

ACCOMMODATION

- **Madrid – 4 Nights (9 & 10 and 13 & 14 August)**



Hotel Catalonia Gran Vía 4★

Elegant, centrally located property on the iconic Gran Vía. Rooftop pool and walking distance to major sites.

[Hotel Info](#)

Laguardia – 2 Nights (11 & 12 August)

Split between two excellent hotels in the heart of Laguardia:



- Hotel Villa de Laguardia 4★ – 15 rooms reserved

Comfortable hotel with spa facilities, ideal for relaxing in wine country.

[Hotel Info](#)



- Castillo El Collado – 10 rooms reserved

Historic boutique hotel with castle-like character. Room configuration includes 3 twin-bedded rooms and 7 rooms with queen/king beds.

[Hotel Info](#)

All rooms are en-suite with daily breakfast included.

ITINERARY & SERVICES INCLUDED

Overview

Join us in Spain for a one-of-a-kind celestial and cultural journey culminating in the Total Solar Eclipse of August 12, 2026. Experience the vibrant energy of Madrid, the medieval enchantment of Laguardia in the heart of La Rioja, and view the eclipse from a carefully chosen site under wide open skies. This trip is thoughtfully curated to balance discovery, downtime, and unforgettable astronomical observation.

AUGUST 9 – Arrival in Madrid

Private transfer from the airport to your centrally located 4-star hotel.

In the evening, a welcome dinner at a charming local restaurant including wine offers a warm introduction to Spanish hospitality.

Overnight in Madrid

AUGUST 10 – Madrid Highlights

Enjoy a private cultural walking tour of central Madrid, including entrance to the magnificent Royal Palace.

The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace.

Overnight in Madrid

AUGUST 11 – Journey to La Rioja

Travel north by private coach to the world-renowned wine region of Rioja.

Lunch will be served at an impressive winery near Laguardia, home to a rare and compelling private art collection. Afterwards, enjoy a guided walk through medieval Laguardia.

Overnight in Laguardia

AUGUST 12 – Eclipse Day

A relaxed morning leads into the highlight of the trip: a private transfer to a specially selected eclipse viewing site, chosen for its clear sightlines and open terrain.

A picnic lunch will be provided as we prepare to witness the awe-inspiring Total Solar Eclipse.

Evening at leisure in Laguardia.

Overnight in Laguardia

AUGUST 13 – Return to Madrid

After breakfast, private transfer back to Madrid. The afternoon is yours to relax or explore.

Overnight in Madrid

AUGUST 14 – Leisure & Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a final full day in Madrid. That evening, we gather for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant, with wine included, to celebrate the journey.

Overnight in Madrid

AUGUST 15 – Departures

Private transfers to Madrid Airport throughout the day.

End of services

Inclusions

- 6 nights' accommodation in Madrid & Laguardia
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Welcome dinner in Madrid (incl. wine)
- Private cultural walking tour of Madrid incl. entrance to Royal Palace
- Private coach transfer to Rioja
- Winery lunch with art collection visit near Laguardia
- Guided walking tour of Laguardia
- Private transfer to eclipse viewing site on August 12
- Picnic lunch on eclipse day
- Private return transfer to Madrid
- Farewell dinner in Madrid (incl. wine)
- All private ground transport as per the itinerary
- Airport transfers in Madrid (1 arrival & 1 departure)
- Full support from Totally Spain before and during the trip

Exclusions

- Flights to/from Spain
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned
- Tips and personal expenses
- Entrance fees not specified above

INSIGHTS INTO THE REGIONS YOU'LL BE EXPLORING

MADRID



Madrid welcomes travelers of all generations with open arms. This magnificent capital city embodies the essence of the country's rich history, culture, and vibrancy and offers a perfect blend of sophistication and nostalgia, making it an enchanting destination like no other.

Madrid's cultural tapestry is a testament to its glorious past and vibrant present. The Prado Museum beckons art enthusiasts with masterpieces by the likes of Goya, Velazquez, and El Greco. Step back in time at the 19th-century Villahermosa Palace, now the **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum**, housing an extensive collection that tells the story of European art. Explore the **Reina**

Sofia Art Centre, where more than 300 modern works by iconic artists such as Dali, Miro, and Picasso await your admiration.

The 18th-century **Royal Palace**, situated on the picturesque Plaza de Oriente, is a majestic architectural wonder that transports you to a bygone era. Stroll through its regal halls and gardens, soaking in the opulence of Spanish royalty. The bustling **Puerta del Sol** is the vibrant heart of Madrid. It's a place where you can indulge in shopping, savor exquisite cuisine in charming restaurants, and sample authentic Spanish tapas in bustling bars. The lively atmosphere here is infectious and sure to awaken your sense of adventure.

Experience the enchanting **Rastro Market** on Sundays, one of Europe's oldest outdoor markets. Wander through its labyrinthine lanes, brimming with antiques, trinkets, and curiosities. It's a treasure trove of memories waiting to be discovered.

For those seeking tranquility amidst the urban hustle and bustle, **Retiro Park** is a serene oasis. Here, you can meander through beautifully landscaped gardens, admire the talent of local artists, and enjoy the melodic tunes of street performers. It's a place where time seems to slow down, allowing you to relish every moment.

Madrid is more than just a city; it's an enchanting journey through the ages. It's a destination that seamlessly blends the elegance of its early years with the excitement of modernity.

RIOJA ALAVESA



In the sun-kissed landscapes of **Rioja Alavesa**, time seems to dance to the rhythmic beats of vineyards, echoing the rich history and exquisite flavors of this enchanting Basque enclave. Unique landscapes featuring hills and meadows of endless vines, dotted with olive trees, dolmens, prehistoric remains, medieval towns with their walled enclosures, stately manor houses, fruit crops, Gothic churches and countless wineries are what make-up this charming region.

Embark on a sensory journey through sprawling vineyards that stretch as far as the eye can see, their emerald-green tendrils reaching for the heavens, as if telling tales of centuries past. This is not just a destination; it's a voyage through the legacy of winemaking that has matured like fine wine itself.

Wandering through the cobbled streets of **Laguardia**, travelers find

themselves surrounded by medieval charm and the intoxicating scent of aged oak barrels. The historic wine cellars, huddled beneath the rustic buildings, reveal the secrets of Rioja Alavesa's liquid gold while the imposing **Church of Santa María** provides a testament to centuries of unwavering craftsmanship.

The iconic **Ysios Winery** stands as a modern marvel, its undulating aluminum roof mirroring the undulating vine rows that grace the horizon. As the sun dips below the Sierra de Cantabria Mountains, casting a warm glow over the terracotta rooftops, visitors savor the moment in Plaza Mayor, sipping on Rioja reds that tell tales of the land's resilience and passion.

In Rioja Alavesa, time isn't measured in minutes; it's savored in every sip, in every sunset, a testament to the enduring allure of this extraordinary wine-soaked haven.