

## Camino del Norte, out-and-back

### El Camino del Norte

The Classic Northern Spain itinerary, from Santander to Santiago - and back - via the coastal route.



by Casas Cantabricas

### Summary

Take the ferry to Spain and follow close to one of the original pilgrimage routes of St James yet never far from the beautiful coastline of Northern Spain with the backdrop of the Cordillera de Cantabria mountains.

From start to finish you'll find great walking, spectacular scenery, historic towns and monumental cities.

One of the main attractions must be the superb food and wine. From Michelin stars to home cooked local market produce and wines of Rioja, Abariño and Ribera del Duero, to name but a few there's just so much to discover...



### Your Route

#### Tour Highlights:

- World class wines and gastronomy
- Spain's most beautiful beaches
- Breathtaking mountain scenery
- The 'Way of St James', steeped in history
- Magnificent cities, unspoilt villages
- Ancient architecture - to ultra-modern Guggenheim

#### Travel tips:

Ferry to Bilbao or Santander from Portsmouth or Plymouth

Fly to Santander:  
Ryanair from Edinburgh, Dublin or Stansted

Fly to Bilbao:  
Easyjet from Manchester, Bristol or Stansted  
BA from Heathrow & Vueling from Gatwick

*Please consult for other travel options*



### Itinerary Overview

Stage	Days	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Bilbao or Santander		
1	Day 1 to 3	E. Asturias	Libardon	HLIB1 Historic hotel, near coast, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 40mins from Santander (+1hr Bilbao)
2	Day 4 & 5	Costa Lucense	Senra	HSEN1 Country hotel, Costa Lucense, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 40mins
3	Day 6 & 7	Santiago	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC1 City hotel with garden, Double room (single occupation)	2hrs
4	Day 8 & 9	W. Asturias	Puerto de Vega	HPDV1 Coastal hotel in picturesque fishing port, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 20mins
5	Day 10 & 11	Picos de Europa	Pesaguero	HPES1 Mountain posada with pool, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 50mins
6	Day 12 to 14	W. Cantabria	Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 Historic town hotel with pool, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Bilbao or Santander		30mins to Santander ferry port (+1hr Bilbao)

### Your Itinerary

What the tour includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- Ferry crossings for 2 people plus car (alternatively please ask about car hire)
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own restaurant guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.



### 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-romanian 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: Costa Lucense, Galicia

Great seafood - famed throughout Spain  
Playa de los Catedrales - just one of many fantastic beaches  
Viveiro, lively seaside city with an atmospheric old town and lovely beaches.  
Sargadelos pottery, hand made and traditional but with a modern look.  
Fiesta! Some of Spain's most traditional, like Rapa das Bestas or Ortuera Folk, well established the world music circuit.

#### Country hotel, Costa Lucense

In the same family for generations, this delightful house, standing in very well kept grounds, has been beautifully restored and furnished to make a very comfortable country hotel whilst maintaining many original features and artefacts. You will find total peace and quiet here, the hotel being set in deep countryside, yet you're only a short drive away from beautiful beaches, including the famous Playa de las Catedrales. The interesting fis...[Read More](#)



### Stage 3



#### Region: Santiago & the interior

Santiago, journey's end, for centuries Europe's N° 1 pilgrim destination.  
Take a Catamaran trip down the magnificent Rio Sil  
Ribeiro wines from vineyards on the steep river valleys of the Miño and Sil  
Ourense, full of surprises, and Monforte de Lemos, both steeped in history  
Take a trip around the monasteries of the Ribera Sacra Lugo, a thriving city with Roman walls  
Los Ancares nature park, little discovered acres of native woodlands

#### City hotel with garden

In the heart of the medieval city of Santiago de Compostela, this charming and popular hotel combines traditional architectural features with modern comforts and has the added blessing of a lovely garden, where you can eat breakfast or enjoy an aperitif among the apple and lemon trees. There is also a "cristalera" - a glassed-in verandah - for breakfast and for sitting in, a coffee-shop/bar with old stone fireplace and a small library with an e...[Read More](#)



### Stage 4

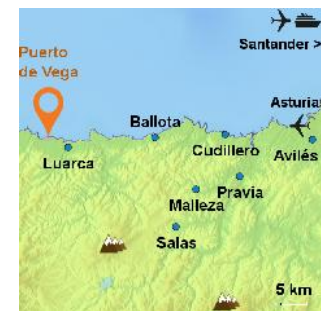


#### Region: Western Asturias

Picturesque fishing villages such as Cudillero & Luarca  
Beaches - world class surf at Tapia, breathtaking Silencio or family fun at San Pedro.  
National Park of Somiedo - see the wild deer, and bears if you're lucky!  
Celtic settlements on the Asturian coast.  
Head inland to the genuine cowboy country

#### Coastal hotel in picturesque fishing port

Former fishermen's cottages where the nets were made and repaired, this gem of a hotel, right on the dramatic coastline of Western Asturias, in the picturesque port of Puerto de Vega, was converted with a loving and artistic eye by its owner, Milagros. With a nautical theme throughout and all its stylish, individually decorated bedrooms with sea views, her magic touch has created a museum piece almost, but with every modern comfort and detail ...[Read More](#)





### Stage 5



#### Region: Picos de Europa

Let the cable car at Fuente De whisk you up 1800m into the Picos de Europa  
 Make a pilgrimage to Santo Toribio, at the heart of the Valle de Liébana  
 Potes, Cangas de Onís and Arriondas historic yet full of life  
 Local mountain gastronomy - don't miss the local cider and Orujo.  
 Get canoeing on the Rio Sella or Deva, a great day out!  
 Walk the Ruta del Cares - breathtaking mountain scenery for all abilities.  
 Covadonga, geographical, spiritual and sporting heart of the Picos.

#### Mountain posada with pool

Up in the mountains of the Picos de Europa, this attractive posada is built in traditional style and materials to combine rural charm with modern comforts. Situated in Barrio La Gloria, Pesaguero, a little village twelve kilometres from Potes, in the beautiful Liébana countryside, with views to the high peaks, it is well located for exploring the Picos Mountains, with walks straight from the door or further afield. The posada is centrally located...[Read More](#)



### Stage 6



#### Region: Western Coastal Cantabria

Historic seaside towns of San Vicente de la Barquera, Comillas or Santillana del Mar.  
 Sweeping sandy beaches and craggy protected coves  
 Unspoilt Carmona, Cabezón, Barcena Mayor in the beautiful valleys.  
 Prehistoric cave paintings at Altamira and magnificent formations in El Soplao - the Cathedral of the cave world.  
 Wonderful walks along the coast or in the rolling hills just inland.

#### Historic town hotel with pool

Just outside the historic village of Santillana del Mar in a peaceful spot, this handsome building is set in attractive gardens, with a terrace and swimming pool, and views over red roofs and green hills. Decorated and furnished in the traditional period style of the region, and family run, it combines elegant simplicity with rustic charm - and with all modern comforts. There is a lounge and breakfast room/bar (Santillana del Mar, about 5...[Read More](#)



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