# **5** WINE AND CUISINE ON THE WAY OF ST JAMES

LOGROÑO NAVARRETE \*FUENMAYOR (Annexed) NÁJERA

### 59 km 55 minutes

Logroño - Navarrete 13.9 km 16 minutes

\*Navarrete - Fuenmayor 5.1 Km 8 minutes

Navarrete - Nájera 17.2 km 15 minutes

Nájera - Logroño 27.9 km 24 minutes





## The bustling calle Laurel heralds a route full of wineries and wonderful food.

If the Way of Saint James didn't already cross La Rioja, it would need to be rerouted. The hospitality of the people in this area is an example for visitors and pilgrims alike.

When travellers arrive to Logroño from Navarra, they cross the stone bridge over the Ebro river. There, they catch a glimpse of the city's skyline, dominated by the must-sees: the church of Santa María de Palacio, the co-cathedral of Santa María de la Redonda, and the church of Santiago. Making a culinary stop at the most famous *pincho* and *tapas* streets (calle Laurel, calle San Juan and its vicinities, as well as some of the wineries in the capital of La Rioja) is mandatory.

From there, continue your path by following the steps of the thousands of pilgrims that pass through here each year. First, visit the pottery town of Navarrete (route 4), one of the milestones in the Way of St James and the Ignatian Way. Then, continue on to Fuenmayor, an important wine-making town with vast vineyards, fundamental to their economy, and wineries—not to be missed. The next stop is Nájera, commonly known as the 'furniture capital', due to its manufacturing and furniture sale businesses. This town and its region also have agriculturally-based activities, especially vineyard-oriented. Regarding patrimonial buildings, the Monastery of Santa María La Real is worth a visit. Built by king García Sánchez III in the 10th century, it became an episcopal see and a royal mausoleum.





#### LOGROÑO

151,113 people

Jan. - 'Actual' Festival

June - Fest. St Barnabas

Sep. - Fest. St Matthew

'Festival of the Grape Harvest'

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- Calle Laurel, calle San Juan
- Co-cathedral of Sta. M<sup>a</sup> de la Redonda (16th c.)
- Church of San Bartolomé (12th c.)
- Fortification of Revellín (15th c.)
- Plaza de Abastos
- Church Sta. M<sup>a</sup> de Palacio (16th c.)

#### NAVARRETE

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#### NÁJERA

8,047 people

Jan. - Fest. Saint Anthony Easter Week - Furniture Fair April - Fest. Saint Prudentius June - Fest. Saint John & Saint Peter Sep. - Fest. San Juan Mártir & Santa María la Real Oct. - Fest. Saint Michael

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- Historical quarter
- Museo Najerillense
- Church of Santa Cruz (17th c.)
- Monastery Sta. María La Real (11th c.)

#### **FUENMAYOR**

2,278 people

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June - Fest. Saint John July - Craftsmanship & Wine Festivity

Dec. - Fest. Los Marchos

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- Church Sta. María (16th c.)
- Bridge of Christ (16th c.)
- House Navajas (16th c.)
  Chapel of Christ (17th c.)