

## Mar y Montaña NC4

### Natural highlights of Cantabria & Asturias

The heart of northern Spain. The spectacular coastline & Picos de Europa steal the show but you will find so much more

#### Summary

A compact route which takes in the very best of Cantabria and Asturias, with the soaring mountains of the Picos de Europa as its centre piece and the fantastic beaches of both Cantabria and Asturias always close at hand.

There are plenty of opportunities to get active or to kick back and relax, and you'll find superb food & wine and a friendly welcome wherever you go.

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#### Your Route

#### Tour Highlights:

- Two faces of the Picos de Europa
- Medieval Santillana & the Cantabrian coast
- Dinosaur coast – Jurassic Museum & fossil footprints
- Seaside charm; Comillas, San Vicente & Lastres
- Santander, the city on the bay & Oviedo with its pre-romanesque architecture

#### Travel tips:

**Stansted:** to Santander with Ryanair or Bilbao with Easyjet

**Gatwick:** to Bilbao with Vueling

**Dublin:** to Santander with Ryanair or Bilbao with Arlingus

**Edinburgh;** to Santander with Ryanair

**Manchester:** to Bilbao with Easyjet

**Ferries:** Portsmouth or Plymouth:  
Santander or Bilbao – 5 sailings weekly.



### Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Santander		
1	Day 1 & 2	Asturias	Libardon	HLIB1 Historic hotel, near coast, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)  + Home cooked dinner for two, 1st night	1hr 40mins
2	Day 3 & 4	Picos de Europa	Pesaguero	HPES1 Mountain posada with pool, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs
3	Day 5 to 7	Coastal Cantabria	Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 Historic town hotel with pool, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr 30mins
			Departing Santander		30mins to Santander

\* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

### Your Itinerary

What the tour includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own restaurant guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included
- + Holiday Extras as detailed above

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: 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 Onis 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 he...[Read More](#)





### Stage 3



#### 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, Cabezon, Barcena Mayor in the beautiful valleys

Prehistoric cave paintings at Altamira and magnificent formations in El Soplao - the Cathedral of the cave world

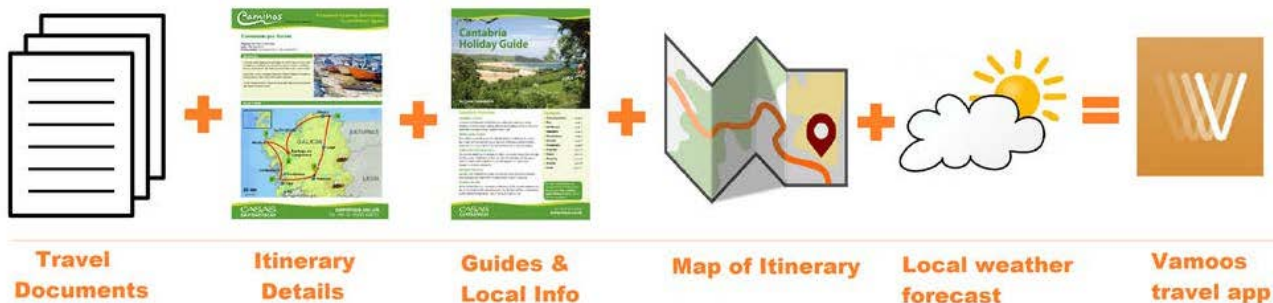
Wonderful walks along the coast or in the rolling hills just inland

#### 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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- a general food and vocab guide
- a map with each hotel geo located
- directions to find each hotel (embedded within the map)
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