



## SPAIN

# EL TRASCANTÁBRICO GRAN LUJO: OVIEDO - SAN SEBASTIAN

(TOUR CODE: 13966)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Oviedo to  
San Sebastian

### TRAVEL PERIODS

26 Mar 24 (2025 dates TBC)

### EXPERIENCE

Luxury  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

El Transcantábrico train voyage traversing from Oviedo to San Sebastian, showcases the picturesque landscapes of northern Spain. This luxurious journey offers passengers a delightful blend of cultural immersion and opulent travel experience. Onboard, travellers can relish gourmet cuisine, explore enchanting towns and villages, and delve into the vibrant history and traditions of the region.

## Highlights

- Oviedo is known for its significant architectural landmarks such as the Cathedral, Santa María del Naranco church, and San Miguel de Lillo chapel. The Old Town features the Museum of Fine Arts, displaying works by renowned artists like El Greco and Picasso.
- A faithful reproduction of the original Altamira cave in Santillana del Mar, created using state-of-the-art technology and scientific knowledge. Visitors can explore the three-dimensional recreation to learn about the life, art and environment of Europe's earliest settlers.
- The Guggenheim Museum is recognised as one of the 20th century's finest architectural achievements, designed by Frank Gehry. The museum has reshaped Bilbao's global image, establishing it as a prominent destination in the world of art and architecture.
- Indulge in a gastronomic journey with expertly crafted dishes featuring fresh, local ingredients. From traditional Spanish fare to international cuisine, relish exquisite meals complemented by fine wines, all while enjoying stunning views from the dining car.
- Relax in the lounge car, offering a space to mingle with fellow travellers, savour a cocktail, or admire the passing landscapes. Discover the onboard entertainment, ranging from live music and cultural performances to informative lectures about the regions you'll be traversing.
- Explore beyond the confines of the train and immerse yourself in the heart of Spain's enchanting towns and cities.

Embark on a journey of luxury and discovery aboard the renowned El Transcantábrico, an opulent train voyage that promises an unparalleled

exploration of northern Spain's breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Setting off from the historic city of Oviedo, travellers are transported in style through the rugged beauty of Asturias and Cantabria, immersing themselves in the charm of quaint villages, verdant valleys, and majestic coastlines. As the train winds its way towards the coastal gem of San Sebastian, passengers are treated to an indulgent experience that seamlessly blends gourmet dining, elegant accommodations, and captivating excursions, making the journey as unforgettable as the destinations themselves.



## INCLUSIONS

- Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Luxury Suites onboard the train
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- Exceptional dining experiences for all dinners and lunches, whether served on board the train or in esteemed first-class restaurants, complete with inclusive offerings of wine, soft drinks and coffee
- Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- All entrance fees to museums, monuments, and shows, as well as scheduled excursions and guided visits
- Engage in a variety of onboard activities such as live music, performances, bar car parties and dancing
- An excellent team of professionals onboard the train at your service.
- A memorable dinner and an end-of-trip celebration

## ITINERARY

Day 1	Oviedo   Gijón   Llanes
Reception onboard the train at Oviedo station at approximately 10am, followed by accommodation arrangements.	



Explore the historic center of Oviedo, then transfer via coach to Gijón. Enjoy meals throughout the day. In the afternoon, explore Gijón before returning to the train bound for Llanes. Dinner will be served onboard during the journey, with overnight accommodation onboard the train in Llanes.

Lunch, Dinner



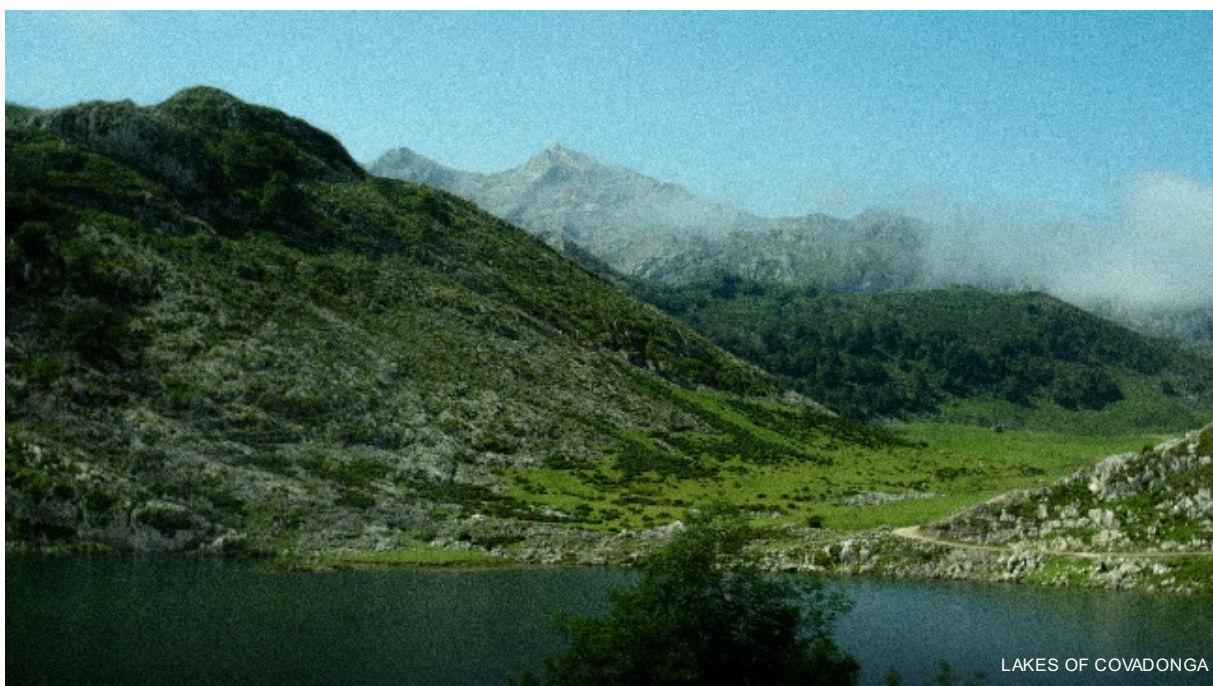
Day **2**

Llanes Picos de Europa Cabezón de la Sal

Following breakfast, embark on a coach journey to the Picos de Europa, including visits to the Lakes of Covadonga, Santuario, and Cangas de Onís, notable as the first Spanish capital post-reconquest.

Enjoy meals en route. In the afternoon, return to the train and explore the charming fishing village of Llanes. Dinner will be served onboard, followed by overnight accommodations in Cabezón de la Sal.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Cabezón de la Sal Santillana Santander

After breakfast onboard, guests will start off the day with a visit to the Neocave of Altamira, a museum showcasing an accurate reproduction of the renowned Upper Palaeolithic cave art. Next, explore Santillana del Mar, renowned for its remarkably preserved medieval historic center.

Following lunch, hop on a train bound for Santander, the sophisticated capital of Cantabria, where a guided tour awaits, along with leisure time. Conclude the day with dinner and an overnight stay in Santander.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

## Santander Bilbao San Sebastian

As guests enjoy breakfast, El Transcantábrico begins its journey towards Bilbao. Upon arrival, bid farewell to the crew and the train to explore this vibrant city, which has successfully revitalized itself following the decline of its traditional heavy industry.

The city tour encompasses a visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum, an iconic symbol of Bilbao's transformation. Following exploration, journey to San Sebastian, where you will indulge in lunch at the Costa Vasca Hotel, concluding the tour around 4:30 pm.

Breakfast, Lunch

# ACCOMMODATION

## El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo

### GRAND LUXURY SUITE:

The Grand Luxury Suites, adorned with exclusive details, are spacious and designed for rest and privacy. There are only 14 suites in the train's 7 cars - and each suite can be set up to be used as a single, double or triple room.

Each suite is made up of a lounge, bedroom, and private bathroom. The sleeping area features a spacious double bed (1.5m x 2.0m) or two twin beds (0.8m x 2.0m), television and wardrobe while the lounge area has a comfortable sofa, which can be turned into a bed (0.8m x 1.80m), luggage closet, writing desk, safe, minibar, flatscreen TV, music player, adjustable air-conditioning, multimedia computer with free Internet access and internal telephone service. All suites feature their own spacious, comfortable bathroom, with a hydromassage shower and steam sauna, hairdryer, and a varied set of welcome items and toiletries.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	Euro

### 2024 Departure dates:

- 26 March

### 2025 Departure dates:

- TBC

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package