Basque Country
Elective Pre-Trip Extension in Madrid
Preliminary Itinerary

Air Program: 5 days/4 nights (includes 1 air night)
Land Program: 4 days/3 nights
Breakfasts: 3
Lunches: 1
Dinners: 0

A special note about air: If you are arranging your own flights, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Elective Extension. Once you have booked the extension, the date will be listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.

This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions. You will receive an updated itinerary with your final documents. Your Travel Director will advise you of any additional changes on site.

Excursions require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.

Day 1
Depart gateway city
Appropriate in-flight meal service
AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Madrid, Spain. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: MAD.

Day 2
Madrid, Spain
Hotel Wellington Madrid
Appropriate in-flight meal service
Arrive at Madrid-Barajas International Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the designated meeting spot, where a travel representative will meet them. The meeting location will be provided with your final documents.

Transfer to the Hotel Wellington Madrid. Please note if you arrive at the hotel before check-in time, your room may not be immediately available.

This evening, meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.
Day 3
Madrid
Hotel Wellington Madrid
Breakfast and lunch

Enrichment: Spanish Art. Enhance your appreciation of Spain’s greatest artists, as you hone in on the masterpieces of the Prado Museum. It houses the world’s premier collection of Spanish art, featuring works by El Greco, Francisco de Goya and Diego Velazquez, including his complex and curious “Las Meninas.”

Discovery: Madrid. This morning on a panoramic tour, get acquainted with this cosmopolitan capital that buzzes with energy, where native Madrileños are passionate about art, music, nightlife and food. See the Royal Palace of Madrid, set on the site of an old Moorish fortress, which has been the official residence of Spanish kings since 1561 but is now used primarily for state ceremonies; the Plaza Mayor, the city’s stately, 400-year-old main square and the historic gathering place for festivals, bull fights, Spanish Inquisition trials, public executions and royal coronations; the Gran Via, filled with beautiful 20th-century architecture, upscale shopping and a thriving nightlife scene; and the lovely Plaza de España.

Savor a delectable lunch at a restaurant under the arcades of Plaza Mayor.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Madrid for the remainder of the day. If you would like suggestions on attractions, shopping, entertainment or restaurants, visit the AHI Hospitality Desk for recommendations and assistance with reservations.

Day 4
Madrid
Hotel Wellington Madrid
Breakfast

Free Time: Wake up to a full day of exciting adventures as you pursue your own interests in Madrid.

Day 5
Madrid/San Sebastián
Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra
Breakfast

Check out of the hotel and depart for the Puerta de Atocha train station. Board the high-speed Alvia train for San Sebastián. Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra to begin your Basque Country program.