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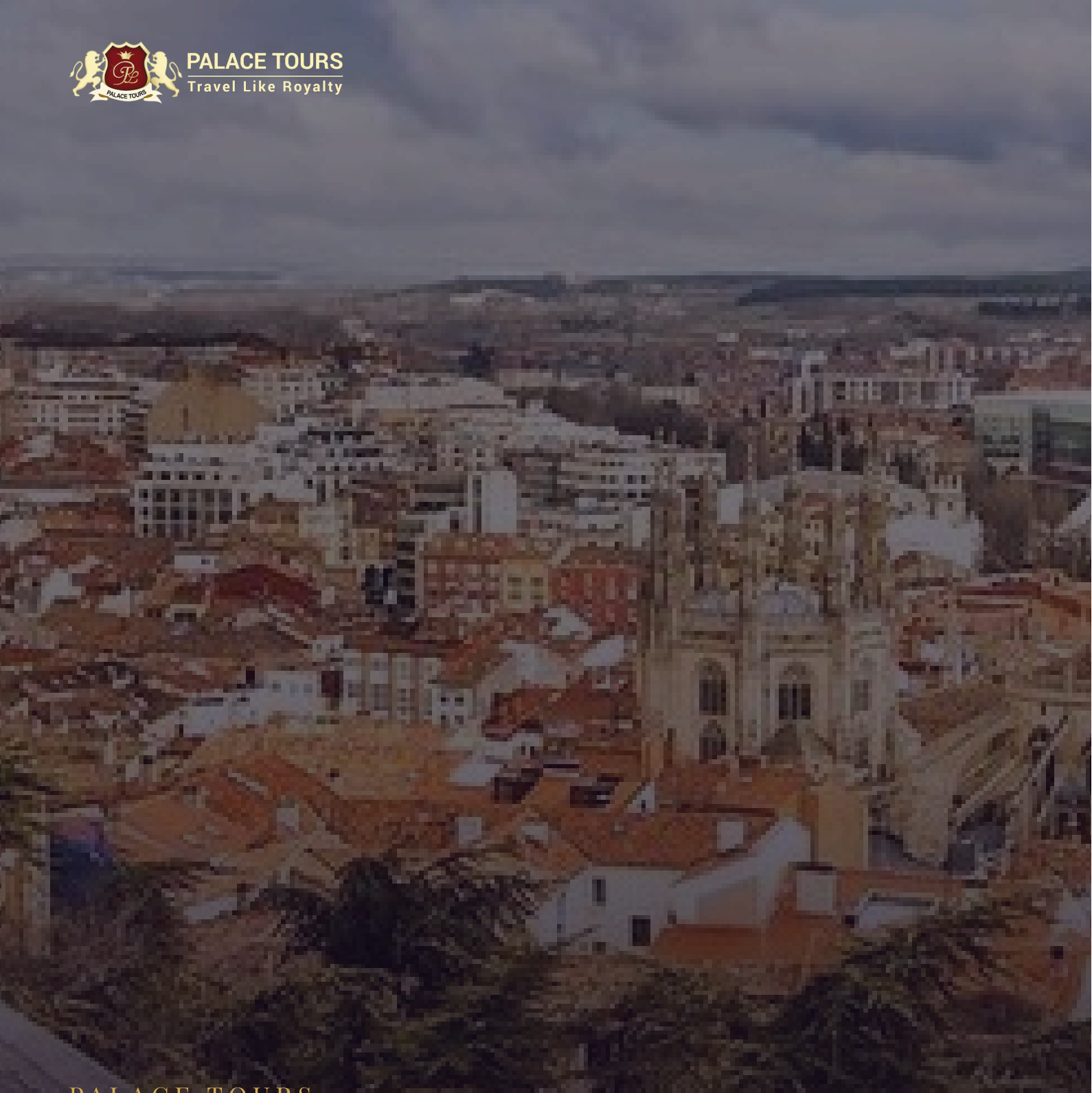

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Costa Verde Express Luxury Train - Oviedo to Bilbao

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Travel in the heart of Green Spain onboard the original luxury train Costa Verde Express, a modern train with ensuite rooms, restaurants, bar and sightseeing in different cities.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

OVIEDO

Reception on board the train at the Oviedo station at 10:00 a.m. Accommodation on board and subsequent visit to the Historic Center of Oviedo. While we eat on board the train we will arrive at Arriondas, from where we will depart with our coach to the Picos de Europa. The Covadonga lakes are usually part of the programme, though they may be changed or cancelled because of scheduling, tides or weather. Dinner and night in Llanes.

DAY 2

SANTANDER

During breakfast the train will arrive at Cabezón de la Sal, from where we will depart to visit the Neo-cave of Altamira, a museum and reliable reproduction of this greatest exponent of Upper Paleolithic rock art. Then, Santillana del Mar, a town with its magnificently preserved medieval old town. After lunch, we will go by train to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, visit and free time. Dinner and night in Santander.





DAY 3

SANTANDER

During breakfast, the Costa Verde Express sets off for Bilbao, upon arrival we say goodbye to the crew and the train to visit this city full of dynamism, which has managed to reinvent itself after the decline of its traditional heavy industry. The visit to the city includes the entrance to the famous Guggenheim museum, symbol of this new Bilbao. After the visit we will end the trip at approximately 2:00 p.m. at La Concordia station.

Tips & Travel Guide

The Train:

What is the capacity of the train?
There are 23 suites on the train.The number of passengers depends on the occupancies sold in that departure. The maximum capacity of the train is 46 passengers.

Is there a dress code onboard?
There is no official dress code onboard, 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 either taken at restaurants in the cities as mentioned in each day's itinerary, or served in the Restaurant Cars.

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 onboard the train but also in cybercenters in several cities along the route. Your room onboard 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.

Is the train accessible to wheelchairs / physical challenges?
Wheelchairs for sightseeing excursions are available upon request; kindly advise our office as soon as possible and at least 30 days prior to your departure of the necessity for a wheelchair. Please know there are no ramps

for entering/exiting the train, and the train's corridors are too narrow to accommodate wheelchairs. For those with other physical challenges, please contact our office.

Is smoking allowed onboard?
No. Since January 2006, it is forbidden by Law to smoke onboard the train and in the train stations.

What facilities are available on the train?
The four lounge carriages on the train 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 onboard the train?
Suites onboard Costa Verde Express 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.

24 Classic Suites, double/matrimonial bed (120cm x 185cm or about 4ft x 6 ft) The suites measure 64.8 square feet, or 6 square meters.The private ensuite bathroom has a hydro sauna, turbo massage and steam bath and a hairdryer. The air-conditioning and heating, piped music and lights are all controlled individually. The electrical power is 220 volts. All suites are equipped with a luggage rack, minibar, safe deposit box, wardrobe, writing desk and a telephone with an outside line.

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:

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 onboard all seven nights?

You are not required to stay onboard 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 onboard; laundry services; camera fees at monuments; transfers, additional sightseeing or other services in Leon 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.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
May 12, 2027	Gran Clase Suite	**€4,900**	**€2,800**
	Gran Clase Suite Early Bird	**€4,850**	**€2,750**

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
Gran Clase Suite	**€2,800**	**€2,750** save €50	**€2,750** 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/Costa_Verde_Express_Oviedo_Bilbao_ShortTrip 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 15% 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 are 6m^2

What size are the beds in the suites?

> The size of the bed is dependent on the type of suite you reserve.
- A double/matrimonial bed is 1.20 x 1.85 m
- A bunk bed is 0.90 x 1.85 m
- A fold-down bed is 0.75 x 1.75 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.

How long is the Costa Verde Express trip from Oviedo to Bilbao, and when does it run?

> This is a short 3-day, 2-night journey on the Costa Verde Express from Oviedo to Bilbao. The departure currently on sale leaves on Wednesday 12 May 2027, and it is the only date offered for this short trip, so suites are limited. The exact fare for the departure is shown on this page.

What is the day-by-day route of the Oviedo to Bilbao Costa Verde Express trip?

- Day 1: Oviedo old town, then the Picos de Europa (Lakes of Covadonga, the Sanctuary and Cangas de Onis), with dinner and the night in Llanes.
- Day 2: Neocave of Altamira, medieval Santillana del Mar and Santander, with dinner and the night in Santander.
- Day 3: by train to Bilbao for a city visit including the Guggenheim Museum.

Where and at what time does the Costa Verde Express board in Oviedo?

> Guests are received on board the train at Oviedo station at 10:00 a.m. on day 1. After settling into your suite there is a visit to the historic centre of Oviedo, and lunch is served on board as the train travels on to Arriondas, the gateway to the Picos de Europa. Plan to arrive in Oviedo the day before so you are not rushing to the station.

Where does the Oviedo to Bilbao trip finish, and what time can I book onward travel?

> On day 3 the train reaches Bilbao during breakfast, you say goodbye to the crew and then visit the city, including entry to the Guggenheim Museum. The trip ends at approximately 2:00 p.m. at La Concordia station in Bilbao, so onward trains or flights should be booked for mid to late afternoon or later.

What is the Costa Verde Express and how is it related to El Transcantabrico Clasico?

> The Costa Verde Express is the train that took over the classic El Transcantabrico route along Green Spain, the northern coast of Asturias, Cantabria and the Basque Country. It is a modern luxury train with ensuite rooms, restaurant cars and a lounge car, and the daily sightseeing is done by coach and on foot from the stations where the train stops.

How many guests travel on the Costa Verde Express?

> The train has 23 suites and a maximum capacity of 46 passengers, so the group is always small. The actual number on any departure depends on how many suites are sold and at what occupancy. The small size means excursions, meals and the coach that follows the train stay relaxed and personal.

What type of accommodation is offered on this Costa Verde Express departure?

> Accommodation on this short trip is in a Gran Clase Suite, a private ensuite room on board the train where you sleep both nights. Your luggage stays in the suite for the whole journey, so there is no packing and unpacking between Llanes, Santander and Bilbao. Complimentary mineral water is provided in the suite minibar.

How much does the Costa Verde Express Oviedo to Bilbao trip cost?

> Fares start from EUR 2,800 per person sharing a Gran Clase Suite. The price is set in euros and the dollar equivalent on the page moves with the exchange rate, so the exact fare for the departure is always the one shown on this page at the time you book.

Can I book the Costa Verde Express Oviedo to Bilbao trip as a solo traveller?

> Yes. A single-occupancy fare is published for this departure, and it is higher than the per-person sharing fare because you have the suite to yourself. The current single fare is shown on this page, and our team can confirm availability for single use before you book.

What is included in the Costa Verde Express fare?

> The fare covers your suite on board, daily breakfast, all lunches and dinners on the train or in selected restaurants with beverages served at meals, a welcome drink and snack, a toiletries bag, on-board entertainment, museum and attraction tickets, all scheduled excursions, the luxury coach that follows the train, a multilingual guide, taxes, service and security.

What is not included in the Oviedo to Bilbao train fare?

> Domestic and international flights, travel insurance, visa fees, personal items such as laundry and souvenirs, and any hotel nights before or after the trip are not included, nor is anything not listed as included. We recommend adding a night in Oviedo before departure and arranging travel insurance when you book.

Is rail travel to Oviedo and from Bilbao included?

> At present the fare includes a complimentary rail ticket from anywhere in Spain to Oviedo and another from Bilbao back to anywhere in Spain, for travel on the date closest to the luxury train journey. This is a promotional offer from the railway that can change without notice, so we confirm it at the time of booking.

What will we see in the Picos de Europa on day 1?

> From Arriondas a coach takes the group into the Picos de Europa to the Lakes of Covadonga and the Covadonga Sanctuary, then to Cangas de Onis, regarded as the first Spanish capital after the Reconquest. It is an afternoon of mountain scenery before dinner and the overnight stop in the fishing town of Llanes.

What is the Neocave of Altamira visited on this trip?

> The Neocave of Altamira is a museum with a faithful reproduction of the Altamira cave, the greatest example of Upper Paleolithic rock art. It is visited on the morning of day 2 from Cabezon de la Sal, followed by Santillana del Mar with its beautifully preserved medieval old town, before the train continues to Santander.

How much is the deposit and when is the balance due for the Costa Verde Express?

> A deposit of 15% of the fare secures your suite. The balance is due 35 days before departure, so for the 12 May 2027 departure the final payment falls in early April 2027. Your booking confirmation shows the exact amounts and due date.

Can children travel on the Costa Verde Express Oviedo to Bilbao trip?

> Yes. Child fares are set in two bands, under 12 and 12 to under 18, based on the child's age on the departure date. Children share a suite with adults, and our team will quote the child fare and confirm the suite arrangement for your family before booking.

How do I ask a question or book the Costa Verde Express Oviedo to Bilbao trip?

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