



## SPAIN

# COSTA VERDE EXPRESS: BILBAO TO SANTIAGO (TOUR CODE: 13822)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Bilbao to  
Santiago de Compostela

### TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Aug 25 - 24 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Luxury  
Cultural  
Rail

### TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Embark on a culinary and cultural adventure through Spain, exploring the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia aboard the Costa Verde Express.

## Highlights

- Experience Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum, blending striking architecture with world-class contemporary art
- Discover Cabrales traditions amid stunning Picos de Europa mountain scenery and cheese-making heritage
- Wander through the historic streets of Santiago de Compostela, the celebrated endpoint of the Camino

Embark on a six-day luxury rail journey through the heart of Northern Spain, where rich history, breathtaking landscapes and exceptional cuisine await. From the cultural treasures of Bilbao and Santander to the natural wonders of the Picos de Europa and the charm of Santiago de Compostela, each day offers unique experiences. Travel in comfort aboard a scenic train, enjoying guided visits, local delicacies and unforgettable coastal and mountain panoramas.

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## INCLUSIONS

- Private ensuite accommodation in Grand Class Suites onboard the train
- Each guest will be provided with a toiletry bag containing amenities and slippers
- Complimentary standard Renfe train travel both before and after your tour. Please be aware that this service is not a private transfer & seat reservations are allocated automatically
- 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
- Onboard the train, enjoy a welcome beverage and snack to commence your journey
- 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
- A memorable dinner and an end-of-trip celebration

## ITINERARY

Day

1

Bilbao Laredo Santoña Santander

Begin your journey with a warm welcome at Bilbao-Concordia station at 10:00 a.m., followed by boarding the train, meeting the crew, and settling into your elegant onboard accommodation.

Take in the vibrant energy of Bilbao on a panoramic city tour, including a visit to the iconic Guggenheim Museum. As the train departs for Treto, enjoy a leisurely lunch on board.

From Treto, travel by coach to the charming old town of Laredo. Then, embark on a scenic boat ride across the bay to Santoña, where you'll explore a traditional anchovy cannery—an authentic taste of local culture.

Return to the train and continue to Santander. Enjoy a panoramic view of the city before dinner at a carefully selected local restaurant. Overnight stay onboard the train in Santander.

Lunch, Dinner

Day

2

Santander Santillana del Mar Llanes

Enjoy breakfast on board as the train makes its way to Cabezón de la Sal. From here, a coach takes you to the beautifully preserved medieval village of Santillana del Mar, one of Spain's cultural treasures.

Visit the remarkable Altamira Neo-Cave.

After lunch, the journey continues into the lush landscapes of Asturias, arriving in the picturesque coastal town of Llanes. Explore its old quarter and dramatic seaside cliffs. Dinner is served on board. Overnight stay in Llanes.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **3**

## Llanes Arenas de Cabrales Oviedo

After breakfast, travel by coach to the heart of the Picos de Europa mountains to discover Arenas de Cabrale -famous for its cheese and rugged beauty.

Visit the Cabrales Cheese Cave-Museum and learn how this distinctive local delicacy is made. Enjoy the spectacular mountain scenery before returning to the train.

Lunch is served on board as the train travels to Oviedo, the elegant capital of Asturias. Enjoy a guided tour of its historic landmarks. Dinner and overnight stay onboard the train in Oviedo.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **4**

## Oviedo Gijón Luarca

After breakfast, spend the morning in Gijón, a vibrant coastal city known for its maritime charm, modern culture, and seafront promenades. Enjoy free time to explore or relax, followed by lunch in the city.

In the afternoon, return to the train for a scenic ride to Luarca, the “White Town of the Green Coast.” Discover its traditional fishing village atmosphere and clifftop views.

Dinner is served on board the train. Overnight stay in Luarca.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5**

## Luarca Ribadeo Taramundi Viveiro

Begin the day with breakfast on board as the train arrives in Ribadeo, a gateway to Galicia. From here, travel by coach into the mountainous Los Oscos region.

Visit the ethnographic complex of Os Teixois, a beautifully preserved example of rural Galician life. Continue to Taramundi to explore the Castro settlement and the fascinating Cutlery Museum, showcasing traditional blade-making techniques.

Lunch is served in Taramundi before returning to the train for an afternoon journey to Viveiro, a coastal town steeped in history. Enjoy a guided visit, followed by dinner and an overnight stay in Viveiro.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6**

## Viveiro Ferrol Santiago de Compostela

On the final morning, breakfast is served as the train arrives in Ferrol. Say farewell to the crew before transferring by coach to the spiritual and cultural heart of Galicia—Santiago de Compostela.

Explore the historic old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a guided tour, culminating in a farewell lunch to celebrate the journey. The experience concludes at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Breakfast, Lunch

# 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	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	Euro

**2025 Departure dates\*:**

- 30 August
- 13 & 27 September
- 25 October

**2026 Departure dates:**

- 09 & 23 May
- 06 & 20 June
- 04 July
- 12 & 26 September
- 10 & 24 October

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## 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