

### Via de Plata

The ancient Roman trading route.  
An epic journey from the lush green north  
to the orange groves of the south.

# Camino

by Casas Cantabricas

#### Summary

Following the ancient, Via de Plata, trading route – literally the 'Silver Path' – this truly epic journey crosses Spain from north to south.

Few tours offer such extreme contrasts, from the lush green valleys of Asturias to the arid plains and high sierras of Castilla-León and Extremadura, finally reaching the orange groves of Andalucia; from the bedrock of Christian Spain to the heart of the one-time sultanate, here you truly get a sense of Spain's rich and turbulent history...



#### Your Route

#### Tour Highlights:

- Picos de Europa & north coast
- León & Astorga – crossroads with the Camino de Santiago
- Salamanca, ancient University City
- Dehesa landscapes. Jamón Iberico
- Cáceres, Trujillo, Guadalupe
- Sevilla – full of Andalusian 'alegría'

#### Travel Tips:

Northern Connections:

From Stansted: Easyjet to Asturias or Ryanair to Santander

From Edinburgh or Dublin:

Ryanair to Santander

Southern Connections:

From Sevilla: Ryanair to Stansted, Glasgow or Dublin

From Jerez: Ryanair to Stansted

From Malaga: Easyjet to Stansted, Glasgow, Manchester, Luton + others,

Ryanair to Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester + others





### Itinerary Overview

Stage	First Night	Last Night	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Asturias		
1	Day 1 to 3	Asturias	Libardon	HLIB1 Historic hotel, near coast, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr from Asturias airport
2	Day 4 & 5	León	León	HLEO1 Historic hotel in the heart of Leon, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs
3	Day 6 & 7	Salamanca	Salamanca	HSAL3 Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 10mins
4	Day 8 & 9	Extremadura North	Hervás	HHER1 Historic town hotel with pool, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr
5	Day 10 & 11	Extremadura Central	Trujillo	HTRU1 Palace with a pool in historic Trujillo, Standard double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
6	Day 12	Extremadura South	Llerena	HLLE1 Historic town hotel with pool, Superior room (2 sharing)	1hr 40mins
7	Day 13 & 14	Andalucia	Sevilla	HSEV1 City hotel at the heart of Sevilla, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Sevilla, Malaga or Jerez		30 mins to airport

### Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary copy of Cadogan's Guide To Northern Spain
- Our own restaurant guide
- NB Flights not included

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### Stage 1



#### Region: Asturias, east and central coast

Lovely seaside villages such as Llanes & Lastres.  
Dinosaur coast - Jurassic museum near Colunga & fossil footprints on the beaches.  
Visit Oviedo, the historic Asturian capital & Gijon by the sea.  
Eat, drink and be merry in a traditional Asturian cider house.  
The Spanish Cornwall? Beautiful beaches & cliff-top walks.  
Beautifully preserved pre-roman architecture, from the 8th Century.

#### Historic hotel, near coast

Nestled in the Asturian mountains at the foot of the Sierra del Suevo yet only fifteen minutes' drive away from the beaches and unspoilt fishing villages, Palacio de Libardon offers a perfect rural retreat and at the same time a great base for exploring Asturias. The hotel itself is a fine example of a 'Casona de Indianos', the palaces built by adventurers returning from Latin America, and consists of two main buildings, the main part da...[Read More](#)



### Stage 2



#### Region: Leon

Crossing point of the Camino de Santiago and Via de Plata.  
Cathedral of Santa Maria - beautiful stained glass Rose Window  
Tapas in la Zona Humeda, 'the wet zone', in the old-town  
See the true Holy Grail housed in the beautiful Colegiata de San Isidoro  
Take a trip to lovely Astorga with its Gaudi palace  
Visit Las Médulas & Ponferrada

#### Historic hotel in the heart of Leon

This very special hotel in a square in the Romantic Quarter in the heart of Leon, just a short walk to the magnificent Cathedral, is full of history and art. Forming part of the outstanding C11th complex of the Real Colegiata de San Isidoro de Leon and the Panteon de Los Reyes with its amazingly vivid Romanesque frescos, amongst the best preserved anywhere, the hotel was at one time a monastery. The monastery houses the Caliz de Doña Urraca,...[Read More](#)



### Stage 3



#### Region: Salamanca

Magnificent Salamanca Spain's foremost university town  
Walking in the Sierra de Francia  
Gijuelo ham, one of the best in Spain  
Site of Wellington's famous victory at the Battle of Salamanca and nearby Ciudad Rodrigo  
Via de la Plata - ancient Roman route linking Sevilla with Gijón on the north coast.  
Arribes del Duero Nature Park - breathtaking catamaran journey on Duero river  
Wines of Sierra de Salamanca and nearby Tolo and Rueda

#### Charming boutique hotel in Salamanca

Situated between the cathedral and the river this small yet historic hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the old quarter of Salamanca. Though centrally placed the thick stone walls offer a peaceful retreat from the city noise. The emphasis here is very much on quality and outstanding personal service with great care being taken over every detail. The owner Julian and his staff will go out of their way to make sure you get the best ...[Read More](#)



### Stage 4



#### Region: Northern Caceres, Valleys of Ambroz & Jerte

Explore the high Sierras of Gredos and Salamanca  
Lose yourself in the Jewish Quarter of Hervás  
Valle del Jerte cherry trees by the million – a real treat in Spring!  
Visit Candelario & Béjar – two true beauties  
Plasencia – key staging point on the Via de Plata

#### Historic town hotel with pool

Housed in the magnificent C17th Convento de Trinitarios this hotel, in the upper part of the delightful old town of Hervás with its proudly preserved Jewish quarter, makes a great base for exploring the exceptionally beautiful Valle de Ambroz in the north of Extremadura. Recently renovated to maintain a feeling of space and making full use of natural light, the stunning cloisters alone make a stay a must. The hotel, its lovely garden and swi...[Read More](#)





### Stage 5



#### Region: Central Extremadura

Ruta de los Conquistadores - Pizarro, Cortés the conquerors of Latin America.  
Castillo & Plaza Mayor of Trujillo  
Guadalupe, pilgrimage site - enormous monastery, Cathedral and Zurbaran paintings  
Caceres, Spain's first listed heritage city  
Roman Mérida, once capital of Lusitania UNESCO World Heritage Site.  
Monfrague Nature Park - vast holm and cork oak forests teeming with bird life.

#### Palace with a pool in historic Trujillo

Just off the main square in Trujillo this 16th century palace has been converted into a modern and comfortable hotel whilst keeping its historic charm. The location is unbeatable, some rooms having views to the castle, others to the historic square or across the rooftops. In the summer the pool area is a refreshing oasis and enjoys excellent rooftop views. The helpful & friendly staff will make sure you get the most out of your stay in Truj...[Read More](#)



### Stage 6



#### Region: Badajoz, Southern Campiña

Mérida, some of Spain's finest Roman ruins  
Paintings of Zurbarán and much more in Zafra la Bella  
Jerez de Los Caballeros – town of the Conquistadores  
Discover the “dehesa” grazing for the Iberian pigs  
Sample the local jamón at Monesterio – simply the best!

#### Historic town hotel with pool

Walking into the Hospedería Mirador de Llerena will take you back to the beginnings of the C20th when this beautiful art deco palace "La Casa de Doña Mariana" (the original owner) was built. It stands right in the centre of the interesting old town of Llerena , at one time home to the great Spanish painter Zurbarán, in the south of Extremadura. Spanning two floors, it has been carefully restored to preserve many of its original features - t...[Read More](#)



### Stage 7



#### Region: Sevilla

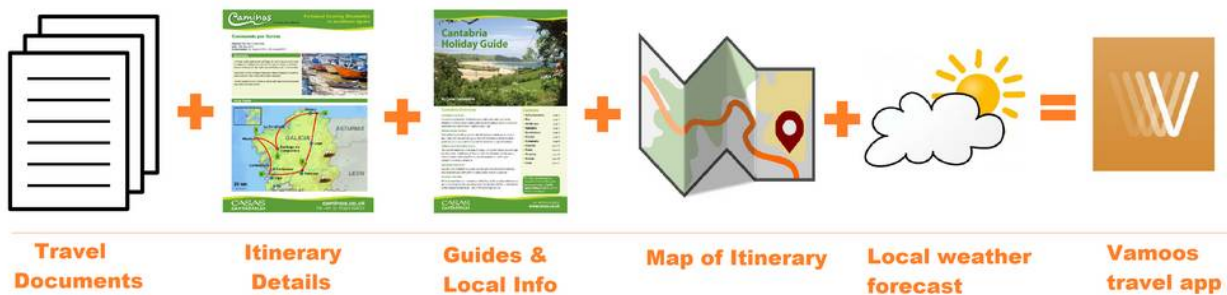
Gateway to the New World & all its riches  
3 World Heritage Sites in the Old Town!  
Magnificent Cathedral & Archive of the Indies  
Moorish Alcázar Palace & Giralda Tower  
Thriving Flamenco culture in Triana  
Soak in the atmosphere of Barrio de la Santa Cruz  
Savour hand-cut 'jamón' in the wonderful tapas bars

#### City hotel at the heart of Sevilla

With three World Heritage Sites within 5 minutes' walk this hotel can truly claim to be at the very heart of Seville - climb to the roof terrace & see just how close the Cathedral really is! The hotel enjoys a privileged position with relatively little traffic in a neighbourhood with some of the best, and most authentic, bars and restaurants to be found anywhere in the city centre. The building itself dates from the 18th century and is clas...[Read More](#)



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