



Rally de Paradores 2019 28th September – 5th October



This is a specially designed trip through some of the prettiest parts of Spain, including the fast routes but mainly taking in the most picturesque.

We will be staying in the famous Spanish Paradores which retain their historic architecture, now combined with every modern amenity, what's more, these unique properties, castles, monastery's and former stately homes are staffed by people who are proud of their region and committed to making sure you have a good stay.

Enjoying culinary delights and delicious local wines is a big part of the trip. What's more, you'll be hosted by us at Prestige who will make sure you have a great week, on and off the road!

*You'll quickly come to understand why the journey **is** the event!*





Day 1 – Saturday

- Santander to **Parador de Limpias**
- **If you have come from Portsmouth, the ferry docks at 5.30pm. The direct route from Santander takes 45 mins**
- **1 night stay**

As you come off the ship you they'll be a short drive heading south towards the small town of Limpias. Here you will enjoy the comfort and style of the Parador de Limpias for your first night in Spain.



Set in a summer palace which has been sympathetically extended with an accommodation wing overlooking the River Limpias, this is a majestic Parador to experience. The grounds are a joy to stroll through.

Parking is reserved for us in advance and you'll meet fellow ralliers over drinks by the river and a relaxing first night dinner.





Day 2 – Sunday

- **Parador de Limpias to Parador de Vielha**
- **Direct route approx. time: 5hrs 45 mins**
- **2 night stay**

After a relaxing evening in your first Parador, enjoy some lovely driving roads to Lleida, where your next Parador awaits, Parador de Vielha.



Located in the heart of the Pyrenees is the Parador de Viella, set loftily on the side of a valley in the most glorious mountain scenery. The drive today is the longest on the trip – not because of the mileage but at slower speeds because of the mountain driving - hairpins and some narrow roads opening up into beautiful vistas. Don't worry – there's plenty of flat tarmac later in the trip! You'll enjoy some lovely mountain dishes and breathe in the clean air. This Parador has incredible views of the valley from the guest room balconies and the circular restaurant. There is also a swimming pool surrounded by a large garden, a magnificent spa with indoor swimming pool, and an outdoor hot tub, solarium and massage menu. Who could ask for more?





Day 3 - Monday



You have a free day to explore, so pack your walking boots and enjoy the local trails in several of the national parks that surround the Parador, or take on the Peak of Aneto for a mightier challenge. Drive across to Andorra to the east, or make your own pilgrimage across the border to Lourdes and visit the Grotto de Massabielle where Virgin Mary is said to have appeared...a likely sighting after one too many the night before!

There will be an organised event that day. We're still planning what it will be!





Day 4 – Tuesday

- **Parador de Vielha to Parador de Alcaniz**
- **Direct route approx. time: 3hrs 30 mins**
- **1 night stay**

The next morning takes you south down the mountain passes past rivers and reservoirs to lower Aragon and Lleida, which has an attractive historic centre, and on towards the historic town of Alcaniz. Stay overnight at the strikingly magnificent Parador de Alcaniz, set in the castle rising above the city.



We shall dine and relax in a castle from the 12th Century high above the town filled with history and tradition. Fortunately, the beds, and most of the staff, are from the 21st Century. Phew! This Parador has unique architectural heritage and amazing views.





Day 5 – Wednesday

- **Parador de Alcaniz to Parador de Segovia**
- **Direct route approx. time: 3hrs 30 mins**
- **2 night stay**

From Alcaniz, you have more great driving roads on which you discover the Monastery of Stone, a national park with lovely walkways and paths southwest of Calatayud, and great restaurants for lunch. Calatayud is an up and coming wine region so you could join our tasting and find some delicious reds to take home. You can pass through beautiful ancient towns like Daroca or pamper yourself in the spa of Balneario Termas Pallares, in Alhama de Aragon, with its open air thermal lake where you can be booked in to enjoy this ethereal experience.

Segovia is another city rich in history with the famous aqueduct that cuts across the old town by the city wall. The city is famous for its suckling pig and this is what we will enjoy tonight in a local, traditional restaurant where it's so tender that it's carved with the side of a dinner plate! Delicioso! There are alternatives on the menu.



The Parador de Segovia is located in one of Spain's most historic cities. The panoramic views from the guest rooms, dining room and outdoor swimming pool are breath-taking. At this Parador you will be able to take advantage of the gym, a heated pool, tennis courts and a sauna.





Day 6 - Thursday



After your first night you have a free day to explore. Perhaps rise early and drive south to discover the town of El Escorial with its famous monastery and beautiful historic centre, with the impressive and towering monument of the Valley of the Fallen, built for and dedicated by Franco for those who had perished in Spain's civil war. You could join our guided walk finishing with a tapas lunch and/or enjoy a relaxing dip in the pool and a hefty glass of Rioja. Might be just what the doctor ordered!





Day 7 – Friday

- **Parador de Segovia to [Parador de Sto. Domingo de la Calzada](#)**
- **Direct route approx. time: 3hrs**
- **1 night stay**

From Segovia, you might want to visit the castle of Penafiel in the Ribera de Duero wine region, and several wineries nearby such as Abadia de la Retuerta, before you arrive at the charming city of Burgos, in whose famous cathedral El Cid is buried. A short 3 hour drive away is your last overnight stay on dry land in the city of Santo Domingo de la Calzada.



Parador de Sto. Domingo de la Calzada is a lovely historic building once used as a hospital for pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago (or St James Way) and is located next to the cathedral. Santo Domingo de la Calzada stands beside the banks of the Oja River on a vast plain. Here you can enjoy the town by visiting sights such as the cathedral, Plaza de España (Spain Square) and savouring La Rioja's delicious cuisine, as you will on our last night of the Rally at the presentation dinner.





Day 8 – Saturday

● **Parador de Sto. Domingo de la Calzada to Santander**

After breakfast it's a last good bye to your new rallying chums, and the inevitable return to an English Autumn. How you travel back is up to you.

- If by Cruise Ferry, you'll have a full day ahead of your 8pm departure, the most direct route is approx. 2 hours driving time.
- Alternatively, you can drive 3 hours via Burgos and visit Saja-Besaya National Park with a good lunch stop in Remosa. Or possibly, discover some of Rioja's wineries in towns such as Laguardia, Briones or Haro – we can fix a visit for you.
- As another option, drive north for an hour or so to visit Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum, before you arrive at the ferry in Santander in time to embark for your 8pm departure, arriving back in Portsmouth at 7:45pm on Tuesday.





What is included?

- Entry fee
- A-Z Comprehensive guide for the trip ensuring you'll be well prepared
- Seven nights' accommodation in Spanish Paradores inc. breakfast (based on double/twin occupancy)
- Pre-dinner reception drinks each day
- Dinner each evening – some with entertainment
- Presentation dinner on the final night
- Visit to a well-known wine producer
- Decals for cars
- Clear itineraries, detailed directions and routes inc. maps
- Accompanying director and staff to ensure you have a 'Drive of a Lifetime!'

The cost for 2 people + 1 car: £4650

Travel Note

Many people join the Rally by travelling on the ferry from Portsmouth to Santander. Here are the ferry times that fit the rally exactly:

Ship: Cap Finistere

Departure from Portsmouth on 27/09/2019, at 5pm

Arrival in Santander on 28/09/2019, at 5:30pm

Ship: Cap Finistere

Departure from Santander on 05/10/2019, at 8:30pm

Arrival in Portsmouth on 06/10/2019, at 7:45pm

For more information and to reserve your place:

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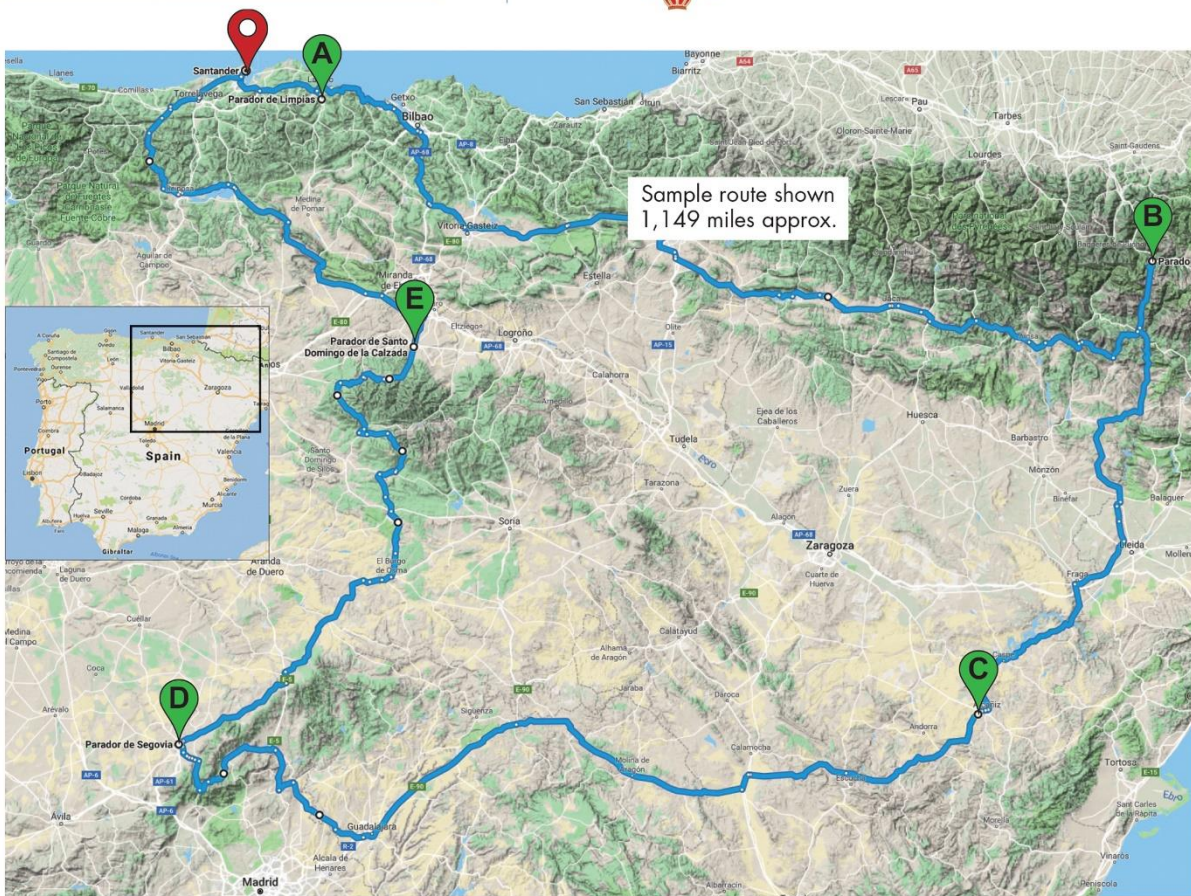
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The Rally Route

6 days of spectacular driving, superb hotels and fine dining.



Arrive
28 September
Santander



28 September
Parador de Limpas
Limpas, Cantabria



29 & 30 September
Parador de Vielha
Lleida



1 October
Parador de Alcaniz
Alcaniz, Teruel



2 & 3 October
Parador de Segovia
Segovia



4 October
Parador de Santo Domingo
de la Calzada, La Rioja



Depart
5 October
Santander

