



SPAIN

# EL TRASCANTÁBRICO GRAN LUJO: LEÓN TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

(TOUR CODE: 14002)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

León to  
Santiago de Compostela

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

04 & 18 Oct 2025

**EXPERIENCE**

Luxury  
Cultural  
Rail

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Rail Journeys

Experience the new 2025 El Transcantábrico route from León to Santiago de Compostela in 8 days and 7 nights. Enjoy guided tours, gourmet meals, and luxurious accommodations while exploring northern Spain's historical cities, stunning coastline, and cultural landmarks.

## Highlights

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Explore beyond the confines of the train and immerse yourself in the heart of Spain's enchanting towns and cities. This includes excursions to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, art museums, and chances to engage with local artisans.
- 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.

Embark on an unforgettable 8-day, 7-night journey on the El Transcantábrico route from León to Santiago de Compostela. Begin your adventure with a tour of León's historical gems before boarding the luxury train. Travel through picturesque northern Spain, visiting iconic locations such as Santander, and the Picos de Europa National Park. Discover medieval towns, Romanesque art, and the breathtaking coastline of Asturias and Galicia. Highlights include visits to the Guggenheim Museum, the Altamira Neocave, and Las Catedrales Beach. The journey culminates in Santiago de Compostela, renowned for its magnificent cathedral and rich pilgrimage history. Enjoy gourmet meals, guided tours and exquisite scenery, all while experiencing the unparalleled comfort of El Transcantábrico.



# INCLUSIONS

- Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- Every day, enjoy both à la carte and 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
- The onboard team of El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo is available around the clock, trained to provide personalised assistance in multiple languages and to assist with luggage collection
- Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Luxury 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 with a touch of elegance

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 León Cistierna

The group will meet at the Parador Nacional San Marcos de León at 12:00 p.m. for a tour of this historic city, including visits to San Isidoro, the Cathedral, the Old Town, and San Marcos. Enjoy lunch in León. Afterwards, board the train in San Feliz and settle into your accommodations. The train will then travel to Cistierna, where you'll have dinner and spend the night.

Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2 Cistierna Espinosa de Los Monteros

While enjoying breakfast, the train will travel from Cistierna to Guardo. From there, a bus will take guests to Saldaña, where they'll visit the Roman Villa of Olmeda and explore Palentino Romanesque art in Carrión de los Condes, Villalcázar de Sirga, and Frómista. After a meal, board the train in Mataporquera and journey to Espinosa de los Monteros, passing by the captivating Ebro reservoir and the Las Merindades region. Dinner and overnight stay will be in Espinosa de Los Monteros.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3 Espinosa de los Monteros Santander

Arrive in Bilbao during breakfast, a modern city where the estuary meets the sea. After a meal, we'll take the train to Santander, the capital of Cantabria, a charming fishing city that preserves its historical allure. Dinner and overnight stay in Santander.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 4 Santander Llanes

The day begins with a visit to the Altamira Neocave, a museum and faithful reproduction of Upper Palaeolithic rock art. Next, explore Santillana del Mar, known for its beautifully preserved medieval district. After lunch, return to the train and journey into the Asturias region, reaching Llanes. Dinner and overnight stay on board the train in Llanes.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5** Llanes Oviedo

After breakfast, guests will take a coach trip to the heart of the Picos de Europa National Park, visiting Lake Enol and the Covadonga Sanctuary, a site rich in tradition and legend. Later, return to El Transcantábrico for lunch on board as you will travel to Oviedo, the capital of the Principality of Asturias. The day concludes with a tour, dinner, and overnight stay in Oviedo.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6** Oviedo Luarca

The day begins with a tour of Gijón, a city on the Bay of Biscay, known for its cultural vibrancy. After lunch in Gijón, return to El Transcantábrico and travel along the Asturian coast to Luarca, the White Town of the Green Coast. Here, you will enjoy a guided tour of this charming seaside town. Dinner and overnight stay on board the train in Luarca.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **7** Luarca Viveiro

Today, take a trip to Ribadeo, a historic Galician town on the border of Asturias. Later, travel along the Lugo coast by coach to Las Catedrales Beach, one of the most spectacular beaches in the world. After a panoramic tour of Ribadeo and lunch, continue by train to Viveiro. The evening includes a guided tour and some free time. Dinner and overnight stay on board the train in Viveiro.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **8** Viveiro Santiago de Compostela

During your final breakfast on board, travel to Ferrol, where a coach will take you to Santiago de Compostela. Here, you'll tour the city's old town, a thousand-year-old pilgrimage destination known for its magnificent cathedral. The trip concludes around 1:00 p.m. after visiting the Parador de los Reyes Católicos.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

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## 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.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

### 2025 Departure date:

- 04 October
- 18 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