

SPAIN

COSTA VERDE EXPRESS: OVIEDO - BILBAO (TOUR CODE: 13973)

STARTS AND ENDS Oviedo to Bilbao TRAVEL PERIODS 01 May & 04 Sep 2024 **EXPERIENCE** Luxury Cultural Rail Rail Journeys

Embark on a luxurious rail journey through the picturesque landscapes of northern Spain aboard the Costa Verde Express: venture from Oviedo to Bilbao on a captivating three-day itinerary.

Highlights

- Oviedo is known for its significant architectural landmarks such as the Cathedral, Santa María del Naranco church, and San Miguel de Lillo chapel. The Old Town features the Museum of Fine Arts, displaying works by renowned artists like El Greco and Picasso.
- A faithful reproduction of the original Altamira cave in Santillana del Mar, created using state-of-the-art technology and scientific knowledge. Visitors can explore the three-dimensional recreation to learn about the life, art and environment of Europe's earliest settlers.
- The Guggenheim Museum is recognised as one of the 20th century's finest architectural achievements, designed by Frank Gehry. The museum has reshaped Bilbao's global image, establishing it as a prominent destination in the world of art and architecture.

Set off on a lavish rail expedition through the stunning scenery of northern Spain with the Costa Verde Express, travelling from Oviedo to Bilbao on an enchanting three-day two-night voyage. Discover the charm of historic cities, indulge in gourmet cuisine, and immerse yourself in the rich culture of the region. This scenic route of the Costa Verde, offers a unique blend of relaxation, exploration, and unforgettable experiences along the way.



INCLUSIONS

- · Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- · Every day, enjoy a buffet-style breakfasts served on the train
- Exceptional dining experiences for all dinners and lunches, whether served on board the train or in esteemed first-class
 restaurants, complete with inclusive offerings of wine, soft drinks and coffee
- · A memorable dinner and an end-of-trip celebration
- · All entrance fees to museums, monuments, and shows, as well as scheduled excursions and guided visits
- · Engage in a variety of onboard activities such as live music, performances, bar car parties and dancing
- · Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Class Suites onboard the train
- Enjoy a complimentary standard Renfe train travel before and after your tour, adding an extra layer of ease to your journey Please note that this service is not a private transfer
- · Onboard the train, enjoy a welcome beverage and snack to commence your journey

ITINERARY

Oviedo Picos de Europa Llanes

On the first day, commence your journey from Oviedo, heading towards the Picos de Europa and Llanes. After boarding the train at Oviedo station at 10:00 am, explore the Historic Center of Oviedo before enjoying lunch onboard. Upon arrival in Arriondas, embark on a coach tour to the Picos de Europa, visiting the Lakes of Covadonga, Santuario, and Cangas de Onís. Dinner and overnight stay on board the train will be in Llanes.

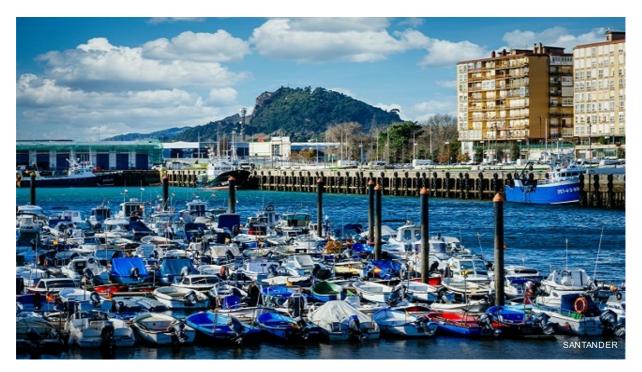
Lunch, Dinner



2 Llanes Santillana Santander

On the second day, as you enjoy breakfast onboard, the train will arrive at Cabezón de la Sal. From there, depart to visit the Neo-cave of Altamira and Santillana del Mar's medieval historic center. Following lunch, travel by train to Santander, where you will have the opportunity to explore the elegant capital of Cantabria. Dinner and overnight stay will be in Santander.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



3 Santander Bilbao

After breakfast onboard, the Costa Verde Express sets off for Bilbao, where you will bid farewell to the crew and the train. The visit to the city includes admission to the famous Guggenheim Museum. The journey concludes around 14:00 p.m. at La Concordia station.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Costa Verde Express

GRAND CLASS DOUBLE SUITE:

The 24 Suites on the Costa Verde Express are meticulously designed to ensure a comfortable and luxurious onboard experience. The Grand-Class Suite, adorned with exquisite wood panelling, exudes a cosy and inviting ambiance. It boasts adjustable air-conditioning, a double bed, and additional amenities for your enhanced comfort, including a writing desk, wardrobe, luggage closet, minibar, and a safe. Each suite comes with a private, well-appointed bathroom featuring a shower, hairdryer, and a selection of welcome items and toiletries. Large windows allow you to immerse yourself in the picturesque scenery and the train's internal connectivity enables seamless movement throughout its length.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

2024 departure dates:

- 01 May
- 04 September

2025 departure dates:

• TBC

Excluded

- · International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- · Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- · Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro