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El Expreso de la Robla - Leon to Bilbao

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Enjoy the special train ride from Castilla-Leon to the Basque Country through beautiful landscapes of Spain without packing and unpacking.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

LEÓN

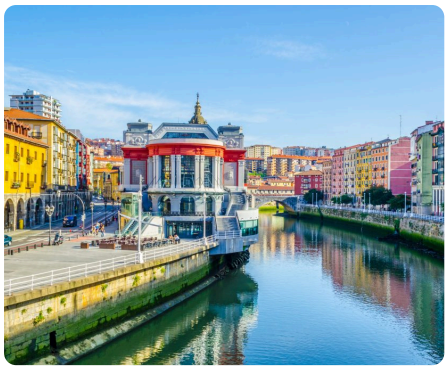
Group reception at 10:00 p.m. After lunch, our bus will take us to San Feliz where El Expreso de La Robla will be waiting for us. Presentation of the crew and transfer to Matallana. From here our coach will take us through the spectacular Hoces de Vegacervera gorge to Valporquero, where we can visit the wonderful caves famous for their stalactites, stalagmites, and outflows of fanciful shapes as well as the impressive 100,000 m3 underground chamber called the Gran Rotonda. We will then return to the train to head towards Cistierna, where we will have dinner and spend the night.

DAY 2

CISTIERNA

While enjoying our first breakfast on board the train, we will travel to Guardo, in the province of Palencia. From there we will travel by coach to visit the Roman town of La Olmeda, with its magnificent mosaic collection, before discovering one of the best ensembles of Romanesque art in Europe that forms part of the Camino de Santiago. Saldaña, Carrión de los Condes, and Fromista, where we will have lunch. After visiting the Church of San Martín and the Canal of Castile, we will return to the train and head towards Espinosa de los Monteros, a beautiful town in Burgos Province's Las Merindades region; dinner and overnight in Espinosa.





DAY 3

BILBAO

(Sunday) Espinosa de los Monteros – Bilbao While having breakfast, we will go through the incredible landscape of the Mena Valley before coming to Bilbao. Tour of the city and its world-renowned Guggenheim Museum. Free time before our trip ends around 14:00 h.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Jun 11, 2027	Standard	**€2,650**	**€1,550**
	Standard Early Bird	**€2,600**	**€1,500**
Jun 25, 2027	Standard	**€2,650**	**€1,550**
	Standard Early Bird	**€2,600**	**€1,500**
Sep 10, 2027	Standard	**€2,650**	**€1,550**
	Standard Early Bird	**€2,600**	**€1,500**
Sep 24, 2027	Standard	**€2,650**	**€1,550**
	Standard Early Bird	**€2,600**	**€1,500**

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.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this tour has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare: it is labelled "<cabin> Early Bird".

6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE
Save €50
per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE
Save €50
per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS
Regular fare
the Early Bird fare closes

CABIN	REGULAR DOUBLE (PP)	EARLY BIRD, 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD, 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Standard	**€1,550**	**€1,500** save €50	**€1,500** save €50

Double fares per person, two sharing. 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.

🏷️ **Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.**

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Expresodelarobla-leon-to-bilbao for the latest information.

IMPORTANT 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% official tour 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.

Since these are international terms an additional 5 days will be added in order to process refunds.

An additional 15% Administrative fee will be charged from Palace Tours against 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.

The above times are based on Spain time. 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.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How big are the rooms?

> The rooms are 3 m^2

What size are the beds?

> The bunk beds are 0.70 x 1.78 m

How long is the El Expreso de la Robla tour from Leon to Bilbao and which day does it start?

> This is a 3-day, 2-night journey that starts on a Friday in Leon and ends on Sunday in Bilbao. The trip finishes around 14:00 on Sunday after a tour of Bilbao and some free time.

What route does El Expreso de la Robla follow from Leon to Bilbao?

> Day 1 runs from Leon to San Feliz, Matallana, the Hoces de Vegacervera gorge and the Valporquero caves, ending in Cistierna. Day 2 continues to Guardo, La Olmeda, Saldana, Carrion de los Condes and Fromista, ending in Espinosa de los Monteros. Day 3 crosses the Mena Valley to Bilbao.

What is El Expreso de la Robla?

> El Expreso de la Robla is a tourist train journey from Castilla y Leon to the Basque Country through beautiful northern Spanish landscapes, without packing and unpacking each day. Palace Tours is the Official Representative for Spain's luxury trains and handles your booking directly.

What will we see at the Valporquero caves?

> After a coach ride through the spectacular Hoces de Vegacervera gorge, you visit the Valporquero caves, known for stalactites, stalagmites and fancifully shaped formations. The highlight is the Gran Rotonda, an impressive underground chamber of about 100,000 cubic metres.

What is La Olmeda and why is it on the itinerary?

> La Olmeda, in the province of Palencia, is a Roman site famous for its magnificent collection of mosaics. You visit it by coach on day 2 after breakfast on board, before continuing to the Romanesque towns along the Camino de Santiago.

Which Romanesque sites are visited on the Camino de Santiago section?

> Day 2 explores one of the finest ensembles of Romanesque art in Europe along the Camino de Santiago, including Saldana, Carrion de los Condes and Fromista, where lunch is served. The visit includes the Church of San Martin and the Canal of Castile before you rejoin the train.

What happens on the final day in Bilbao?

> Breakfast is served on board as the train crosses the Mena Valley towards Bilbao. You then enjoy a tour of the city and its world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, followed by free time, and the trip ends around 14:00.

Where do we sleep on El Expreso de la Robla?

> Accommodation is on board El Expreso de la Robla in Standard class. The train overnights in Cistierna on the first night and in Espinosa de los Monteros, in the Las Merindades region of Burgos, on the second night.

How much does the Leon to Bilbao El Expreso de la Robla tour cost?

> Fares start from EUR 1,300 per person sharing. Single-occupancy fares are also available. The exact fare for each departure is shown on this page, as rates can change by date.

What is included in the El Expreso de la Robla fare?

- Accommodation on board and buffet breakfast on the train
- Lunches and dinners in selected restaurants, with beverages and coffee at meal times
- Group sightseeing by coach as per the itinerary, with admission fees included
- An accompanying guide throughout the route

What is not included in the El Expreso de la Robla price?

> Domestic and international flights, travel insurance and visa fees are not included. Personal items such as laundry and souvenirs, extra hotel nights before or after the tour, and anything not listed as included are also at your own cost.

What deposit is required and when is the balance due for El Expreso de la Robla?

> A 15% deposit confirms your booking. The balance is due 35 days before departure, and we send you a clear statement of both amounts once your place is confirmed.

Can children travel on El Expreso de la Robla and are there child fares?

> Yes. Child fares apply in two bands based on age at departure: from 0 to under 5, and from 5 to under 11. Share the ages with us and we will confirm the fare for your chosen date.

Which El Expreso de la Robla Leon to Bilbao departures are on sale?

> There are currently 5 departures on sale, from 25 September 2026 to 24 September 2027, each starting on a Friday. The departure list on this page shows availability and can be booked directly.

How do I get to Leon for the start and travel on from Bilbao?

> Flights and rail travel to Leon and from Bilbao are not included, and neither are extra hotel nights before or after the tour. Many guests arrive in Leon the day before; our travel specialists can advise on the easiest connections for your plans.

Is El Expreso de la Robla suitable for travellers who prefer a gentle pace?

> Yes, the pace is relaxed. Sightseeing is by coach with guided walking visits of towns, caves, churches and museums, and you return to the train each evening. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the cave and town visits.

Is there a guide on the El Expreso de la Robla journey?

> Yes, an accompanying guide travels with the group throughout the route, and the crew is introduced when you board at San Feliz. Group sightseeing tours by coach and all admission fees on the itinerary are included in the fare.

How do I ask a question or book El Expreso de la Robla from Leon to Bilbao?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, answered by a travel specialist or our AI assistant. The departure list on this page is bookable directly, with the exact fare shown for each date.

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