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*Step on board El Transcantábrico Clásico and enjoy the delights of travelling aboard the oldest of our luxury tourist trains.*

**A**n evocative and pleasant atmosphere, a first-class crew and a tour through the picture-perfect landscape and vast culture of northern Spain, accentuated with superb cuisine. These are the pillars that make every trip on El Transcantabrico Clasico a real pleasure for the senses.

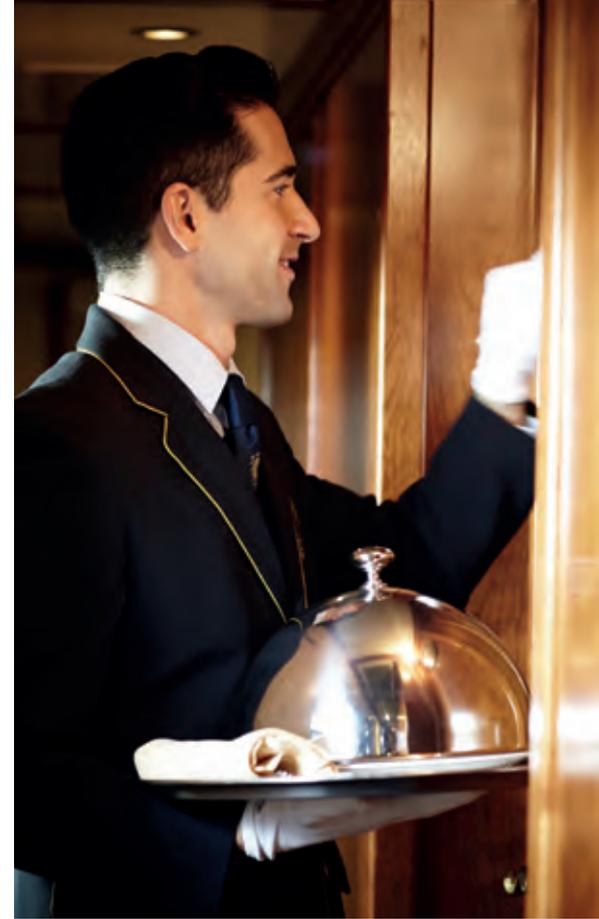
Synonymous of elegance and comfort from the beginning, El Transcantabrico Clasico takes travelers back to the Golden Age of the great railway journeys, accompanied by all comforts and services of the 21st century.

Its lounges are used to serve à la carte and buffet breakfast such as fine dining and three-course meals designed by our well-known

chefs. Magical and evocative areas, in which you can also enjoy a drink, join in on fun activities or chat with your fellow-travelers, while you are transported back in time.

Each cabin of El Transcantabrico Clasico is fully equipped to enjoy a comfortable stay on board, with all the elegance and charm of vintage trains.

El Transcantabrico Clasico makes the trip unique on the whimsical course of the meter width track, by combining the Cantabrian coast and Castile and Leon. Magnificent scenery, rich cuisine, art and culture are added in this hard-to-match tour aboard the oldest Spanish Luxury Tourist Train.



## LEÓN - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

*Let yourself be carried away by El Transcantábrico Clásico on a unique 8 day/7 night journey through Cantabrian and Castilian lands, following the meandering narrow tracks. A complete and intense trip to enjoy each moment, scenery and destination.*

**DAY 1 SATURDAY** LEÓN - CISTIerna  
Rendezvous in León (\*). Reception and tour of the old town, home to some of the most important monuments in Spain: the Gothic Cathedral, the Romanesque frescoes in the Basilica of San Isidoro and the impressive Plateresque facade of the Hospital of San Marcos. After lunch, board our luxury coach for a short trip to San Feliz, where our train El Transcantábrico will be waiting for us. The crew will offer a welcome drink and we can settle into our suites onboard while the train heads to Cistierna for dinner and overnight onboard.

**DAY 2 SUNDAY**  
CISTIerna - GUARDO - VILLASANA DE MENA  
Just as every day, we begin the journey with a delicious buffet and a la carte breakfast. The El Transcantábrico will travel to Guardo station, from where we will board our coach to visit the Roman villa of La Olmeda in Saldaña and its superb collection of mosaics. Next we

will see the best collections of Romanesque Art in Europe, located in the Palencia villages of Carrión de los Condes, Villalcázar de Sirga and Frómista. Return to the train and trip while enjoying the stunning scenery of the valley of Villasana de Mena, surrounding part of the Ebro reservoir. Dinner and overnight in Villasana.

**DAY 3 MONDAY**  
VILLASANA DE MENA - BILBAO - SANTANDER  
Train trip to the dynamic city of Bilbao, the largest in the Basque Country that has managed to reinvent itself after the decline of its heavy industry. City tour. If you travel in July, a ticket to Guggenheim Museum is included (it is closed on Mondays the rest of the year), epitome of a new Bilbao. Lunch onboard while travelling to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria. City sightseeing tour and free time. After dinner, you may choose to visit El Gran Casino at your own pace (admission included). Overnight in Santander.

**DAY 4 TUESDAY**  
SANTANDER - CABEZÓN DE LA SAL - SANTILLANA DEL MAR - ARRIONDAS  
The El Transcantábrico will travel to Cabezón de la Sal, from where our coach will take us to visit the town of Santillana del Mar with its beautifully preserved medieval town. Next stop at the Neocave of Altamira, the finest realistic example of Upper Palaeolithic cave art. After lunch we will travel into Asturian territory, visiting the village of Ribadesella and its charming promenade. Dinner and overnight in Arriondas.

**DAY 5 WEDNESDAY**  
ARRIONDAS - OVIEDO - CANDÁS  
Today we will visit the heart of the Principality of Asturias, driving up to the Picos de Europa National Park. First stop will be at Lake Enol, followed by the Shrine of Covadonga, where our guide will tell us a bit about this sacred place's stories and legends. Back onboard for lunch and trip to the region's capital,



COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SANTILLANA. CANTABRIA



CATHEDRAL. OVIEDO







NIEMEYER CULTURAL CENTER IN AVILÉS  
(Photo: Tourism of Avilés)



BILBAO

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - SANTANDER

5  days  
4  nights

Meeting point in Santiago de Compostela at 12:00 am at hotel Parador de los Reyes Católicos (\*). End of the trip at 12:00 h., with transfer to Santander by taxi. In addition, you can extend the trip, at no extra cost, with the excursion to Santillana del Mar (lunch included) and transfer to Santander after lunch.

## SANTANDER - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Meeting point and reception in Santander FEVE train station at 08:00 am (\*). Accommodation in the train cabins after lunch. End of trip in Santiago de Compostela after the tour, before lunch.

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT
Santiago de Compostela - Santander	12-26	9-23	7-21	15-29	13
Santander - Santiago de Compostela	22	5-19	3-17-31	11-25	9

### PRICES SEASON 2018

### 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Price per Person Grand Class Room	2.150 €
Grand Class Room Single Supplement	1.100 €



LEÓN. INTERIOR OF THE CATHEDRAL



SANTANDER. PALACE OF LA MAGDALENA

4  days  
3  nights

## LEÓN - SANTANDER

Rendezvous in León (\*). End of the trip at 12:00 h., with transfer to Santander by taxi. In addition, you can extend the trip, at no extra cost, with the excursion to Santillana del Mar (lunch included) and transfer to Santander after lunch.

## SANTANDER - LEÓN

Meeting point and travelers' reception in Santillana del Mar (\*) (travelers may also start the journey at 18.00h at Santander train station). On board accommodation in the evening. End of trip after the tour in León.

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT
León - Santander	19	2-16-30	14-28	8-22	6
Santander - León	16-30	13-27	11-25	19	3-17

### PRICES SEASON 2018

### 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Price per Person Grand Class Room	1.650 €
Grand Class Room Single Supplement	800 €

(\*). You can consult the timetables and meeting point at +1 800- 24-5120. Palace Tours reserves the right to change the trip meeting point, circumstance that will be duly informed to passengers or travel agency.

