

TRAIN : El Transcantábrico

Journey : San Sebastian - Santiago

Journey Duration - Up to 8 Days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 San Sebastián - Bilbao - Carranza

Rendezvous at 13:00 hours in San Sebastian at Hotel Barceló Costa Vasca. 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 Villasana de Mena while enjoying our first dinner onboard.

Day 2 Carranza – 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, which 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 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 a 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 colorful 19th century house designed by Antonio Gaudí. Dinner and overnight in Cabezón de la Sal.

Day 4 Cabezón de la Sal - Santillana del Mar - Llanes

Our fourth day of tour in the Transcantábrico, we will travel back in time to medieval times while we stroll through the town of Santillana del Mar, which

conserves magnificently an important medieval historic center. Later we will approach the Cave of Altamira, the highest exponent of the cave art of the Upper Paleolithic. After lunch, we will return to the train to enter Asturian lands to Llanes. Dinner and night in Llanes..

Day 5 Llanes - Oviedo

We will enjoy an excellent breakfast on board. With the bus we will reach the heart of the Picos de Europa National Park. We will visit Lake Enol, and then we will head to the Sanctuary of Covadonga, a sacred place full of tradition and legend. We will return to the Trascantábrico for lunch in its elegant restaurant wagon on the way to Oviedo, capital of the Principality of Asturias. We will visit the most relevant parts of the city and have free time to explore without the guide. We will have dinner and overnight in Oviedo.

Day 6 Oviedo - Gijon -Luarca

The first stop of the day will be in the coastal village of Gijon, on the shores of the Cantabrian Sea. We will visit and have lunch in the city.

Then we will continue our journey along the Asturian coast aboard El Trascantábrico until we reach Luarca, where we will enjoy a guided tour in this charming seaside town. We'll have dinner and overnight in Luarca.

Day 7 Luarca - Ribadeo - Viveiro

Our tour in the Trascantábrico will take us to Galician lands to visit the historic town of Ribadeo, bordering the Principality of Asturias. We will continue on board our bus along the coast of Lugo until we reach the impressive Playa de Las Catedrales, one of the most spectacular in the world. Then, we will make a panoramic visit to Ribadeo and eat in a restaurant in the area. In the afternoon we will return by train to head to Viveiro and explore the town with the guide and then freely. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

Day 8 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.

