



# *El Transcantábrico*

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*A 5-Star Cruise Across Northern Spain*



2012



## The Lounge Cars

The four lounge carriages constitute the most unusual and beautiful space on the train, and are true railway gems, boasting excellent external design, finishes and interior decoration. These are the common spaces of the train, where, throughout the last 27 years of its history, and the almost a century since it was built, many lifelong friendships have been forged, encouraged and inspired by this suggestive atmosphere.

One of the four lounge carriages boasts a bar and dance floor. This is the pub carriage, which is decorated and lit like a small ballroom, where guests can enjoy their evenings on the train. Another of the lounge carriages has a second bar, where passengers can relax with a drink. The other two lounge carriages offer spaces to read, play board games with other passengers, chat and enjoy the landscape, thanks to the large windows. Wherever the passengers are, they will always enjoy the service of our team of waiters.

Guests will have at their disposal the daily press, magazines, a selection of books, TV, video collection, etc. Ultimately, they will have everything they need to ensure a pleasurable journey.



## The Suites

Each of the suites in El Transcantabrico Clasico offers guests a space designed for rest and privacy. Passengers will sleep comfortably, as the train stops at the station at night, to avoid the bothersome rattle and give guests a chance to go out and enjoy the city's nightlife, if they so wish.

Each compartment is equipped with a complete range of toiletries. The electrical outlets are 220v.

The suites come with a double bed, and some offer the chance to have an independent bunk bed. All the suites have luggage storage, minibar, safe, closet, desk and a telephone with an external line. They also boast a private bathroom with hydro-sauna, whirlpool and steam bath, as well as a hairdryer. The air conditioning, heating, piped music and lighting in the suites can be individually adjusted.

The wide windows offer excellent views of the landscape.

The inside of the train is completely connected, allowing guests to walk freely through it.





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1. Santiago de Compostela (Galicia)
2. Lakes of Covadonga (Asturias)
3. Santillana del Mar (Cantabria)
4. Guggenheim Museum (Basque Country)
5. Cathedral of Leon (Castilla y Leon)



In addition to the train, a luxury coach will accompany our guests during the journey, taking them to the places the train cannot reach.

## LEON / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

### ■ First Day, Saturday. Leon → Cistierna

Leon is a fascinating city full of history. San Isidoro, Cathedral, Old Quarter and San Marcos. Welcome to the train and settling in. Lunch in Leon. Visit to the Iron and Steel Industry Museum in Sabero. Dinner and night in Cistierna.

### ■ Second Day, Sunday. Cistierna → Villasana de Mena

While guests eat breakfast, the train will travel from Cistierna and Guardo. The coach will take passengers to the Roman Town of La Olmeda and the Palencia Romanesque art collection: Carrion de los Condes, Villalcazar de Sirga and Fromista. Lunch in Villalcazar. The train will take guests from Mataporquera to Villasana de Mena, bordering the fascinating dam of the Ebro River and the region of Las Merindades. Dinner and night in Villasana de Mena.

### ■ Third Day, Monday. Villasana → Santander

While guests eat breakfast, the train will enter the Valle de Mena and the region of Vizcaya, until it reaches Bilbao. The visit to this city includes the Guggenheim Museum (open in July and August – the rest of the year it shuts on Mondays), as well as the Torre de Loizaga in Galdames, which boasts the largest collection of Rolls Royce cars in the world. Lunch on the train. In the afternoon, we will reach Santander, the capital of Cantabria, a fishing town which preserves the charm of the past. Visit to the city and dinner. Those who wish to may visit the city's casino.

### ■ Fourth Day, Tuesday. Santander → Arriondas

In the morning we will travel to Cabezon de la Sal, from where we will travel to Santillana del Mar, where we will visit the Neo-Cave of Altamira and this beautiful medieval town. Lunch in Santillana. In the afternoon the train will take us through Asturias, until we reach the fishing village of Llanes, followed by Ribadesella and Arriondas. Dinner in Cangas de Onis and night in Arriondas.

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

We will travel to the heart of Asturias from Arriondas; the National Park of the Picos de Europa, where we will travel to the Lakes of Covadonga, the Sanctuary of Covadonga and, finally, Cangas de Onis. Lunch on the train, as we travel towards Oviedo, the capital of the Principality, which boasts a unique collection of pre-Romanesque monuments. Dinner and night in Oviedo.

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

We will travel from Oviedo to Gijon, the Asturian seaside town par excellence. The journey will continue in the afternoon, until we reach Luarca, the Villa Blanca of the Costa Verde. Lunch in Gijon. Dinner and night in Luarca.

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

The first town in Galicia, which borders Asturias, is Ribadeo, where the River Eo flows into the sea. Visit to the Las Catedrales Beach. The landscape of the Rias Altas is fascinating. Lunch in Ribadeo. In the afternoon we will reach Viveiro. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

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

From Ferrol, the coach will take us to Santiago de Compostela, the final goal of St James' pilgrims, where we will enjoy treasures such as the Praza do Obradoiro, the Platerias quarter, the Cathedral, etc. End of the journey.

MEETING POINT AND PRESENTATION:  
Parador de Turismo de San Marcos, 12.00h.  
Plaza de San Marcos, 7. Leon. Tel. +34 987 237 300

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / LEON

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

Santiago, the goal of pilgrims, awaits like a jewel: the Praza do Obradoiro, the Platerias quarter and the Cathedral. Lunch in Santiago. In the afternoon, the coach will take us to Ferrol, where the train awaits. Welcome and settling-in. The train will take us to Viveiro. Dinner and night in Viveiro.

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

Breakfast on the train and trip to Ribadeo, between Asturias and Galicia, visit to the Las Catedrales Beach and lunch in Ribadeo, from where we will travel to Luarca, the Villa Blanca of the Costa Verde. Dinner and night in Luarca.

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

In the Principality of Asturias, the train will take us to Candás, and, from there, to Gijon, the Asturian seaside town par excellence. Lunch in Gijon. Then we will travel to Oviedo, the capital of the Principality, which boasts a unique collection of pre-Romanesque monuments. Dinner and night in Oviedo.

### ■ Fourth Day, Tuesday. Oviedo → Llanes

On the way to Arriondas, we will pass through the heart of Asturias, the National Park of the Picos de Europa, where we will visit the Lakes of Covadonga, the Sanctuary of Covadonga, and, finally, Cangas de Onis. Lunch. Following the descent of the River Sella, in the afternoon we will reach Ribadesella, from where we will travel to Llanes, a wonderful fishing village on the eastern side of Asturias. Dinner and night in Llanes.

### ■ Fifth Day, Wednesday. Llanes → Santander

While we eat breakfast on the train, we will reach Cabezon de la Sal, from where we will travel by coach to the Neo-Cave of Altamira and Santillana del Mar. Lunch in Santillana. In the afternoon, the train will reach Santander. Visit to the city and dinner. Those who wish to may visit the city's casino. Night in Santander.

### ■ Sixth Day, Thursday. Santander → Villasana de Mena

After having breakfast on the train, we will reach Bilbao, a modern city where the estuary flows into the sea, where we will visit the Guggenheim Museum. Lunch on the train. In the afternoon we will visit the Torre de Loizaga in Galdames, which boasts the largest collection of Rolls Royce cars in the world. Dinner and night in Villasana de Mena (Burgos).

### ■ Seventh Day, Friday. Villasana → Cistierna

In the morning, we will reach Mataporquera, from where we will travel by coach to the Canal de Castilla, as well as visiting Palencia's Romanesque Art Collection: Villalcazar de Sirga, Carrion de los Condes and Fromista. Lunch in Villalcazar de Sirga. In the afternoon we will visit the Roman town of La Olmeda. Later, from Guardo, we will travel by train to Cistierna. Dinner and night in Cistierna.

### ■ Eighth Day, Saturday. Cistierna → Leon

The last day of the trip will include a visit to this city, which is full of history, San Isidoro, the Cathedral, Botines, the Old Quarter and San Marcos... End of the journey.

MEETING POINT AND PRESENTATION:  
Parador de Turismo de Los Reyes Catolicos, 12.00h.  
Plaza del Obradoiro, 1. Santiago de Compostela. Tel. +34 981 582 200



## Season Departures 2012 & 2013

### Departures from León to Santiago de Compostela (Saturdays)

#### 2012

May: 26  
 June: 23  
 July: 7, 21  
 August: 18  
 September: 1, 15, 29  
 October: 13  
 November: 10, 24

#### 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 Santiago de Compostela to León (Saturdays)

#### 2012

May: 5, 19  
 June: 2, 16, 30  
 July: 14, 28  
 August: 11, 25  
 September: 22  
 October: 20  
 November: 3, 17  
 December: 1

#### 2013

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

## Groups

You may also hire El Transcantabrico Clasico depending on your needs, for groups of up to 54 people, for business or pleasure trips, conferences, incentives, product presentations, etc.

In March, April, May, October, November and December it is also possible to have a New Year's Eve trip. Prices vary depending on the itinerary, the duration, any extras, etc., as the trips will be designed according to the wishes of the client. Please request further information regarding the cost of the trip you wish to arrange.

## The trip includes:

- Seven nights in a suite aboard the train.
- Seven dinners and seven lunches featuring local cuisine (including wine, coffee and liqueur).
- Seven breakfasts, with free buffet.
- Music and parties on the Pub carriage.
- Scheduled outings, with visits to museums, cathedrals, cloisters, etc.
- A coach which will accompany the train throughout the trip.
- Daily press and magazines.
- Permanent security service.
- Multilingual guide throughout the journey.
- An excellent team at your service.

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For latest rates, please visit

<http://www.spaintraintours.com/>



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