



# GOODWOOD ROAD RACING CLUB

## IBERIAN PENINSULA DRIVING TOUR

23 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2018

Long before F1 became established at the Circuit de Catalunya near Barcelona, Spain was in love with motor racing. The first Spanish Grand Prix took place in 1913 and was run to touring car rules on a 300 kilometre route near Madrid. Thereafter, racing took place around the country, most notably at Sitges, Jarama and Jerez. When the Monte Carlo rally was in full swing in the 1960's Spain was one of the starting points for entrants converging on Reims for the run to the South of France.

We are delighted to confirm details of our 2018 European driving tour to the Iberian Peninsula. This trip has been created to provide Members and their guests with a memorable and exclusive opportunity to drive some stunning roads in the mountains and vineyards of Spain, alongside travelling down into Northern Portugal. In addition to the fabulous driving roads, we will be staying in luxury 4\* and 5 \* hotels situated in some fantastic locations along the route. Highlights will include the Picos Europa, the Galician Massif, the Douro Valley in Portugal and the Ribera del Duero in Spain.

We will be travelling to and from Spain with Brittany Ferries. If Members would prefer to fly (and have their cars transported) we will gladly organise this if there are sufficient numbers.

### **DATES**

Sunday 23 September to Monday 1 October 2018 (inclusive) returning to Portsmouth on Tuesday 2 October 2018

#### **Day 1 – Sunday 23 September**

RV Time – Departure: 0800hrs – 0930hrs

Check in at Brittany Ferries: 1415hrs

Expected driving time: 3hrs 45mins

Expected driving distance: 190 miles

Ferry Departure from Plymouth: 1545hrs

Members and their guests are requested to meet at The Kennels for registration and a briefing about the trip over tea and coffee. Departing Goodwood we make our way along the South Coast to Plymouth to catch the Brittany Ferries crossing to Santander in Spain.

Our scheduled ferry is the Pont-Aven, a luxurious £100m flagship vessel, launched in March 2004 that boasts a superb pool and leisure area, a huge five deck atrium with panoramic views from the lifts, and outstanding accommodation. Members will be allocated an outside four berth cabin. The crossing time from Plymouth to Santander is 20½ hours with a scheduled departure from Plymouth at 1545hrs. Arrival into Santander is scheduled for Monday 24 September at 1215hrs.

## **DAY 2 – Monday 24 September**

Santander to Ribera del Duero

Expected driving time: 4hrs

Expected driving distance: 180 miles

Following our arrival at Santander (scheduled for 1215hrs), we make our way south into the mountains of the Cordillera Cantabria where massive granite peaks dominate a spectacular landscape. Our hotel for the night is 5\* Le Domaine, a Relais & Chateaux property set amongst exclusive wine estates found along the Duero River. Formerly a Romanesque - Baroque monastery, the hotel boasts a spa and 1 star Michelin restaurant.

In the evening, all Members will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

## **DAY 3 – Tuesday 25 September**

Optional Scenic Tour – Ribera del Duero

Expected driving time: 5hrs

Expected driving distance: 180 miles

Today members have the option of a rest day at the hotel or an optional driving tour in the area. The optional driving tour will head south towards the Sierra de Guadarrama just north of Madrid before heading north to explore the fabulous roads in the area surrounding the Ribera del Duero. For those not driving we recommend a visit to nearby Penafiel and its stunning castle.

Guests have a free evening. In addition to dining the hotel, Members can venture into nearby Valladolid or Quintanilla for dinner.

## **DAY 4 – Wednesday 26 September**

Ribera del Duero to Vidago

Expected driving time: 5hrs 45mins

Expected driving distance: 275 miles

Departing the Ribera del Duero, our route heads west through Spain, criss-crossing some wonderful countryside south of Valladolid. Passing Zamora we cross the border into Portugal near the Alameda Reservoir. Our route then passes through the Tras-os Montes, historically the remotest part of Portugal and home to some incredible roads.

Our hotel for the next 2 nights is the 5\* Vidago Palace, a Leading Hotel of the World set in its own grounds and featuring several restaurants (including a 1 star Michelin restaurant), a spa and its own golf course.

In the evening, guests are free. In addition to eating in one of the hotel's restaurants, guests can venture into nearby Vidago.

## **DAY 5 – Thursday 27 September**

Optional Scenic Tour – Douro Valley

Expected driving time: 4hrs 30mins

Expected driving distance: 170 miles

Today members have the option of a rest day at the hotel or an optional driving tour in the area. The optional driving tour will head deep into the Tras-os Montes and the Douro Valley. Highlights include the Douro Valley and stunning mountain roads.

In the evening, all Members will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

### **DAY 6 – Friday 28 September**

Douro Valley to Santiago de Compostela

Expected driving time: 5hrs 30mins

Expected driving distance: 190 miles

Departing Vidago we head through Northern Portugal and back into Spain. Initially heading west through the Sierra do Gueres in Portugal, we cross into Spain south of Ourense. Our route then heads north through Galicia to our destination – Santiago de Compostela. Famous as the starting point for the Way of St James (a Catholic pilgrimage), the old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our hotel for the next 2 nights is the 5\* Relais & Chateaux Quinta de Auga located just outside Santiago de Compostela.

In the evening, guests are free. In addition to eating in the hotel, guests can venture into nearby Santiago which includes the Michelin starred restaurant Casa Marcelo.

### **DAY 7 – Saturday 29 September**

Optional Scenic Tour – Galicia

Expected driving time: 4hrs 15mins

Expected driving distance: 160 miles

Today members have the option of a rest day at the hotel, exploring nearby Santiago de Compostela or an optional driving tour in the mountains of Galicia. Our scenic tour heads into the heart of the Galician Massif – a beautiful landscape peppered with remote villages and stunning mountain roads before we head back to the hotel.

In the evening, all guests will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

### **DAY 8 – Sunday 30 September**

Santiago de Compostela to Arriondas

Expected driving time: 5hrs 45mins

Expected driving distance: 255 miles

Today Members enjoy a fabulous scenic drive across the heart of the Galician Massif as we leave Galicia and head into the Cantabrian Mountains. Departing Santiago we head into the heart of the Somiedo Natural Park through tiny mountain villages boasting excellent roads and stunning views. Our route shows off the best of Galicia as we head to our destination for our final night – Puebloastur, a fabulous 5\* hotel nestled amongst the Cantabrian Mountains not far from the sea.

On our final evening in Spain, all guests will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

### **DAY 9 – Monday 1 October**

Arriondas to Santander

Expected driving time: 3hrs 45mins

Expected driving distance: 170 miles

Check in at Brittany Ferries: 1345hrs

Departure from Santander: 1515hrs

Departing Arriondas, we head to Santander for our return crossing with Brittany Ferries from Santander to Portsmouth on the Pont Aven. We have devised a scenic route through the heart of the Picos Europa meaning Members will need to leave by 0930hrs (or 1100hrs if driving direct) so as to arrive in Santander for check in by 1345hrs. The scheduled departure is 1515hrs with a scheduled arrival into Portsmouth on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 1415hrs.

## PACKAGE

Our package includes:

- Return ferry crossing with Brittany Ferries (out 23 September from Plymouth, return 1 October 2018 to Portsmouth) for 2 people and 1 car to include a 4 berth outside cabin on both legs of the crossing (some cabin upgrades are available)
- 7 nights accommodation in a range of 4\* and 5\* hotels (24 to 30 September 2018 inclusive)
- Breakfast in all hotels
- Evening meals including water, wine and coffee on selected nights
- Gala dinner at Puebloastur on the final night in Spain including water, wine and coffee
- Welcome drink in the evening before dinner on select nights
- Overnight parking charges for the cars (where applicable)
- Access to leisure facilities at each hotel (where applicable)
- Printed route book including a full itinerary, driving directions and places to visit
- Professional guide
- Personnel to assist all Members
- The presence of a qualified mechanic
- Support vehicles for transporting luggage and spare parts (limited availability)
- VAT and all local taxes

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

The price excludes anything not expressly included in the Package as well as the following:

- Motorway tolls
- Medical & Travel Insurance
- All lunchtime meals
- Fuel
- Parts in the event you need mechanical assistance with your car
- Vehicle insurance
- Alcohol (save for the allowances included with evening meals)
- Use of the minibar in your room (where applicable)
- Use of the beauty and spa treatments at each hotel (where applicable)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The ferry crossings assume a car with dimensions of a maximum of 5 metres in length, 1.85 metres in height and 2 metres in width. If your car exceeds these dimensions, a supplement may be payable – please enquire before booking.

**\*Please note that some aspects of the route are subject to change.**