



SPAIN

EL TRASCANTÁBRICO GRAN LUJO: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TO LEÓN (TOUR CODE: 14003)

STARTS AND ENDS

Santiago de Compostela to León

TRAVEL PERIODS

27 Sep 2025 & 11 Oct 2025

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Experience the new 2025 El Transcantábrico route from Santiago de Compostela to León 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Experience an unforgettable 8-day, 7-night journey on the 2025 El Transcantábrico route from Santiago de Compostela to León. Start your adventure in Santiago de Compostela, famous for its magnificent cathedral and rich pilgrimage history. Board the luxury train and traverse picturesque northern Spain, visiting iconic locations such as Bilbao, Santander, and the Picos de Europa National Park. Explore medieval towns, Romanesque art, and the stunning coastlines of Galicia and Asturias. Highlights include the Guggenheim Museum, Altamira Neocave, and Las Catedrales Beach. The journey concludes with a tour of León's historical treasures. 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

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Day 1 Santiago de Compostela Viveiro

Meet at Santiago de Compostela's Parador de los Reyes Católicos at 12:00 p.m. for a reception and a tour of the old town, famous for its artistic treasures and magnificent cathedral. After lunch, travel by luxury coach to Ferrol, where the El Transcantabrico awaits. Enjoy a welcome drink as you journey towards Viveiro, where you will tour the beautiful old town, dine and spend the night on board.

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Viveiro Luarca

After breakfast on the train, you'll travel to Ribadeo, the border between Asturias and Galicia. Visit the town and Las Catedrales Beach. After lunch, head to Luarca, the White Village of the Costa Verde, for a visit, dinner, and overnight stay onboard the train.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Luarca Oviedo

The train travels to Oviedo, the capital of the Principality of Asturias, known for its unique pre-Romanesque monuments and exquisite gastronomy. After lunch, you'll visit Gijón, another prominent Asturian city. Dinner and overnight stay onboard the train in Oviedo.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Oviedo Llanes

Travel to Arriondas and visit the heart of Asturias, including the Picos de Europa National Park, Lake Enol, and the Covadonga Sanctuary. After lunch, visit Cangas de Onís and then head to Llanes, a charming fishing village. Dinner and overnight stay onboard the train in Llanes.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5** Llanes Santander

Enjoy breakfast on the train as you arrive in Cabezón de la Sal. From there, you'll visit the Neo-cave of Altamira and Santillana del Mar, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, travel to Santander for a visit, dinner, and overnight stay onboard the train.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6** Santander Espinosa de Los Monteros

After breakfast on the train, you'll arrive in Bilbao, a modern city where the estuary meets the sea. Visit the city and the Guggenheim Museum, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, you'll continue to Espinosa de Los Monteros for dinner and an overnight stay.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **7** Espinosa de Los Monteros Cistierna

In the morning, you'll arrive in Mataporquera and travel by bus to visit El Canal de Castilla and the Palentino Romanesque sites: Villalcázar de Sirga, Carrión de los Condes, and Frómista. After lunch, you'll take the train from Guardo to Cistierna for dinner and an overnight stay.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **8** Cistierna León

On your final day, enjoy a scenic train ride through the rivers and valleys of the Leonese mountains to León. Explore this historic city, including San Isidoro, the Cathedral, Botines and the Old Town. The trip concludes around 1:00 p.m. at the Parador of San Marcos.

Breakfast

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

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

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