



## TOUR ITINERARY

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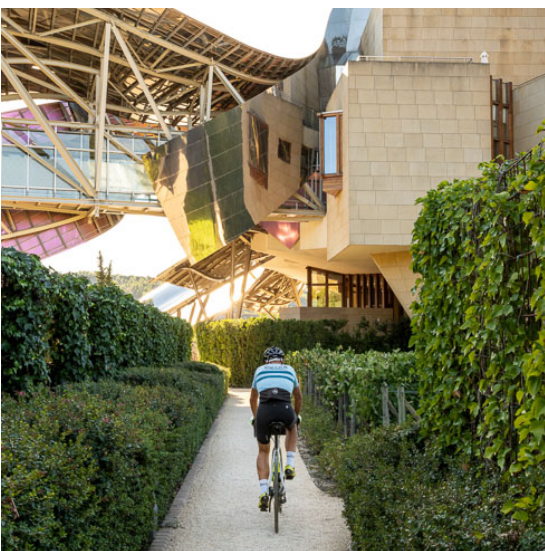
Europe / Spain / Basque Country + Rioja

# Rioja Eclipse Bike Tour

A 2026 Total Solar Eclipse Over Northern Spain + Basque Country

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch the 2026 total solar eclipse in one of the few countries where it will be observable, and mark the occasion with a celestial celebration as the moon passes between earth and the sun
- Pedal traffic-free roads through vineyards with majestic views of the Sierra del Cantabrico mountains
- Immerse yourself in the world of *Tempranillo*, *Garnacha tinta*, and *Mazuelo* varietals during tastings with local producers and visits to our favorite *bodegas*
- Savor Riojana and Basque dishes at the two-star Michelin restaurant known for launching the region's culinary renaissance
- Ride a section of the Camino de Santiago to the Monastery of Yuso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as the birthplace of the Spanish language



## ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

### Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Bilbao, Spain
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**  
Hotel Gran Domine or Hotel Miró Bilbao
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**  
8:30 am

### Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**  
Bilbao, Spain
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**  
Bilbao Airport or your post-trip Bilbao hotel
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**  
11:00 am

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

### Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or [emergency@duvine.com](mailto:emergency@duvine.com).



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## Tour By Day

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### Into the Vines

Your DuVine guides will greet you at one of our recommended hotels in downtown Bilbao, then we're off to our iconic hotel designed by Frank O. Gehry: the glittering, ribbon-like roof appears right from the middle of the vineyards as we approach. After a safety review and bike fitting, head out on our first ride through the Tempranillo vineyards, then return to Hotel Marqués de Riscal for lunch in the wine bar amidst the region's best bottles. Spend the rest of the afternoon by the pool, or head to the hotel's Caudalie vinotherapy spa for one of their wine-infused treatments. This evening we raise a glass to the week ahead and share a show-stopping Riojana meal at Marqués de Riscal.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Bilbao, Elciego

**Accomplished:** 16 miles / 26 km, elevation gain: 1,309 feet / 399 meters

**Longer Option:** 20 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 1,650 feet / 500 meters

**Accommodations:** [Hotel Marqués de Riscal](#)

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### The City of Cellars

Today, take your pick between an easygoing or a more challenging route. We'll climb out of Elciego along a ridge high above the vineyards, then meet the Ebro River after descending through the town of Lapuebla de Labarca. Our destination is the medieval town of Laguardia, which sits upon a warren of 300 cellars carved from rock during the Middle Ages. These cellars (called *calados*) aren't just subterranean wineries—they were once hideaways to protect townspeople in times of turmoil. The ancient *calados* are a striking contrast to the ultra-modern wineries that have cropped up since Spain joined the European Union in the mid-1980s. We're headed to a small family-owned winery for a terrace-top *tapas* lunch of cheese, charcuterie, olives, and croquettes with dreamy views overlooking the estate's vineyards and the town of Laguardia beyond. Tonight, our friend Irene hosts us at her family-run winery in Elciego for a casual dinner of tuna and local meat grilled over wood cuttings from her vines and paired with a selection of her estate's wines.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Lapuebla de Labarca, Laguardia, Elciego

**Accomplished:** 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 2,000 feet / 615 meters

**Longer Option:** 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 2,600 feet / 797 meters

**Accommodations:** [Hotel Marqués de Riscal](#)

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### Origins of the Spanish Language

Today we cruise south to the 11th-century UNESCO World Heritage Monastery of Yuso, considered the birthplace of the Spanish language. We'll pass pilgrims from around the globe and stop to chat as they hike this section of the 500-mile Camino de Santiago. After visiting this historic monument, it's just a short ride to our classic Rioja lunch by the river in a rehabilitated century-old flour mill. Choose to bike back to the hotel or transfer by van for some downtime (and perhaps a Spanish *siesta*). Tonight, we transfer to downtown Haro and meet our friend Jaime, who opens the doors to his family-run restaurant that's been serving its famous wood-oven roasted lamb since 1870.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Briones, San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Elciego

**Accomplished:** 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 2,130 feet / 650 meters

**Longer Option:** 36 miles / 59 km, elevation gain: 3,200 feet / 980 meters

**Accommodations:** [Hotel Marqués de Riscal](#)

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### Eclipse Over Rioja

Begin the day with a bang on a spectacular climb towards the Sierra de Cantabria mountains. As we gain elevation the valley below seems to expand endlessly, filled with vineyards as far as the eye can see. Break for a well-deserved lunch at Dinastía Vivanco, a family winery that's also Spain's largest private museum of wine *accouterments* and art. After, hop in the van and head back to Hotel Marqués de Riscal or keep riding to rack up some extra miles. Tonight is the show we've all been waiting for as a total solar eclipse takes place over northern Spain for the first time since 1905. At the best viewpoint in the region, your guides have prepared a celestial celebration where the wine flows freely and our picnic-style dinner table is abundant well into the (second) sunset of the evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** San Millán de la Cogolla

**Accomplished:** 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 2,130 feet / 650 meters

**Longer Option:** 48 miles / 78 km, elevation gain: 2,950 feet / 900 meters

**Accommodations:** [Hotel Marqués de Riscal](#)

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### The Path of Saints

The last leg of our pilgrimage takes us along vineyard roads and past medieval villages into the Sierra de la Demanda. Along the way, stop for photos at a 2,000-year-old Roman bridge before arriving in the village of Santo Domingo de la Calzada, stopping at a pilgrim's café where your guides relate the story of Saint Dominic and the miracle of the rooster. Lunch in Ezcaray follows, and there's time to visit a luxury scarf and blanket weaver in town to stock up on a few souvenirs. Our evening concludes with dinner at the hotel's two-Michelin-star restaurant, prepared for us by Spain's most influential chef and our good friend, Francis Paniego.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Ezcaray, Briones

**Accomplished:** 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 1,453 feet / 443 meters

**Longer Option:** 45 miles / 72 km, elevation gain: 1,443 feet / 440 meters

**Accommodations:** [Hotel Echaurren](#)

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### Adios Rioja

Bid "adios" to La Rioja, its wines, medieval architecture, sumptuous gastronomy, and stunning landscapes. After breakfast, we transfer back to Bilbao where your guides will take you to your post-trip hotel or the Bilbao airport.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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