



Discover Spain's top regional sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes

When to Go

High Season

Jun–Aug & public holidays
Expect warm, dry and sunny weather; more humid in coastal areas, and low season in parts of inland Spain. Accommodation books out and prices increase by up to 50%.

Shoulder Season

Mar–May, Sep & Oct
A good time to travel: mild, clear weather and fewer crowds. Local festivals can send prices soaring.

Low Season

Nov–Feb
Cold in central Spain; rain in the north and northwest. High season in ski resorts. Mild temperatures in Andalucía and the Mediterranean coast, although many hotels are closed in beach areas.

Daily Costs

Budget

Less than €80
Dorm bed: €20–30
Double room in *hostal* (budget hotel): €55–65 (€60–75 in Madrid, Barcelona and the Balearics)
Self-catering and set-menu lunches: €10–15

Midrange



THE NORTHWEST

SALAMANCA B3

Whether floodlit by night or bathed in late afternoon light, there's something magical about Salamanca. This is where the history of one of Europe's oldest universities meets rare beauty in a city awash with golden sandstone overlaid with Latin inscriptions.

ASTURIAN COAST B2

According to one count, the emerald-green region of Asturias boasts more than 600 beaches. While the coolness of the Atlantic may be a drawback for those planning on catching some sun, the beauty of many of these frequently wild and unspoiled stretches is utterly breathtaking.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA B2

Locals say the arcaded, stone streets of Santiago de Compostela – the final stop on the epic Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail – are at their most beautiful

THE NORTHEAST

BASQUE COUNTRY C2

The Basque Country is where mountain peaks reach for the sky and sublime rocky coves are battered by mighty Atlantic swells. Food is an obsession here, whether it's three-Michelin-starred restaurants or fabulous *pintxos* (Basque tapas) bars. And the Basque Country has reinvented itself as one of Spain's style and culture capitals, with Bilbao's Museo Guggenheim Bilbao leading the way.

LA RIOJA WINE REGION C2

La Rioja, with its ochre earth and vast blue skies, is the sort of place where you could spend weeks meandering along quiet roads in search of the finest drop. The mainstays in this region are bodegas offering wine tastings, and picturesque villages that are home to excellent wine museums.

THE PYRENEES D2

Spain is a walker's destination of exceptional variety, and the Pyrenees in Navarra and Aragón offer some of the most spectacular hiking. Parque Nacional de Ordesa y Monte Perdido is one of the high points (pun intended). It's tough but rewarding terrain, a world of great rock walls and glacial cirques, accompanied by elusive but soulful Pyrenean wildlife.



