



Northern Spain & Basque Country

THIS IS THE SPAIN THAT MOST INTERNATIONAL VISITORS ARE YET

TO DISCOVER. Spain's north coast and its hinterland are home to some of the most dramatic scenery in the country, from snow-speckled mountains to a storm-lashed coastline peppered with picture-perfect villages.

As far as driving country goes there can be few parts of the Iberian Peninsula more rewarding than northern Spain. Many of the roads are quiet and wend through small fishing ports, across mountain pastures and along ancient pilgrim trails. The scenic and cultural variety awaiting the road tripper here is astounding. You can pause in food-obsessed cities, climb castle turrets, stand among rolling vineyards and even play Lawrence of Arabia in a barren semidesert.

La Rioja Fertile soils producing outstanding Spanish wines (Trip 8)