



**Spain- Cycling Basque Country to Asturias (2025)**

**9 Days/ 8 Nights**

**Individual Self Guided**



Follow the beautiful coastline of Northern Spain, from Bilbao in the Basque Country to Ribadesella in Asturias. Bilbao and the Guggenheim Museum, wonderful and unspoilt beaches, pretty villages, all in the same tour.

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### **Day by Day**

#### **Day One – arrival in Bilbao**

Arrive at Bilbao hotel by own means. Spend the rest of the day exploring the Old Quarter, enjoy some of the best tapas in Spain,

#### **Day Two – Bilbao to Castro Urdiales- 40km – 730m +**

Exit Bilbao along the River Nervión to the mouth of the river, passing the Guggenheim Museum as we do so. In Getxo we can see the magnificent 19th century villas built by the rich Basque industrialists, before visiting the one-time fishing village of Algorta. We cross the river using the unique Puente Vizcaya, a transporter bridge which dates back to 1893, and is a World Heritage Site. We then follow the coastline to the fishing port of Castro Urdiales with its pretty harbour and gothic church on the seafront.



#### **Day Three – Castro Urdiales to Santoña- 35km 515+**

From Castro Urdiales, we head west along the magnificent coastline. We shortly reach Sonabia with the impressive cliffs home to a colony of majestic griffon vultures which we should see soaring above us as we ride. We then reach the fishing port of Laredo and head out along its enormous beach towards Santoña and the backdrop of the Monte Buciero. A short ferry crossing takes us across the river estuary. Santoña is famous for its anchovies, a local delicacy. From here it is only a short ride to our hotel on the beach of Berria.

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**Day Four – Santoña to Santander-46 km 640+**

From Santoña our route takes us westwards, parallel to the coast, with beautiful green scenery, beaches, cliffs. Finally we reach Somo with its beaches and surfers. A short ride takes us to Pedreña, with its world famous golf course where Severiano Ballesteros was raised and learned to play golf. From here we take a boat across the Bay of Santander, to reach the elegant capital of Cantabria.

**Day Five – Santander to Santillana del Mar- 54 km +705**

Leave Santander along the waterfront, taking in the magnificent views across the Bay, and the beautiful beaches of El Sardinero. Then west to the unspoilt beaches of Liencres, with views down the coast and to the Picos de Europa. along the pilgrims' trail of El Camino de Santiago. A fine bike path takes us down the River Besaya towards the sea and the village of Suances. From here it is only a short ride to the beautiful medieval village of Santillana del Mar.



**Day Six – Santillana del Mar to San Vicente de la Barquera-36 km 650+**

From Santillana we continue westwards to the village of Novalles, with its lemon groves. More beach and coastal scenery takes us to Comillas, with its many Modernist buildings, the most famous of which is El Capricho, built by the Catalán architect Antoni Gaudí. Our journey takes us through the Natural Park of Oyambre, with its beautiful beaches and coastline towards tonight's resting place in the seaside fishing village of San Vicente de la Barquera.

**Day Seven – San Vicente de la Barquera to Llanes-47 km 780+**

We reach the beautiful headland of Pechón. Crossing the River Deva in Unquera we enter Asturias. Colombres is home to the villas of the indianos, emigrants to the Americas who made their fortune and then returned. Continue between the coast and the dramatic mountain backdrop of the Sierra de Cuera.

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A descent through eucalyptus forests brings us back to the coast, and at the charming fishing village of Llanes.

**Day Eight – Llanes to Ribadesella-44 km 780+**

Cycle westwards and visit a string of fine beaches, including the incredible landlocked beach of Gulpiyuri. We continue, with the magnificent coastline to our right, and the beautiful mountains of the Sierra de Cuera and the Picos de Europa to our left. Finally, we reach Ribadesella. Here we can spend time enjoying this pretty Asturian fishing village with its beach and lively atmosphere.

**Day Nine – Departure from Ribadesella**

End of services after breakfast.



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## Route



The route usually follows the coastline. It is hilly at times, but the hills are never too long. Generally easy to intermediate cycling.

### **Tour Dates: Saturdays March 30-October 26. Seasons:**

- Low season March 30-June 28 and August 31-October 26
- High Season June 29 -August 30

### **Prices per person in Euros - all prices subject to confirmation on booking**

Double Occ- low season	€1070
Single Occ supplement	On request
Double Occ- high season	€1190
Trekking bike rental	€ 145
Carbon bike rental	€ 190
E- bike rental	€ 230
Bike case transfer charge to bring own bike	€ 60
Garmin rental	€ 50

### **Included**

- 8 nights' accommodation with en-suite bathroom
- Mixture of country inns, 3 and 4 star hotels
- All luggage transfers
- Breakfast
- Information Pack (Route Guide, maps, elevation profiles – gps files)

### **Not Included**

- Personal insurance
- Evening meals
- GPS device

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## **Bikes**

### **Carbon road bike - male**

Cube Attain GTC

A quality carbon bike with comfortable 32/34 gearing. 50/34 chainring - 11/32 cassette – 22 speeds

### **Carbon road bike - female**

Cube Attain WLS GTC Pro

A quality carbon bike with comfortable 32/34 gearing. 50/34 chainring - 11/32 cassette – 22 speeds

### **Trekking bike**

Trek FX

Good all-purpose bike. Fitted with mudguards, rear rack etc. 48/38/28 chainring – 11/32 cassette – 27 speeds

### **Tandem**

Dawes Duet Twin

Always fun to ride. Also ideal for carrying younger members of the family to give them a helping hand.

48/38/28 chainring - 12/28 cassette – 21 speeds

### **E-bikes**

Various models

Over the last few years, the e-bike has revolutionised cycle touring. Tours are made so much easier and differences between riders' abilities are minimized.

Equipment for trekking bikes and E-bikes These bikes are supplied with: helmet (obligatory in Spain), rear luggage rack, choice of rear rack bag (5 litres) or pannier (40 litres), mudguards, small front handlebar bag, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 1.5 litre water bottle, lock.

Equipment for road bikes All bikes are supplied with: helmet (obligatory in Spain), rear seat post bag, small front handlebar bag, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 1.5 litre water bottle, lock.

Optional extras Garmin (extra charge), automatic pedals.

### ***This is a partner tour***

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