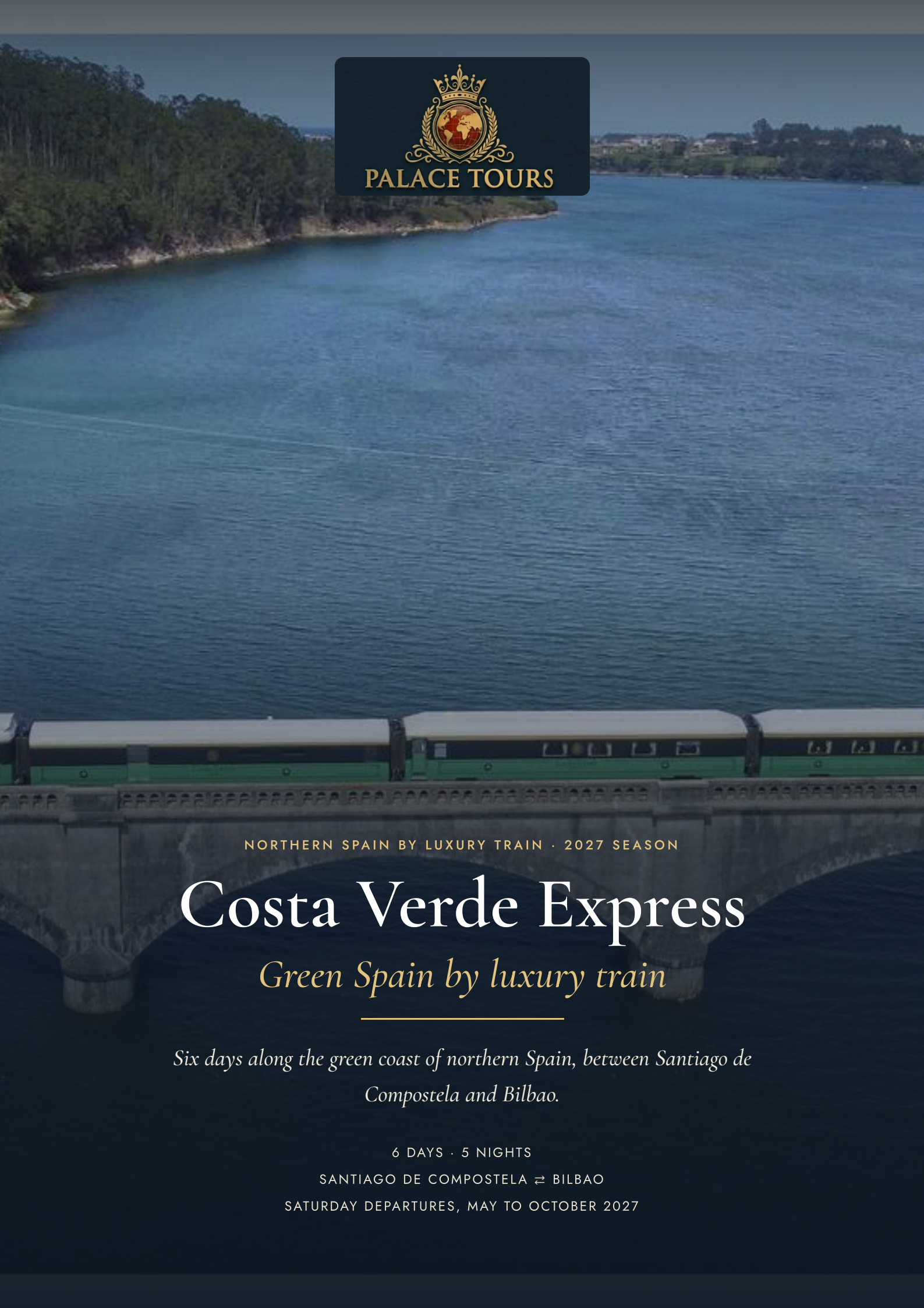


PALACE TOURS

NORTHERN SPAIN BY LUXURY TRAIN · 2027 SEASON

Costa Verde Express

Green Spain by luxury train

Six days along the green coast of northern Spain, between Santiago de Compostela and Bilbao.

6 DAYS · 5 NIGHTS

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA ⇄ BILBAO

SATURDAY DEPARTURES, MAY TO OCTOBER 2027

WELCOME ABOARD

Costa Verde Express

The Costa Verde Express runs through Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria and the Basque Country, between the pilgrim city of Santiago de Compostela and Bilbao. The route follows the Bay of Biscay and turns inland to the Picos de Europa, with guided visits every day.

The train carries no more than 46 guests in 23 Gran Clase Suites. It is parked at a station every night, so you sleep without movement and can walk into town after dinner.

Everything on the programme is included: your suite, all meals with wine, the guided excursions with entrance fees, the coach transfers and the entertainment on board.

23
suites, 46 guests at most

6 days
5 nights on board

All-inclusive
meals, wine, excursions

4
lounge cars, with a pub car

Picos
de Europa and the Biscay coast

From €5,300
per person, 2027



THE ROUTE · SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TO BILBAO, AND THE REVERSE

Santiago de Compostela → Ferrol → Viveiro → Ribadeo → Taramundi → Luarca → Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes → Arenas de Cabrales → Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Santander → Bilbao

The train runs between Ferrol and Bilbao. Santiago de Compostela ⇄ Ferrol is by coach, with the group.

YOUR SUITE

The Gran Clase Suites

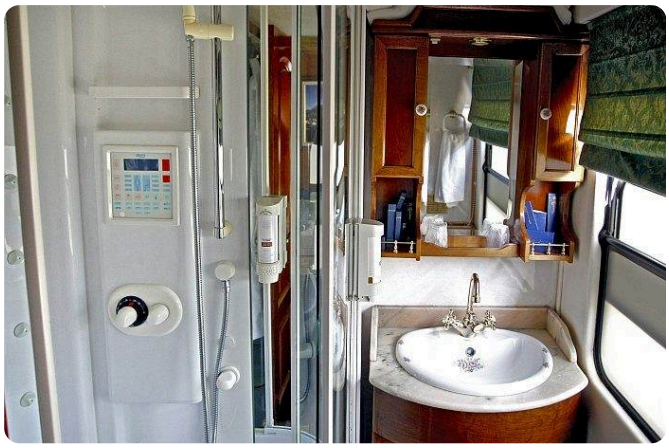
All 23 suites are the same: a cosy private cabin with a double bed, a sofa by day, and a full private bathroom.



23 ON BOARD

Gran Clase Suite

About 6 m² · double bed 1.35 × 1.80 m, a sofa by day



PRIVATE BATHROOM

En-suite bathroom

Shower, hairdryer and toiletries

In every suite

- Desk, wardrobe, luggage rack, minibar and safe
- Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Piped music and adjustable lighting
- Telephone; electricity is 220 V
- The train is parked at a station every night

Suites are allocated by the crew. Single occupancy is available.



ON BOARD

Life on board







Four lounge carriages are the social heart of the train. The pub car has a bar and a small dance floor, with music and entertainment in the evenings; the others are quieter salons for reading, conversation and the view.

Breakfast is a buffet on board. Lunch and dinner are taken in the dining car or in restaurants along the route, with wines, coffee and liqueurs included. Expect Galician seafood, Asturian cheeses and cider, and Basque cooking.

Wi-Fi works over the mobile network and is patchy through the mountains. There is no dress code; comfortable shoes and a rain layer are best for the daily visits.



Santiago de Compostela



Ribadeo



Luarca



Picos de Europa

Santiago de Compostela to Bilbao

Starts Saturday in Santiago de Compostela
Ends Thursday, after lunch in Bilbao

Day 1 SAT
Santiago de Compostela · Ferrol · Viveiro
Night: Viveiro (on board)

Reception in Santiago de Compostela and a visit to its historic centre, one of the great pilgrim cities of Europe, followed by lunch. A coach takes us to Ferrol, where we board the train and meet the crew, and the train sets off for Viveiro.

Day 2
Viveiro · Ribadeo · Taramundi · Luarca
Night: Luarca

Along the Lugo coast to Ribadeo, then inland to the Taramundi area, known for its traditional crafts and green valleys. The train continues into Asturias to Luarca.

Day 3
Luarca · Oviedo · Gijón · Llanes
Night: Llanes

Visits to Oviedo, the Asturian capital, and Gijón, the lively city on the Bay of Biscay. In the evening the train follows the coast to Llanes.

Day 4
Llanes · Arenas de Cabrales · Cabezón de la Sal
Night: Cabezón de la Sal

A day in the Picos de Europa, with its mountain villages and the Cabrales area, home of the famous blue cheese. The train then continues into Cantabria.

Day 5
Cabezón de la Sal · Santillana del Mar · Santander
Night: Santander

The medieval village of Santillana del Mar and the Altamira Neocave, the faithful replica of the prehistoric cave paintings. Lunch as the train continues to Santander, with free time in the city.

Day 6
Santander · Bilbao

The train arrives in Bilbao at breakfast and we say goodbye to the crew. A visit to Bilbao, including the Guggenheim Museum, and lunch. End of the journey.

Visits follow the 2027 programme. Individual visits are occasionally changed or replaced on the day because of scheduling, road conditions or weather, and the crew confirms each day's plan on board.

DAY BY DAY · WESTBOUND · 2027

Bilbao to Santiago de Compostela

Starts Saturday in Bilbao
Ends Thursday in Santiago de Compostela

Day 1 SAT
Bilbao · Santander
Night: Santander

Welcome in Bilbao with a visit to the city, including the Guggenheim Museum. We board the train, which runs west to Santander.

Day 2
Santander · Santillana del Mar · Cabezón de la Sal
Night: Cabezón de la Sal

Santander, then the medieval village of Santillana del Mar and the Altamira Neocave. The train continues to Cabezón de la Sal.

Day 3
Cabezón de la Sal · Arenas de Cabrales · Llanes
Night: Llanes

A day in the Picos de Europa, with its mountain villages and the Cabrales area, before the train reaches Llanes on the Asturian coast.

Day 4
Llanes · Gijón · Oviedo · Luarca
Night: Luarca

Visits to Gijón and Oviedo, then the train continues west to Luarca.

Day 5
Luarca · Taramundi · Ribadeo · Viveiro
Night: Viveiro

The Taramundi area, known for its traditional crafts, and Ribadeo, before the train runs along the Lugo coast to Viveiro.

Day 6
Viveiro · Ferrol · Santiago de Compostela

The train arrives in Ferrol, where we leave it and continue by coach to Santiago de Compostela. End of the journey.

Visits follow the 2027 programme. Individual visits are occasionally changed or replaced on the day because of scheduling, road conditions or weather, and the crew confirms each day's plan on board. Bilbao to Santiago de Compostela visits the same places in reverse order; exact timings are confirmed with your booking.


Picos de Europa


Altamira Neocave


Ribadeo


Bilbao, the Guggenheim

PHOTO GALLERY

Inside the train

The suites, lounge cars and dining service you will travel with. All photographs show Costa Verde Express itself.



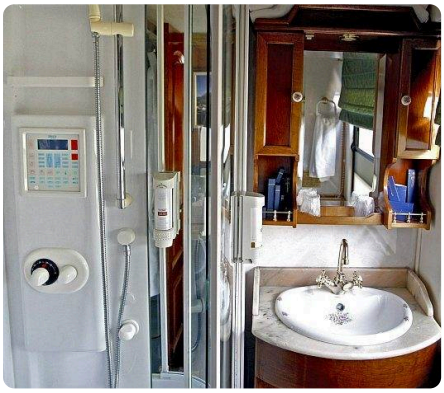
Gran Clase Suite



The suite set up for the day



Morning in the suite



Private bathroom



Lounge car



Salon car



The pub car



Lunch on board



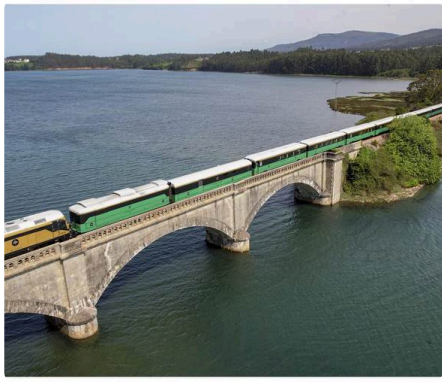
Table set in the dining car



Welcome aboard



The Costa Verde Express



Crossing an estuary on the Biscay coast

2027 SEASON

Departure dates and fares

9 departures in 2027, every one with the same all-inclusive programme. Fares are in euros, the same on every date.

DOUBLE
€5,300
per person, two sharing

SINGLE
€9,550
for one guest

Double fares are per person with two sharing. Single fares are for one guest alone in the suite. US-dollar equivalents are available on request, and we accept payment in USD, EUR, GBP or AUD.

From Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela to Bilbao · Saturdays

May	22
June	5, 19
September	25

From Bilbao

Bilbao to Santiago de Compostela · Saturdays

May	15, 29
June	12
September	18
October	2

Included

- Five nights in a Gran Clase Suite with private bathroom
- All meals: breakfast on board, lunch and dinner on board or in selected restaurants
- Wines with lunch and dinner, coffee and liqueurs
- Daily guided excursions with a tour guide, and entrance fees to the visits on the programme
- Coach for all excursions and Santiago de Compostela ⇄ Ferrol
- Music and entertainment in the lounge cars
- Travel assistance from the train crew throughout

Not included

- Flights and hotels before or after the journey
- Drinks ordered outside meal times, laundry and other personal extras
- Gratuities, which are optional
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

Dates and fares as published on www.palacetours.com on 16 November 2026. Suites sell out, so availability is confirmed when you book.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this train now has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare.



6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save €150

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save €100

per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS

Regular fare

the Early Bird fare closes

What you save on Costa Verde Express

CABIN	REGULAR FARE	EARLY BIRD · 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD · 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Gran Clase Suite	€5,300	€5,150 you save €150	€5,200 you save €100

Double fares, per person with two sharing. In the booking calendar each Early Bird fare is shown as "<cabin> Early Bird", next to the regular fare.

The saving depends on the cabin's regular price per person: €250 / €150 on journeys from €8,000, €150 / €100 from €5,000, and €50 on shorter trips.

It's the same cabin, the same itinerary and everything included as before. The only difference is the price.

Early Bird fares are limited to the cabins on each departure and close automatically. If you already know your dates, now is the time to book.

To book, choose the Early Bird fare for your cabin in the booking calendar on www.palacetours.com, or call or email our team.

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BOOKING

How to book

Book online on the tour pages at www.palacetours.com, or call or email our team, who can hold a suite while you decide and add hotels and transfers before or after the train.

Payment

- 15% of the total tour cost is due at the time of booking.
- The balance (85%) is due no later than 35 days before departure.

Cancellation

Up to 30 days before departure	refund less 15% of the official price
30 to 15 days	refund less 25% of the total
14 to 5 days	refund less 50% of the total
4 to 1 day(s)	refund less 80% of the total
Less than 24 hours or no-show	no refund, 100% of the total is payable

A 5% administrative fee is charged by Palace Tours against any refund. All cancellation and administrative fees apply to the full tour price before coupons.

Cancellations and changes must be sent in writing to travel@palacetours.com and take effect once we have processed them. Timeframes follow local time and business days at the destination.

Changes of date, occupancy or name within the same season may be possible up to 120 days before departure, subject to availability; none are permitted within 65 days.

The terms on your booking form are the ones that apply to your booking.

We strongly recommend travel insurance: www.palacetours.com/insurance

Good to know

Arriving

We suggest arriving in Santiago or Bilbao at least one day early. Your travel voucher gives the exact meeting point.

Accessibility

Boarding involves steps, corridors on historic trains are narrow and the daily visits include walking. Please talk to us before booking if mobility is a concern.

Weather

Northern Spain has a mild Atlantic climate. Bring a light jacket for the evenings and a rain layer at any time of year.

On-board payments

Extras on board can be paid in euros or by major credit card. Electricity is 220 V.

Travel documents

Your passport should be valid for at least six months after you leave Spain. Check visa rules for your nationality.

PALACE TOURS

RESERVE YOUR SUITE

Travel Costa Verde Express with Palace Tours

Our rail specialists know this train well. Ask us about suite availability, the best direction for your flights, and hotels before and after the journey.

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