



NC9 Discover Cantabria

A compact itinerary around the emerald-green province of Cantabria taking in the Picos de Europa mountains, the stunning western coast and the little-known, 'lost in time' eastern highlands.

Visit Santander on its sparkling bay, head for the surf-washed beaches or loose yourself in the lovely seaside towns of Comillas, Santillana, San Vicente or Castro Urdiales.

There's world-class caving and World Heritage prehistoric cave art, stunning mountain scenery a stone's throw from the coast and wonderful local gastronomy wherever you go.

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Cantabria, West Coast, Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	30mins from ferry or airport
2	Day 4 to 6	2 nights	Cantabria, Picos de Europa, Pesaguero	HPES1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Cantabria, Eastern Highlands, Ruesga	HRUE1 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins

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

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).



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

Stage 2

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.



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

Stage 3

Cantabria, Eastern Highlands



Highlights

- Dramatic, unspoilt valleys of Asón y Miera
- Awe-inspiring, original cave paintings in Puente Viesgo & Ramales de la Victoria
- Cabarceno Wildlife Park & Torre de Loizaga car museum
- Lively Castro Urdiales - Basque flavours in Cantabria
- Santander and Bilbao take your pick for a vibrant, cultural city visit

HRUE1 4-star Hotel, Ruesga

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Built in 1610 this magnificent palace set the trend for the design of noble houses throughout Cantabria in that opulent period.

Recently renovated, preserving all the grandeur of the 17th century, the Palace is elegantly decorated with stone walls and delightful antique furniture as well as some original 19th century frescoes.

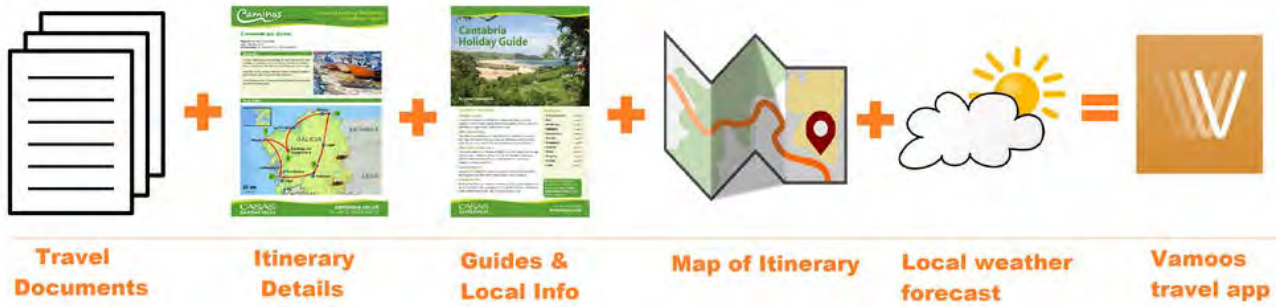
The rooms have been decorated and furnished in a sympathetic style, emulating the opulence of the original owners yet with all the comfort of contemporary design

Located in the stunning, unspoilt Alto Asón valley, the hotel has a restaurant, a walled garden with outdoor swimming pool and modern spa facilities.



Main facilities	• Activity/tour booking service • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles, Superior doubles, Suite with jacuzzi, Family suite, Tower family suite. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (extra charge) • On-street parking • No pets allowed

Vamoos - your personal travel App and e-Document manager



Travel paper-free with Vamoos

As a Caminos client you will receive your own personal Vamoos travel app and e-document manager for mobile devices. This is a paperless system which allows you to keep all of your important travel documentation and key information in one place and carry it with you

wherever you go. Configured for iPhone and Android, for use on both tablets and mobile phones.

In the app you will find:

- + Your itinerary
- + Your letters and receipts
- + Your ferry voucher / car-hire voucher as applicable
- + Point to point directions
- + Regional guides to the areas you will be visiting
- + A general food and vocab guide
- + A map with each hotel geo located
- + Directions to find each hotel (embedded within the map)
- + Local weather forecast

Also, if you have any other travel documents that you'd like to load to the application you can send them to us and we'll load them on there for you.

What our clients say...

"We loved your Vamoos app - it really enhanced our pre-holiday planning and meant we had everything at our fingertips without having to have WiFi during the trip. The detail provided was exceptional. Everyone should us

"The package included everything we needed from a superb App called Vamoos which included daily routes (offline maps), hotel details and local information to Lonely Planet Guides and ferry and hotel bookings for the tours."

"We particularly liked the Vamoos app which placed all our holiday information - and more at our fingertips"