



SPAIN

GREEN SPAIN

El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo

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Gran Lujo suites on board

12.8 m²

per suite, bathroom included

7 nights

on the full Northern Route

4

regions: Basque Country to Galicia

4 journeys in this brochure

1. San Sebastián to Santiago de Compostela · 8 days
2. Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastián · 8 days
3. Oviedo to San Sebastián · 4 days
4. Santiago de Compostela to Gijón · 4 days

ON BOARD

Cabins and suites



DOUBLE

Gran Lujo Suite with double bed

10 suites · approx. 12.8 m²

- Double bed in a separate bedroom area
- Lounge area with sofa bed and large windows
- Private bathroom with bathtub or shower
- LED screens, music system and adjustable climate control
- Wardrobe, desk, safe and minibar

TWIN

Gran Lujo Suite with two beds

4 suites · approx. 12.8 m²

- Two single beds
- Lounge area with sofa bed and large windows
- Private bathroom with bathtub or shower
- In-suite computer with internet connection and telephone
- Welcome pack of quality toiletries and a hairdryer

Every suite belongs to the same Gran Lujo category; the only choice is a double bed or two singles.



Pullman lounge cars

The train's lounges are original Pullman cars, restored and decorated especially for this journey, and the whole train is linked inside so you can wander freely between your suite and the public spaces. There is a glass-walled panoramic lounge for watching the coast slide by and a Tea Room for an unhurried aperitif.

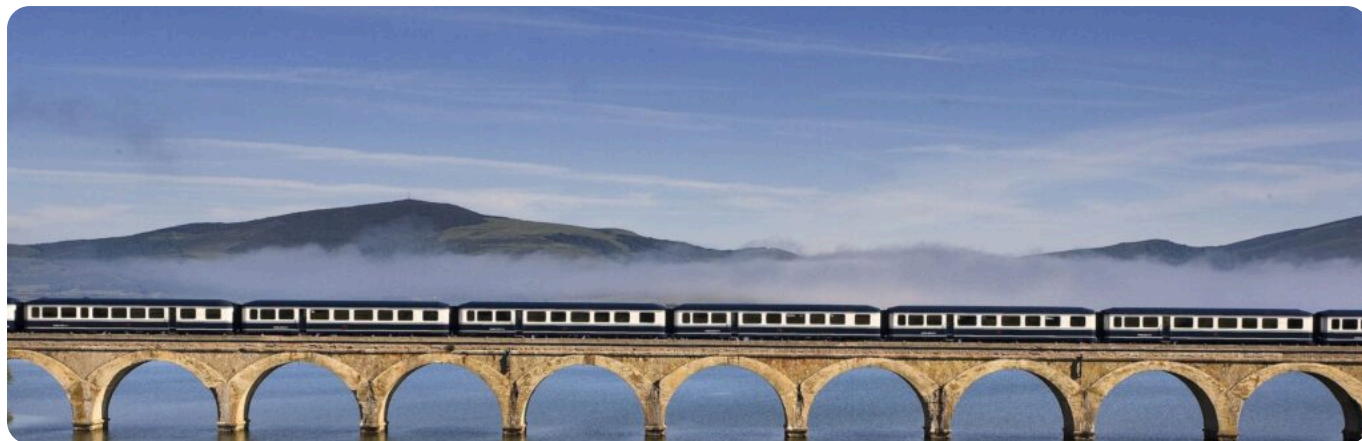
Newspapers, tablets, a film library, books and board games fill the quieter hours, while the Pub car comes alive each evening with live music and entertainment. The crew is on hand at any time of day.

Dining on board

The chef prepares breakfast à la carte each morning, along with lunch or dinner on board, served in the lounge-car dining rooms and built around the cooking of northern Spain. The bar is open whenever you want it.

On many days one meal is taken ashore in the towns and cities along the route, so you taste the region both on the train and at its source.





JOURNEY 1 OF 4 • EL TRASCANTÁBRICO

San Sebastián to Santiago de Compostela

8 days 7 nights San Sebastián to Santiago de Compostela

Eight days along Spain's green north coast, from the Basque Country through Cantabria and Asturias to the pilgrim city of Santiago.

The classic Northern Route starts with lunch in San Sebastián and ends with a guided tour of Santiago de Compostela. In between, the train follows the Cantabrian coast past Bilbao, Santander and Llanes, with days in the Picos de Europa, medieval Santillana del Mar, Oviedo and the cliffs and estuaries of Galicia.

Route • Bilbao → Carranza → Santander → Cabezón de la Sal → Llanes → Oviedo → Gijón → Lueca → Ribadeo → Viveiro → Ferrol

- Welcome tour and lunch in San Sebastián
- Bilbao, where modern architecture meets an industrial past
- Two days among the mountains and villages of the Picos de Europa
- The cobbled medieval streets of Santillana del Mar
- Free time in Oviedo, Gijón and Lueca on the Asturian coast
- The Galician coast of cliffs and rías via Ribadeo and Viveiro
- Guided farewell tour of Santiago de Compostela

Day by day

Day 1 San Sebastián → Bilbao → Carranza • Night: Carranza

Your journey begins in San Sebastián with an introductory tour of the city and lunch. You then transfer to Bilbao to board the train, meet the crew and settle into your suite. The first dinner is served on board as the train sets off into the northern countryside.

Meals: Lunch • Dinner

Day 2 Carranza → Bilbao → Santander • Night: Santander

Over breakfast the train returns to Bilbao, a city reinvented along its estuary where contemporary architecture sits beside its industrial heritage. After lunch you continue by rail along the Cantabrian coast to Santander, with free time to stroll the elegant capital before dinner back on board.

Meals: Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

Day 3**Santander → Potes → Comillas → Cabezón de la Sal** · Night: Cabezón de la Sal

Today heads inland into Cantabria and the foothills of the Picos de Europa. The day weaves together small mountain villages, dramatic scenery and places of real cultural interest before you rejoin the train for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 4**Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Llanes** · Night: Llanes

A short coastal run brings you to Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain, to wander its cobbled lanes. Lunch is back on the train as it crosses into Asturias, arriving at the seaside fishing town of Llanes with free time before dinner.

Meals: Lunch · Dinner

Day 5**Llanes → Picos de Europa → Oviedo** · Night: Oviedo

A second day in the Picos de Europa takes you among mountains, gorges and wild landscapes on one of the most memorable stages of the trip. You then continue to Oviedo, the graceful capital of Asturias, with free time in its historic centre.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 6**Oviedo → Gijón → Lluarca** · Night: Lluarca

The train follows the Asturian coast, with sweeping views of the Cantabrian Sea and a stop in Gijón, a seafaring city known for its culture and food. In the afternoon you reach Lluarca, the white town of the Costa Verde, with time to explore before dinner on board.

Meals: Dinner

Day 7**Lluarca → Ribadeo → Viveiro** · Night: Viveiro

Over breakfast the train crosses into Galicia along one of the loveliest stretches of the northern coast, past cliffs, estuaries and small Atlantic harbours. After a visit to Ribadeo you travel on to Viveiro, a town shaped by its long seafaring history.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 8**Viveiro → Ferrol → Santiago de Compostela**

The final breakfast on board is served as the train arrives in Ferrol. From there you continue to Santiago de Compostela for a guided tour of the historic centre and some free time, where the journey comes to an end.

Meals: Breakfast

What is included

- Seven nights in a Gran Lujo suite on board
- Meals as described in the itinerary, on board and ashore
- Guided city tour and lunch in San Sebastián on arrival
- Transfer from San Sebastián to the train in Bilbao
- Daily excursions and visits as described
- Guided tour of Santiago de Compostela on the final day

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JOURNEY 2 OF 4 • EL TRASCANTÁBRICO

Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastián

8 days 7 nights Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastián

The Northern Route in reverse: from Santiago's pilgrim streets along the Galician, Asturian and Cantabrian coast to elegant San Sebastián.

This eight-day journey opens with a tour of Santiago de Compostela and ends with a visit to San Sebastián. Along the way you trace the cliffs and estuaries of Galicia, explore Oviedo and Gijón, spend a full day in the Picos de Europa from Llanes, and wander Santillana del Mar, Santander and Bilbao.

Route • Ferrol → Viveiro → Ribadeo → Llarca → Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes → Cabezón de la Sal → Santander → Bilbao → Carranza

- Introductory tour of Santiago de Compostela's historic centre
- The Lugo coastline of estuaries, cliffs and fishing villages
- Free time in Oviedo and a stop in seafront Gijón
- A full day in the Picos de Europa, returning to Llanes
- Gorges and historic villages of inland Cantabria
- Medieval Santillana del Mar and the bay city of Santander
- Bilbao city tour and a farewell visit to San Sebastián

Day by day

Day 1 Santiago de Compostela → Ferrol → Viveiro • Night: Viveiro

You are welcomed in Santiago de Compostela with an introductory visit to its magnificent historic centre, steeped in the spirit of pilgrimage. After lunch you travel to Ferrol to board the train and settle into your suite as it sets off for Viveiro, with dinner on board.

Meals: Lunch • Dinner

Day 2 Viveiro → Ribadeo → Llarca → Oviedo • Night: Oviedo

Breakfast is served as the train runs along the Lugo coast past estuaries, cliffs and fishing villages. You discover Ribadeo and some of the Atlantic coast's most striking scenery, then continue into Asturias to reach Oviedo, with free time in its historic centre.

Meals: Breakfast • Dinner

Day 3 **Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes** · Night: Llanes

The day follows the Asturian coast with a stop in Gijón, a city closely tied to the sea and known for its culture and cooking. In the afternoon the train continues along the coast to Llanes, an elegant fishing town, for dinner and the night.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 4 **Llanes → Picos de Europa → Llanes** · Night: Llanes

A whole day is given to the natural beauty of the Picos de Europa, where mountains, valleys and small villages create some of the finest landscapes in northern Spain. After lunch you return to Llanes for free time by the sea before dinner.

Meals: Lunch · Dinner

Day 5 **Llanes → Potes → Comillas → Cabezón de la Sal** · Night: Cabezón de la Sal

As the train crosses into Cantabria, you head inland to explore gorges, historic villages and mountain scenery. It is a day that blends heritage, tradition and nature before you return to the train for dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Day 6 **Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Santander** · Night: Santander

The morning is spent in Santillana del Mar and its remarkable medieval centre. After lunch the journey continues to Santander, set on its bay above the Cantabrian Sea, with free time before dinner on board.

Meals: Lunch · Dinner

Day 7 **Santander → Bilbao → Carranza** · Night: Carranza

Breakfast is served on the way to Bilbao, where a city tour shows how tradition, bold contemporary architecture and urban renewal define the city today. In the afternoon the train carries on through green countryside to Carranza, with dinner on board.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 8 **Carranza → Bilbao → San Sebastián**

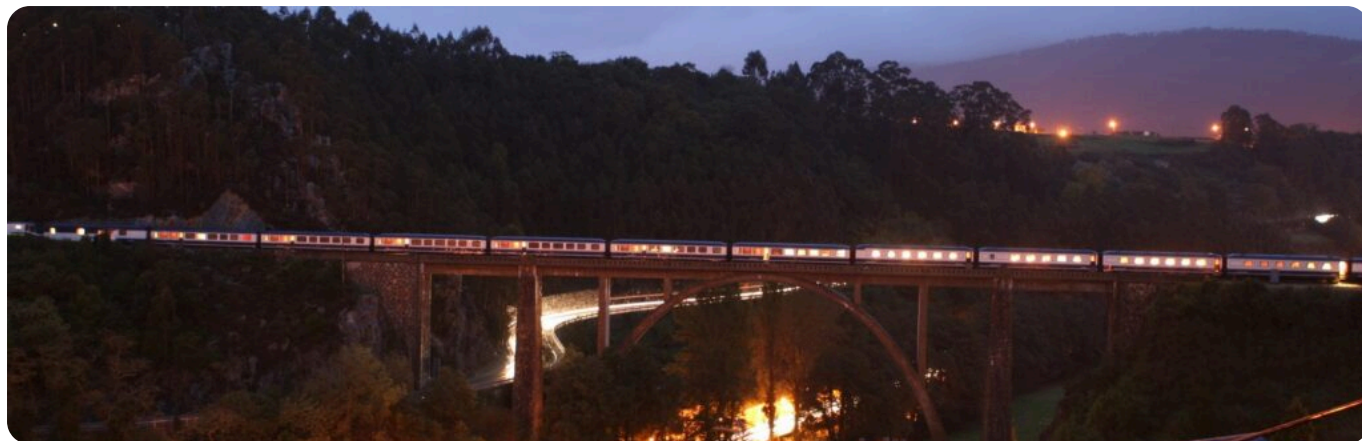
After a last breakfast on board you return to Bilbao to say goodbye to the train and crew. You continue to San Sebastián, a luminous city on the Cantabrian Sea, where a visit and free time to enjoy its atmosphere and food bring the journey to a close.

Meals: Breakfast

What is included

- Seven nights in a Gran Lujo suite on board
- Meals as described in the itinerary, on board and ashore
- Introductory guided visit of Santiago de Compostela
- Transfer from Santiago de Compostela to the train in Ferrol
- Daily excursions and visits as described, including a Bilbao city tour
- Final-day visit to San Sebastián

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JOURNEY 3 OF 4 · EL TRASCANTÁBRICO

Oviedo to San Sebastián

4 days 3 nights Oviedo to San Sebastián

A four-day short trip from the Asturian capital through the Picos de Europa and Cantabria to Bilbao's Guggenheim and San Sebastián.

This short trip boards the train in Oviedo and follows the Cantabrian coast east. You visit Gijón and Oviedo on the first day, spend a day in the Picos de Europa, see the Altamira Cave replica and Santillana del Mar, and finish with Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum and lunch in San Sebastián.

Route · Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes → Cabezón de la Sal → Santander → Bilbao

- Boarding in Oviedo and a visit to seafront Gijón
- A stroll through Oviedo's historic centre
- Mountains, lakes and villages of the Picos de Europa
- The Altamira Cave replica and medieval Santillana del Mar
- Free time in Santander on its bay
- Bilbao visit with entry to the Guggenheim Museum
- Farewell lunch in San Sebastián

Day by day

Day 1 Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes · Night: Llanes

You are welcomed on board at Oviedo station and settle into your suite before a visit to Gijón, a city closely tied to the sea and known for its culture and cooking. In the afternoon you return to Oviedo to explore the historic centre of the Asturian capital. Dinner is served on board as the train follows the coast to Llanes.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Llanes → Picos de Europa → Cabezón de la Sal · Night: Cabezón de la Sal

After breakfast you head into the Picos de Europa, a landscape of mountains, lakes and traditional villages. Following lunch you return to the coast for free time in Llanes, then the train continues into Cantabria with dinner on board.

Meals: Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

Day 3

Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Santander · Night: Santander

The day opens with a visit to the replica of the Altamira Cave, followed by Santillana del Mar, one of the loveliest medieval towns in Spain. After lunch the train takes you on to Santander, with free time on its bay before dinner.

Meals: Lunch · Dinner

Day 4

Santander → Bilbao → San Sebastián

Breakfast is served as the train heads for Bilbao, where you say goodbye to the crew. A visit to the city includes entry to the Guggenheim Museum, symbol of Bilbao's transformation, before you travel to San Sebastián for lunch and the end of the journey.

Meals: Breakfast · Lunch

What is included

- Three nights in a Gran Lujo suite on board
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Visits to Gijón, Oviedo, the Picos de Europa, Santillana del Mar and Bilbao
- Visit to the Altamira Cave replica
- Entry to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao
- Transfer from Bilbao to San Sebastián with lunch on arrival

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JOURNEY 4 OF 4 · EL TRANSCANTÁBRICO

Santiago de Compostela to Gijón

4 days 3 nights Santiago de Compostela to Gijón

A four-day short trip from Santiago along the wild Galician coast to Ribadeo, Taramundi, the Cathedrals Beach and Luarca, ending in Gijón.

This short trip begins with a tour of Santiago de Compostela and boards the train in Ferrol. It then traces the Lugo coastline to Ribadeo, with a day in the Oscos-Eo and Taramundi countryside and a visit near the famous Cathedrals Beach, before ending with Oviedo and a farewell lunch in Gijón.

Route · Ferrol → Viveiro → Ribadeo → Luarca → Oviedo

- Introductory tour of Santiago de Compostela
- Estuaries, cliffs and Atlantic ports of the Lugo coast
- The traditional countryside of Oscos-Eo and Taramundi
- The coast around Playa de las Catedrales
- Luarca, the white town of the Costa Verde
- Oviedo visit and farewell lunch in Gijón

Day by day

Day 1 Santiago de Compostela → Ferrol → Viveiro · Night: Viveiro

You are welcomed in Santiago de Compostela with a first look at its historic centre, one of Europe's great monumental sites and a pilgrim goal for centuries. After lunch you transfer to Ferrol to board the train, meet the crew and settle in as it heads for Viveiro.

Meals: Lunch · Dinner

Day 2 Viveiro → Ribadeo · Night: Ribadeo

Over breakfast the train follows the Lugo coastline past estuaries, cliffs and small Atlantic ports to Ribadeo. The day explores the countryside of Oscos-Eo and Taramundi, where landscape and folk heritage keep the spirit of old northern Spain alive. After lunch and free time you rejoin the train.

Meals: Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

Day 3 Ribadeo → Luarca · Night: Luarca

After breakfast you explore Ribadeo and some of Galicia's most beautiful coastal scenery, including the area around Playa de las Catedrales. In the afternoon the train continues into Asturias to Luarca, the white town of the Costa Verde, with free time before dinner on board.

Meals: Breakfast · Dinner

Day 4 **Luarca → Oviedo → Gijón**

During the final breakfast the train arrives in Oviedo, where you say goodbye to the crew. After a visit to the Asturian capital you transfer to Gijón for a farewell lunch and the end of the journey.

Meals: Breakfast · Lunch

What is included

- Three nights in a Gran Lujo suite on board
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- Introductory visit of Santiago de Compostela
- Excursion to the Oscos-Eo and Taramundi area
- Visit to Oviedo and transfer to Gijón
- Farewell lunch in Gijón

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