



Drive Espana



Monaco Historic Grand Prix Historic Racing, Great Drives and Super Stops

6-20 May 2022

May 14-15 is the weekend of the Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2022 and we are organising an innovative trip for the race weekend. There will be departures from both Ireland and Britain and the group will co-ordinate at all points in Spain

The trip starts with overnight crossing from Rosslare and Portsmouth to Santander and Bilbao, both with evening sailings and two nights on board before the first stop at Pamplona where we have two nights in a lovely hotel just a short cab-ride into this super town. Next we go to Vielha high in the Pyrenees, approached by a fantastic drive with 20+ tunnels. From Vielha we enter France and stay for a night at Beziers where the hotel has categorised the group as VIPs—with VIP rooms! The next run will get us to Nice where we have three nights at the comfortable Hotel Westminster on the Promenade des Anglais which is a short train ride to Monaco—or take the car as there is parking in Monaco. Want to drive the Route Napoleon? It's possible on this day

After the racing the journey back is no anti-climax. The next step is Chateau Ayres which is close to the Milau Bridge before the group re-enters Spain through the Bielsa tunnel. A few miles further on is Monte Perdido—the lost mountain with a Parador next door. The most peaceful place, mobile phones don't really work there, but in May there should still be snow on the mountain tops and little avalanches with meltwater waterfalls that stop flowing at night

The last full days driving gives a chance for spectacular driving out of the Pyrenees to San Sebastian where we have a hill top hotel overlooking the bay and city. It's a short cab ride to the Pinxto (Tapas) bars and a great evening out can be had, eating in a totally different way in the midst of a busy nightlife. After San Sebastian it's a short drive to Bilbao for the overnight ferry back to Rosslare or Santander coming back to Plymouth on the Pont Aven



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- 6 May Evening sailing from Portsmouth to Santander with Brittany Ferries, or Rosslare to Bilbao
- 8 May Arrive Santander /Bilbao and drive 162/112 miles to Pamplona for two nights at Hotel Castillo Gorraiz
- 10 May Drive 220 miles to parador de Vielha for a night (it has a small spa)
- 11 May Drive 210 miles (past Carcassonne) to Beziers and stay at Hotel Insitu
- 12 May Drive 245 miles to Nice for 4 nights at the Hotel Westminster
- 13-15 May Free time to visit Monaco Historic Grand Prix and explore stylish Nice
- 16 May Drive 250 miles to Meyrueis and stay at Chateau D'Ayres
- 17 May Drive 260 miles via Milau (and see the bridge) to Bielsa and stay at the Parador
- 18 May Drive 200 miles to San Sebastian and stay at Monte Igueldo
- 19 May Drive 70/125 miles to Bilbao for afternoon embarkation on Brittany Ferries service to Plymouth or Santander for Rosslare
- 20 May Late afternoon arrivals at Plymouth and Rosslare respectively

Price £3500 per car with two people to include ferry crossings, bed and breakfast at all hotels except Castillo Gorraiz, Parador de Vielha and Parador de Bielsa which have dinner included

Also included is a map and roadbook

Please note price does not include tickets for the racing at Monaco or circuit transfers

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