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El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo - Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastian

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

On the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo, you transcend the ordinary and become the traveler who moves not just through landscapes, but through layers of self. Each mile between Santiago de Compostela and San Sebastian peels away the noise of everyday life, revealing an adventurer who revels in the quiet elegance of a luxury train journey. You are a connoisseur of experience, savoring the soul of Spain's northern coast with every glance from your window, every shared smile, every whispered story.

In Viveiro, the sea air fills your lungs with possibility, while Luarca's charming streets kindle a quiet introspection. In Oviedo, history whispers as you wander its ancient paths, and Bilbao's vibrant energy inspires your own creative spirit to emerge. Each destination, from the serene beaches of Santander to the artistic pulse of San Sebastian, invites you to collect memories like seashells, imprinted with laughter and life. As you step off in San Sebastian, you carry with you a narrative of beauty and transformation, woven from the very fabric of Spain's landscapes and the luxury of the journey itself.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

FERROL / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / VIVEIRO

Reception in Santiago de Compostela, followed by a visit to the old town and lunch. We then travel to Ferrol to board El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo, where the crew welcomes us aboard, and the train sets off for Viveiro. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 2

LUARCA / OVIEDO / RIBADEO / VIVEIRO

The train follows the Lugo coast to Ribadeo, the historic Galician town on the border with Asturias. We continue through Asturias, passing Luarca, to Oviedo, the Asturian capital, where there is free time. Overnight stay in Oviedo.

DAY 3

GIJÓN / LLANES / OVIEDO

A stop in Gijón, the lively city on the Bay of Biscay, before the train continues east along the coast to Llanes. Overnight stay in Llanes.

DAY 4

LLANES

A full day in the Picos de Europa, a landscape of high limestone peaks, valleys and deep gorges. We return to Llanes, a fishing town in eastern Asturias, for free time. Overnight stay in Llanes.

DAY 5

CABEZON DE LA SAL / COMILLAS / LLANES / POTES

We head into the Cantabrian interior, through mountain gorges to Potes and the villages around it, then on to Comillas on the coast, known for its modernist architecture. Overnight stay in Cabezón de la Sal.

DAY 6

CABEZON DE LA SAL / SANTANDER / SANTILLANA DEL MAR

A visit to Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain. In the afternoon we reach Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, with time to explore. Overnight stay in Santander.

DAY 7

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SANTANDER

The train takes us to Bilbao to visit the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. In the afternoon the train continues to Carranza. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 8

BILBAO / CARRANZA / SAN SEBASTIÁN

Breakfast on board as the train returns to Bilbao, where we say goodbye to the train and its crew. A coach then takes us to San Sebastián for a visit to the city and 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 onboard 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.

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. You also have access to a computer with free internet access in your room.

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,

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. And 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, there are two different room layouts 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). 10 rooms have the double/matrimonial bed layout while 4 are fitted with two twin beds. 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 ensuite 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. There is also a computer with free internet access available.

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.

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 Santiago de Compostela?

The meeting time for the tour is 12:00 noon on Saturday. Full instructions will be printed on your travel voucher. We recommend arriving in Santiago at least 1 day prior to your tour so that you may acclimate and relax prior to embarking on your exciting rail journey.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)	TRIPLE (PP)
Apr 3, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Apr 17, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
May 1, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
May 15, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
May 29, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jun 12, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jun 26, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jul 10, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Jul 24, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Aug 7, 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)
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Sep 18, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Oct 2, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	€19,200	€11,100	€9,200
Oct 16, 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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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 El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo are 12m^2

What size are the beds in the suites?

> The bed size varies depending on your suite type.

- A double/matrimonial bed is 1.5 x 2 meters.
- A twin bed is 0.85 x 2 meters.
- A sofa is 0.85 x 1.8 meters.

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. You also have access to a computer with free internet access.

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

> This is the full 8-day, 7-night Gran Lujo journey along Spain's northern coast, travelling eastbound from Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastian. Every departure starts on a Saturday and ends the following Saturday.

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

- Day 1: Santiago, coach to Ferrol to board, train to Viveiro.
- Day 2: Ribadeo, then through Asturias to Oviedo.
- Day 3: Gijon, then Llanes.
- Day 4: Picos de Europa, back to Llanes.
- Day 5: Potes and the Cantabrian interior, Comillas, night in Cabezon de la Sal.
- Day 6: Santillana del Mar, then Santander.
- Day 7: Bilbao, night on board in Carranza.
- Day 8: Bilbao, coach to San Sebastian.

Where does the Santiago to San Sebastian journey start and finish?

> The journey begins on Saturday with a reception in Santiago de Compostela, a visit to the old town and lunch, after which you travel to Ferrol to board the train. The train itself does not run to Santiago or San Sebastian. On the final Saturday you leave the train in Bilbao and continue by coach to San Sebastian for a visit and free time, where the journey ends.

Which departure dates are available for the Gran Lujo Santiago to San Sebastian route?

> There are 34 Saturday departures currently on sale, from 26 September 2026 through 16 October 2027. Availability changes as suites sell, and the live list of dates with the fare for each one is shown on this page.

How much does the 8-day Gran Lujo from Santiago to San Sebastian cost?

> Fares start from EUR 9,900 per person sharing a Deluxe Suite. Prices are set in euros and can vary by date, so the exact fare for each departure is the one shown on this page when you book; the dollar figure moves with the exchange rate.

Is there a single fare on the Santiago to San Sebastian Gran Lujo?

> Yes. A single-occupancy fare is published for travellers who want a suite to themselves, and it is higher than the per-person sharing fare. The current single fare for each date appears on this page, and we can check single availability for you.

What suites are on El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo and how many guests travel?

> The train has 14 Deluxe Suites, offered with either twin beds or a matrimonial (double) bed. The normal maximum is 28 passengers, rising to 42 when suite sofas are used for a third guest, so the group stays small throughout the week.

What do we see on the Galician coast on day 2?

> On day 2 the train follows the Lugo coast of Galicia to Ribadeo, a historic town on the estuary that marks the border with Asturias. The journey then continues through Asturias, passing Luarca, to Oviedo, the Asturian capital, where there is free time before the night.

What do we do in the Picos de Europa on the Santiago to San Sebastian journey?

> Day 4 is a full day in the Picos de Europa, a landscape of high limestone peaks, valleys and deep gorges in eastern Asturias. In the evening you return to Llanes, a fishing town on the coast, for free time, dinner and a second night there.

What happens on day 5 in Potes and Comillas?

> Day 5 heads into the Cantabrian interior, through mountain gorges to the town of Potes and the villages around it. You then visit Comillas on the coast, known for its modernist architecture, before the night in Cabezon de la Sal.

What is visited in Santillana del Mar and Santander on day 6?

> On day 6 you visit Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain, with its cobbled streets and stone mansions. In the afternoon you reach Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, for time to explore before the night.

What do we see in Bilbao on day 7?

> On day 7 the train takes you to Bilbao for a visit to the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. In the afternoon the train continues to Carranza for dinner and the last night on board, before returning to Bilbao on day 8 for the coach to San Sebastian.

What does the fare include on the 8-day Gran Lujo journey?

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

What costs are not covered by the Santiago to San Sebastian fare?

> Flights, travel insurance, visa fees, gratuities, drinks ordered outside meals, laundry, personal purchases and hotel nights before or after the journey are not included. We recommend a night in Santiago before departure and one in San Sebastian afterwards if your flights are early.

How much is the deposit and when is the balance due?

> A deposit of 15% of the fare secures your suite on the Gran Lujo, and the balance is due 35 days before your Saturday departure. The exact amounts and due date appear on your booking confirmation.

Can children join El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo from Santiago to San Sebastian?

> Yes. Child fares are set in two bands, under 5 and 5 to under 12, based on age on the departure date. Children share a suite with adults; ask us for the child fare and the best suite arrangement for your family.

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

> The departures listed on this page are bookable directly online: choose your Saturday 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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