



# Drive Espana



## Historic Highlights of Spain 20 May—2 June 2022

In 2022 we are going to have a knock-out tour of Spain. We are going to some of its greatest ancient cities, Salamanca, Seville, Toledo and Leon. There will be stunning driving and great scenery with hotels chosen carefully for luxury, comfort and history. We will encounter the ghost of Columbus more than once and visit a Cathedral where the builders said “Men will say we are mad”. There will be the chance to see the first gold bought back from the New World, and the first trees! There will be empty roads, great stops and even a chance to visit a motor museum!

Fri 20 May	Evening departure from Portsmouth on Brittany Ferries Galicia
Sun 22 May	Arrive in Santander then drive 130 miles to Leon where we stay at the Parador, recently refurbished and one of only two 5* Paradors in Spain. The Hotel was originally a C16 pilgrims hostel and an early arrival gives us ample time to explore Leon
Mon 23 May	Drive 130 miles to Salamanca for two nights at Hacienda Zorita at Valverdon. This wine hotel is steeped in history, Christopher Columbus stayed there twice. The hotel is an old mill on one of the tributaries of the River Douro and a great stop
Tues 24 May	Free day in Salamanca. As the hotel is a few miles out of town we will organise parking at the Salamanca Motor Museum who are great friends and look after the cars—it is then five minutes walk into the ancient centre
Wed 25 May	Drive 145 miles east to Oropesa where we stay in a C14 Castle which is the highest point in town. A lovely spot which featured on the first Ferrari Owners Club Spain tour in 2007. Somerset Maugham liked it too! It has a bustling centre full of bars and cafes which makes it a great place to welcome those arriving later
Thur 26 May	Drive 250 miles to Carmona—a C10 Moorish castle perched on top of a hill overlooking the Sevillian plain and a very short way from the great city of Seville
Fri 27 May	Subject to enough interest—we will organise a private tour of Seville with guide and bus into town. This will take us to the Alcazar with its amazing decoration, the huge Cathedral (only 2 others in Europe are larger) and the Giralda
Sat 28 May	Drive 255 miles to Toledo for two nights at the Parador which overlooks this captivating city. The following day is a free day to explore, visit the huge Alcazar, the Cathedral, or just ramble through the medieval streets
Mon 30 May	Drive 225 miles to Lerma to spend a night in a C17 Ducal Place which dominates the town. The drive from Toledo includes a spectacular pass over the Gredos Mountains
Tues 31 May	Drive 110 miles to Limpas to stay at the Parador—the C19 Palace of the King Alfonso XI's Paramour. A lovely spot on an inlet on the Cantabrian coast
Wed 1 June	Drive 40 miles to Santander Ferry port for lunchtime embarkation
Tues 2 June	Arrive Portsmouth early evening

### Price £3950 for a car and two occupants

Includes return ferry crossings from Portsmouth with outside club cabin (upgrades available)  
Dinner bed and breakfast at all hotels, map and comprehensive road book and services of Jasper Gilder as Tour Leader



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