



for hardcore cyclists

Cantabria - Asturias, Spain Custom Group Tour

Date: May-September | **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights | **Start / End:** Bilbao or San Sebastián or Oviedo



Lagos de Cavadonga – “must visit place”

Highlights of your tour

- Experience the “Green Spain” - **Cantabria and Asturias**
- Bike the coast, green valleys, ride up to **Lagos de Cavadonga** - Picos de Europe National Park
- Visit charming Spanish villages and explore Santander, Oviedo and Bilbao
- Ride leader, SAG van, transportation, accommodations, meals – simply enjoy your All-inclusive Private tour and rely on professionals of HC Bike Tours
- Enjoy hospitality of Spanish hotels and spoil yourself with amazing traditional meals
- The tour is perfect for recreational cyclists, although it’s easy to make it into a real hard-core trip by adding **Alto del Angliru** and other legendary climbs of Vuelta a España

Price – on request*

**The price depends on a group size, service level, and trip duration. Usually we host groups of 2-14 travelers.*

Extras:

Rental bike (carbon frame, Shimano Ultegra, compact or triple cranks) – on request

High-end rental bikes - on request

Services of our photographer and physiotherapist – on request

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What's included:

8 days / 7 nights All-inclusive tour
 All transfers and ground transportation
 All luggage transportation
 All accommodation fees (3-4 star hotels)
 All breakfasts
 All dinners
 On-road supplements including fresh fruit, snacks, energy bars and drinks
 SAG van during the ride and professional Ride Guide
 Services of our English speaking staff including mechanic assistance
 Complimentary welcome pack including two water bottles and maps for the tours
 Pre-tour training and holiday preparation advice
 Non-riders take the daily rides with the riders in the van and enjoy beauty of the magnificent mountains

What's not included:

Airfare
 Travel and personal insurance (recommended)
 Additional hotel expenses, i.e. phone charges, mini-bar, drinks, gratuities, laundry
 Lunches (on-road supplements are included)
 Rental bike (available for an additional fee)

 ROUTE	 ACCOMMODATION	 ACCOMPLISHED
<p>Day 1 HC Bike Tours' team will meet you at Bilbao airport. From there, you will be provided with a transfer to Santander. A bit later, our team will help you to set up your bicycles. If possible, we will take off for a warm-up ride around Santander in the afternoon. Overnight in Santander <u>Highlights of the day</u> Santander</p> <p>Day 2 Let's start the <i>Green Spain</i> cycling challenge Route: Santander – Comillas Overnight in Camillas area <u>Highlights of the day</u> Santander, historical village Santillana del Mar, beautiful village Comillas with its castle + many other small villages + stunning views of the sea</p> <p>Day 3 Route: Comillas - Potes Overnight in Potes area <u>Highlights of the day</u> We start our day with the ride along the sea and turn into the mountains to ride trough Gorge of La Hermida</p>	<p>3-4 star cosy hotels</p>	<p>Total: <i>Distance</i> 225+ miles / 360+ km</p> <p><i>Elevation gain</i> 24 000+ ft / 7300+ m</p> <p>Average a day: 40+ miles / 60+ km</p> <p>+ <i>Unlimited options to extend your daily rides and make it into hard-core trip</i></p>



Day 4

Route: Potes – Llanes

Overnight in Llanes area

Highlights of the day:

Nice warm-up going down through the same **Gorge of La Hermida** to the coast. Our goal – small village Llanes at the sea and its gorgeous **Bufones de Pria** (see below)



Day 5

Route: Llanes – Cangas de Onis

Overnight in Cangas de Onis area

Highlights of the day

Ride along the sea, visit village Ribadesella to see **Cuevona de Cuevas** (see below). We finish our day in **Cangas de Onis**. This historical town was the first capital of the kingdom of Asturias. The road to Picos de Europa starts exactly from there



Day 6

Route: Cangas de Onis – Picos de Europa (Lagos de Cavadonga) – Cangas de Onis

Overnight in Cangas de Onis area

Highlights of the day

It's fantastic climb to **Picos de Europa (Lagos de Cavadonga)**. It's long ~14 miles, but it will be a fun ride down afterwards☺ The Picos is one of the most beautiful mountains and parks in Spain

Day 7

Route: Cangas de Onis – Gijon

Overnight in Oviedo area

Highlights of the day

We start our day climbing to **Mirador del Fito** (optional - drive in the van). The views from the top of that climb is simply incredible. The rest of the route is demanding with two smaller climbs on our way, but you will do it!

After visit of Gijon, we will transport you to the capital city of Asturias – Oviedo. A walk through its beautiful Old Town and delicious meal will be a perfect finish of your cycling holidays

Day 8

We will transport you to a hotel or an airport in the morning. Optional, if you still be ready to ride, we can plan a short ride or, better, climb l'Agiru?! – the hardest climb in Europe, in the morning☺



Strava map

<https://www.strava.com/routes/1485941>

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225.8 mi 23,806 ft Road
Distance Elevation Gain Ride Type
Est. Moving Time 15:02:31

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Map of the trip



It's up to you to shorten rides or even ride more. Your trip, you choose.

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