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El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo – San Sebastian to Santiago de Compostela

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Overview

Imagine yourself as the kind of person who doesn't just travel but transforms with each journey. Aboard the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo, you become a seeker of profound experiences, a connoisseur of life's luxuries. As you glide from San Sebastian to Santiago de Compostela, the rhythm of the train mirrors the newfound rhythm of your heart, open and alive to the beauty that unfolds at every turn. This is not just luxury travel; it's a pilgrimage of the spirit, where each moment is an invitation to rediscover who you are and who you might yet become.

In Bilbao, the art whispers stories of creativity and resilience, while Santander offers a refreshing embrace of coastal elegance. As you wander through the timeless streets of Santillana del Mar, a sense of wonder and nostalgia takes root. The serene landscapes of Llanes and the heartfelt warmth of Oviedo teach you that luxury is not just in opulence but in the richness of connection. Finally, as you arrive in Santiago de Compostela, you carry with you not just memories, but a renewed sense of self. Here, the journey culminates in a moment of reflection, where the road behind you illuminates the path ahead.

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SAN SEBASTIÁN / VILLASANA DE MENA

You arrive in San Sebastián, where the vibrant atmosphere ignites a sense of wonder within you, awakening your spirit to the joys of exploration.

As you indulge in the local flavors during lunch, laughter and shared stories create connections that linger long after the meal, setting the stage for memories that will warm your heart for years to come. Stepping aboard El Transcantábrico, you feel the gentle embrace of luxury envelop you, a cocoon of comfort as you journey towards Carranza.

DAY 2

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SANTANDER

You awaken to the soft whispers of a new day, the aroma of a delightful breakfast filling the air, and you feel the promise of discovery wrap around you like a warm embrace. As you wander through Bilbao, the city's vibrant spirit ignites a sense of wonder, revealing layers of resilience and beauty that resonate deeply within you.

At the Guggenheim Museum, each artwork sparks joy and introspection, encouraging you to reflect on your own journey. In the elegant streets of Santander, as you explore freely, laughter and connection with fellow travelers bloom, creating memories that will forever light your heart and inspire your future adventures.





DAY 3

CABEZON DE LA SAL / POTES / SANTANDER

You awaken to the gentle embrace of a new day, the scent of fresh coffee mingling with the crisp mountain air.

As you journey through the breathtaking Desfiladero de la Hermida gorge, each twist and turn reveals a vista that stirs your soul, igniting a sense of wonder and adventure within you. In Potes, you feel the warmth of the village envelop you, each cobblestone whispering stories of connection and discovery. Later, as you indulge in the soothing thermal circuit at La Hermida Spa, the cares of life melt away, leaving you with an exquisite sense of peace and revitalization.

DAY 4

CABEZON DE LA SAL / LLANES / SANTILLANA DEL MAR

You awaken to a sense of wonder as you explore the Altamira Neocave, feeling a deep connection to the ancient artists who once roamed these lands. The vibrant colors of their stories resonate within you, igniting a spark of creativity and curiosity that transforms your perspective on art and history.

As you wander through the enchanting streets of Santillana del Mar, each medieval stone whispers tales of love and adventure, filling you with joy and nostalgia. The warmth of the Asturias region envelops you, promising cherished memories and a renewed appreciation for life's simple pleasures as you savor dinner in the charming town of Llanes.





DAY 5

COVADONGA / LLANES / OVIEDO

You find yourself enveloped in the serene beauty of the Picos de Europa, where the air is crisp and filled with the whispers of ancient legends. As you stand by Lake Enol, a profound sense of peace washes over you, connecting you to the timeless stories of the Covadonga Sanctuary, igniting a spark of wonder within your soul.

In the charming streets of Oviedo, each step resonates with joy and discovery, as you savor the rich culture and warmth of the city. You create indelible memories, forever etched in your heart, reminding you of this transformative journey that brings clarity and a renewed zest for life.

DAY 6

GIJÓN / LUARCA / OVIEDO

You awaken in Gijón, where the vibrant spirit of the Bay of Biscay washes over you, igniting a sense of wonder and possibility. As you stroll through the lively streets, each cultural event and local encounter fills your heart with joy, reminding you of the beauty in connection and discovery.

In Luarca, the charming White Town of the Green Coast embraces you with its tranquil seaside charm. Here, the rhythmic sound of waves whispers stories of resilience and hope, leaving you with cherished memories that will forever brighten your soul and inspire your journey ahead.



DAY 7

LUARCA / RIBADEO / VIVEIRO

You awaken in the serene embrace of Viveiro, where each moment feels like a gentle caress from the Atlantic breeze.

As you stroll through the quaint streets of Ribadeo, the vibrant colors and rich history envelop you, igniting a sense of wonder and connection. You savor the taste of local cuisine, each bite a delightful reminder of the flavors of life waiting to be discovered. At Las Catedrales Beach, the breathtaking cliffs rise majestically before you, instilling a profound peace that resonates within.

FERROL / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / VIVEIRO

As you savor your final breakfast aboard the opulent train, a sense of profound gratitude envelops you. Each moment of this journey has deepened your appreciation for life's simple pleasures, filling your heart with warmth and joy. In Ferrol, you feel a stirring connection to the countless pilgrims who have walked these ancient paths, their resilience echoing in your spirit.

Wandering through the enchanting streets of Santiago de Compostela, you embrace a newfound sense of purpose and peace. The magnificent cathedral stands as a testament to hope and faith, igniting a spark within you that promises to illuminate your future memories.



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-suite bathroom has a hydro sauna, turbo massage and steam bath, hairdryer, bathrobe and complimentary toiletries. 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 cap, 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

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)	TRIPLE (PP)
Oct 31, 2026	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€17,100	€9,900	€8,200
Mar 27, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Apr 10, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Apr 24, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
May 8, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
May 22, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jun 5, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jun 19, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jul 3, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jul 17, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jul 31, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Aug 14, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)	TRIPLE (PP)
Sep 25, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Oct 9, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Oct 23, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200

Rates shown in Euro (EUR). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.



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Visit <https://www.palacetours.com/tour/eltranscantabrico-gran-lujo-2026> for the latest information.



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.

All cancellation, change, or update requests must be submitted in writing by email to travel@palacetours.com. Please allow at least 48 hours (and in some cases longer) for us to review, confirm, and process the request and advise any applicable fees. A cancellation, change, or update takes effect only once we have received and processed the request, and we will confirm the outcome to you once it has been processed. Cancellation timeframes and the applicable fee are calculated by reference to the local time and normal business hours at the destination where the tour is provided; a request received outside those business hours (including evenings, weekends, and public holidays at the destination) is treated as received on the next business day at the destination, and a further processing period of at least 48 hours (and in some cases longer) then applies before the request takes effect.

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.

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?

The 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.

How long is El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo from San Sebastian to Santiago de Compostela?

This is the full 8-day, 7-night Gran Lujo journey travelling westbound along Green Spain, from San Sebastian in the Basque Country to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. Departures leave on a Saturday and finish the following Saturday.

Should I choose the San Sebastian to Santiago direction or the reverse?

Both directions visit the same highlights in reverse order over 8 days. Westbound from San Sebastian finishes with the pilgrim city of Santiago and its cathedral, while eastbound finishes in San Sebastian. Most travellers choose based on their flights and on which dates are available.

What is the day-by-day route from San Sebastian to Santiago?

- Day 1: San Sebastian, coach to Bilbao, night in Carranza.
- Day 2: Bilbao and the Guggenheim, then Santander.
- Day 3: Potes, La Hermida Spa, El Capricho in Comillas.
- Day 4: Altamira Neocave, Santillana del Mar, Llanes.
- Day 5: Picos de Europa, Lake Enol, Covadonga, Oviedo.
- Day 6: Gijon and Lueca.
- Day 7: Ribadeo, Las Catedrales Beach, Viveiro.
- Day 8: Ferrol and Santiago.

Where does the westbound Gran Lujo start and end?

Reception is at 13:00 on Saturday at a hotel in San Sebastian, followed by a city tour, lunch and a coach to Bilbao, where the train and crew welcome you with a drink. The journey ends around 12:00 the following Saturday at the Parador de los Reyes Catolicos in Santiago de Compostela, after a tour of the old town.

Which dates are on sale for the San Sebastian to Santiago Gran Lujo?

There are 36 Saturday departures currently on sale, from 3 October 2026 through 23 October 2027. Availability changes as suites sell, and the live list of dates with the fare for each is shown on this page.

How much does the San Sebastian to Santiago Gran Lujo cost?

Fares start from EUR 9,900 per person sharing a Deluxe Suite. Prices are set in euros and may vary by date, so the exact fare for each departure is the one shown on this page when you book.

Can a solo traveller book the westbound Gran Lujo?

Yes. A single-occupancy fare is published and is higher than the per-person sharing fare because the suite is yours alone. The current single fare for each date is shown on this page, and our team can confirm single availability.

What are the suites and group size on the San Sebastian to Santiago journey?

You stay all seven nights in one of 14 Deluxe Suites, with twin beds or a matrimonial (double) bed. The train normally carries up to 28 passengers, or up to 42 when suite sofas are used for a third guest, so it always feels like a small private group.

What do we see in Bilbao and Santander on day 2?

The train brings you back to Bilbao for a tour that includes the Guggenheim Museum, the symbol of the city's reinvention. Lunch is served on board on the way to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, where you have a tour and free time before dinner and the night.

What is special about day 3 in Potes and Comillas?

A coach takes you through the dramatic Desfiladero de la Hermida gorge to Potes, a charming Cantabrian town, with the option of a thermal circuit at La Hermida Spa. In the afternoon you visit El Capricho in Comillas, a colourful 19th-century villa by Antoni Gaudi, before the night in Cabezón de la Sal.

Which Asturian highlights are included on the westbound route?

Day 5 goes into Picos de Europa National Park to Lake Enol and the Covadonga Sanctuary, followed by lunch on board to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias. Day 6 tours Gijón on the Bay of Biscay, then follows the coast to Lueca, known as the White Town of the Green Coast.

When do we visit Las Catedrales Beach on the San Sebastian to Santiago trip?

On day 7 the train reaches Ribadeo, and a coach follows the Lugo coast to Las Catedrales Beach, famous for its giant rock arches. After a panoramic tour of Ribadeo and lunch, the train continues to Viveiro for a guided tour, free time and the last night on board.

What is included in the San Sebastian to Santiago fare?

Your Deluxe Suite, a la carte and buffet breakfasts, all lunches and dinners with beverages at meals, a welcome drink, farewell party, complimentary soft drinks and water in the minibar, toiletries bag with slippers, nightly entertainment, all excursions and entry tickets, the accompanying coach, a multilingual guide, newspapers, taxes and service. A complimentary rail ticket to San Sebastian and from Santiago is currently offered and may change.

What is excluded from the westbound Gran Lujo fare?

Flights, travel insurance, visa fees, gratuities, drinks ordered outside meal times, laundry, personal purchases and hotel nights before or after the trip are extra. Because the trip ends around midday in Santiago, same-day onward flights are often possible, but an extra night is more relaxed.

What deposit is needed and when is the balance due for this Gran Lujo departure?

A deposit of 15% of the fare reserves your suite, and the balance is due 35 days before departure. Your confirmation lists the exact deposit, balance and due date for the Saturday you choose.

Can children travel on the San Sebastian to Santiago Gran Lujo?

Yes. There are two child fare bands, under 5 and 5 to under 12, based on age on the departure date. Children share a suite with adults, and we will quote the child fare and recommend a suite layout for your family.

How do I ask a question or book El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo San Sebastian to Santiago?

The departures listed on this page are bookable directly online: choose your Saturday and suite and follow the booking steps. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at <https://wa.me/17864080610>, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply. Palace Tours is an Authorized Renfe Sales Agent for Spain's luxury trains.

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