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Day One Madrid		
17:00/5pm	Meet in hotel lobby - First One Preciados Madrid Review Itinerary	
18:00/6pm	Visit rooftop spot for a view of the city weather permitting	
20:00/8pm	Group Dinner	

Day Two Madrid - Miravalles-Gijón Transportation via private van		
8:00	Depart Madrid from hotel - meet out front of the hotel on Calle de las Veneras	
13:30/1:30pm	Check In Hotel - Trisqueles Buganvillas in Miravalles	https://trisquelesybuganvillas.com/?page_id=405&lang=en
14:00/2pm	Relax at hotel and share a group meal	
16:00/4pm	Depart for Gijon	
16:30/4:30pm	Asturian Historical Visit - Museum of the Asturian People	https://www.gijon.es/en/directorio/museum-asturian-people
18:30/6:30pm	Termas Romanas de Campo Valdez	https://asturias.com/termas-romanas-de-gijon/
20:00/8pm	Group Dinner - Gijon	

Day Three Miravalles - La Espina - Oviedo Transportation via private van		
7:30	Travel to La Espina home of Rebollin	
8:45	Cheesemaking & Tour at Rebollin. During our visit the group will have the chance to make cheese with the head cheesemaker Cristina Glez followed by a tasting. The day will also include a visit to the farm cooperative to learn about the cows, the milk, and the cheese.	https://www.rebollin.es/
13:30/1:30pm	Group Lunch Arranged by Cristina	
15:00/3pm	Travel to the city of Oviedo	
16:00/4pm	Explore Oviedo - Search for famous Oviedo Statues, Visit El Fontan Market, Cathedral of San Salvador	https://www.spain.info/en/destination/oviedo/ https://mercadofontan.es/ https://catedraldeoviedo.com/
20:00/8pm	Group Dinner - Cider Alley Oviedo is famous for cider and there is a narrow walking alley that is lined with siderias. We'll settle there for a delicious meal.	
21:30/9:30pm	Return to the hotel	

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Day Four Miravalles - Outing - Quintueles - Villaviciosa Transportation via private van		
11:00	Morning Relax at Trisqueles Excursion to Jardín Botánico Atlántico or Playa de Rodiles & the Villaviciosa Estuary	https://www.gijon.es/es/directorio/jardin-botanico-atlantico-de-gijon https://en.asturias.com/the-ria-of-villaviciosa/
15:00/3pm	Group Lunch - Casa Jamino	
16:30/4:30pm	Cider Tour - Llagar Castañón We'll have a guided tour of a 3 generation, family owned cider house that began in 1938. In 1982 the new location was created which is where we'll learn about their cidermaking process, taste cider from the barrel, and have fun practising the cider pour.	https://sidracastanon.com/
18:00/6pm	Explore Villaviciosa	https://whereisasturias.com/villaviciosa-asturias/
19:30/7:30pm	Dinner on own - We have reservations for 6 people at El Portal Sidería, Villaviciosa - everyone is welcome to join or to go off on their own. We can provide restaurant suggestions.	

Day Five Miravalles - Las Arenas - Etxano Transport via private van		
9:30	Travel to Las Arenas	
12:00	Quesería Cabriteru - This small award-winning cheese maker will guide us through his facility and farm. We'll get to see how he makes cheese and finish our tour with a tasting that will include his homemade cider.	https://www.queseriaelcabriteru.com/
14:00/2pm	Lunch in Las Arenas (on own) - this is a small town with a couple of restaurants.	
15:30/3:30pm	Travel to Etxano	
17:30/5:30pm	Hotel Check In - Etxano Casas Rurales - a wonderful family run hotel that sits in a small village with spectacular views of the mountains.	https://www.etxano.com/
19:00/7pm	Group Dinner at hotel with local cheese, meat, wine, and cider.	

Day Six Etxano - Bilbao Transport via private van and taxi		
	Free Day in Bilbao - lunch and dinner on your own.	https://www.bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/tourists
11:00	Depart for Bilbao - if folks want to arrive to the city earlier we can accommodate!	
11:30	Guggenheim Visit	https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/
17:00/5pm	Suggested time for Pick Up - We'll determine a pick up point and time for those who want to return to the hotel.	
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Day Seven		
Etxano - Gaztelugatxe - Gernika - Exterriaga		
Transportation via private van		
8:30	Depart for Gaztelugatxe	
9:30	San Juan de Gaztelugatxe - the picturesque rock and church seen in Game of Thrones. The original monastery was believed to have been built in the 9th century.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaztelugatxe
8:45	Travel to the city of Gernika	
12:00	Lunch on your own - there are numerous restaurants in Gernika not far from the Peace Museum. Gernika - the historical capital of the Basque Country is where the Basque declared autonomy. It remains the regional home of the legislative assembly.	https://www.euskoguide.com/places-basque-country/spain/guernica-tourism/
14:00/2pm	Gernika Peace Museum - This museum is dedicated to sharing the story of the 1937 bombing of Gernika and using that as stepping stone to discussing and understanding peace. We'll include a walk to the Picasso Mural about 10 minutes from the museum as well as a visit to the city park and home of the legislature.	https://www.museodelapaz.org/index.php
16:30/4:30pm	Travel to Exterriaga	
17:00/5pm	Tour & Group Meal at Exterriaga - Be prepared for an evening of fun and stories. We'll make Talo (a traditional flat bread), learn about cider and wine making, and enjoy fabulous food at this small, family run farm.	https://etxerriaga.eus/bodega.html
20:30/8:30pm	Return to hotel.	

Day Eight		
Etxano - Tolosa - Errenteria - Donostia		
Transportation via private van		
8:00	Depart for Tolosa	
8:30	Tolosa Market - Tolosa is famous for many things, but the two most popular items are beans and it's open air market.	https://turismoa.tolosa.eus/en/plans/tolosa-market
10:30	Travel to San Sebastian	
12:00	Eguzki Borda Gazta - We'll have a tour of this beautiful small cheese house that will include seeing their sheep. Our hope is that some lambs will be around! The tour also includes their production facility and a tasting of their cheese.	https://www.eguzkibordagazta.com/index_en.html
14:00/2pm	Hotel Check In Donostia	
15:00/3pm	Free time	
17:30/5:30pm	Guided Pintxos Tour (group dinner) - our dear friend and local tour guide Victor Alvarez de Eulate will take our group on a Pintxos Tour with some local historical sites sprinkled in.	

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Day Nine San Sebastian/Donostia This day is on foot.		
9:30	Walk to St Thelmo Museo	
10:00	St Thelmo Museum (originally a Dominican Convent, 16th century) began in 1902 as a historical museum.	https://www.santelmomuseoa.eus/index.php?lang=eu
12:00	Walking Tour of San Sebastian guided by Victor - meet outside the entrance to St Thelmo.	
14:00/2pm	Group Lunch with Victor	
16:00/4pm	Free time in Donostia - dinner on your own.	

Day Ten San Sebastian/Donostia - Madrid Transportation via private van		
10:00	Travel Day to Madrid (4 1/2 - 5 hours)	
	Options for stopping along the way: Group lunch in Burgos Hermitage of Santa María de Lara Santo Domingo de Silos Abbey Group lunch along the route to the hermitage and abbey	https://www.spain.info/en/destination/burgos/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermitage_of_Santa_Mar%C3%ADa_de_Lara https://www.abadiadesilos.es/
16:00/4pm	Arrive Madrid Airport	Happy Travels Onward!