

Portugal & Spain — 18-Day Solar Eclipse Trip

July 30 Departure / July 31 Arrival – August 16th, 2026: Lisbon • Porto • Bilbao • Burgos (Eclipse) • Madrid

Trip Overview

A relaxed, cultural journey through Portugal and northern Spain, featuring the Total Solar Eclipse on August 12th, 2026 near Burgos. The updated day-by-day plan includes confirmed lodging addresses, timed tours, train and bus transfers, a Porto coastal driving day before the Bilbao flight, and a Segovia day trip from Madrid. The pace emphasizes food, wine, architecture, coastal scenery, and flexible free time.

Itinerary at a Glance Updated from Day by Day(2).xlsx

Day 1 – Departure Flight (July 30)

- Fly LAX to Lisbon via Air Canada.
- Overnight flight; arrive Lisbon Friday morning.

Transport: International flight LAX→Lisbon

Lodging: Overnight flight



Days 2–5 – Lisbon (4 nights, July 31–Aug 3)

- Arrival morning; drop bags at Rua Fialho de Almeida lodging.
- Private Lisbon tuk-tuk tour; neighborhood dinner/grocery time.
- Belém day: Jerónimos Monastery, Pastéis de Belém, riverfront monuments, Coach Museum, dinner at O Frade.
- Sintra day trip with Pena Palace & Regaleira; Chiado/free day plus Solidó Fado evening.

Transport: Airport taxi/Bolt/Uber + Lisbon metro/trams; train to Porto on Aug 4

Lodging: Rua Fialho de Almeida 6, Lisboa



Days 6–9 – Porto (4 nights, Aug 4–7)

- Train Lisbon Oriente→Porto Campanhã; lunch near lodging and Porto old-town walk.
- Ribeira waterfront, Clérigos, São Bento, Cathedral, dinner at Postigo do Carvão.
- Full Douro Valley wine/cruise tour from Calçada de Vandoma.
- Foz do Douro Tram 1, lighthouse views, Serralves Museum/Park, tuk-tuk tour and Palácio da Bolsa.

Transport: Train Lisbon→Porto; local tram/taxi/Bolt; Aug 8 van/coastal drive to OPO

Lodging: Rua Sá da Bandeira 468, Porto



Days 10–11 – Bilbao (2 nights, Aug 8–9)

- Porto coastal driving day after checkout; return Sixt van at Porto Airport and fly to Bilbao.
- Lodging at Hernani Kalea 7; evening arrival/check-in.
- Relaxed Bilbao day: Teatro Arriaga, river walk, Guggenheim exterior/interior, lunch, Artxanda Funicular/Viewpoint, Plaza Nueva pintxos.

Transport: Flight Porto→Bilbao; local taxi/Bolt/Uber; ALSA bus to Burgos on Aug 10

Lodging: Hernani Kalea 7, Bilbao



Days 12–14 – Burgos (3 nights, Aug 10–12)

- ALSA bus Bilbao→Burgos; pick up Enterprise van and drive to rural lodging.
- Burgos day: Museum of Human Evolution, old town lunch, Burgos Cathedral, scout eclipse site.
- Solar Eclipse Day — August 12, 2026; keep the day light and remain near viewing site.
- Prepare for early departure to Burgos Rosa Manzano station on Aug 13.

Transport: Bus Bilbao→Burgos; rental van in Burgos; train Burgos→Madrid

Lodging: Rural lodging near Villanueva/Villalbilla de Gumiel; already reserved



Days 15–17 – Madrid (3 nights, Aug 13–15)

- Train Burgos→Madrid; lodging at C. de Concepción Jerónima 3.
- Prado Museum, Retiro Park and Gran Vía on arrival day if energy allows.
- Historic Madrid walking tour: Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Mercado de San Miguel, Plaza de la Villa, Almudena Cathedral, Royal Palace and Sabatini Gardens.
- Segovia day trip: Sol→Chamartín Cercanías, train to Segovia-Guomar, Bus 11 to Aqueduct, old-town walk, lunch at José María, Cathedral and Alcázar.

Transport: Train Burgos→Madrid; Madrid transit; Segovia round-trip train/bus/taxi

Lodging: C. de Concepción Jerónima 3, Madrid



Day 18 – Departure (Aug 16)

- Uber/Bolt/taxi to Madrid-Barajas Airport.
- Return flights to the U.S. from Madrid.

Transport: Madrid lodging→MAD Airport transfer

Lodging: In flight to U.S.



Tracked Shared Costs from Spreadsheet (6 travelers)

- Known/entered group total in Day by Day(2).xlsx: \$12,800.13
- Known/entered per-person amount: \$2,133.36
- Separate personal costs may still include meals not listed, cash spending, and any airfare not captured in the shared-cost total.

Trip Themes

History • Architecture • Food & Wine • Coastal Landscapes • Art & Culture • Local Small Towns • Eclipse Travel

Key Travel Advantages

- Confirmed eclipse-base lodging and rural van plan for Burgos.
- Balanced city sequence with four nights each in Lisbon and Porto.
- Bilbao kept to one relaxed, high-value sightseeing day.

- Segovia day trip now includes exact rail/bus/taxi logistics.
- Mix of guided tours, free walks, scenic coastal stops and built-in rest time.