

## **TRAIN : El Transcantábrico**

Journey : Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastian

Duration : Up to 8 Days

### **Day to Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 1 Santiago de Compostela - Viveiro**

Rendezvous at 12:00 pm at hotel Parador de los Reyes Católicos in Santiago de Compostela. Following the reception, 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. After lunch, our luxury coach will take us to Ferrol, where El Transcantábrico is waiting for us. The crew will offer a welcome drink while the train takes us to the historic town of Viveiro. Enjoy a tour of its beautiful old town. Dinner and overnight in Viveiro

#### **Day 2 Viveiro - Ribadeo - Candás**

Begin your day with the delicious a-la-carte and buffet breakfast. Enjoy the scenery and relax on the Transcantábrico as it heads to Ribadeo, a historic Galician town bordering the Asturias Principality. The luxury coach will take you to the Lugo coastline to enjoy Las Catedrales beach, one of the most spectacular in the world. Panoramic tour of Ribadeo and lunch. The train will take us to the lands of Asturias. The next stop is Luarca, the 'white village' on the 'green coast' and then all aboard the train once again as you head towards Candás, where you will have dinner and spend the night.

#### **Day 3 Oviedo - Gijón - Llanes**

Ending our breakfast, we begin the day with a visit to the coastal town of Gijón, a city as open to the Cantabrian Sea as it is full of cultural events. We will visit the attractions of this city and we will stop to eat in a restaurant. After our stop, we will travel to the capital of the Principality of Asturias, Oviedo. We will visit the most relevant parts of the city to return to the train.

We will have dinner on board while we head towards Llanes where we will spend the night.

#### **Day 4 Llanes**

We will enjoy an excellent breakfast on board and after it, our bus will take us to the heart of the Principality of Asturias to reach the magnificent Picos de Europa National Park. We will visit Lake Enol and later we will go to the Sanctuary of Covadonga, a sacred place full of tradition and legend. After this visit, we will go to Cangas de Onís to enjoy our meal.

Next, we will arrive in Llanes. We will get to know this wonderful fishing village in eastern Asturias and we will have free time to explore without the guide.

We will have dinner and spend the night in Llanes as a continuation of our trip.

#### **Day 5 Potes - Cabezón de la Sal**

Followed by breakfast in our coach, we will ascend to Potes, a picturesque town in Cantabria, crossing the impressive Desfiladero de la Hermida. After visiting this place, we can enjoy a thermal circuit at the Balneario de la Hermida. After lunch, we will visit El Capricho, in Comillas, a brilliant and colorful 19th century mansion by Antonio Gaudí.

We will continue to Cabezón de la Sal, where we will have dinner and spend the night.

#### **Day 6 Santillana del Mar - Santander**

The first visit on our sixth day on the Transcantábrico will be to the Altamira Neocave, a museum and reliable reproduction of this greatest exponent of Upper Paleolithic rock art. We will travel back in time to medieval times as we stroll through the town of Santillana del Mar, which magnificently preserves an important medieval historical center.

Subsequently, we'll head by train to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, where we'll take a guided tour and have free time to wander around the city.

After dinner, we will spend the night in Santander.

#### **Day 7 Bilbao - Carranza**

The Transcantábrico sets off for Bilbao, a city full of dynamism that has managed to reinvent itself after the decline of its traditional heavy industry. During the visit to the city, we will get to know its corners and its famous Guggenheim museum, symbol of this new Bilbao.

After eating with pleasure, we will enjoy free time before taking the train. We will have dinner and stop the night in Carranza.

### **Day 8 Bilbao - San Sebastián**

After enjoying your last breakfast on board, the train will return to Bilbao, where the El Transcantábrico coach awaits to take you to San Sebastián. Enjoy exploring this elegant and beautiful city, where major cultural events take place every year. End of the trip at 13:00 h. in San Sebastian.