REGIONAL MORCILLA / RIBERA DEL DUERO WINE ROUTE**

**PEÑAFIEL WINE CELLAR / RIBERA DEL DUERO WINE ROUTE**
SHERRY AND JEREZ BRANDY ROUTE

The origin of one of the world’s most unique wine-producing traditions and the perfect destination for sense-awakening experiences, the Jerez Region, the cradle of some of Spain’s most celebrated and world-renowned wines and brandies, transcends its primary export with an indelible cultural legacy, extraordinary natural beauty, and an idyllic seaside climate. And although the mystery-tinged dim of its bodegas and the narrow streets of its white-washed villages are sure to relax mind and body alike, strive to keep your palate sharp, for the Sherry and Jerez Brandy Route—one of Spain’s most popular wine-tourism itineraries—is the only place on earth where Jerez-Xérès-Sherry, Manzanilla de Sanlúcar de Barrameda, and Jerez Brandy can be produced.

Sherry and Jerez Brandy Route: info@rutadeljerezybrandy.es; www.rutadeljerezybrandy.com
Don’t Miss

Top Eats | Sherry wines have won the acclaim of the most prestigious chefs and sommeliers on earth for their excellent pairing possibilities, which have been fully realized in the region’s many restaurants and tapas bars. Make sure you save room for more than one course, however, for the sherry—Manzanilla, Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso, Cream, Pedro Ximénez, and more—and Brandy—including traditional, Reserve, and Grand Reserve—pairing options are seemingly endless.

Activities & Excursions | Although a journey into the Jerez wine-producing region always ensures a wide array of unforgettable tasting experiences, to truly discover the Jerez region one must delve beyond its wines, into over 3,000 years of history, which unfolds around every corner. Greeks, Romans, and Arabs all settled here, fostering a diverse cultural and artistic heritage and unconditional love of wine, which the Sherry and Jerez Brandy Route celebrates with amazing landmarks, scenic vistas, local cuisine, Flamenco dancing, and a passion for horse and motorcycle racing.

The Jerez Region’s true signature, however, lies not with sport, but instead in its unmistakable bodegas—also known as “Wine Cathedrals” for their majestic proportions, serenity, and architectural beauty—where the ageing process of the region’s wines is a matter not of commerce, but tradition, handed down from one generation to the next.

Festivals | Join in the fun at popular festivities such as the world-renowned Feria del Caballo in Jerez.
PENEDÈS WINE ROUTE

Located less than 30 minutes south of Barcelona and 15 minutes from the magnificent beaches of Sitges, the Penedès Wine Route puts its namesake region’s unique coastal landscape on full display, with the endless vineyards, charming rural accommodations, and esteemed wine cellars lending this Mediterranean haven international wine-making acclaim.

Penedès Wine Route: info@enoturismepenedes.cat; www.enoturismepenedes.cat/en
RÍAS BAIXAS WINE ROUTE

A thoroughly unique member of Spain’s Wine Route roster, the Rías Baixas Wine Route—tinted soothing shades of blue and green by the nearby Atlantic Ocean—embraces the unique personalities of Salnés, O Rosal, Condado do Tea, and Ribeira do Ulla, becoming an essential part of any Spanish itinerary in the process.

From the boundaries of El Salnés, the birthplace of Albariño wine, to El Condado do Tea and its castle-adorned mountains, Rías Baixas is paradise of gardens, rural estates, and seaside escapes that welcomes wine pilgrims with a warm smile and one-of-a-kind culture.

Rías Baixas Wine Route: info@rutadelvinoriasbaixas.com; www.rutadelvinoriasbaixas.com

MONTILLA-MORILES WINE ROUTE

Imagine a flamingo flying low over vineyards and olive groves; flames toasting the inside of a wine barrel; a veil of flour yeast pulling back to reveal the world-class wine beneath. The Montilla-Moriles Wine Route offers all of this and much more across its eight wine-rich municipalities in the south of Córdoba, providing a bevy of cultural, historical, artistic, and culinary options for active travelers from around the globe. And although wine itself remains paramount, the Montilla-Moriles Wine Route is about much more than just reds and whites; it’s about the noble people, majestic landscape, and welcoming culture that have combined to make the region one of the most important and vibrant in all of Spain.

Montilla-Moriles Wine Route: info@rutadelvinomontillamoriles.com; www.rutadelvinomontillamoriles.com

GETTING THERE

The heart of The Montilla-Moriles Wine routes lies just 35 minutes from Seville and an hour and forty-five minutes from Madrid via high-speed train.

DON’T MISS

TOP SLEEPS | Montilla-Moriles Wine Route offers a charming selection of hotels, guest houses, and country homes located amidst the region’s historic centers, vineyards, and stunning landscapes.

TOP EATS | Córdoba’s trio of contrasting cultures have left a clear mark on the local cuisine, which features ingredients sourced from the local mountains down to the pristine coastline. Iconic dishes abound throughout the region’s many memorable restaurants, but Cochifrito, small crunchy pieces of young pork; Flamenquín, a breaded and fried veal or pork filet wrapped in ham; and local Gazpacho made with tomato and almonds simply cannot be missed.

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS | Of the region’s many sights, The Roman Bridge, believed to be built by emperor Augustus in the 1st century, is perhaps the finest. The prize of countless battles throughout history, this Córdoba landmark has been rebuilt many times over the years and remains a must-see attraction to this day. And while each of the local wineries rival the Roman Bridge in terms of pure magnetism, it is the opportunity to visit the nearby cooperages—where the trade’s masters continue to preserve the handcraft of wine barrels—to this day—that draws the most poetic of parallels, reminding visitors that sometimes it is the forgotten methods of art, craft, and construction that remain the most coveted.

Futhering that theme, is Moriles’ Castle Museum where visitors can sample ancient recipes such as Arrope, a grape syrup, or las Gachas de Mosto, a must-porridge that has been passed down through the region’s kitchens for centuries.

FESTIVALS | Contrasting celebrations of the planting and harvest seasons, The Montilla-Moriles Wine Tasting, held in April, and The Montilla Harvest Festival, which takes place each autumn, are two of the region’s premier events, teaching visitors how to look at, nose, and taste wine.

The Montilla-Moriles Wine Tasting, with a wide range of wineries participating, remains one of Córdoba’s most popular happenings, but it’s the Harvest Festival that offers the most memorable coronation, with locals gathering in hopes to be named Foreman of Honor or Harvest Queen and take part in a traditional grape stomping ceremony, where the grapes are pressed the old-fashioned way—between your toes.
Tucked in the foothills of the Pyrenees, Somontano is an enchanting place, where wine is not just a part of art and commerce, but a way of life. From its medieval towns to its snow-capped peaks, the Somontano Wine Route traverses the breadth of this region, where a vibrant culture with a verve for nature, gastronomy, and good wine make it one of most memorable stops in the whole of Spain.

info@rutadelvinosomontano.com; www.rutadelvinosomontano.com

DON’T MISS

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS | Somontano boasts an array of stunning natural heritage sites, including the spectacular Sierra Canyons of Guara Natural Park, and the cave paintings located in the Vero River Culture Park (now a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

For a more urbane taste of Somontano, take to the medieval streets of Alquézar, home to a towering collegiate church; Barbastro, the region’s lively capital; and Torreciudad, best known for its tranquil Torreciudad Sanctuary.
1. The Alicante Wine Route.

2. The El Bierzo Enotourism Wine Route
www.rutadelvino.bullas.es/eng/

3. The Bullas Wine Route
www.larutadelagarachna.es/index.php/Lang=IN

4. The Garnacha – Campo de Borja Wine Route
www.rutadelvinocampodecarinena.com/en/

5. The Campo de Cariñena Wine Route
www.rutadelvinocampodecarinena.com

6. The Lleida – Costers del Segre Wine Route
www.rutadelvidelleida.com

7. The Jumilla Wine Route
www.rutadelvinojumilla.com/v2/eng/

8. The Marco de Jerez Wine and Brandy Route

9. The Montilla – Moriles Wine Route
www.rutadelvinomontillamoriles.com/en/

10. The Navarra Wine Route
www.rutadelvinodenavarra.com/en/

11. The Penedès Wine Route
www.enoturismeabenedes.cat/en

12. The Rías Baixas Wine Route
www.rutadelvinoriasbaixas.com/en

13. The Ribera del Duero Wine Route
www.riberate.com

14. The Ribera del Guadiana Wine Route
www.rutadelvinoriberadelduero.es/ingles/inicio.html

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www.rutadelvinodriojalavesa.com/en/

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www.rutasdelvinorioja.com/en/

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18. The Rueda Wine Route
www.rutadelvinorueda.com/en/

19. The Somontano Wine Route
www.rutadelvinosomontano.com

20. The Txakoli de Aiaraldea Wine Route

21. The Vino de Utiel – Requena Wine Route
en.rutavin.com

22. The Yecla Wine Route
www.rutadelvinoyecla.com/index.php/en