

# Drive Espana

## Sporting Spring in Spain Spanish Grand Prix and Superdeportivos Cantabria with super stops between 6-19 May 2020

We have been running trips to Spain for many years and regularly find ourselves in the country at the time of the Grand Prix—so why not go? There is no good answer so that is what we are doing, and mixing it with Superdeportivos Cantabria—the Supercar Party in Santander the following weekend

We start with a ferry crossing to Bilbao on Brittany Ferries' fast and comfortable Cap Finistere. The trip will include an outside twin cabin and upgrades will be available for people who move fast as they are always in short supply. We arrive in Bilbao and then it's a few hours drive to Sos del Rey Catolico—a wonderful place to start a tour. The hotel is a hilltop fastness with brilliant views over to the Pyrenees and a wonderful café terrace where there have been many previous Drive Espana parties.

After the night at Sos we then go to Vic Sau for three nights. The hotel is a very comfortable Parador with fantastic views over a huge lake. It is peaceful and tranquil, a great place to return to after a day at the track. We will arrive on Friday and plan to have a bus organised for the 30 mile transfer to the Circuit de Catalunya for qualifying on Saturday and the race on Sunday. General admission tickets are included and there will be the chance to upgrade to Grandstand Seating or join in with our colleagues at Grandstand Motorsports who will have a hospitality operation

Monday calls for a change of scene so we're going to Vielha in the middle of the Pyrenees—why? Because the views are brilliant and the drive up there is sublime, sweeping bends next to spring torrents and snow capped peaks. There are also just a few tunnels—probably more than 20 from very short to quite long

After Vielha there is further great driving as we head for two nights in Pamplona. It's a lovely city, steeped in history and in May they will just be starting to get ready for St Firmin in July when the city is home to the bull runs and the many crazy people who take part. Our hotel is a short cab ride into town where there are lovely squares, shops, a very interesting cathedral and some pleasant cafes—one of which has a full size bronze of Ernest Hemingway propping up the bar

Thursday is an option day because it will be possible to catch the Ferry home from Bilbao for those who don't have the time to do Superdeportivos, the hardened fun seekers will drive straight past Bilbao to Santander to join Superdeportivos Cantabria. This is an extravaganza of driving and partying, all carefully managed so the real partying happens after the driving for the day is finished. There will be drive outs into stunning scenery, visits to places you would be hard pressed to find for yourself, lunches, dinners, music, dancing, a boat trip round the bay with cava and canapés. Let's not forget the car show and the black tie dinner. In 2019 there were over 120 supercars, more in 2020 without doubt and don't worry about language barriers, most people speak some English!

On Monday we catch the lunchtime ferry—conveniently from Santander and arrive back at Portsmouth mid afternoon on Tuesday 19 May. The trip will be limited to 20 cars and Jasper Gilder will accompany this group.



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## Spanish Grand Prix and Superdeportivos

<b>Wed 6 May</b>	Mid morning departure from Portsmouth on Brittany Ferries high speed ferry Cap Finistere for Bilbao
<b>Thurs 7 May</b>	Arrive in Bilbao then drive to Sos del Rey Catolico in the ancient Kingdom of Navarra for a night at the Parador (150 miles)
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	Drive to Vic Sau for three nights at the Parador which will be our base for the Spanish GP
<b>Sat 9/Sun 10 May</b>	Bus service to the Circuit de Catalunya for qualifying ( Saturday) and the Grand Prix ( Sunday). Circuit passes are included and grandstand passes can be purchased in advance for a supplement, as can hospitality with Grandstand Motorsports
<b>Mon 11 May</b>	Drive to Vielha, high in the Pyrenees and close to the French border. Great views, and a stunning drive to arrive. There is a small spa at the hotel. (170 miles)
<b>Tues 12 May</b>	Drive to Pamplona for two nights at Hotel Castillo Gorraiz, one of the best hotels in Pamplona and just on the edge of town Wonderful views, great food and super service (195 miles)
<b>Thurs 14 May</b>	Drive to Santander to join Superdeportivos Cantabria with at least three nights at the Hotel Santemar, the first night is often in the countryside (160 miles) Join others who have travelled just for Superdeportivos
<b>Fri 15– Sun 17 May</b>	Lots of fun at Superdeportivos Cantabria—full itinerary will be released early 2020
<b>Mon 18 May</b>	Drive to Santander ferry port for afternoon embarkation on Brittany Ferries Pont Aven (2 miles)
<b>Tues 19 May</b>	Mid evening arrival at Portsmouth

### What is included

- ⇒ Ferry crossings with standard outside cabin (upgrades available at extra cost),
- ⇒ Overnight accommodation as described.
- ⇒ Passes on both days at Circuit de Catalunya
- ⇒ Dinner bed and breakfast at all hotels
- ⇒ All activities at Superdeportivos Cantabria from Thursday afternoon
- ⇒ Services of Jasper Gilder as tour leader
- ⇒ Map and Road book.

**Price £3900 per car with driver and one passenger**

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