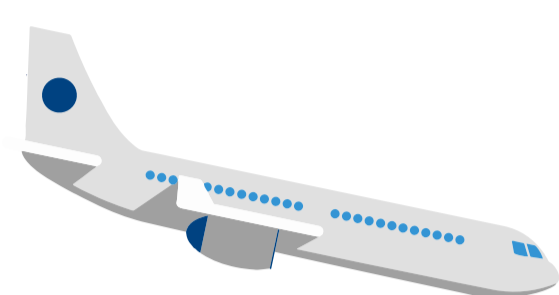


# CASTLES & PALACES OF THE SPANISH WINE REGION

MADRID - LERMA - SANTO DOMINGO  
DE LA CALZADA - OLITE - SIGÜENZA



## MADRID

Upon arrival to Madrid Airport you'll be met by our chauffeur and transferred to your hotel downtown in the Spanish capital.



## MADRIDI LERMA

Today you will hit the road, destination - wine country! Travel north into the plains of Spain crossing the plateaus of Castile and visiting a stunning winery such as 'Abadia Retuerta', run by the charismatic New Yorker Donald Cusimano. You'll visit the vineyards by 4X4, check out the modern machinery worthy of the CSI forensics lab and taste Cru wines in a 13th century monastic dining hall in the Romanesque Abbey - priceless highlights include the Reserva Selección Especial (winner of best red wine in the world at the London Wine Challenge) and the sexy Pago Negralada wine.



## LERMA I BURGOS SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA

Depart to Burgos, the capital of the Castilla & Leon Community, land of kings and the birth city of the famous medieval Spanish hero 'El Cid'. Here we will pay a visit to one of the world's best Gothic Cathedrals, built in 1221, the Arch of Santa María, Casa del Cordón, a beautiful Renaissance Palace from the 16th century, before continuing to Santo Domingo de la Calzada.



## SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA I RIOJA MAIN VILLAGES I SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA

We will depart for the Rioja Wine route, visiting the most important villages, such as Haro, El Ciego, Cenicero...where the most important wineries of La Rioja are located. Visit & wine tasting at some of the cellars. Today we will visit the Winery of Ysios, whose main building has been designed by Santiago Calatrava, the famous Spanish architect, and has made it an icon into the art/design wineries.



## SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA LAGUARDIA I LOGROÑO I OLITE

After breakfast, depart towards Olite. En-route, pay a visit to The Wine Culture Museum, located in Dinastía Vivanco Cellars, in the Old village of Briones with permanent & temporary expositions, where we learn about wine experience all over the world. A visit to the Museum & Cellars ends with a Wine Tasting and explanation given by a sommelier.

Then, continue to LaGuardia, probably the most preserved medieval village in la Rioja. You can enjoy some free time to walk along the ancient wall, have a coffee outside in the plaza, take in the views, and see its collection of splendid country churches.

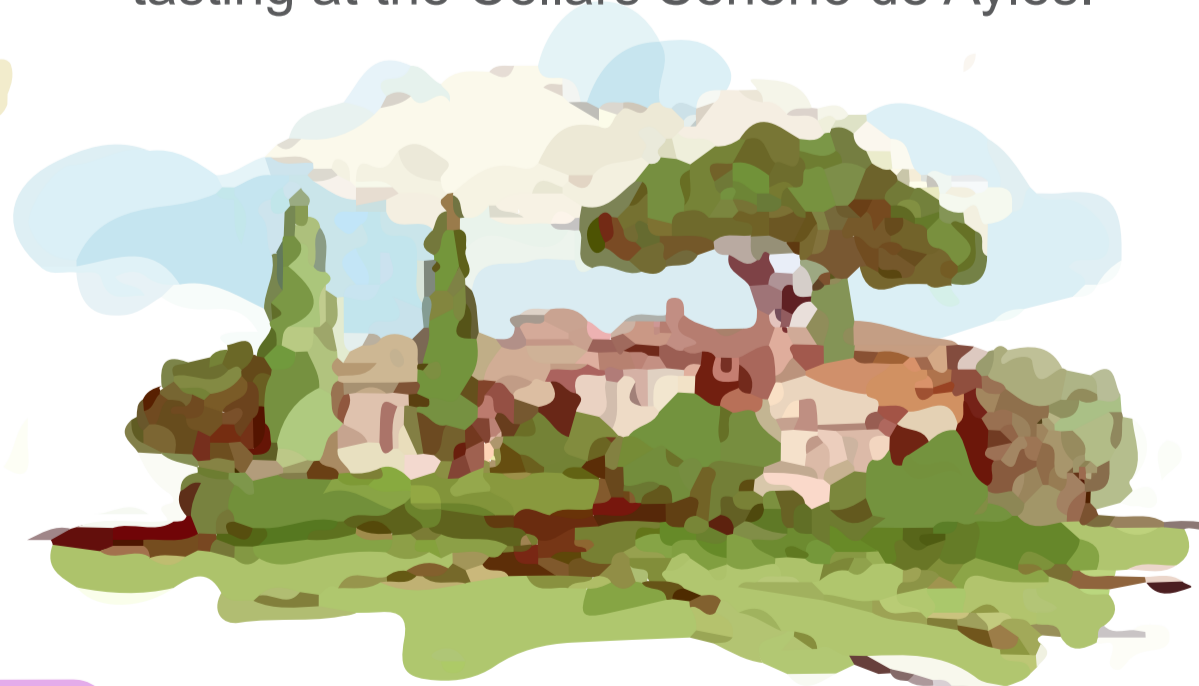
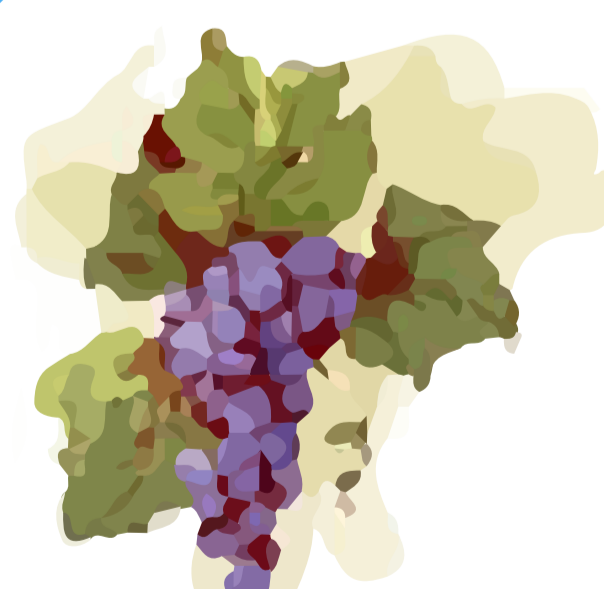


## OLITE I CARIÑENA I SIGÜENZA

Today visit Olite, an ancient village where you will go back in time. Don't miss the French Gothic Castle-Palace, home of the Kings of Navarra during centuries. A stroll along its narrow streets, manor stone houses with Coat of Arms by the wooden doors, medieval galleries and, of course, the very well preserved Roman walls. The Mediterranean climate has also made Olite one of the capitals of Rioja Wine. After this visit, continue to Cariñena, another important village giving the name to the Cariñena Wine, for a visit & tasting at the Cellars Señorío de Ayles.

## SIGÜENZA I ALCALÁ DE HENARES I MADRID

Today you will explore the village of Sigüenza with its storied history, winding paths of medieval buildings, its distinguished cathedral, 16th Century Plaza Mayor, and its 12th Century Castle turned Parador. Next visit Alcalá de Henares, featuring a rich historical and artistic heritage and boasting the best conserved Renaissance university complex in Europe at the University of Alcalá.



## MADRID TO USA

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred by private car to Madrid Airport for your flight back home.

