



El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo

7 Nights

San Sebastian to Santiago de Compostela

April - October 2019



Summary

El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo saloons are jewels of railway heritage, four of them being original 1923 Pullman cars. All of the carriages have been specifically renovated.

This is a wonderful way of travelling through the beautiful landscapes of northern Spain. The route from Galicia to the Bay of Biscay covers Asturias, Cantabria, the Basque Country, Castile and León. All the while, regional gastronomy, art, monuments and landscapes are presented to travellers from the comfort of a five-star 'train hotel'.

Overview

Country:	Spain
Cities:	San Sebastian, Karrantza, Bilbao, Santander, Potes, Cabezón de la Sal, Santillana de Mar, Arrión, Oviedo, Candas, Aviles, Gijón, Lueca, Ribadeo, Viveiro, Santiago de Compostela
Duration:	8 days / 7 nights
Departure:	April Till October 2019
Departing out of:	San Sebastian (This journey is available in reverse)
Starting Price:	5150€

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Day 1 (Saturday): San Sebastián – Karrantza

Rendezvous at 13:00 pm in San Sebastian. Passengers reception, welcome and lunch in San Sebastián, a city of elegant beauty and home to major cultural events. Tour of the town after lunch and transfer by luxury coach to Bilbao, where El Transcantábrico is waiting for us. Welcome drink with the crew. Train trip to Karrantza while enjoying our first dinner onboard. Overnight in Karrantza.

Day 2 (Sunday): Karrantza - Bilbao - Santander

Just as every day, we begin the journey with a delicious buffet and a la carte breakfast. El Transcantábrico will take us back to the dynamic city of Bilbao, that has managed to reinvent itself after the decline of its heavy industry. City tour including admission for the famous Guggenheim Museum, epitome of a new Bilbao. Return to the train to continue our journey to Santander while having lunch onboard. City sightseeing tour of the elegant capital of Cantabria and free time. Those who wish may visit El Gran Casino after dinner (entrance included). Overnight in Santander.

Day 3 (Monday): Santander - Potes - Cabezón de la Sal

Train trip to Unquera station from where we will travel by coach through the gorge of La Hermida and reach the town of Potes. After visiting this charming village, enjoy a spa circuit at La Hermida Spa. Return to the train after lunch and trip to Cabezón de la Sal. In the afternoon there will be free time and you may choose to visit the mansion of El Capricho in the town of Comillas, the impressive and colourful 19th century house designed by Antonio Gaudí. Dinner and overnight in Cabezón de la Sal.

Day 4 (Tuesday): Cabezón de la Sal - Santillana del Mar - Arriondas

The day begins with a visit to the town of Santillana del Mar with its beautifully preserved medieval town. Next we will be taken on a tour of Altamira Neocave, the finest realistic example of Upper Palaeolithic cave art. After lunch we will return to the train and travel into Asturian territory, visiting the village of Ribadesella and its charming promenade and stunning historic mansions. Dinner and overnight in Arriondas.

Day 5 (Wednesday): Arriondas - Oviedo - Candás

Today our coach will drive us to the heart of the Principality of Asturias, to the Picos de Europa National Park. First enroute is Lake Enol, if weather conditions allowed it, then visit the sacred place of Shrine of Covadonga to hear its legends. Back onboard for lunch and trip to the region's capital, Oviedo, the highlight of Asturian Romanesque art, featuring gems such as the basilica of San Julian de los Prados. City tour and free time. Dinner onboard while we travel to Candás, where we will spend the night.

Day 6 (Thursday): Candás - Avilés - Gijón - Lueca

We begin the day discovering Avilés, an ancient city with a precious old town, and Gijón, a city that opens up to the Cantabrian Sea and is alive with cultural events. After visiting both towns, return to the El Transcantábrico to continue our coastal journey to Lueca, visiting this charming seaside town embedded in a stunning landscape. Dinner and overnight in Lueca.

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Day 7 (Friday): Luarca - Ribadeo - Viveiro

Train trip to the historic town of Ribadeo, in Galician lands, bordering Asturias. Our coach will take us to the Las Catedrales Beach, one of the most spectacular beaches in the world. City sightseeing in Ribadeo and free time before lunch. Back on the train, trip to Viveiro, with city tour and lunch. Dinner and overnight in Viveiro.

Day 8 (Saturday): Viveiro - Santiago de Compostela

While enjoying our last breakfast onboard, we will arrive in Ferrol, followed by a comfortable coach trip to Santiago de Compostela. Enjoy a city tour in this historical town, goal of devotees for over a thousand years, and admire its countless artistic jewels such as the Cathedral. End of trip after the tour.

* On the day the trip begins, the access to the suite is not guaranteed until 18:00 h, although other services are already underway. On the last day of the trip, the suite must be left before 12:00 h, although all other services continue until later.

Prices Include

7-night accommodation on board of the train
Meal: full board
All alcoholic during lunch and dinners and other beverages
Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide

Prices Exclude

International airfare
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Pre and post accommodation
Staff gratuities
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

Starting price per person in Euros

Room Type

Deluxe Suite per person

Double

5150

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*

Payment and Cancellation conditions

Deposit payment: 50% of total price is requested at time of booking

Balance payment: 50% at least 30 days prior to departure.

Cancellations:

Up to 45 days before departure: 30% cancellation fees

Between 29 and 15 days: 75% cancellation fees

Between 45 and 30 days: 50% cancellation fees

Less than 15 days: Full cancellation fees

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