

Experience Spain by Train



Welcome to Spanish Gap Year

Spain by Train is a 12-week journey around the **different regions of Spain**. We have **three main bases** in which we spend an average of 18 days and we do 10-day trips in between bases. **In the following page of this brochure you can find a summary of all the exciting activities we have prepared for you.**



For an overview of **activities & landscapes**, you can watch our presentation video on this link:

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BASE 1:

Basque Country

We will take cookery classes in **San Sebastian**, theatre workshops in **Vitoria** and *winery tours* in **La Rioja**. We will also visit the *Guggenheim Museum* in **Bilbao**, surf in the iconic *Zarautz beach* and eat award-winning *"pintxos"* in **Hondarrabia**. From there, we will cross the *Bidasoa River* into **France** (a short 5-minute boat trip), shop in **Biarritz** and walk the *stunning coastal route* of **La Corniche** as we return to **Spain**.

TRIP 1:

Picos de Europa & Camino de Santiago

We will take residence in a beautiful boutique hostel in Asturias, while we hike, climb and do canyoning in **Picos de Europa** mountain range for a week. We will then cycle (or walk) the *Camino de Santiago* for three days, until we arrive at **Santiago de Compostela** and visit its *world-famous cathedral*. During the *Camino* we will stay in pilgrimage hostels, where we will get a flavour of the different cultures of our fellow travelers.

BASE 2:

salamanca Province

We have designed a unique project-based Spanish course, in partnership with the *University of Salamanca*. This includes guided historical tours and a range of hands-on workshops, so you can truly make progress with Spanish, all while experiencing your first homestay with a Spanish family. During our stay in **salamanca**, we will take a weekend trip to **Portugal** and visit **Porto**, famous for its historic centre and delicious *pastel de nata*.

TRIP 2:

Madrid & Toledo

As we make our way down to the south, we will spend a week in our lively capital **Madrid**, where we will do interactive walks of multicultural *"barrios"* like *Latina, Austrias* and *Malasaña*. **Madrid** is full of art in all its different expressions and we will endeavour to experience them all: street art & music, theatre, film, modern & classical art, food markets... Finally, we will also visit **Toledo**, a city that offers a sensational journey through European history & religion.



BASE 3:

Granada City

You will experience your second home stay in **Granada** and be immersed in typical Andalusian culture. **Granada** is a university city full of students from all over the world. It is the home of *tapas*, *flamenco dance & music* and of *World Heritage site The Alhambra*, a magnificent, *breath-taking palace & fortress* that will leave you speechless. Weekend trips include **Sevilla** and **Cádiz** cities.

TRIP 3:

Valencia & Barcelona

The Mediterranean city of **Valencia** is one of the orange-export-powerhouses in the world. We will take part in sustainable agriculture workshops and visit the marine science Oceanographic Institute there, before we travel to our last stop; the iconic city of **Barcelona**. We will do guided tours, discover *Gaudi's Modernist Architecture*, the Gothic Quarter or *Parc Guell*, take the coastal train to visit *Dali's museum* and go on day trips to **Monsterrat** and **Girona**.

