



# El Transcantábrico

GRAN LUJO

*The unique pleasure of exclusiveness*



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## The Suites

*The* suites of **El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo** have been designed for pleasure and enjoyment. They have been carefully decorated to ensure they provide guests with a special atmosphere. The train will stop during the night to ensure travellers enjoy a relaxing sleep.

The suites are fitted with either a 150 x 200cm bed or two twin beds, a wardrobe, suitcase storage, safe, 2 TVs, a VCR, games console, HiFi system, double air-conditioning, a PC with free internet connection, a large sofa which can be turned into an extra bed, wireless telephone, minibar, etc. Additionally, they boast a full bathroom with hydro-massage, steam sauna, hairdryer, bathrobe and a wide range of complimentary toiletries.

Power outlets: 220volts.

The entire train is interconnected, allowing the free movement of its passengers.

## The Lounges

*The* four original 1923 Pullman lounge cars are true railway jewels, which have been especially decorated for **El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo**.

Each day, our special breakfasts will be served in these common areas, where guests will be able to enjoy our Chef's best cuisine, as well as having access to our all-day bar.

In our lounges, guests will be able to enjoy national and international press, TV, a video library, a library, a collection of board games, etc.; as well as relaxing in our panoramic lounge, enjoying an aperitif in our tea room and even spending a lively evening in our pub, where live music and parties are offered every night.

With the exception of alcoholic drinks, all drinks are free during the trip.

Our crew will be permanently at your service, to attend any needs you may have.



*Its special decoration and services place this train among the elite of luxury trains*



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1. Guggenheim Museum (Basque Country)
2. Santillana del Mar (Cantabria)
3. Gijon (Asturias)
4. Santiago de Compostela (Galicia)



## SAN SEBASTIAN / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

### ■ First day, Saturday. San Sebastian → Bilbao

San Sebastian, an exciting city of unusual charm. Guests' reception, visit and lunch in San Sebastian. Coach to Bilbao, where the train will be waiting. Welcome and settling in aboard the train. We will reach Balmaseda by train. Dinner and night.

### ■ Second day, Sunday. Bilbao → Santander

The train will travel to Bilbao. The visit around this city includes a visit to the Guggenheim Museum. Lunch aboard the train, on our way to Santander, in Cantabria, a quiet city which combines beauty, fascination and charm. The Casino building, which is worth seeing, on El Sardinero. Dinner and night in Santander.

### ■ Third day, Monday. Santander → Cabezon de la Sal

We will approach Unquera by train, where a coach will drive us to the La Hermida pass to Potes and the Santo Toribio de Liebana sanctuary. In the afternoon, we will reach Cabezon de la Sal, by train. Excursion to Comillas. Lunch in Potes, dinner and night in Cabezon de la Sal.

### ■ Fourth day, Tuesday. Cabezon de la Sal → Arriondas

From Cabezon de la Sal we will travel to Santillana del Mar, visit the Altamira caves and the medieval town. Lunch in Santillana. In the afternoon we will travel by train to the Asturias village of Llanes, and Arriondas. Dinner and night in Arriondas.

### ■ Fifth day, Wednesday. Arriondas → Oviedo

We are now in the heart of Asturias. From Arriondas, we will travel by coach to the National Park of Picos de Europa; the Covadonga Lakes, the Sanctuary of Covadonga, and, finally, Cangas de Onis. Lunch aboard the train. Meanwhile the train will travel to Oviedo, the capital city of the Principality of Asturias. Visit, dinner and night in Oviedo.

### ■ Sixth day, Thursday. Oviedo → Luarca

From Oviedo the train will travel to Gijon, a seaside city. Visit and lunch. In the afternoon we will travel to Luarca, known as "The White Town of the Green Coast". Dinner and night in Luarca.

### ■ Seventh day, Friday. Luarca → Viveiro

The first place we will visit in Galicia, neighbouring with Asturias, is Ribadeo, where the river Eo flows into the sea. Visit to Las Catedrales beach. The landscape of "Las Rias Altas" is overwhelming. Lunch in Ribadeo. In the afternoon we reach Viveiro by train. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

### ■ Eighth day, Saturday. Viveiro → Santiago de Compostela

From Ferrol we will travel by coach to Santiago de Compostela, the ultimate goal for pilgrims, with its crown jewels: the Praza do Obradoiro, the Platerias (streets full of silversmiths' shops), the Cathedral... End of journey.

#### MEETING POINT AND PRESENTATION:

Maria Cristina Hotel, 12.00h.  
Republica Argentina, 4. San Sebastian. Ph. +34 943 437 640

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / SAN SEBASTIAN

### ■ First day, Saturday. Santiago de Compostela → Viveiro

Santiago, the ultimate goal for pilgrims, with its crown jewels: the Praza do Obradoiro, the Platerias (streets full of silversmiths' shops) and the Cathedral. Lunch in Santiago. In the afternoon we will travel by coach to Ferrol, where the train will be waiting for us. Welcome and settling in on the train. We will travel to Viveiro by train. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

### ■ Second day, Sunday. Viveiro → Luarca

The train will depart to Ribadeo, bordering Asturias, where we will visit Lugo's coast, with its Las Catedrales beach. Lunch in Ribadeo, from where we will depart to Luarca, "The White Town of the Green Coast". Dinner and night in Luarca.

### ■ Third day, Monday. Luarca → Oviedo

The train will depart to Candás, and then to Gijon, the second main city in Asturias, which we will visit and where we will have lunch. Then, to Oviedo, which boasts a range of unique Pre-Romanesque monuments. Dinner and night in Oviedo.

### ■ Fourth day, Tuesday. Oviedo → Arriondas

In its way to Arriondas, the train will reach the heart of Asturias: the National Park of Picos de Europa, the Covadonga Lakes, the Sanctuary of Covadonga and, finally, Cangas de Onis. Lunch aboard the train. In the afternoon the train will depart to Llanes, a beautiful fishing village on the east coast of Asturias. Dinner and night in Llanes.

### ■ Fifth day, Wednesday. Arriondas → Cabezon de la Sal

While we are having breakfast, we will reach Cantabria, through the La Hermida pass to the Santo Toribio de Liebana sanctuary and Potes. In the afternoon, we will travel by train to Cabezon de la Sal. Visit to Comillas, the seat of the archbishop. Lunch in Potes, dinner and night in Cabezon.

### ■ Sixth day, Thursday. Cabezon de la Sal → Santander

In the morning, we will visit Santillana del Mar and the Museum of Altamira. Later on, the train will reach Santander, a quiet city which suggests beauty, fascination and charm. The Casino building, which is worth a visit, on El Sardinero. Lunch in Santillana del Mar. Dinner and night in Santander.

### ■ Seventh day, Friday. Santander → Bilbao

The train will go from Santander to Bilbao, in the Basque Country, where we will visit the Guggenheim modern art museum. Lunch aboard the train. We will reach Balmaseda by train. Dinner and night.

### ■ Eighth day, Saturday. Bilbao → San Sebastian

San Sebastian, an exciting city of unusual charm, whose narrow streets, promenades and beaches make it one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Spain. Visit and end of the journey.

#### MEETING POINT AND PRESENTATION:

Parador de turismo de Los Reyes Catolicos, 12.00h.  
Plaza del Obradoiro, 1. Santiago de Compostela. Ph. +34 981 582 200

Besides the train, a luxury coach will accompany you during the journey, to take you to the places that the train cannot reach.



## Season Departures 2012 & 2013

### Departures from Santiago to San Sebastian (Saturdays)

2012

May: 12, 26  
June: 9, 23  
July: 7, 21  
August: 4, 18  
September: 1, 15  
October: 13, 27

2013

March: 23  
April: 6, 20  
May: 4, 18  
June: 1, 15, 29  
July: 13, 27  
August: 10, 24  
September: 7, 21  
October: 5, 19  
November: 2, 16, 30

### Departures from San Sebastian to Santiago (Saturdays)

2012

May: 5, 19  
June: 2, 16, 30  
July: 14, 28  
August: 11, 25  
September: 8, 22  
October: 6, 20  
December: 1

2013

March: 30  
April: 13, 27  
May: 11, 25  
June: 8, 22  
July: 6, 20  
August: 3, 17, 31  
September: 14, 28  
October: 12, 26  
November: 9, 23

## Season Departures 2012 & 2013

For latest rates, please visit  
<http://www.spaintraintours.com/>

## Groups

You can also hire El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo to provide a personalised trip for groups of up to 28 people. Business trips, getaways, conferences, incentives, product presentations, etc.

In March, April, May, October, November and December it also possible to take a trip for New Year's Eve.

Prices vary according to route, duration, extras, etc., as charter trips are made to measure. For further information on prices for the kind of trip you desire, please get in touch with us.

## The trip includes:

- Seven nights' accommodation in a grand-suite compartment aboard the train.
- Seven dinners and seven luncheons offering the best typical gastronomy (including wines, coffee and liquors).
- Seven free buffet luxury breakfasts.
- Music and parties in the Pub car.
- Programmed excursions with tickets to museums, cathedrals, cloisters, etc.
- Luxury coach accompanying the train throughout the trip.
- Daily press and magazines.
- Permanent Security Service.
- Multilingual guide throughout the trip.
- An excellent team at your service.



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