



Costa Verde Express

SPAIN

COSTA VERDE EXPRESS: LEÓN - BILBAO

 (TOUR CODE: 13972)

STARTS AND ENDS

León to
Bilbao

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 May 2024

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

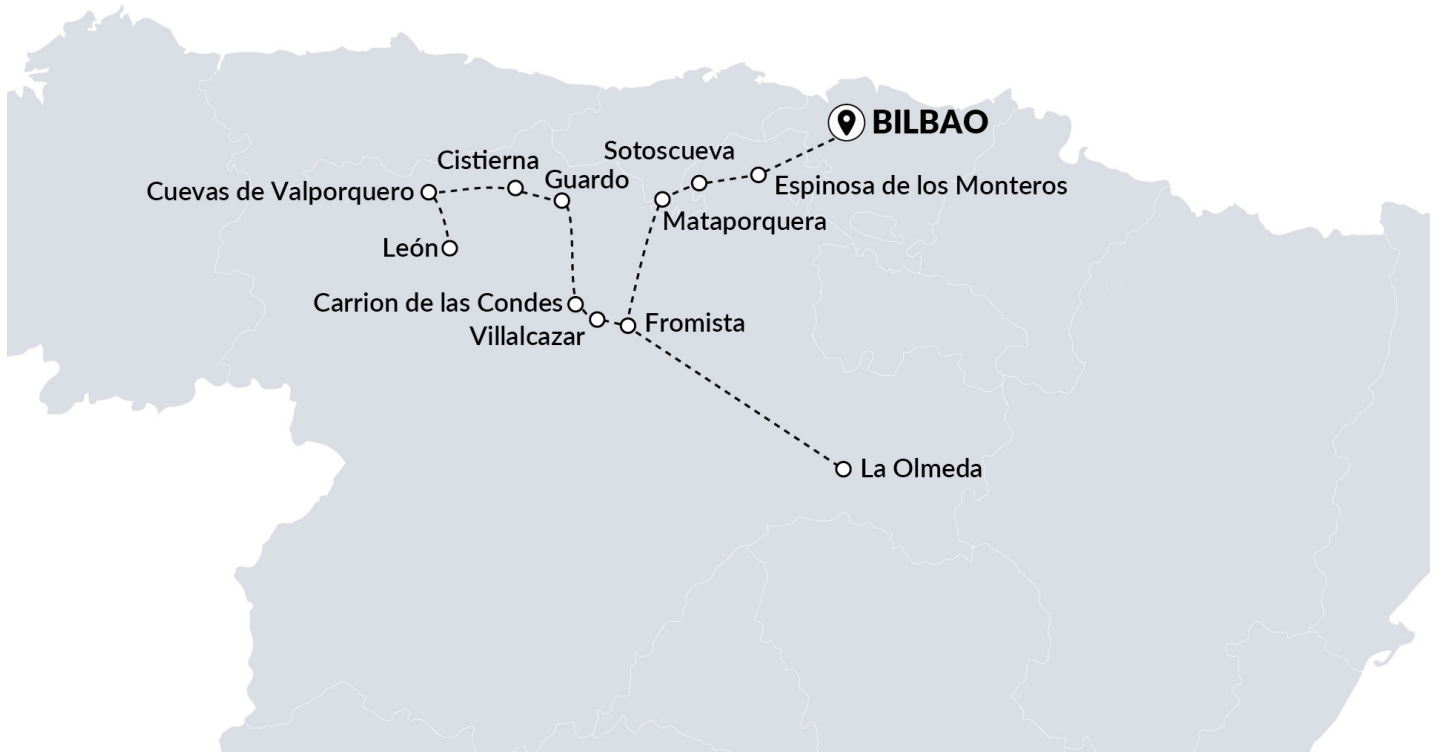
Rail Journeys

Embark on a delightful journey from León to Bilbao aboard the Costa Verde Express, offering a brief yet captivating experience of Spain's enchanting landscapes and vibrant cities.

Highlights

- Discover the beauty of Valporquero Caves, where nature's artistry unfolds in a mesmerizing display of stalactites, stalagmites, and intricate lava formations.
- Step into history at the Temple of San Martín, where the grandeur of Romanesque architecture meets intricate detailing. Explore this iconic landmark, adorned with captivating sculptures and ornate carvings, offering a glimpse into the medieval craftsmanship of the Camino de Santiago.
- Immerse yourself in the engineering marvel of the Canal de Castilla, a testament to human ingenuity dating back to the 18th century. Explore the tranquil waters and picturesque surroundings of this historic waterway.
- 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.

Experience luxury, history, and breathtaking scenery aboard the Costa Verde Express. Journey through the enchanting landscapes of Spain, where every moment is a blend of elegance and adventure. Let the Costa Verde Express transport you to a world of indulgence and discovery, as you embark on an unforgettable rail journey through the heart of Spain.



INCLUSIONS

- Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- 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
- A memorable dinner and an end-of-trip celebration
- 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
- Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Class Suites onboard the train
- Enjoy a complimentary standard Renfe train travel before and after your tour, adding an extra layer of ease to your journey - Please note that this service is not a private transfer
- Onboard the train, enjoy a welcome beverage and snack to commence your journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

León Valporquero Cistierna

Your journey commences with a group reception at 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel Real Colegiata de San Isidoro de León. Explore the monumental city of León and enjoy a leisurely lunch. In the afternoon, board the Costa Verde Express in San Feliz. Accommodation awaits as the train arrives in Matallana. Later, you'll embark on a bus excursion through the spectacular Hoces de Vegacervera to reach Valporquero, renowned for its captivating caves adorned with intricate stalactites, stalagmites, and lava formations. Your day concludes as you return to the train for dinner and an overnight stay in Cistierna.

Lunch, Dinner



Day 2

Cistierna Romanesque Palencia Espinosa de Los Monteros

As you savor your first breakfast onboard, the train transports you to Guardo, Palencia. From there, you will journey by bus to visit the Roman Villa of La Olmeda, showcasing remarkable mosaics, followed by exploration of the renowned Romanesque art along the Camino de Santiago in Saldaña, Carrión de los Condes, and Frómista. After a delightful lunch, you'll visit the impressive San Martín temple and the Canal de Castilla before returning to the train. Your day concludes with a transfer to Espinosa de los Monteros for dinner and an overnight stay in this picturesque town in Las Merindades Burgos.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3

Espinosa de los Monteros Bilbao

Following breakfast, you will traverse the breathtaking Mena Valley landscape to reach Balmaseda. A brief exploration of this charming village precedes the coach journey to Bilbao. Explore the city, including the iconic Guggenheim Museum, during free time before concluding your journey around 2:00 p.m. at La Concordia station.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

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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. [View more](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

2024 departure dates:

- 09 May

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