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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.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SAN SEBASTIÁN

Reception in San Sebastián at 13:00 h, followed by a visit to the city and lunch. A coach then takes us to Bilbao, where we board El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo and the crew welcomes us aboard. Our first dinner is served on board as the train travels to Carranza. Overnight stay in Carranza.

DAY 2

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SANTANDER

Breakfast on board as the train returns to Bilbao. We visit the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. After lunch the train continues to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, with free time to explore. Dinner and overnight stay in Santander.

DAY 3

CABEZON DE LA SAL / COMILLAS / POTES / SANTANDER

An excursion inland towards the Picos de Europa, through dramatic mountain gorges to the Cantabrian town of Potes and the villages around it. Later we visit Comillas, the coastal town known for its modernist architecture. Dinner on board and overnight stay in Cabezón de la Sal.

DAY 4

CABEZON DE LA SAL / LLANES / SANTILLANA DEL MAR

This morning we visit Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain. Lunch is served on board as the train follows the coast into Asturias, reaching Llanes in the afternoon for free time. Overnight stay in Llanes.

DAY 5

LLANES / OVIEDO

A day in the Picos de Europa, a landscape of high limestone peaks and deep gorges. We then travel to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias, with free time in its old town. Dinner and overnight on board in Oviedo.

DAY 6

GIJÓN / LUARCA / OVIEDO

A stop in Gijón, the lively Asturian city on the Bay of Biscay. In the afternoon the train continues along the coast to Luarca, the “white town” of the Costa Verde, where we have free time. Overnight stay in Luarca.

DAY 7

LUARCA / RIBADEO / VIVEIRO

Today the train crosses into Galicia along the coast. We visit Ribadeo, a historic town on the estuary that marks the border with Asturias, and then continue to Viveiro. Overnight stay in Viveiro.

DAY 8

FERROL / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / VIVEIRO

Our last breakfast on board as the train reaches Ferrol, the end of the line. A coach then takes us to Santiago de Compostela for a guided visit of the pilgrim city's old town, followed by free time. End of the journey.

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

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

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

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.

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?

> 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 to board, night in Carranza.
- Day 2: Bilbao, then Santander.
- Day 3: Potes and the Picos de Europa surroundings, Comillas, night in Cabezon de la Sal.
- Day 4: Santillana del Mar, then Llanes.
- Day 5: Picos de Europa, then Oviedo.
- Day 6: Gijon and Luarca.
- Day 7: Ribadeo and Viveiro.
- Day 8: Ferrol, coach to Santiago de Compostela.

Where does the westbound Gran Lujo start and end?

> Reception is at 13:00 on Saturday in San Sebastian, followed by a city visit, lunch and a coach transfer to Bilbao, where you board the train and meet the crew. The train itself does not run to San Sebastian or Santiago. The journey ends the following Saturday in Santiago de Compostela, reached by coach from Ferrol, after a guided visit and free time.

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?

> After breakfast the train brings you back from Carranza to Bilbao for a visit to the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. After lunch the train continues to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, where there is free time before dinner and the night.

What is special about day 3 in Potes and Comillas?

> Day 3 is an excursion inland from Santander towards the Picos de Europa, through mountain gorges to the Cantabrian town of Potes and the villages around it. You also visit Comillas, the coastal town known for its modernist buildings, before dinner on board and the night in Cabezon de la Sal.

Which Asturian highlights are included on the westbound route?

> Day 4 follows the coast from Santillana del Mar into Asturias to the fishing town of Llanes. Day 5 is spent in the Picos de Europa, with its high peaks and gorges, before free time in the old town of Oviedo, the capital of Asturias. Day 6 stops in Gijon on the Bay of Biscay, then follows the coast to Luarca, the white town of the Costa Verde.

What happens on day 7 between Luarca and Viveiro?

> On day 7 the train leaves Asturias and runs along the coast into Galicia. You visit Ribadeo, a historic town on the estuary that marks the border between the two regions, and then continue to Viveiro on the Lugo coast for the last night on board before Ferrol and Santiago.

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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