

TRAIN : El Transcantabrico

JOURNEY : El Transcantabrico Clasico : Leon to Santiago de Compostela

Journey Duration : Upto 10 days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 : Leon - Cistierna

León a fascinating city plenty of history. San Isidoro, The Cathedral, Old Quarters and San Marcos. Welcome on board the train and settlement in your suites. Lunch in León. Visit to the Iron, Steel and Mining Museum of Sabero. Dinner and night in Cistierna.

Day 2 : Cistierna - Villasana de Mena

While having breakfast the train will cover the distance between Cistierna and Guardo. On board our coach we will get to the Roman Villa of La Olmeda and will enjoy the Romanesque Art of Palencia: Carrion de los Condes, Villalcazar de Sirga and Fromista. Lunch in Villalcazar. By train from Mataporquera we arrive to Villasana de Mena, surrounding the fascinating reservoir of the Ebro river and the region of Las Merindades. Dinner and night in Villasana de Mena.

Day 3 : Villasana de Mena - Santander

Breakfast on board the train as we get into the Mena Valley and Biscay territories before reaching Bilbao. The tour around the city includes the visit to the Guggenheim Museum (The Museum is opened on July and August all week long and the rest of the year is closed on Mondays). Visit to the Loizaga's Tower in Galdames, hosting the world's greatest collection of Rolls Royce cars. Lunch on board and arrival to Santander, the capital of Cantabria, a city of fishermen which preserves the charm of past times. City tour and dinner. After dinner optional visit to the local Casino.

Day 4 : Santander - Arriondas

In the morning the train will arrive to Cabezón de la Sal. Coach trip to Santillana del Mar, visit to the Neo-cave of Altamira and this beautiful middle-ages' city. Lunch in Santillana del Mar. In the afternoon the train will bring us into Asturias, then to the beautiful fishing town of Llanes, afterwards we will go to Ribadesella and Arriondas. Dinner in Cangas de Onís and night in Arriondas.

Day 5 : Arriondas - Oviedo

We reach the heart of Asturias. From Arriondas, by coach, we get to the National Park 'Picos de Europa', the Covadonga Lakes, the Sanctuary of Covadonga and last, Cangas de Onís. Lunch aboard. The train will bring us to Oviedo the capital city of the Principality of Asturias. Visit, dinner and night in Oviedo.

Day 6 : Oviedo - Luarca

From Oviedo to Candas and then to Gijon, a seaside city.. The trip goes on in the afternoon to Luarca, the 'White Town' of the Green Coast. Lunch in Gijon. Dinner and night in Luarca .

Day 7 : Luarca - Viveiro

The first spot of Galicia bordering Asturias is Ribadeo, where the Eo River runs into the sea. Visit to the Cathedrals' Beach. The High estuary of the northern coast of Galicia is a shattering landscape. Lunch in Ribadeo. In the afternoon we will arrive by train to Viveiro. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

Day 8 : Viveiro - Santiago de Compostela

From Viveiro we will get by train to Ferrol, by coach, we will reach Santiago de Compostela, goal for the jacobean pilgrims, where the Obradoiro's Square, the PLaterias and the Cathedral stand like a jewel. End of journey.