

One Week in the world famous wine region El Priorat

The best kept secrets of the sensational Priorat and Montsant region



Brief outline Breakfast in the hotel/guest house, typically 8 to 15 km walking (3 – 5 hours), stopping for lunch en route and visit to a local wine cellar for tour and tasting, evening meal at the hotel/guest house. Lunches will be in village restaurant serving good menu del dias of 3 or 4 course set meals, with a number of different dishes to choose from for each course.

DAY 1

Arrive ideally in the morning, pick up from Reus or Barcelona airport/train station, short drive to check into the Hotel and drop the luggage off in Porrera a beautiful, little village on the edge of the Priorat, famous as one of the key wine producers.

13.00 - Lovely 3 course lunch in what was once the village theatre, now converted into a charming restaurant.

16.00 - Visit to a great wine producer in the village for a tour and tasting.

19.30 - Light cheese, nibbles and wine in the Hotel.

DAY 2

10.00 - 7 km hike, setting off on what is probably the hardest mornings walk, the trail climbs steeply up through the classic slate vineyards of the Priorat, as you come round the hill you have fantastic views looking back. Follow the track down through a wooded area, leads us straight to the vineyard we're visiting, a fascinating and unusual small organic producer. The owner is a charismatic and cheerful character who takes you for a stroll around his vineyard before of course trying his wines.



13.00 - We will also be having a picnic lunch here right in the vineyard so we can enjoy the food and wine in situ, there is no finer way to do it!

15.30 - 4 **km** walk to a lovely Hotel with beautiful views of the impressive Montsant mountain range.

20.00 - Dinner will be served in the Hotel.

DAY 3

8.30 -Breakfast in the hotel

10.00 - 6 **km** Beautiful morning walk to the famous Hamlet of Escaladei, the birth place of the Priorat municipality.

13.30 - Lunch in a typical Catalan restaurant in the picturesque Hamlet.

15.30 - 1 **km** walk to the impressive ruined Monastery of Escaldei, well worth visiting.

16.30 - 5 **km** walk to the next Hotel, set in the Montsant mountain range with truly stunning views.

20.00 – Dinner in the Hotel.

DAY 4

9.30 - 8 **km** lovely easy walk under the impressive Montsant mountain mostly flat or down hill through fields with an exceptional variety of wild flowers, particularly in spring. The trail runs through wooded areas and vineyards taking you down to the town of Cornudella.

13.30 - Big lunch in a typical unfussy but great local restaurant in this charming village square, famous as a base for Catalan rock and mountain climbers.

Free time

20.00 - Dinner in the bar in the village square and will be tapas and wine, you won't want much, lunch is huge!

Day 5

9.30 – 7 **km** Beautiful hike, leaving the town takes you to the edge and round the reservoir followed by a steep, but breathtaking climb to the magical Hamlet of Siurana perched on the top of the mountain with stunning views of the Priorat region. This is one of the highlights of the weeks so you have plenty of time to relax and take in the atmosphere.



13.00 – Lunch is a generous feast of a picnic sourced from a number of great local delicatessens, bakers and restaurants in a very special location.

15.00 - Coffee in a lovely little bar with wonderful views, plenty of time to relax and explore

16.00 – **6 km** direct, at times steep walk back down to the town.

Day 6

9.30 - 7km, today's walk is probably the longest in terms of distance. In the morning we walk back to the village we stayed at on Day 2.

13.00 - Good typical lunch in the village restaurant which is around the half way point of the days hike.

15.30 - 6 km hike up to a pass between 2 mountains and drop down into the lovely village of Torroja de Priorat very close to what is undoubtedly the most famous vineyard in the Priorat, L'ermita home to Alvaro Palacio world famous wine.

18.30 - Cellar visit to one of the quirkiest producers in this famous Priorat village.

20.00 - Tapas dinner in a local bar and restaurant with a lovely little garden and views.

Day 7

8.30 - Breakfast in the Hotel

9.30 - We take a 10 minute drive to the lovely little village of Torroja del Priorat from where we can walk the **10km** down to Gratallops, home to some of the most famous Priorat wines. Warning! you will have to cross the Siurana stream, if it has been raining hard (very unlikely) then this could prove a little challenging.

13.00 - Lovely lunch and wine tasting in the gardens of one of the best known producers of the Priorat region, a fitting way to finish the holiday.

