



## NC6 Grand Tour of Northern Spain

A circular route following the pilgrim paths towards and away from Santiago. You'll find surf washed beaches and high arid plains, Cathedral cities and tiny villages lost in time, lofty snow capped mountains and soft rolling hills - the stark contrasts which make touring in northern Spain so exciting!

Constant throughout are a sense of tradition, superb food & wine and a friendly welcome wherever you go.

**Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Asturias, East coast and Picos de Europa, Libardon	HLIB1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins from ferry or airport
1				Evening meal for two (1st night)	
2	Day 4 to 6	2 nights	Asturias, West Coast, Puerto de Vega	HPDV1 Boutique-Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	León, El Bierzo, Villafranca del Bierzo	HVDB1 4-star Parador 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins
4	Day 8 to 9	1 night	León, city and nearby, León	HLEO1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins
5	Day 9 to 12	3 nights	Cantabria, Picos de Europa, Pesaguero	HPES1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs
6	Day 12 to 15	3 nights	Cantabria, West Coast, Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins

**Includes:**

- Accommodation in our listed hotels - 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire **or** return ferry to Northern Spain
- Guide book to Northern Spain
- [Personal Travel App](#) including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

**Excludes:**

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point
  - extra driver
  - child seats
  - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

## Stage 1

### Asturias, East coast and Picos de Europa



#### Highlights

- Lovely seaside villages such as Llanes & Lastres
- Dinosaur coast - Jurassic museum near Colunga
- 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

### HLIB1 Family-run Posada, Libardon

[See full details](#)

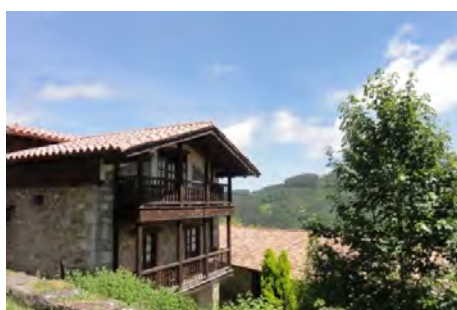
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B, Dinner for two (1st night)



Nestled in the Asturian mountains at the foot of the Sierra del Sueve yet only fifteen minutes' drive away from the coast, Palacio de Libardon offers a perfect rural retreat and at the same time a great base for exploring Asturias.

The hotel 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 dating from the 18th century and several outbuildings.

It has been recently and lovingly restored by the young owner, herself returning from Mexico to her Asturian roots, achieving a good balance between period authenticity and creature comforts.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Breakfast only
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twin, triple and single rooms; family and superior rooms • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 2

### Asturias, West Coast



#### Highlights

- Pretty fishing villages such as Cudillero & Luarca
- Beautiful beaches & dramatic cliff-top coastal walks
- Dinosaur coast & Jurassic museum
- Oviedo, historic Asturian capital & Gijon by the sea
- National Park of Somiedo - maybe you'll see bears!

### HPDV1 Boutique-Hotel, Puerto de Vega

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Housed in former fishermen's cottages, this gem of a hotel 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 in mind.

The friendly and relaxing atmosphere, delicious breakfasts with home-made and locally sourced products, will ensure that you will feel that desired "sea of sensations", making your stay a truly memorable one.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Ensuite doubles, deluxe and premium (with jacuzzi baths) • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

## Stage 3

### León, El Bierzo



#### Highlights

Las Médulas - extraordinary red-rock landscape formed by Roman mining

El Bierzo, lost in time, steeped in history

Wines, peppers cured meats & so much more

Ponferrada with its Knights Templar castle

Historic Villafranca del Bierzo, right on the Camino

### HVDB1 4-star Parador, Villafranca del Bierzo

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



The Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo is one of the more modern Paradors yet enjoys a setting which is truly steeped in history - right on the Camino de Santiago in the historical capital of Galicia.

Set at the confluence of two rivers and surrounded by the vineyards and hills of El Bierzo this a location sure to please nature lovers as well as foodies and history buffs.

The Parador is also equipped with all mods cons and has two swimming pools, one outdoor and the other heated, sauna and rooms for meetings, conferences and events.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, all year) • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal) • Swimming pool (indoor)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Restaurant/dining room for guests only
<b>Room types</b>	• Double and twin rooms; Junior suites and suite. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 4

### León, city and nearby



#### Highlights

- Crossroads of Camino de Santiago and Via de Plata
- Cathedral of Santa Maria - beautiful stained glass
- Tapas in 'la Zona Humeda' in Leon old-town
- The true Holy Grail? In the Colegiata de San Isidoro
- Lovely Astorga with its Gaudi palace

### HLEO1 3-star Hotel, León

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



This very special hotel in the heart of León, just a short walk to the magnificent Cathedral, is full of history and art.

Forming part of the outstanding 11th century complex of the Real Colegiata de San Isidoro de León with its amazing Romanesque frescos, the hotel was at one time a monastery.

The hotel is a living monument; quiet and comfortable yet light and well equipped for the modern world. Yet, stepping out onto the Roman walls at the back, the past will not evade you.

Don't miss a guided visit of the building by the very friendly staff!



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard, Superior and Premium doubles: Also single and disable adaptedrooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (extra charge) • No pets allowed

## Stage 5

### Cantabria, Picos de Europa



#### Highlights

- Breathtaking mountain scenery, walks & activities for all
- Wildlife, butterflies to birds of prey, bears too!
- Cable car at Fuente De whisks you up to 1800m
- Medieval Potes, historic yet full of life
- Local mountain gastronomy, cider & orujo

### HPES1 Family-run Posada, Pesaguero

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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 heated, has a bar and restaurant, open to the public. There is a pool, an open grass garden, and ample parking.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public
<b>Room types</b>	• Double, twin, superior and family rooms; two apartments in hotel grounds • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed

## Stage 6

### Cantabria, West Coast



#### Highlights

- San Vicente, Comillas or Santillana del Mar, historic seaside villages
- Sandy beaches and craggy protected coves
- Carmona, Barcena Mayor in the beautiful valleys
- World heritage cave paintings at Altamira
- Wonderful walks along the coast or in the rolling hills

### HSAN2 3-star Hotel, Santillana del Mar

[See full details](#)

**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.

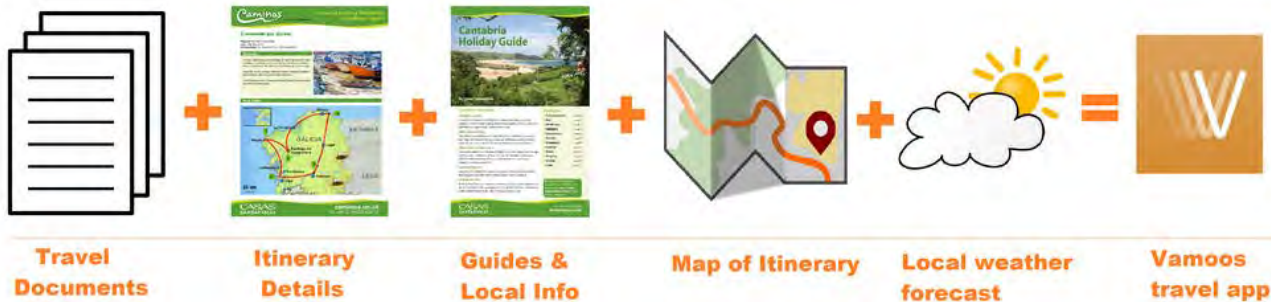
There is a lounge and breakfast room/bar (Santillana del Mar, about 5 minutes' walk away, has a good choice of restaurants).



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double and twin rooms; Superior rooms with balcony; Adjoining rooms for families; Ground floor rooms suitable for guests with restricted mobility (not wheelchair)
<b>Other</b>	• On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed



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