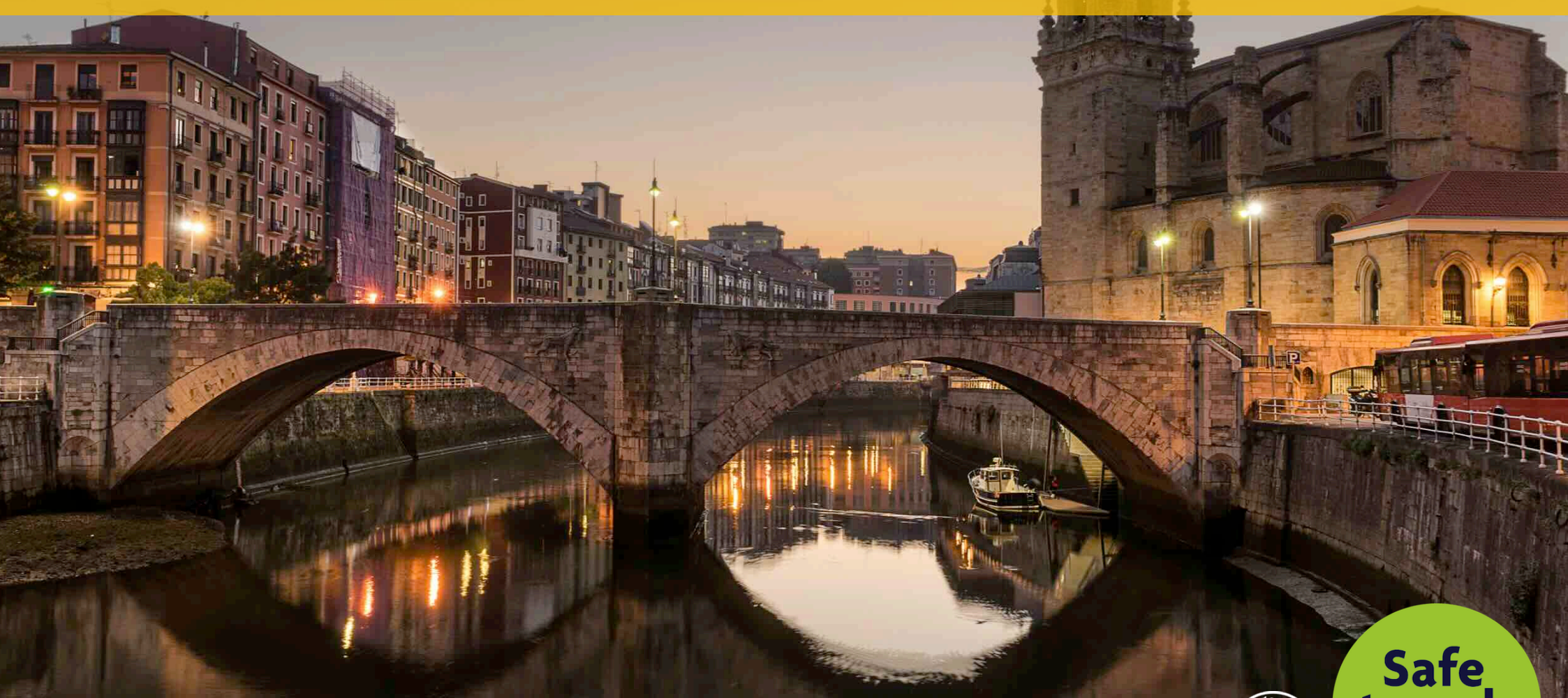




BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the leading, independent and family owned luxury train specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

The Luxury Train Travel Company is a trading name of Headseast Ltd, a UK based, independent, family owned travel company. We operate several brands in addition to The Luxury Train Travel Company including [“The Latin America Travel Company”](#) [“The Trans-Siberian Travel Company”](#) and [“The China Travel Company”](#). Our clients come from all over the world.



COSTA VERDE EXPRESS : BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



BILBAO • SANTANDER • SANTILLANA DEL MAR • CABEZÓN DE LA SAL • LLANES • PICOS DE EUROPA • LLANES • GIJÓN • OVIEDO • RIBADEO • VIVEIRO • FERROL • SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

- ✓ Suites with luxury comforts, private bathrooms, and modern amenities.
- ✓ Gourmet meals with local ingredients and fine Spanish wines.
- ✓ Lounges offer panoramic views for relaxation and socialising.
- ✓ Excursions to historic sites, museums, and local cultural experiences.
- ✓ Personalised service with high staff-to-guest ratio for luxury experience.
- ✓ Travels through diverse landscapes, including coastlines and mountains.
- ✓ Immersive cultural experiences in Northern Spain's history and traditions.
- ✓ Exclusive access to sites and experiences not widely available.

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS STARTING IN BILBAO



DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there are any pre or post tour experiences you'd like to add please do not hesitate to contact us.

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with.

It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few. Personally I feel privileged to have experienced this part of the world.

Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy Schuneman



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

JOIN THE TRAIN

COMMENCE IN BILBAO & JOIN THE TRAIN TO SANTANDER

We'll warmly welcome you at 10 am at Bilbao-Concordia station on the first day of our journey. Upon boarding the train, we'll introduce you to our attentive crew, who will be at your service throughout the trip. You'll then be escorted to your room, where you can settle in and familiarize yourself with the cozy and well-appointed cabin that will be your home away from home.

Our journey begins with a panoramic exploration of Bilbao, including a visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum. Afterward, we'll return to the train for a delightful onboard meal as we journey towards Santander.

The afternoon is dedicated to discovering Santander, with ample time for you to wander and enjoy the city at your leisure. Dinner will be served at a distinguished Santander restaurant, and there's an optional visit to the Casino del Sardinero for those interested. The day concludes with a return to the train, where we'll spend the night in Santander.

 **Meals Included:** Lunch & Dinner.

BOOKING PRE-TOUR SERVICES

This trip starts at the train station in Bilbao but please note we can book hotel nights in this city as well as flights and transfers prior to this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

BILBAO



BILBAO



SANTANDER



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

ON THE TRAIN WITH STOPS

EXPLORE CABEZON DE LA SAL & CONTINUE TO LLANES

On the second day of our Costa Verde Express journey, we'll begin with a delightful breakfast in the train's dining car, enjoying the scenic travel to the town of Cabezón de la Sal. Upon arrival, a coach will be ready to escort us to the medieval village of Santillana del Mar, where we'll explore the Altamira Neo-cave, a pivotal site for understanding prehistory and connecting with our ancestral heritage.

Following a tasty lunch in Santillana del Mar, we'll board the train again, venturing into the Asturias region and onward to Llanes. In Llanes, we'll enjoy a leisurely stroll through this enchanting town, soaking in its unique charm. The day concludes with a sumptuous dinner onboard the train, as we settle in for the night in Llanes.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

LLANES



SANTILLANA DEL MAR



CABEZON DE LA SAL



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

ON THE TRAIN WITH STOPS

JOURNEY INTO THE PICOS DE EUROPA PARK ON TO OVIEDO

After breakfast, we depart by coach for Arenas de Cabrales, a picturesque village nestled in the heart of the Picos de Europa mountains. On arrival, we visit the Cabrales Cheese Cave-Museum to discover the rich history and traditional methods behind one of Asturias' most famous products.

You'll also have some time to explore the charming town of Arenas de Cabrales, known for its dramatic natural setting and deep-rooted mountain culture. We then return to the train, where lunch will be served onboard as we journey towards Oviedo. Upon arrival in the elegant capital of Asturias, we enjoy a guided visit of the city, taking in its historic buildings, quaint old town, and vibrant atmosphere.

The day concludes with dinner and an overnight stay in Oviedo, offering a chance to relax and reflect on the scenic and cultural experiences of the day.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

OVIEDO



LUARCA



RIBADEO



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

ON THE TRAIN WITH STOPS

EXPLORE THE SEASIDE VILLAGES OF GIJÓN & LUARCA

Starting the day refreshed with a hearty breakfast, we'll enjoy a leisurely stroll through Gijón, a city renowned for its stunning sea views and perfect for exploring its delightful nooks. You'll have some free time to wander around Gijón, and following that, we'll savor lunch at one of the city's traditional restaurants.

Subsequently, we'll board the train and journey to our day's final stop, Luarca, situated near the border with Galicia. We'll explore this picturesque town, and later in the evening, we'll return to the train for a sumptuous dinner onboard, followed by a well-earned rest.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



VIVEIRO



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



DAY 5

ON THE TRAIN WITH STOPS

HISTORIC RIBADEO & ON TO VIVEIRO

In the morning, we'll set off towards Galician territory, enjoying a leisurely breakfast aboard the train. Our first stop in Galicia will be Ribadeo, a charming town where we'll pause to explore its key sights and enjoy the local cuisine.

Following our exploration and lunch, we'll continue our journey to Viveiro, an important city in the A Mariña Lucense region, where we'll take in its must-see landmarks. The day will conclude with a delightful dinner onboard, as we spend the night comfortably in Viveiro.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



DAY 6

FINISH THE TRAIN RIDE

FINISH THE TRAIN TRIP AT FERROL & TRANSFER TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

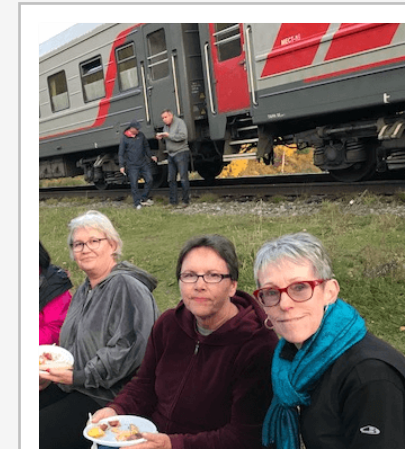
On the final day of our journey with the Costa Express train, we'll enjoy breakfast while taking in the beautiful landscapes en route to Ferrol. Here, we'll bid farewell to the train crew and board our coach to Santiago de Compostela, the renowned Galician capital.

We'll immerse ourselves in the city's rich history, visiting the famed Cathedral, a beacon for pilgrims worldwide. Our journey will culminate with a meal at the Parador Reyes Católicos, where we'll reflect on our memorable 6-day voyage through northern Spain and where our trip will end around 4pm.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

This trip finishes at the Parador de los Reyes Católicos in Santiago de Compostela. Please note we can book hotel nights in this hotel as well as flights and transfers after this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.



Josie Dawson & Friends

"We had the best time, with plenty of laughs, trying to learn the local languages, we loved the Train ride, so many amazing sights, sounds and people.

You were always so helpful and prompt in sending us your replies."

COSTA VERDE EXPRESS TOUR DATES & PRICES

Updated 230725

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5 NIGHT - COSTA VERDE EXPRESS - WESTBOUND BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DC - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS *

* All Dates Subject To Availability - Many Trips Sell Out Long In Advance *

Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9th 23rd	6th 20th	4th	N/A	12th 26th	10th 24th	N/A	N/A

CABINS - see pages further on for cabin descriptions	EUROS per person
Gran Class Cabin - double bed - per person	€5,000
Gran Class Cabin - Single Occupancy	€9,000

* The published prices for this tour are in Euros. However, we can quote and accept payment in GB Pounds, USD, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. **Contact us** for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

COSTA VERDE EXPRESS TOUR DATES & PRICES

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2027

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Save 10% on the prices below if booking by 31st July 2026

CABINS - see pages further on for cabin descriptions	EUROS per person
Gran Clase Cabin - double bed - per person	€5,300
Gran Clase Cabin - Single Occupancy	€8,595

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COSTA VERDE EXPRESS TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Accommodation in Gran Class Room (bed 120 cm x 185 cm)
- ✓ Welcome drink and appetizer. Buffet breakfast.
- ✓ Pack — Gift (toiletry bag with toiletries and slippers).
- ✓ Mineral water at no cost.
- ✓ All dinners and lunches, from the finest gastronomy, on board the train or in top-notch restaurants (including wine, water, soft drinks and coffee).
- ✓ Change of towels and sheets daily.
- ✓ Bathrobe, slippers and toiletries.
- ✓ Activities on board: music and live performances, parties in the pub car, dancing.
- ✓ End of trip gala party.
- ✓ Excursions and scheduled visits. Tickets to museums, monuments and shows.
- ✓ Luxury coach that accompanies the train throughout the route.
- ✓ Fees and services. Daily press and magazines. Security service.
- ✓ Multilingual accompanying guide throughout the tour.
- ✓ Option to enjoy two dinners or lunches in your private compartment.
- ✓ Possibility for the crew to collect and order their luggage, placing their contents in the closet of the suite, both upon arrival and at the end of the trip upon request of the client.

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of trip.
- ✗ Visas (if required)
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.
- ✗ Laundry & Ironing services on board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met. It is rare this happens and if it does you will be offered a date / trip change or refund of the deposit (any decision is taken outside 60 days before the trip start date). Note there may be no refund for additional services such as flights or other travel arrangements you have made separately.
- We require all clients to take out travel / trip cancellation and to have valid medical insurance for all our trips.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a **non-refundable deposit** of 15% of the total tour price plus any international flights we are booking for you. Full payment is required 35 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, tips, beverages, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.

Cancellation conditions:

- More than 30 days before the trip: 15% penalty.
- Between 30 and 15 days before the trip: 25% penalty. The remaining 75% will be refunded.
- Between 14 and 5 days before the trip: 50% penalty. The remaining 50% will be refunded.
- Between 4 and 1 day before the trip: 80% penalty. The remaining 20% will be refunded.
- Less than 24 hours or no-show on the day of the start of the trip: 100% penalty. No amount will be refunded.

WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

EXPERIENCE ✓

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

PRICE PROMISE ✓

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

INDEPENDENT ADVICE ✓

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

PEACE OF MIND ✓

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."

Kristopher Forbes



"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."

Sarah Orozco



"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."

Rachael Klein



"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train – loved it."

Paige & Hugh Christensen



"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."

Lawrence & Conner Dudley



"We appreciated how easy it was to talk with you on the phone, person-to-person. This was very helpful. It's nice to meet people with similar interests and goals. We thank you and your company for everything you did to create a memorable train experience."

Bethany Leblanc



"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for your attention to detail towards your customers."

Tania & Arthur Lindsey



"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy

ABOUT THE COSTA VERDE EXPRESS TRAIN

The Costa Verde Express Train, a splendid successor to El Transcantábrico, epitomizes a luxurious rail journey. It combines the grandeur of the golden age of train travel with contemporary comfort, gracefully traversing the tracks of Northern Spain. This journey offers a lavish experience designed to delight all senses.

Featuring a first-class crew and dedicated to providing exclusive service to its passengers, the train is celebrated for its fine dining and a meticulously curated itinerary that offers an immersive exploration of the enchanting regions of the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia. The Costa Verde Express sets the standard for opulent rail travel through Spain's northern territories.



COSTA VERDE EXPRESS CABINS

The Costa Verde Express boasts 23 Grand Class rooms, accommodating up to 46 guests. These cabins, reminiscent of a bygone era yet brimming with comfort, are adorned with exquisite décor, offering premier accommodations.



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COSTA VERDE EXPRESS CABINS

Clad in elegant wood finishes, each room features a cozy double bed and is outfitted with modern amenities including a minibar, safe, wardrobe, desk, and a telephone with an external line. The en-suite bathrooms are equipped with a hydromassage shower/steam sauna, hairdryer, and a comprehensive set of toiletries. For personalized comfort, the air conditioning, lighting, and music are all individually adjustable.



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COSTA VERDE EXPRESS CABINS

Guests are invited to unwind and enjoy the breathtaking views through the suite's expansive windows. To ensure a restful sleep, the train halts at night. The rooms on the Costa Verde Express are meticulously crafted to offer supreme comfort and create a warm, inviting ambiance perfect for relaxation and leisure.



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COSTA VERDE EXPRESS CABINS

The Costa Verde Express is staffed by a dedicated team of professionals committed to delivering unparalleled service, both on and off the train, available to you around the clock.



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USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with very limited departures through the year. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. This particularly applies to the higher level cabins which there is strong demand for.

CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

Visas (if required) can be quite complex so we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visa Central](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip. Of course, we provide all the necessary documentation which must accompany your application.

ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Trips sold as packages to UK clients come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct. Trips sold by us as an agent for train operator do not come with financial protection as even in the event of our insolvency your booking with the train operator would still exist and be honoured.

CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR US ?

Absolutely! Our ATOL license means that we can book international or indeed internal flights. Just let us know which airports you want to fly from or to and we will be more than happy to give a quote.

CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

We can offer accommodation either side of the trip - ask for details.

WHAT CURRENCY TO TAKE ?

The legal currency in Spain is Euro.

CAN I SMOKE ON BOARD?

Smoking is not possible on board the train, current legislation prohibits it. However, journeys do not exceed 3-4 hours of duration.

DOES THE TRAIN TRAVEL AT NIGHT ?

No, to provide optimal rest, the train will stand at the station and resume the journey in the morning.

LUGGAGE & CLOTHING TO BRING

No mandatory dress code is required, you can dress as you wish. Guided walking tours are included to get to know the cities, so we recommend wearing comfortable clothes and shoes during the day. Depending on the time of year, bring a raincoat and warm clothes. For evenings an elegant or casual dress would be the best option.

HOW MANY PASSENGERS ARE THERE ?

The train supports up to 64 passengers.

IS THERE WIFI

Yes, there is Wi-Fi on board and there is also a computer in the lounges from which you can access the Internet.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

TIPPING

There is no obligation to tip staff. If you wish, you are free to do so.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

The train has a first-aid kit and the crew is trained to know how to use it in an emergency. However, if you need medical attention, we can refer you to one of the health centres located along the route. Spanish citizens will benefit from health care according to Spanish Social Security rules. Citizens of the European Union should consult the agreements with each country (there is usually reciprocity). For citizens of other nationalities, we recommend taking out medical insurance to cover possible health emergencies.

LAUNDRY

Small towels and sheeting is provided. Laundry and ironing services are on board at an additional charge payable locally.

DINING CAR & DRINKS

Breakfast is served on board and consists of both a table service and a varied buffet, all prepared with high quality products. The breakfast menu includes a wide variety of items that are freshly prepared to serve. Lunch and dinner are a combination of meals on board and meals in first-class restaurants. In any case, there is a selection of high quality cuisine on offer, with typical dishes from the areas where train travels.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you are allergic to certain foods, or require vegetarian or other meals, just give written notice at the time of booking. We will ensure that meals are tailored to your preferences and needs.

WHAT SOCKETS ARE THERE ?

The power supply in Spain is 230 V 50 Hz, with two cylindrical plugs F-type sockets.

IS THERE SECURITY ?

Trains have a safety deposit box . The stations where the train is parked there are surveillance systems.

WHAT ID DO I NEED ?

For foreigners, the documentation required to travel by train is the same as that required to enter Spain from the country of origin. Spanish citizens can identify themselves with their national identity card or passport.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS THE TRAIN ?

The Transcantabrico is a historic train, and although it is restored to offer maximum comfort, the inside is not adapted for a wheelchair or walker to move around. However, travel would be possible for a person with reduced mobility who is reasonably self-sufficient or travelling with another passenger, who only requires the support of a wheelchair, once out of the train. However, it is important that these people do not travel without help, and that their travel companion is available to help with boarding, pushing the wheelchair, etc, as there are no dedicated staff available for this purpose.

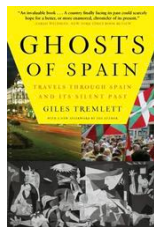
CAN I TRAVEL WITH A BABY ?

In this case, you must book a triple Room, adding the supplement for the baby.



AS I WALKED OUT ONE MIDSUMMER MORNING LAURIE LEE

In the early 1930s, Laurie Lee heads for Spain, where he drifts around the country playing his violin in squares and in front of cafes. He makes his way with the small change he earns and the hospitality of Spaniards on the eve of the Spanish Civil War.



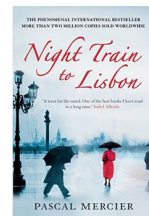
GHOSTS OF SPAIN GILES TREMLETT

The appearance, more than sixty years after the Spanish Civil War ended, of mass graves containing victims of Francisco Franco's death squads finally broke what Spaniards call "the pact of forgetting." At this charged moment, Giles Tremlett embarked on a journey around the country.



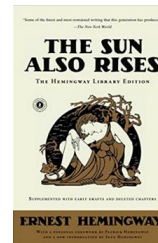
HOMAGE TO CATALONIA GEORGE ORWELL

In 1936 George Orwell travelled to Spain to report on the Civil War and instead joined the fight against the Fascists. This famous account describes the war and Orwell's own experiences.



THE NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON PASCAL MERCIER

An international bestseller about one man's escape from a humdrum existence to pursue a life of spontaneity. Hurling through the dark, Night Train to Lisbon is a rich tale, wonderfully told, propelled both by the mystery at its heart and its evocative subject.



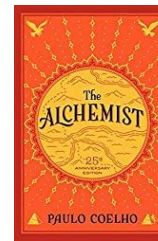
THE SUN ALSO RISES ERNEST HEMINGWAY

A poignant look at the disillusionment and angst of the post-World War I generation, the novel introduces two of Hemingway's most unforgettable characters: Jake Barnes and Lady Brett Ashley.



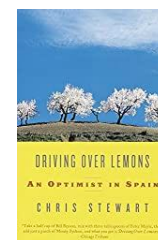
THE NEW SPANIARDS JOHN HOOPER

The New Spaniards traces the transformation in society following the end of Franco's dictatorship and how political liberty led to social, moral, and cultural liberties as well. Another must-read for those looking to understand current Spain through its past.



THE ALCHEMIST PAULO COELHO

Follows a young shepherd from the hills of Andalusia on a journey throughout the south of Spain and to the pyramids of Egypt. A quick read in the form of a fable, The Alchemist tells the tale of a spiritual quest to getting what you really want out of life.



DRIVING OVER LEMONS CHRIS STEWART

Chris Stewart, the author of Driving Over Lemons (and also the first drummer in the band Genesis), purchases a dilapidated farm in the Alpujarras mountains near Granada, complete with a live-in previous owner. Hilarity ensues as he and his wife learn to fix up the house, integrate with the neighbours, and generally make lemonade out of some pretty big lemons.