



NC1 Camino del Norte

The classic Northern Spain itinerary, following close to one of the original ways of St James yet never far from the beautiful coastline with the backdrop of the Cordillera de Cantabria mountain range. From start to finish you'll find great walking, superb food and wine, great cities and lovely, well preserved towns to investigate as well as the legacy of hundreds of years of pilgrimage.

The full route takes two weeks but you can do as little, or as much, as you like.

Itinerary Overview:

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 3	2 nights	Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast, Bilbao	HBIL1 Family-run Hotel 1 x Superior double room	20mins from airport or ferry
2	Day 3 to 6	3 nights	Cantabria, West Coast, Santillana del Mar	HSAN2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 20mins
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Cantabria, Picos de Europa, Pesaguero	HPES1 Family-run Posada 1 x Standard double room	1hr 40mins
4	Day 8 to 10	2 nights	Asturias, West Coast, Puerto de Vega	HPDV1 Boutique Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	3hrs
5	Day 10 to 13	3 nights	Galicia, Costa Lucense, Senra	HSEN1 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr
6	Day 13 to 15	2 nights	Galicia, Santiago and the Interior, Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 3-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 (see NC7 Camino del Norte out-and-back for ferry option)
- 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

Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast



Highlights

Frank Gehry's Guggenheim & its sister the Bellas Artes
 Basque cuisine, pintxos or something more substantial
 Basque coast, lovely beaches, spectacular rock formations
 Head for the hills, great walking just near the city
 San Sebastian, Belle Epoque elegance by the sea

HBIL1 Family-run Hotel, Bilbao

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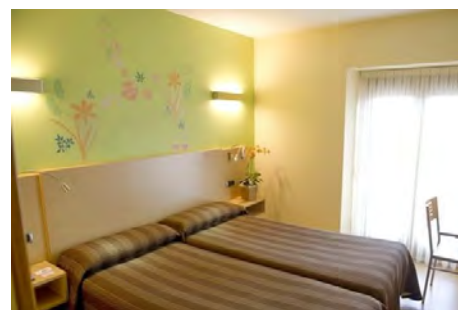
Accommodation: 1 x Superior double room, B&B



Set high on Monte Artxanda, the "balcony of Bilbao", this small family-run hotel offers all the tranquility of a rural environment with fantastic views over and easy access to the city of Bilbao. You can literally stay in the hills and walk to the Guggenheim!

The hotel is an authentic Vizcayan "caserio", a large stone built country house, and its sixteen spacious rooms are comfortably furnished in traditional style.

Only 12 kms from Bilbao Airport, 3 km from the city centre, close to the coast and lovely countryside and a good golf course (6 km) - this is a very good spot from which to discover Bilbao.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Superior double and twin rooms • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 2

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 3

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 Standard double room, 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 4

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

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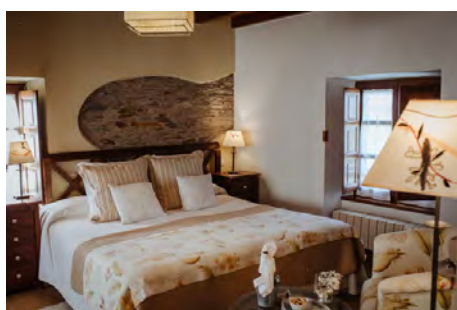
Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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.



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

Stage 5

Galicia, Costa Lucense



Highlights

Playa de los Catedrales - among the world's most famous
 Lively Viveiro with its active fishing port and beaches
 Sargadelo pottery, traditional yet surprisingly modern!
 A wealth of unspoilt fishing villages to dip into
 Pop across to Asturias, just a short drive to the border

HSEN1 3-star Hotel, Senra

[See full details](#)

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



In the same family for generations, this delightful house, standing in well kept grounds, has been beautifully restored and furnished to make a very comfortable country hotel.

You will find total peace and quiet here, the hotel being set in deep countryside, yet you're only a short drive away from beautiful beaches, including the famous Playa de las Catedrales as well as the fishing ports of Viveiro and Ribadeo.

Ana, who is an excellent cook, and her husband Manuel, will make you more than welcome!



Main facilities	• Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant/dining room for guests only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles, superior double with private portch, special doubles and room adapted for reduce mobility. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-site parking (free) • Garage parking (free) • No pets allowed

Stage 6

Galicia, Santiago and the Interior



Highlights

- One of Europe's most important pilgrim destinations
- Take a walking tour around this World Heritage City
- Visit the Cathedral said to house the bones of St James
- Always lively with a strong tradition of street music
- Multitude of bars and restaurants!

HSAC6 3-star Hotel, Santiago de Compostela

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



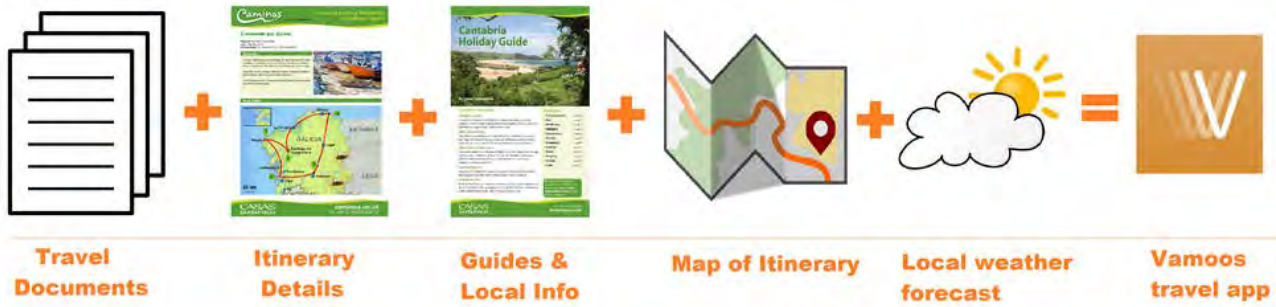
With the emphasis on personal service and designed using the oriental principles of 'Wabi-Sabi' this truly unique hotel in the old town of Santiago is an experience in itself.

In one of the quieter parts of town, but within easy reach of the main sights, this 19th century house is a charming, perfect balance of old and new, creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony - its original old stone walls and oak beamed ceilings blending more than happily with elegant modern design and furnishings.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Ensuite double, superior double, single; Standard with balcony. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	• On-street parking • Public parking nearby (pay locally) • No pets allowed

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