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## **The best wine and gastronomy experiences in France, Spain and Italy: Piedmont, Provence, Catalonia and the Basque country.**

Sample some of the best Italian, French and Spanish food and wine with this selection of wine and gastronomy tours from [Martin Randall Travel](http://www.martinrandall.com). All our tours are accompanied by experts in their field – writers, broadcasters or wine specialists and are accompanied by tour managers who look after the logistical arrangements.

### [Bilbao to Bayonne](#)

#### **Food, art and architecture in the Basque lands**

14–21 October 2019

Straddling the Pyrenees and divided between France and Spain, the Basque Country has wonderful and varied scenery, a magnificent range of art and architecture and a culinary tradition which ranks with the best in the world. The top gastronomic experiences are a tasting in the Rioja-Alavesa, Spain's most prestigious wine making area; lunch at Arzak in San Sebastian and a visit to the Bodegas of the Marques de Riscal in the cellars of their Frank Gehry designed hotel.

*From £3,560pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights to Bilbao, private coach travel, two lunches at 3 Michelin-starred restaurants and seven further meals with wine, tips, taxes and entrances.*

### [Classic Catalan Wines](#)

#### **Priorat, Montsant, Penedès and The Empordà**

21–26 October 2019

Taste characterful wines and meet their makers, who exude passion and pride, and spend time in vibrant Barcelona as well as Catalonia's gently undulating countryside. The top gastronomic experiences are a Cava tasting, visit and lunch at the influential winery Castell de Peralada; a tasting at Clos Mogador, one of the pioneering wineries bringing DOQ Priorat to the world's attention and a tasting at the prestigious Cava house Gramona near Falset.

*From £2,610pp (two sharing), includes return LHR flights, private coach travel, 4\* hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, tips, taxes and excursions.*

## [Gastronomic Piedmont](#)

### **Some of the finest food & wine in Italy**

26 October–1 November 2019

One of the most celebrated gastronomic regions in Italy and centre of the ‘Slow Food’ revolution. Wine and food production is studied at source, including visits to Alba, white truffle capital of the world, and a number of Barolo wineries. The top gastronomic experiences are truffle hunting around Piozzo followed by wine-tasting at a family-run estate; visit a farm to see the production of aspects of Italy’s finest cheese, Castelmagno and a tasting at the Castle of Grinzane Cavour, home of the first regional *enoteca* to open in Piedmont 50 years ago.

*From £3,170pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights to Genoa, 4\* hotel accommodation, private coach travel, most meals with drinks, tips, taxes and excursions.*

## [Gastronomic Provence](#)

### **La cuisine du soleil, history and art in the South of France**

16– 23 April 2020

Sample the most abundant, colourful and delicious larder in France, from street food to Michelin-starred, and wines from simple Provençal rosé to prestigious Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Top gastronomic experiences include a tour of the hidden bays of the *calanques* by boat followed by a traditional lunch of *la bouillabaisse*; a wine-tasting at a vineyard immortalised by Van Gogh in 1889 near Les Baux and dinner at Michelin-starred Maison Christian Étienne in Avignon in the shadow of the Palais des Papes.

*From £3,720pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights to Nice, 5\* and 4\* hotel accommodation in Nice and Avignon, private coach travel, most meals with drinks, tips, taxes and excursions.*

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#### **Notes to editors:**

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All aspects of our cultural tours have been carefully researched, tried and arranged by members of MRT staff, including the most authentic restaurants and comfortable hotels. There are no hidden extras. The price covers nearly everything, including wine with meals and all tips. We do not levy surcharges for fuel or for any other reason.

Martin Randall Travel has won numerous awards, most recently *Best Special Interest Holiday Company* (2018) at the British Travel Awards.