



FRANCE & SAN FERMIN TOUR

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Classics on the Road

Miles of Smiles



OVERVIEW

When the "chupinazo" rocket is fired, the city of Pamplona transforms into an explosion of life. Thousands of people from around the world flood the streets of this city, which is awash with white and red.

Over these days the streets are filled with fraternity, happiness and a buzzing atmosphere, marked by the rhythm of the charanga brass bands and the peña social clubs.

The bull run is the only moment of the day in which the festivities are paused and tension invades the route minutes before the bulls set off on their race on the heels of the runners. The fiesta continues with the "caldico" consommé, the hot chocolate with churros, the procession, the giants and big heads, the aperitif, the bull fight, and the fireworks that announce the arrival of the buzzing night-life.

Everyone should live this experience at least once in their life, but before arriving in Pamplona the group will drive through some of the most beautiful roads and places in France like the Loire Valley and its impressive castles and the Perigord region, well known for its spectacular medieval cities and landscapes.

In addition to enjoying the world famous San Fermin fiestas in Pamplona, drivers and their companions will enjoy some of the most beautiful road routes in France and Northern Spain.

Will you join us?

TRIP SUMMARY

Day 1. (Thursday, 2nd July): Route from Caen to Hotel Manoir Du Lys (Bagnoles-De-L'Orne). Normandy WWII remains (optional visit)

Day 2. (Friday, 3rd July): Road route from Hotel Manoir Du Lys to Hotel Chateau Belmont (Tours). Visit Sainte Suzanne town.

Day 3. (Saturday, 4th July): Loire valley route visiting Chenonceau castle. Hotel Chateau Belmont.

Day 4. (Sunday, 5th July): Perigord area route, recommended visits: Saint Savin Abbey and Roman ruins of Cassinomagus. Hotel plaza Madeleine.

Day 5. (Monday, 6th July): South Perigord route visiting Rocamadour and Chateau Castelnaud. Hotel Plaza Madeleine.

Day 6. (Tuesday, 7th July): Route from Hotel Plaza Madeleine to Pau. Veuve Goudolin Armagnac winery visit. Hotel Parc Beaumot.

Day 7. (Wednesday, 8th July): Route from Pau to Pamplona. La Grotte de La Verna visit. Hotel Castillo de Gorraiz.

Day 8. (Thursday, 9th July): San Fermes day. Hotel Castillo de Gorraiz.

Day 9. (Friday, 10th July): Irati forest route. Hotel Castillo de Gorraiz.

Day 10. (Saturday, 11th July): Route from Hotel Castillo de Gorraiz to Santander port, driving across "Pasiegos Valleys".

DAY 1 ARRIVAL AT CAEN PORT, D-DAY BEACHES AND BAGNOLES-DE-L'ORNE (THURSDAY, 2nd JULY)

The first day of the trip travellers will arrive by themselves at the Manoir Du Lys hotel, which is in the heart of the Normandy-Maine Natural Park. Check in can be from 15:00 and a welcome dinner will take place at 20:00h.

Two members of the Classics on the Road team will be waiting for the travellers at the port, for those who arrive soon there will be a guided visit to some of the most important Second World War remains in Normandy.



> **Link Hotel Manoir
Du Lys**

> **Total Mileage 62
Miles**

Manoir du Lys.



Arromanches artificial port (Normandy).

DAY 2 BAGNOLES-DE-L'ORNE , SAINTE SUZANNE AND TOURS (FRIDAY, 3rd JULY 2020)

Today the travellers will drive from Normandy to Tours crossing the beautiful Normandy—Maine Natural Park.

Before arriving to Tours there is a recommended stop in Sainte Suzanne which is classified as one of the 'most beautiful villages in France' and also as a 'city of character', Sainte-Suzanne is a small fortified town in a very picturesque location on a rocky outcrop above the river Erve.

Apart from its castle, it's also a pleasure to walk around looking at the buildings, enjoying the views across the countryside of the Coevrons, soaking up the atmosphere, and of course stopping in a cafe or restaurant to better prolong the visit because today lunch is not organized.

The hotel for the next two nights will be Chateau Belmont, where dinner will also take place.

> Link Hotel Chateau Belmont

**> Total Mileage
134 Miles**



Normandy—Maine Natural



Sainte Suzanne.

DAY 3 LOIRE VALLEY CASTLES ROUTE (SATURDAY, 4th JULY 2020)

On the third day one of the most beautiful places of France will be visited, the Loire Valley and its castles. Poised on the crucial frontier between northern and southern France, the region was once of immense strategic importance. Kings, queens, dukes and nobles came here to establish feudal castles and, later on, sumptuous pleasure palaces .

The hotel for tonight will be Chateau Belmont, lunch will be in a local restaurant and dinner tonight will not be scheduled. There are some nice restaurants around so travelers can make their own choice.



> Link Hotel Chateau Belmont

> Total Mileage
93 Miles

Loire Valley.



Chateau Chenonceau.

DAY 4 PERIGORD, SAINT SAVIN ABBEY & CASSINOMAGUS ARCHEO. PARK (SUNDAY, 5th JULY 2020)

On Sunday, travellers will leave the Loire valley to drive across the Natural Park of Perigord , but before there are two recommended visits, the first one is Saint Savin Abbey, better Known as the 'Romanesque Sixtine Chapel', the Abbey-Church contains many beautiful 11th- and 12th-century murals which are still in a remarkable state of preservation.

After the abbey, the other visit would be Cassinomagus archeological Park, France's most monumental gallo-roman thermal baths.

In the Road Book there will be some recommendations for lunch.

The route will finish at the Hotel Plaza Madeleine in Sarlat, where dinner will take place.

> **Link Hotel Plaza
La Madeleine**

> **Total Mileage
213 Miles**



Cassinomagus Archeological



Saint Savin Sur Gartempe Abbey.

DAY 5 EASTERN PERIGORD, CHATEAU CASTELNAUD & ROCAMADOUR (MONDAY, 6th JULY) 2020)

Today the road route will be in the eastern part of Perigord with a stop at Rocamadour. Rocamadour is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Built on the site of a shrine to a Madonna, the shrine became famous for its healing powers, and soon became a stop on the pilgrimage path to Santiago de Compostela.

Before arriving to Rocamadour a guided visit is scheduled in chateau Castelnaud, Built on a rocky outcrop in the heart of the Périgord Noir, this castle offers a magnificent panoramic view over the Dordogne Valley. Founded in the 12th century, it is a perfect example of a medieval fortress.

Today the travellers will have lunch in a local restaurant while dinner will be free and the Hotel Plaza Madeleine will be the hotel again tonight.



> **Link Hotel Plaza
La Madeleine**

> **Total Mileage
65 Miles**

Rocamadour.



Rocamadour.



Chateau Castelnaud.

DAY 6 VEUVE GOUDOLIN ARMAGNAC WINERY AND PAU (TUESDAY, 7th JULY 2020)

On Tuesday a guided visit to the Veuve Goudoulin winery is scheduled, where Armagnac the oldest French brandy is made. It was known in the Middle-Ages for its medicinal properties and has been widely marketed since the 16th century. This brandy is produced with loving care in the heart of Gascony.

The group will also have lunch during the visit in Veuve Goudoulin.

Hotel Parc Beaumont will be the hotel for tonight and where dinner will be served.

> **Link Hotel Parc Beaumont**

> **Link Veuve Goudoulin**

> **Total Mileage
187 Miles**



Veuve Goudoulin cellar.

DAY 7 PAU, LA GROTTA DE LA VERN AND PAMPLONA (WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY 2020)

On Wednesday the travellers and their companions will drive across Pyrenees mountains, again the group will enjoy the amazing roads and the stunning views of this area.

The final destination will be Hotel Castillo Gorraiz in Pamplona where the group will spend three nights, but before arrival there is a visit scheduled in "La Grotte de la Verna", one of the largest caves in the world with 250 metres (820 feet) in diameter, 194 metres (636 feet) in height and 4,3 hectares (12,4 acres) in surface area that can be visited.

The previous hotel will prepare a packed lunch and tourers can decide where to have it.

Tonight dinner will be served at the hotel.

> [Link Hotel Castillo Gorraiz](#)

> **Total Mileage**
134 Miles



Hotel Castillo Gorraiz.



La Grotte de La Verna.

DAY 8 SAN FERMINES DAY (THURSDAY, 9th JULY 2020)

The festival of San Fermín, is a deeply rooted celebration held annually from 12:00, 6 July, when the opening of the party is marked by setting off the pyrotechnic chupinazo, to midnight 14 July, with the singing of the “Pobre de Mí”.

A bus will pick the group up at the hotel early in the morning and take them to the town centre. There, balconies have been reserved overlooking Estafeta Street, the main street for the running of the bulls. Whilst waiting for the running to start, we will be offered coffee and a light breakfast.

After the running, you will enjoy a proper breakfast at a local Palace –Hotel and a guided visit of Pamplona will follow. The rest of the day is free for you to walk around the city, enjoy the fiesta have “tapas and pintxos” at the local restaurants and try the great wines that are served at the bars.

The bus is available to pick you up at 18:00 to go back to the hotel, but you may wish to stay longer and return by taxi as the trip is about ten minutes and no organized lunch or dinner is planned today to give the group more freedom to enjoy the day.

> [Link Hotel Castillo Gorraiz](#)

> [Link San Fermi-
nes](#)



The running of the Bulls.



San Fermines.

DAY 9 IRATI FOREST AND RONCAL VALLEY ROUTE (FRIDAY, 10th JULY 2020)

An amazing route is scheduled for today through the Irati Forest, situated next to the source of the Irati River, between the valleys of Aezkoa and Salazar. It is the largest wooded area in Navarre and also on the Iberian Peninsula.

Most of the forest is in pristine condition despite the massive reclamations made during the past centuries. The adoption of various forms of protection, its very natural terrain features and the invested good work of the people from these valleys have contributed significantly to its conservation.

Travellers will have lunch in a local restaurant called "Sidreria Kixkia" and then the route will finish again in the Hotel Castillo Gorraiz where a farewell dinner will be waiting for the group.

> [Link Hotel Castillo Gorraiz](#)

> [Link Irati Forest](#)

> **Total Mileage**
120 Miles



Irati forest.



Irtati Forest.

DAY 10 PASIEGO VALLEYS ROUTE AND FERRY (SATURDAY, 11th JULY 2020)

For the last day an spectacular mountain route through the "Pasiego Valleys" is programmed.

Evergreen basins of the Pas, Pisueña and Miera rivers respond perfectly to the most widespread stereotype of Cantabria: intricate valleys and grasslands that are lost behind the mountains.

Before leaving these amazing valleys the group will have lunch in an old mountain hut, after lunch drivers and companions will drive to Santander's port to take the ferry which will leave at 20:30 (this schedule is subject to change by Brittany Ferries).



> **Link Pasiegos
Valleys**
> **Total Mileage
180 Miles**

Vega de Pas.



Pasiegos valleys.

Experiences

Stay at the historical towns of tours, Sarlat, Pau and Pamplona.

Discover the impressive castles and Palaces along the Loire Valley.

Visit Chateau Castelnaud, a medieval castle from 12th century.

Experience Veuve Goudolin and taste one of the best brandies in France.

Live the exciting experience of San Fermes and it's "fiesta".

Drive through spectacular uncrowded roads in Perigord, Pyrenees mountain pass, Irati forest and Pasiegos valleys.

Stay three nights in Pamplona and discover the charming of this area.

Also included

Nine nights in carefully selected 4 and 5-star hotels in Normandy, Loire Valley, Perigord, Pau and Pamplona.

Six lunches and six dinners (wine is included in every lunch and dinner).

Guided visits at Normandy "D-Day beaches", Chenonceau Loire Castle, Veuve Goudolin Brandy factory, Chateau Castelnaud, Grotte de La Verna, San Fermes.

Welcome Pack with a very comprehensive Road Book with tulip notes, maps and information of the places you will see along the way with tips of places to visit.

1 guide car with two tour guides will be always available should you need any assistance.

A guide car and two tour guides will be available during the tour.

Guide price*

3.995 € per person in double room occupancy

5.395 € per person in single room occupancy

* Ferry not included. A separate booking form will be sent to travellers as soon as dates and prices of sailings become available

Download here the Booking Form

Registration will be accepted in date order of receipt of booking form and payment of 40% deposit.

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