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El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo: Santiago de Compostela to Gijon

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

Imagine yourself transformed, not just by the breathtaking landscapes of Northern Spain but by the profound sense of connection you discover within yourself. As you journey aboard the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo, the luxury train becomes a vessel of self-discovery, where time slows and the soul expands. You emerge as a traveler who cherishes the art of living, each moment a testament to the beauty that surrounds you. The gentle rhythm of the rails becomes a heartbeat that syncs with your own, guiding you to a deeper understanding of your place in the world.

From the spiritual echoes of Santiago de Compostela, where ancient cobblestones whisper tales of pilgrims past, to the coastal serenity of Viveiro, each stop is a chapter in your evolving story. In Ribadeo, the sea air fills your lungs with freedom, while Luarca's timeless charm invites introspection. As you arrive in Gijon, you carry with you not just memories, but a renewed perspective. This journey is more than travel; it's a transformation, where every destination reveals a piece of the new you.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

FERROL / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / VIVEIRO

Reception in Santiago de Compostela and a visit to its historic centre, one of Europe's great monumental ensembles and the goal of pilgrims for centuries. After lunch we transfer to Ferrol, where the train is waiting: welcome on board, meet the crew and settle into the suites as the train sets off for Viveiro. Dinner and overnight in Viveiro.

DAY 2

RIBADEO / VIVEIRO

During breakfast the train follows the Lugo coast, past estuaries, cliffs and small harbours, to Ribadeo. The day is spent discovering the Oscos-Eo and Taramundi area, known for its countryside and traditional heritage. After lunch and free time we return to the train. Dinner and overnight in Ribadeo.

DAY 3

LUARCA / RIBADEO

After breakfast we visit Ribadeo and some of the most striking scenery on the Galician coast, including the area around Las Catedrales beach in the afternoon. The train then follows the Cantabrian coast into Asturias to Luarca, the White Town of the Green Coast. Free time, dinner on board and overnight in Luarca.

DAY 4

GIJÓN / LUARCA / OVIEDO

As you awaken to the gentle sway of El Transcantabrico, a sense of wonder envelops you. The breathtaking landscapes of Asturias unfurl outside your window, each moment urging you to embrace the beauty of the present. With every breath, you feel a deeper connection to the world around you, igniting a spark of joy that you will carry long after this journey ends.In Oviedo, as you explore the charming streets, laughter and new friendships blossom, weaving lasting memories into the fabric of your heart.

The flavors of local cuisine awaken your senses, reminding you that life is a tapestry of experiences waiting to be cherished.

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

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

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 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)
Nov 7, 2026	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	**€7,900**	**€4,250**	**€3,617**
Oct 30, 2027	Deluxe Suite - Matrimonial Bed	**€8,900**	**€4,800**	**€4,083**
	Deluxe Suite - Twin Beds	**€8,900**	**€4,800**	**€4,083**

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.

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

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Transcantabrico-Gran-Lujo-Short-Journey 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 the El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo trip from Santiago de Compostela to Gijon?

> This is a 4-day, 3-night taste of El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo, starting in Santiago de Compostela and ending in Gijon. Departures start on a Saturday, and four dates are currently on sale between 7 November 2026 and 30 October 2027. The full list of dates is on this page.

What is the route of the Santiago to Gijon Gran Lujo short journey?

- Day 1: Santiago de Compostela visit and lunch, transfer to Ferrol to board the train, then Viveiro.
- Day 2: Ribadeo and the Oscos-Eo and Taramundi area.
- Day 3: Ribadeo and the Galician coast, including the area around Las Catedrales beach, then Luarca.
- Day 4: Oviedo, where you leave the train, then on to Gijon for a farewell lunch.

Where does the Santiago to Gijon Gran Lujo trip start, and where do I board the train?

> The journey begins with a reception in Santiago de Compostela, a visit to its historic centre and lunch. You then transfer to Ferrol, where the train and crew are waiting, settle into your suite and travel on to Viveiro for dinner and your first night on board. Exact meeting times are confirmed with your booking.

Where does the Gran Lujo short journey end?

> On day 4 the train reaches Oviedo during breakfast and you say goodbye to the train and crew there. After a visit to Oviedo, a coach transfers the group to Gijon for lunch in a restaurant, and the experience ends in Gijon in the afternoon. Onward travel is best booked from Gijon or nearby Oviedo later that day.

What makes El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo different from other ways of touring northern Spain?

> You sleep in a private suite on board every night while the train moves between towns, so you never pack and unpack. Days are spent sightseeing by coach and on foot, meals are taken on board or in selected restaurants, and the evenings include entertainment on the train. It is the most luxurious way to see Galicia and Asturias by rail.

How many guests travel on El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo?

> The train has 14 suites. Normally it carries a maximum of 28 passengers, although it can reach 42 when suite sofas are used for a third guest. The actual number on your departure depends on the suites and occupancies sold, but the group is always small.

Which suites can I choose on the Santiago to Gijon journey?

> Two versions of the Deluxe Suite are offered: one with a matrimonial (double) bed and one with twin beds. Both are private ensuite suites where you sleep all three nights. Choose the bed layout when you select your departure on this page.

How much does the Gran Lujo Santiago to Gijon trip cost?

> Fares start from EUR 4,250 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 for each departure is the one shown on this page when you book.

Can I take the Santiago to Gijon Gran Lujo journey on my own?

> Yes. A single-occupancy fare is published, and it is higher than the sharing fare because you have the whole suite. The current single fare for each date is shown on this page, and we can confirm single availability before you book.

What does the Gran Lujo fare include on this 4-day trip?

> Your suite, a la carte and buffet breakfasts, all lunches and dinners on board or in top restaurants with beverages at meals, a welcome drink and snack, a farewell party, complimentary soft drinks and water in the suite minibar, a toiletries bag with slippers, on-board entertainment, all excursions and entrance tickets, the accompanying luxury coach, a multilingual guide, newspapers, taxes and service.

What is not included in the Santiago to Gijon Gran Lujo fare?

> Flights, travel insurance, visa fees, gratuities, drinks ordered outside meal times, laundry, personal items and any hotel nights before or after the trip are not included. Anything not listed as included is extra. We suggest arriving in Santiago the day before departure.

What happens on day 2 in Ribadeo and Taramundi?

> While breakfast is served the train follows the Lugo coast, past estuaries and cliffs, to Ribadeo on the border of Galicia and Asturias. The day is spent discovering the Oscos-Eo and Taramundi area, known for its countryside and traditional heritage. After lunch and free time you return to the train for dinner and the night in Ribadeo.

Is rail travel to Santiago and from Gijon included?

> At present the fare includes a complimentary rail ticket from anywhere in Spain to the starting city and one from the end city back to anywhere in Spain, for travel on the date closest to your journey. This is a promotional offer from

What is Luarca like, and when do we visit it?

> Luarca is a fishing town on the Asturian coast known as the White Town of the Green Coast. On day 3, after a morning in Ribadeo and an afternoon on the Galician coast around Las Catedrales beach, the train follows the coast into Asturias to Luarca for free time, dinner on board and your last night on board before the final morning in Oviedo.

How much is the deposit and when is the balance due for this Gran Lujo trip?

> A deposit of 15% of the fare confirms your suite, and the balance is due 35 days before departure. Your booking confirmation shows the exact deposit amount and the final payment date for the Saturday you choose.

Are children allowed on El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo from Santiago to Gijon?

> Yes. Child fares apply in two bands, under 5 and 5 to under 12, based on age on the departure date. Children share a suite with adults, and our team will quote the child fare and suggest the best suite set-up for your family.

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

> The departures listed on this page are bookable directly online: pick 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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