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El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo: Oviedo - San Sebastian

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Overview

Imagine yourself transformed by the breathtaking elegance of Northern Spain, where every moment on the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo fills your soul with a newfound serenity and joy. As the luxury train glides effortlessly from Oviedo to San Sebastian, you begin to shed the layers of everyday life, uncovering a version of yourself that revels in simplicity and profound beauty. This journey is more than a vacation; it's a rebirth where you reconnect with your true essence, forever altered by the rhythmic dance of landscapes and the whispers of history.

Your emotional journey unfolds as you traverse the mystical hills of Gijón and Llanes, feeling the whispers of ancient stories in every breeze. In Cangas de Onís, the air is thick with a sense of wonder, while the sacred silence of Covadonga wraps around you like a comforting embrace. Santander and Santillana del Mar invite you to lose yourself in their timeless charm, each cobblestone a testament to enduring grace. Finally, as you arrive in San Sebastian, your heart brims with a deep sense of fulfillment, knowing that this journey has not only painted memories across your mind but has also etched inspiration onto your soul.

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

GIJÓN / LLANES / OVIEDO

You step aboard the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo in Oviedo, feeling a wave of anticipation wash over you.

As you explore the charming streets of Oviedo, filled with history and culture, a sense of wonder ignites within, reminding you of the beauty in each moment. The laughter of locals and the aroma of traditional cuisine wrap around you like a warm embrace, planting seeds of joy deep in your heart. Your afternoon in Gijón invites connection with both the stunning coastline and your fellow travelers.

DAY 2

CABEZON DE LA SAL / CANGAS DE ONÍS / COVADONGA / LLANES

You awaken to a world painted with majestic mountains and the serene whispers of nature, igniting a profound sense of wonder within you.

As you explore the sacred grounds of Covadonga Sanctuary, the air is thick with spirituality, and you feel an unshakeable connection to something greater, a reminder of the beauty in both life and faith. Your laughter mingles with the sound of the sea in Llanes, as the vibrant colors of the coastal town draw you into a joyful embrace.





DAY 3

CABEZON DE LA SAL / SANTANDER / SANTILLANA DEL MAR

As you step into the vibrant streets of Santillana del Mar, a sense of wonder envelops you, igniting an insatiable curiosity to explore the beauty around you.

The echoes of laughter and the warm embrace of shared experiences fill your heart, weaving unforgettable memories that will linger long after your journey ends. Your visit to the Neocave of Altamira opens a doorway to the past, allowing you to connect deeply with the artistry of ancient souls.

DAY 4

BILBAO / SAN SEBASTIÁN / SANTANDER

You awaken to the gentle sway of the train, your heart brimming with anticipation for Bilbao, where art and culture intertwine to create a canvas of inspiration. As you wander through the Guggenheim Museum, each brushstroke and sculpture ignites a sense of wonder, inviting you to reflect on your own journey of creativity and self-discovery.

In San Sebastián, the vibrant atmosphere envelops you, infusing your spirit with joy as you savor culinary delights that awaken your senses. With every shared laugh and moment of connection, you forge memories that will linger in your heart, transforming your perspective and enriching your life long after this enchanting day has passed.



Tips & Travel Guide

The Train:

What is the capacity of the train?

There are 14 suites on the train. The number of passengers really depends on the occupancies sold in that departure. The maximum capacity of the train is normally 28 passengers, but it could also reach 42 passengers using the sofas as triple.

Is there a dress code on board?

There is no official dress code on board, but we recommend comfortable shoes and clothes due to the nature of the visits and excursions.

What kind of food is served on the train?

Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, the Basque Country and Castilla y León are, in the opinion of the most fastidious chefs and gourmets, the regions where you can still find the best cuisine in Spain. The cheeses, sausages, meat, vegetables, fish and seafood are all universally renowned.

The restaurants on our route not only select the highest quality raw materials and have them prepared by the greatest professionals; they are also the ideal setting for tasting the local cuisine. All of our menus include a careful selection of wines that blend harmoniously with the ingredients of each lunch and dinner. Coffee and liqueurs are also included.

How are the meals served?

Breakfasts are buffet-style and are served on board the train in the four lounge carriages. Lunches and dinners are taken at restaurants in the cities as mentioned in each day's itinerary, or in the elegant dining car.

Is there a laundry/dry cleaning service on the train?

Yes, laundry service is available at an additional charge. Please see the crew for details.

Is there internet or telephone accessibility on the train?

There is internet access on board the train but also in cybercenters in several cities along the route. Your room on board is equipped with a telephone, which you may use for long distance calls (guest's own account). Phones will generally

get reception, however sometimes this is a bit difficult due to the mountains and tunnels along the way. Rooms also have a multimedia computer available with free Internet access.

Is the train accessible to wheelchairs / physical challenges?

There are one or two wheelchairs while on the tour for emergency use. If the guests need a wheelchair for sightseeing, necessary arrangements may be made at cost (We recommend bringing own wheelchair). No assistance is available to push the wheelchair. Please know there are no ramps for entering/exiting the train, and the train's corridors are too narrow to accommodate wheelchairs.

Is smoking allowed on board?

No. Since January 2006, it is forbidden by Law to smoke on board the train and in the train stations.

What facilities are available on the train?

The four lounge carriages of El Transcantábrico are the most unusual and beautiful places on the train. They are veritable rail treasures that are much admired owing to their exquisite design, their finish and the interior decorations. The "pub carriage" has a bar and dance floor and is decorated and lit like a small night-club, where lively entertainment is provided every night until the early hours of the morning. Another lounge carriage also has a bar where you can sit back and have a quiet drink. The other two lounges are for other types of entertainment, such as reading, enjoying a board game with your fellow passengers, talking or watching the passing scenery through the big picture windows. Wherever you are, you will always be served by our attentive waiters.

Passengers are offered daily newspapers, magazines, a thoughtful collection of books from the library, television and videos: all that you need to make your journey a pleasure.

The Rooms:

Are there different types or sizes of rooms on board the train?

There is only one type of suite on board. However, two different layouts are available: either a double/matrimonial bed or two side-by-side twin beds. Suites on board El Transcantabrico are specially designed for rest and privacy. You can sleep in comfort as the train will be parked at a station each night. This means that your sleep will not be disturbed by moving and jolting and also gives those who enjoy nightlife an opportunity to go out and savor the atmosphere of each town.

Suites

There are 14 suites with either double bed (150cm x 200cm) and one sofa (86cm x 182cm) or with two twin beds (85cm x 190cm) and one sofa (86cm x 182cm).The large sofa can be turned into an extra bed. The suites measure 128.7 square feet.

All suites are equipped with a television set, VCR, game console, Hi Fi stereo system, PC with a free internet connection, luggage rack, minibar, safe deposit box, wardrobe, writing desk and a telephone with an outside line. The private en-

The air-conditioning and heating, piped music and lights are all controlled individually. The electrical power is 220 volts.

Are rooms pre-assigned or can you choose your own room?

The rooms are assigned on site. If you have any specific room requirements, please contact us at least one month prior to departure so that we can send your request to our Operations Team.

Is there a hairdryer in each bathroom? Are toiletries provided?

Yes, there is a hairdryer provided in every bathroom, along with a dental set, comb, eau de toilette, shaving set, shower cup, shoe polish and more.

Is there bottled water available?

Yes, bottled spring water is provided free of charge throughout the tour.

The Tour:

What is the weather like?

Northern Spain experiences a mild oceanic climate, with not too many extreme temperatures. Please bring along a jacket or coat for chilly evenings, and sun protection for warm afternoons.

Do I have to stay aboard all seven nights?

You are not required to stay aboard the train for seven nights. However, as the train follows a fixed itinerary, you will be responsible for your own transportation to/from your points of embarkation/disembarkation, for any hotels you use during the journey, for meals taken while separated from the group, etc. There are no refunds for unused portions of the tour. Therefore, should you choose to shorten the journey in any way, you are still required to pay for the full seven-night tour.

Are doctors available at all times?

The train carries a first aid kit, and El Transcantábrico has contacts with various health centers along the train route.

Expenses:

What expenses will I have during the trip?

El Transcantabrico is a very inclusive experience, so you will not need to pay for any meals, beverages during lunch/dinner, sightseeing, monument entrances or accommodations. You will incur additional cost if you choose to purchase any additional beverages on board; laundry services; camera fees at monuments; transfers, additional sightseeing, or other services in San Sebastian or Santiago de Compostela; gratuities; and/or souvenirs.

How can I settle my expenses on the train?

You may settle your onboard expenses by paying in Euros or by major credit card. Personal expenses in Pamplona must be paid at hotel / restaurants.

How much should I expect to tip?

Tipping is not mandatory, and is left to the sole discretion of the traveler. This is a decision that should be made based on your enjoyment of the journey and the service.

What are the passport/visa requirements for travel to Spain?

Please ensure that your passport has at least three blank pages and that it is valid for at least six months beyond your departure date from Spain. Please check with your local embassy regarding visa requirements.

When should I plan to arrive in San Sebastian?

We recommend arriving in San Sebastian at least 1 day prior to your tour so that you may acclimate and relax prior to embarking on your exciting trip. Instructions regarding the starting point of the journey will be printed on your travel voucher.

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

15% of total tour cost due at the time of booking
85% or balance no later than 35 days prior to tour departure date

CANCELLATION FEES:

Up to 30 days before departure: refund less 15% of official price.

Between 30 and 15 days: refund less 25% of the total.

Between 14 and 5 days: refund less 50% of the total.

Between 4 and 1 day(s): refund less 80% of the total.

Less than 24 hours or failure to turn up: No refund, 100% of the total is payable.

A 5% Administrative fee will be charged from Palace Tours against any refunds. All cancellation fees and administrative fees is applicable for FULL Tour price before coupons.

Cancellations should be intimated by FAX to the corporate office in Miami FL.

CHANGE OF DATE/OCCUPANCY/NAME/SCHEDULE (not including changes to itinerary)

WITHIN SAME TRAVEL SEASON (September to August) may be possible if requested up to 120 days prior to the first scheduled service of the tour. For certain tours, change of date/name/occupancy/schedule will NOT be possible. No changes will be permitted within 65 days of the first scheduled service; any requests for such are not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Change of date/occupancy/name/schedule is subject to availability and at the sole discretion of TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS. There might be a cost associated with any changes to a booking and the same will be communicated before the time of such change being processed or confirmed. No changes will be done without a formal change request and confirmation and payment of any fees acceptance by the client.

The above times are based on local time of the destination where the tour is provided. In order to provide enough time for processing cancellation, guests need to add 3 business days to the above timeframes.

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How big are the suites?

The suites on the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo are 12m²

What size are the beds in the suites?

The size of the beds depends on the suite you reserve

- A double/matrimonial bed is 1.50 x 2 m
- A twin bed is 0.85 x 2 m
- The sofa is 0.85 x 1.8 m

Will I have internet connection on the train?

El Transcantabrico train does have wifi in the lounge of the train, although the signal is not strong and may not reach outside of the lounge car. (The signal is also best when the train is stationed.) You may use the computer in the lounge provided for guests' convenience, or you may connect to the train's wifi using your personal laptop, tablet or device. Additionally, you have a computer in your private room with free internet access.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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