Cycling Safaris

Coast of Green Spain

Self Guided Tour 2027

8 days / 7 nights | Cantabria and Asturias

From the cobbled streets of Santillana del Mar, ride west past fishing harbours and sandy beaches to Llanes. A transfer into the Cantabrian Mountains sets you up for the descent through the Miera Valley to Somo, across the bay from Santander. Two-night stops give you time for a longer ride, a swim or a day exploring on foot.



TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival in Santillana del Mar

Meet your transfer in Santander or Bilbao. At Santillana del Mar, get to know your bike and attend the route briefing. Spend the afternoon in the medieval village, visit the Altamira museum or try the country lanes leading down to the coast.

Day 2 Santillana del Mar – San Vicente de la Barquera | 36 or 62 km

Ride west through the lemon groves of Novales to Comillas. Stop at the harbour or visit Gaudí's El Capricho before continuing through Oyambre Natural Park. From the beaches of Oyambre and Merón, look across to San Vicente with the Picos de Europa in the distance.

Day 3 San Vicente de la Barquera | Optional rides of varying lengths

Choose a ride into the hills behind the harbour or visit the mountain village of Carmona. Another option is to take the train to Llanes and cycle back. For a rest day, stay in San Vicente for the beach and seafood restaurants.

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Day 4 San Vicente de la Barquera – Llanes | 47 km

Round the headland at Pechón and cross the River Deva at Unquera into Asturias. In Colombres, look for the villas built by emigrants who returned from the Americas. Continue between the sea and the Sierra de Cuera, then descend through eucalyptus woods to the beaches and harbour of Llanes.

Day 5 Llanes | Optional rides of varying lengths

Ride to Gulpiyuri, a small beach set inland, or explore the hills behind Llanes. You can also take the train to Ribadesella, visit the Tito Bustillo caves and cycle back. Options away from the bike include canoeing on the Deva or Sella and hiking in the Cares Gorge.

Day 6 Miera Valley – Somo | 43 km

A vehicle takes you into the Cantabrian Mountains. Start the ride at 822 metres and follow the River Miera down through its limestone valley. Pass San Roque de Riomiera and the old quarter of Liérganes before reaching the farmland around Somo and the Bay of Santander.

Day 7 Somo | Optional rides of varying lengths

Follow country lanes to Loredo, Langre and Galizano beaches, ride on to Ajo for paella or stop in Pedreña for grilled sardines. To spend the day off the bike, enjoy Somo beach or cross the bay by boat to explore Santander and El Sardinero.

Day 8 Departure from Somo

Transfer to your departure point in Santander or Bilbao. If you have an early departure, check the transfer timing with us before booking.



2027 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

27 March to 29 October 2027. Standard arrival and departure are on Saturdays. Easter weekend is charged at Season 2 rates.

Season dates	Sharing a double[1]	Single supplement
1 27 Mar–28 May and 18 Sep–29 Oct (except Easter)	€1,005	€270
2 Easter weekend, 29 May–25 Jun and 28 Aug–17 Sep	€1,090	€340
3 26 Jun–30 Jul	€1,280	€395
4 31 Jul–27 Aug	€1,345	€540

[1] Tour prices are per person. For a single room, add the supplement for your season.

Starting on a different day

The supplement is €235 for one traveller, €115 per person for two, or €80 per person for three. Groups of four or more may choose any start day at no extra charge.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Seven nights in en-suite rooms in country inns and three- or four-star hotels, with breakfast
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Arrival and departure transfers in Santander or Bilbao, plus the Day 6 transfer to the Miera Valley ride
- Ride with GPS Experience app with routes, elevation profiles and daily ride information. Cue sheets are in English.

Not included

Bike rental, personal insurance, evening meals, GPS device hire and the optional printed route pack.

BIKE RENTAL AND EXTRAS

Bike or extra	Tour price
Trekking bike (Trek FX)	€155
Carbon road bike (Cube Attain GTC)	€215
E-bike	€255
Garmin GPS	€45
Own bike – bike case transfer	€80
Printed pack with daily routes, maps, profiles and cue sheets	€20
Helmet and Shimano or Look clip pedals	No charge

ACCOMMODATION

The hotels below are examples. Check your confirmed hotel list for the properties booked for your departure.

Nights	Stop	Sample hotel
1	Santillana del Mar	Casa del Organista
2–3	San Vicente de la Barquera	Hotel Faro de San Vicente
4–5	Llanes	Hotel Don Paco
6–7	Somo	Hotel Torres de Somo

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Transfers serve hotels, airports, railway and bus stations, and ferry ports in Santander and Bilbao. Santander is the closest airport. Allow around 90 minutes for the transfer from Bilbao to the start. Send us your arrival and departure details so we can arrange your pick-up.

If arriving by rail, Torrelavega may be a convenient stop before Santander. Ask us about the meeting point before choosing this option. On the final day, early transfers depend on your departure time and destination.

TERRAIN AND ROUTE CHOICES

The riding is generally easy to intermediate, with rolling coastal roads and hills inland. On Days 3, 5 and 7 you stay at the same hotel and can choose how far to ride or take a rest day. Day 6 is the descent through the Miera Valley.

BIKES AND EQUIPMENT

Trekking bikes and e-bikes come with mudguards, a rear rack and a choice of a 5-litre rack bag or 40-litre pannier. Road bikes have a seatpost bag. All rental bikes come with a helmet, handlebar bag, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 1.5-litre water bottle and lock. Shimano SPD mountain or road pedals and Look Keo pedals are available at no extra charge.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring cycling clothing, a waterproof layer and your phone and charger for navigation. Download your route information before setting out. If bringing cycling shoes, request compatible pedals when booking.