



SPAIN

COSTA VERDE EXPRESS: BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

(TOUR CODE: 13822)

STARTS AND ENDS

Bilbao to
Santiago de Compostela

TRAVEL PERIODS

24 May 25 - 25 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Embark on a culinary and cultural adventure through Spain, exploring the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia aboard a luxurious train. Step into the golden era of grand rail journeys while relishing the contemporary comforts and amenities of the 21st century. The Costa Verde Express promises this and more onboard a six-day journey inviting you to immerse yourself fully and engage all your senses in the experience.

Highlights

- 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.
- Luarca captivates with its tiered layout nestled between natural promontories, offering breathtaking vistas. Often referred to as the "Villa Blanca" of the lush Asturian coastline, it owes its nickname to the pristine white hue of its buildings.
- Santillana del Mar is neither holy, nor flat, nor does it have a sea, but it does have the most famous prehistoric caves, the Altamira caves. These ancient caves, home to remarkable prehistoric art, stand as a testament to human creativity and ingenuity, making them an essential destination for travellers.
- A place of profound importance to Asturians, where nature, history, and religion converge harmoniously, is marked by the Basilica of Covadonga and the Holy Cave.
- Nestled in the heart of the Picos de Europa National Park in northern Spain, Lake Enol stands as a serene gem amid the rugged beauty of the Cantabrian Mountains. A tour to Lake Enol promises a tranquil escape into nature's embrace, offering visitors a glimpse of breathtaking landscapes and a tranquil atmosphere.
- 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. This includes excursions to museums, monuments, shows and chances to engage with local artisans.

Embark on a captivating journey through the scenic wonders and cultural treasures of Green Spain aboard the Costa Verde Express. This luxurious train offers an exquisite fusion of old-world charm reminiscent of the golden age of rail travel and the modern amenities of the 21st century. As you traverse the enchanting landscapes of the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia, the Costa Verde Express invites you to savour a gastronomic and cultural adventure that transcends time.

Over six unforgettable days, this exceptional train promises an immersive experience, awakening your senses to the rich tapestry of history, cuisine, and breathtaking scenery that defines this unique region.



INCLUSIONS

- Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- Complimentary standard Renfe train travel both before and after your tour. Please be aware that this service is not a private transfer & seat reservations are allocated automatically
- Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Class Suites onboard the train
- Every day, enjoy a buffet-style breakfasts served on the train
- 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
- Onboard the train, enjoy a welcome beverage and snack to commence your journey
- 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
- A memorable dinner and an end-of-trip celebration

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Day 1 Bilbao Santander

Commencement of the journey begins with a reception at Concordia-Bilbao station at 10 a.m., where guests will be introduced to the crew and familiarised with the train's accommodations. The day unfolds with a panoramic tour of Bilbao, including a visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum. Lunch will be served on board as the train departs for Santander. Upon arrival, an afternoon exploration of the city awaits, allowing for free time and an evening dinner at a local restaurant. The night will be spent onboard the train in the charming city of Santander.

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Santander Llanes

The morning begins with breakfast on board as you approach Cabezón de la Sal. A bus will then transport guests to the Altamira Cave and the medieval town of Santillana del Mar. Lunch will be enjoyed in the charming surroundings of Santillana del Mar. Following this, the train continues its journey into the Asturias region, offering a tour, dinner on board, and an overnight stay in the picturesque town of Llanes.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Llanes Oviedo

Following breakfast, your journey continues with a bus ride to Cangas de Onís, the first capital of the Kingdom of Asturias. From there, guests will get the opportunity to delve into the heart of the Picos de Europa, exploring the Covadonga Sanctuary and Lake Enol. Afterwards, return to the train for lunch and set off for Oviedo. The day includes a tour of Oviedo, followed by dinner and an overnight stay in this captivating city.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Oviedo Luarca

After a delightful breakfast, the train takes guests to the lively coastal city of Gijón, allowing for some leisure time to explore. Following lunch, the train will transport guests to Luarca for a guided tour. Dinner will be served on the train and the day

concludes with an overnight stay onboard.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5**

Luarca Viveiro

During breakfast, the train reaches Ribadeo, initial stop in Galicia. Explore the area, enjoy some free time, and have lunch in Ribadeo. In the afternoon, the train will proceed to Viveiro. Explore the town, have dinner on board, and spend the night in Viveiro.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6**

Viveiro Santiago de Compostela

On the final day, guests will enjoy breakfast, as the train reaches Ferrol. After bidding farewell to the crew, you will embark on a bus journey to Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia. Explore the city, have lunch and your tour will end at the Parador de los Reyes Católicos at approximately 1600hrs. Your journey concludes here.

Breakfast, Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Costa Verde Express

GRAND CLASS DOUBLE SUITE:

The 24 Suites on the Costa Verde Express are meticulously designed to ensure a comfortable and luxurious onboard experience. The Grand-Class Suite, adorned with exquisite wood panelling, exudes a cosy and inviting ambiance. It boasts adjustable air-conditioning, a double bed, and additional amenities for your enhanced comfort, including a writing desk, wardrobe, luggage closet, minibar, and a safe. Each suite comes with a private, well-appointed bathroom featuring a shower, hairdryer, and a selection of welcome items and toiletries. Large windows allow you to immerse yourself in the picturesque scenery and the train's internal connectivity enables seamless movement throughout its length.]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

2025 Departure dates:

- 24 May
- 07 & 21 June
- 05 & 19 July
- 30 August
- 13 & 27 September
- 25 October

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