



WAY OF SAINT JAMES , GREEN SPAIN , CITIES , SEACOAST

type : Linear cycle route
 level : ●●●○○
 duration : 10 days
 comfort : ●●●○○
 period: Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug
 Sep Oct
 code: ESSB125



Camino del Norte cycling from Bilbao to Oviedo

10 days, € 1134

Introduction



Passing through various types of cities, until you visit a medieval village that will make you feel like you've traveled to another era. The different green landscapes from the coast to the interior, along with the incredible cuisine of the north, will make this journey truly special.

You can also combine this trip with the [next stage of the Camino](#)





Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Bilbao**

As you arrive in the modern and vibrant city of **Bilbao** you can sample the renowned **Basque** cuisine. If you arrive early it's worth visiting the **Guggenheim Museum**, walk through the old town and along the river at the center of the city as you prepare for your Camino.

Day 2 **Bilbao – Castro Urdiales (41 km / 25 mi)**

Today you start cycling in **Bilbao** towards Portugalete on urban areas. From there a long cycle path leads you to the beach of **La Arena**, where you will meet the **Cantabrian Sea**, you then follow a path along the cliffs, a very beautiful stretch where you leave the Basque Country to enter **Cantabria**. The coastal trail leads you to Castro Urdiales, a town with a beautiful harbor and a rich history. Take some time to explore its historic streets and taste the local seafood.

Challenge: 41 km / 25 mi, 629 m ascent / 638 m descent

Day 3 **Castro Urdiales – Laredo (31 km / 19 mi)**

Your journey continues along the northern coast, with the beauty of the **Bay of Biscay** as your backdrop. An interesting stage with beautiful scenery, with several beaches, cliffs and stretches through forest, alternating with green inland valleys. Its profile is a continuous up and down, but with moderate gradients. **Laredo**, your destination for the day, is known for its golden sandy beaches. This is a great place to relax, recharge, and enjoy the refreshing sea breeze.

Challenge: 31 km / 19 mi, 529 m ascent / 531 m descent

Day 4 **Laredo – Santander (53 km / 33 mi)**

The trail winds through lush countryside and charming villages, crossing three long beaches: Salvé (in **Laredo**), Berria (after **Santoña**) and Helgueras-Trengadín (**Noja**). From the Puntal de Laredo to Santoña you will take short sail. You will then turn inland to Güemes, before going back to the coast in an area with cliffs and some beautiful scenery. Once in Somo, you take a second passenger boat across the bay, leaving you right in the centre of the city. **Santander** offers a blend of culture, history, and natural beauty, making it a perfect ending point for your pilgrimage.

Challenge: 53 km / 33 mi, 497 m ascent / 498 m descent

Day 5 **Santander – Santillana (40 km / 25 mi)**

Leaving behind the urban environment of **Santander**, your path guides you towards **Santillana del Mar**. This long route unfolds through serene countryside, and you'll feel transported back in time when you arrive at this enchanting medieval town, one of the prettiest in **Cantabria**.

Challenge: 40 km / 25 mi, 555 m ascent / 480 m descent

Day 6 **Santillana – Colombres (48 km / 30 mi)**

Today's route is long and interesting and alternates inland landscapes with some brief incursions by the sea. The route meanders through rolling green hills, offering captivating views of the **Cantabrian coast**. In **Comillas**, you'll be captivated by the buildings in the modernist style - our art nouveau - such as **El Capricho**, one of **Antoni Gaudí's** first works. Continuing your route toward **Colombres** you will cross several bridges over marshes and estuaries, with steep inclines between the successive valleys. Although the



gradients are moderate, you get the feeling that the mountains are very close. After visiting **San Vicente de la Barquera**, an interesting fishing village, you will leave **Cantabria** to enter **Asturias** and finish the day in **Colombres**, where the houses built by indianos, emigrants who returned from their stay in America with a wealthy lifestyle, are outstanding.

Challenge: 48 km / 30 mi, 955 m ascent / 1037 m descent

Day 7 **Colombres - Ribadesella (62 km / 38 mi)**

This is a peaceful but long route full of beautiful scenery. As you leave **Colombres**, the gentle sound of the ocean accompanies your journey as you pass through idyllic fishing villages, immersing yourself in the culture of **Asturias**. After **Andrín** you will have a notable slope and after the descent you will reach **Llanes**, a town with a historic quarter with lively terraces in summer, as well as the fishermen's port and its artistic breakwater. When leaving Llanes you will cross some beaches such as **Palombina**, **Torimbia** and **San Antolín**, all of which are beautiful and quite busy in summer. The route then turns inland once again, through rural areas with less tourist pressure. After crossing a number of level crossings, you will end the day in **Ribadesella**, a coastal town famous for its prehistoric caves among other things.

Challenge: 62 km / 38 mi, 866 m ascent / 851m descent

Day 8 **Ribadesella - Villaviciosa (39 km / 24 mi)**

Today's route is scenically very interesting, with mountains and good views of the coast, and passing by several beaches: **Santa Marina** (in Ribadesella), **La Vega**, **Arenal de Morís** (somewhat remote), **La Espasa** and **La Isla**. Then you will leave the coast as you arrive to **Colunga**, after that small town the route takes you through orchards and farmland as you will enter into the agricultural heartland of **Asturias**, through more mountainous terrain than on previous days and past tiny rural hamlets. Your route takes you to **Villaviciosa**, the Apple Capital, famous for its cider production.

Challenge: 39 km / 24 mi, 713 m ascent / 726 m descent

Day 9 **Villaviciosa - Oviedo (46 km / 28 mi)**

Today you turn towards the interior of **Asturias**, away from the coast. Leaving **Villaviciosa** behind, you traverse the rolling hills of Asturias, arriving in **Pola de Siero**, a bustling market town. The transition from peaceful countryside to a lively urban atmosphere provides a unique and enriching experience, ultimately bringing you to the capital of Asturias, where you can delve into the rich history and culture of the region. Visit the magnificent **Oviedo Cathedral** and savor the local cuisine at one of the city's many restaurants or sidrerías (cider bars).

Challenge: 46 km / 28 mi, 592 m ascent / 354 m descent

Day 10 **End of Arrangement**

After breakfast your journey comes to an end.

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Practical Info





9 nights' accommodation



9 breakfast



Detailed route information and maps



24-hour telephone assistance



Luggage transport



Single Room Supplement(s)
Solo Traveller Supplement



Private taxi transfers can be booked to and from airport / train station / bus station



Acces to the trip on our navigation app



Not included

- Lunches and dinners
- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Tourist Tax
- Trasfers by public transportation
- Transfer to first/ from last accommodation
- Bicycle hire or helmet
- Personal expenses, such as drinks, phone calls, tips, extra transfers, etc
- Solo traveller supplement for bike rental (if booked through S-Cape), to be applied separately

Extras

- Extra nights at any of the hotels along the way
- Transfers to and from airport / train station / bus station
- Bike rental

