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Costa Verde Express

The original Spanish train cruise — Santiago de Compostela to Bilbao

6 days / 5 nights

JOURNEY

Bilbao ⇄ Santiago

ROUTE

up to 46 in 23 suites

GUESTS

May – October

SEASON

Costa Verde Express

Formerly El Transcantábrico Clásico, reborn in 2022 as the Costa Verde Express. The train has 23 Gran Clase Suites across six suite coaches (maximum 46 passengers), with four lounge carriages including a pub car with bar and dance floor. A six-day journey discovering Oviedo, Ribadesella, Llanes, Santillana del Mar, Santander and Bilbao — the best of Green Spain.

Highlights

- ✦ 23 Gran Clase Suites across 6 suite coaches — maximum 46 guests
- ✦ Four lounge carriages: pub carriage with bar and dance floor, and three quieter salons
- ✦ Private en-suite bathroom in every cabin
- ✦ Breakfasts buffet-style on board; lunches and dinners in restaurants or dining cars
- ✦ Galician, Asturian, Cantabrian and Basque cuisine with selected wines, coffee and liqueurs included

The Costa Verde Express is the former El Transcantábrico Clásico, relaunched in 2022. Two-night short routes also run in 2027.



Route

Santiago de Compostela → Ferrol → Viveiro → Ribadeo → Taramundi → Lluarca → Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes → Arenas de Cabrales → Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Santander → Laredo → Bilbao

Runs in both directions: Bilbao → Laredo → Santander → Santillana del Mar → Cabezón de la Sal → Llanes → Oviedo → Gijón → Lluarca → Ribadeo → Viveiro → Ferrol → Santiago de Compostela

Itinerary

Shown in the first direction listed; the reverse direction visits the same highlights in reverse order. Renfe may adjust excursions.

DAY 1 Santiago de Compostela → Viveiro

Reception in Santiago de Compostela at 10:00 a.m. City visit and lunch. Afternoon coach to Ferrol where the train awaits; meet the crew and board. Visit to Viveiro with free time. Dinner and overnight in Viveiro.

DAY 2 Viveiro → Ribadeo → Taramundi → Luarca

Breakfast en route to Ribadeo. Coach to the Oscos area: the ethnographic complex of "Os Teixois", Castro de Taramundi and the knife museum. Lunch in Taramundi. Afternoon train to Luarca, the White Town of the Green Coast. Visit, dinner and overnight in Luarca.

DAY 3 Luarca → Oviedo → Gijón → Llanes

Early train departure from Luarca. After breakfast, coach to visit Gijón. Afternoon in Oviedo, capital of Asturias — visit and free time. Late afternoon train to Llanes; dinner on board; overnight in Llanes.

DAY 4 Llanes → Arenas de Cabrales → Cabezón de la Sal

Coach to Arenas de Cabrales in the heart of Picos de Europa. Visit to the Cabrales Cheese Cave-Museum and the town. Lunch in the area. Afternoon tour of Llanes, then train to Cabezón de la Sal. Dinner and overnight in Cabezón de la Sal.

DAY 5 Santillana del Mar & Santander

Breakfast, then medieval village of Santillana del Mar and the Altamira Neo-cave. Lunch on board as the train arrives in Santander. Visit, free time and dinner at a typical restaurant. Night in Santander.

DAY 6 Santander → Laredo → Bilbao

Breakfast while the train advances to Treto. Coach to the old town of Laredo, then train to Bilbao. Lunch at a typical restaurant. End of trip around 4:30 p.m.

Accommodation



Gran Clase Suite

23 aboard · maximum 46 guests · about 6 m² including bathroom

Sofa by day, double bed of 1.35 × 1.80 m by night. Full private bathroom, writing desk, minibar, safe, luggage rack, wardrobe and individual air-conditioning control.

Included in the fare

- ✦ En-suite cabin accommodation for every night of the journey
- ✦ All meals on board and at selected restaurants en route
- ✦ Wines and drinks with lunch and dinner
- ✦ Guided excursions by private luxury coach, with monument entries
- ✦ Onboard entertainment and luggage handling
- ✦ The train stops at a station each night, so guests sleep without motion

Dates & fares

CABIN	PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY (CABIN)
Gran Clase Suite	€5,300	€9,550

Renfe standard fares in euros, all-inclusive, as published by Renfe on 22 September 2026. Fares and availability can change; live availability for every departure is on spanishluxurytrains.com (updated every 4 hours from Renfe).

2027 departures

DIRECTION	DEPARTURE DATES
Bilbao → Santiago	15 May, 29 May, 12 Jun, 18 Sep, 02 Oct
Santiago → Bilbao	22 May, 05 Jun, 19 Jun, 25 Sep

Short routes 2027

ROUTE	DEPARTURES	FROM
Oviedo → Bilbao	12 May	€2,800 pp
Santiago → Oviedo	09 Oct	€2,800 pp

Booking terms

- ✦ A 15% deposit confirms the booking; the balance is due 35 days before departure.
- ✦ Cancellations and amendments follow Renfe's conditions for the Trenes Turísticos de Lujo; the exact schedule is sent with every quote.
- ✦ Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended.



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