



# TIMELESS

## TOURS & TRAVEL

### FOR THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

26/8/20

## \*\*LUXURY SPANISH RAIL JOURNEYS 2021\*\*

### 'EL TRANSCANTABRICO GRAN LUJO' 8 DAY / 7 NIGHT: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – SAN SEBASTIAN

*Come and join us in the North, the greenest part of Spain, for sheer joy aboard El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo. Imagine a luxury hotel on rails that takes you to the nostalgia and charm of 20th century trains, but with the technology and comfort of the 21st century. The Transcantábrico Gran Lujo means comfort, glamour, gastronomy, culture, rest and fun. Discover unique experiences, the pleasure of observing, listening, smelling, touching and tasting. Let time pass with the pace of a soft clatter while moving towards new places and new sensations.*

*The train, the suites, the crew, the cuisine..., everything that the offer entails of El Transcantabrico Gran Lujo, is oriented towards one goal: make this journey a unique and unforgettable experience. Eight days of luxury and a time travel experience that you will never forget.*



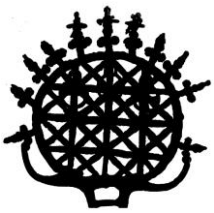
#### Day 1 (Saturday) Santiago de Compostela – Viveiro

Meeting point at the Reyes Católicos Parador in Santiago de Compostela at 1200 noon. After the welcome reception, your guide will take you on a tour of the historic centre of this city, a pilgrim destination for one thousand years. Explore vast treasures of artistic culture and the splendid cathedral. After lunch, the luxury coach will take you to Ferrol, where the Transcantabrico train awaits. Once on board, the crew will offer a welcome drink, while the train travels to Viveiro. Enjoy a tour of the beautiful historic quarter of this town, where we will have dinner and spend the night on board.



#### Day 2 (Sunday) Viveiro – Candás

Begin your day with the delicious a-la-carte and buffet breakfast. Enjoy the scenery and relax on the Transcantabrico as it heads to Ribadeo, a historic Galician town bordering the Asturias Principality. The luxury coach will take you to the Lugo coastline to enjoy Las Catedrales beach, one of the most spectacular in the world. Panoramic tour of Ribadeo and lunch. Once aboard the train on the way to Asturias, the next stop is Luarca, the 'white village' on the 'green coast' and then all aboard the train once again as you head towards Candás, where you will have dinner and spend the night.



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### Day 3 (Monday)

#### Candas – Arriondas

The day begins in Aviles with its well-preserved and valuable historical centre. The next destination on your rail adventure is Gijón; a city that is wide open to the great Cantabrian Sea and hosts many cultural events. Lunch. Next, the journey continues to Oviedo, the capital of the Asturias Principality and the heart of pre-Romanesque Asturias, with treasures such as San Julián de los Prados. Visit and free time before returning to the train. Dinner on board during the ride to Arriondas, where you will spend the night.



### Day 4 (Tuesday)

#### Arriondas – Llanes

The luxury coach will ascend to the heart of the Asturias Principality, in the magnificent Picos de Europa National Park. Visit Lake Enol and then the Covadonga Sanctuary; a sacred place full of



tradition and legends. The next stop is Cangas de Onís. Lunch. After, with the train emulating the International Descenso de la Sella festival, the next stop is Llanes, a picturesque fishing village in East Asturias. Visit and free time. Dinner and overnight stay in Llanes.

### Day 5 (Wednesday)

#### Llanes – Cabezon de la Sal

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as the train rolls along the rails while you take in the beautiful Cantabria scenery. From Unquera, the luxury coach takes you to Potes, crossing the impressive Desfiladero de la Hermida mountain pass. After

visiting this charming Cantabrian village, enjoy the thermal baths at Balneario de la Hermida. After lunch, visit to El Capricho, in Comillas; a fantastic and colourful 19<sup>th</sup> century palace designed by Antonio Gaudí. Dinner and overnight stay in Cabezon de la Sal.

### Day 6 (Thursday)

#### Cabezon de la Sal – Santander

The first stop is the town of Santillana del Mar, with its magnificently preserved medieval historic quarter and the famous Altamira 'Neocave', a museum and scientific reproduction of the finest Upper Palaeolithic rock art ever found. After lunch, the train will take you to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, where you can enjoy a guided tour and free time to explore at your leisure. After dinner, you can visit the Santander Grand Casino with entry included. Overnight stay in Santander.



### Day 7 (Friday)

#### Santander – Carranza

El Transcantabrico heads towards Bilbao; a vibrant town that has reinvented itself after the decline of its traditional heavy industry. The visit of the city includes an entry ticket to the famous Guggenheim Museum, the iconic symbol of this new Bilbao. After lunch, enjoy free time to explore at your leisure before climbing aboard the train once again. Dinner and overnight stay in Carranza.

### Day 8 (Saturday)

#### Carranza – San Sebastián

After enjoying your last breakfast on board, the train will return to Bilbao, where the El Transcantabrico coach awaits to take you to San Sebastián. Enjoy exploring this elegant and beautiful city, where major cultural events take place every year. End of the trip around 1300. in San Sebastián.



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### THE TRIP INCLUDES:

#### *El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo – Deluxe Suite*

- Accommodation on-board in Deluxe Suite
- Daily breakfast
- All dinners and lunches (including wine, water, soft drinks, coffee) either aboard the train or in restaurants
- Welcome drink and snack
- Farewell dinner & party
- All non-alcoholic drinks available in the cabin's minibar (complimentary)
- Activities on board: music and live shows, parties in the pub car, etc
- Tickets to museums, attractions and shows
- Scheduled excursions and tours
- Luxury coach accompanying the train along the trip
- Taxes and services
- Daily newspapers and magazines
- Security service
- Multilingual guide throughout the tour



### OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT PASSENGER'S EXPENSE:

- Laundry service
- Bar service

2021 Departure Dates Saturdays	Per Person in Deluxe Suite Double or Twin	Per Person in Deluxe Suite Single
<b>May:</b> 8, 22 <b>June:</b> 5, 19 <b>July:</b> 3, 17 <b>September:</b> 11, 25 <b>October:</b> 9, 23	AUD 9,920	AUD 14,425

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