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El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo: Oviedo - San Sebastian

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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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 the Picos de Europa, mountain lakes and quiet villages fill you with a sense of wonder. 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.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

GIJÓN / LLANES / OVIEDO

Reception on board the train at Oviedo station. Once settled into our suites, we visit Gijón, a city closely tied to the sea and known for its food and culture. In the afternoon we return to Oviedo to explore the historic centre of the Asturian capital before the train continues along the coast. Dinner on board and overnight in Llanes.

DAY 2

CABEZON DE LA SAL / LLANES

After breakfast we head into the Picos de Europa, one of northern Spain's most striking landscapes of mountains, lakes and traditional villages. After lunch we return to the coast for free time in Llanes before the train continues into Cantabria. Dinner on board and overnight in Cabezón de la Sal.

DAY 3

CABEZON DE LA SAL / SANTANDER / SANTILLANA DEL MAR

The day begins with a visit to the Altamira Neocave, a faithful reproduction of the famous prehistoric cave art, followed by Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain. After lunch the train continues to Santander, with free time to enjoy the city before dinner. Overnight in Santander.

DAY 4

BILBAO / SAN SEBASTIÁN / SANTANDER

During breakfast the train heads for Bilbao, where we say goodbye to the train and its crew. The city visit includes entry to the Guggenheim Museum. We then travel on to San Sebastián for lunch, and the journey ends there at around 4:30 p.m.

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.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)	TRIPLE (PP)
Mar 23, 2027	Deluxe Suite	**€8,900**	**€4,800**	**€4,084**
	Deluxe Suite (Twin Beds)	**€8,900**	**€4,800**	**€4,084**

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/transcantabrico-gran-lujo-est-short-trip-Oviedo 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% 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.

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COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How big are the suites?

> The suites on the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo are $12m^2$

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.

How long is the Gran Lujo short trip from Oviedo to San Sebastian, and when does it depart?

> It is a 4-day, 3-night journey on El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo from Oviedo to San Sebastian. The date currently on sale is Tuesday 23 March 2027. Check this page for the live availability and fare for that departure.

What is the route of the Oviedo to San Sebastian Gran Lujo trip?

- Day 1: board in Oviedo, visit Gijon, back to Oviedo's old town, then the train to Llanes.
- Day 2: Picos de Europa mountains, lakes and villages, free time in Llanes, night in Cabezon de la Sal.
- Day 3: Altamira Neocave, Santillana del Mar and Santander.
- Day 4: Bilbao, including the Guggenheim Museum, then on to San Sebastian for lunch.

Where and when do I board the train in Oviedo?

> The journey begins with a reception on board the train at Oviedo station. Once you have settled into your suite you visit Gijon, return to Oviedo in the afternoon for its historic centre, and have dinner on board as the train travels along the coast to Llanes. We suggest arriving in Oviedo the day before.

Where does the Oviedo to San Sebastian trip end?

> On day 4 the train reaches Bilbao during breakfast and you leave the train and crew there. After a visit to Bilbao that includes entry to the Guggenheim Museum, the group travels on to San Sebastian for lunch, and the journey ends there at around 4:30 p.m.

How much does the Gran Lujo Oviedo to San Sebastian trip cost?

> Fares start from EUR 4,800 per person sharing a Deluxe Suite. The price is set in euros and the dollar figure moves with the exchange rate, so the exact fare is the one shown on this page when you book.

Is single occupancy available on the Oviedo to San Sebastian Gran Lujo?

> Yes. A single-occupancy fare is published and is higher than the sharing fare because you have the suite to yourself. The current single fare is shown on this page, and we can confirm single availability for the March 2027 date.

Which suite types are available, and can three people share?

> Three options are offered: a Deluxe Suite, a Deluxe Suite with twin beds, and a Deluxe Suite with twin beds plus a sofa bed. The sofa-bed version allows a third guest, which suits a family or friends travelling together. Select the suite type when you book on this page.

How many passengers travel on El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo?

> The train has 14 suites and normally carries up to 28 passengers, rising to 42 when the sofas are used for a third guest. The number on a given departure depends on the suites and occupancies sold, so the group is always small.

What public areas are there on board the Gran Lujo?

> Beyond your suite there are four saloon cars that have been in service since the 1920s, elegantly decorated Pullman coaches for socialising. There is a dining car serving a la carte and buffet breakfasts and chef-prepared lunches and dinners, a panorama coach and a tea salon.

Does the train travel at night, and will I be able to sleep well?

> No. The train stays parked overnight until early morning so that guests can rest, and the stations where it stops remain open with a security service. The travelling is done during the day, often while you have breakfast or a meal on board.

What is the Picos de Europa day on the Oviedo to San Sebastian trip?

> On day 2, after breakfast, you head into the Picos de Europa, one of northern Spain's most striking landscapes of mountains, lakes and traditional villages. After lunch you return to the coast for free time in Llanes, followed by dinner on board as the train continues to Cabezon de la Sal.

What is visited on day 3 in Cantabria?

> Day 3 starts with the Altamira Neocave, a faithful reproduction of the famous prehistoric cave art, followed by the medieval village of Santillana del Mar. After lunch the train continues to Santander, where there is free time to enjoy the city before dinner and the night in Santander.

What does the Oviedo to San Sebastian fare include?

> Your Deluxe Suite, a welcome drink and aperitif, luggage service, a toiletries bag with slippers, complimentary soft drinks and water in the suite, all breakfasts, lunches and dinners with beverages at meals, on-board entertainment, museum and monument tickets, all excursions, the end-of-trip dinner party, the accompanying luxury coach, daily newspapers and a multilingual guide with the full crew.

What is not included on the Oviedo to San Sebastian Gran Lujo?

> Flights, travel insurance, visa fees, gratuities, drinks ordered outside meals, laundry, personal items and any hotel nights before or after the trip are not included, nor is anything not listed as included.

How much is the deposit for this departure and when is the balance due?

> This departure requires a deposit of 25% of the fare to secure your suite. The balance is due 35 days before departure, which for 23 March 2027 falls in mid-February 2027. Your confirmation shows the exact amounts.

Can children travel on the Oviedo to San Sebastian trip?

> Yes. Child fares apply in two bands, under 5 and 5 to under 12, based on age on the departure date. The Deluxe Suite with twin beds and sofa bed is a good choice for a family of three; ask us for the child fare.

How do I ask a question or book the Gran Lujo Oviedo to San Sebastian trip?

> The departure listed on this page is bookable directly online: choose the date and suite type 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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