

POST-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 9th October 2014. Guggenheim Museum and Bilbao. Day trip.

Price: 105€

It includes: Transportation, lunch, entrance tickets to Guggenheim Museum, and official tour guide (English-Spanish). *Minimum number of participants required: 15*

- **Bus pick-up the group at the hotels at 8.30 h.**



- **Visit to the Guggenheim Museum.**

The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, designed by North American architect Frank O. Gehry, is a magnificent example of the most groundbreaking architecture to have come out of the 20th century. The building itself is an innovatively designed architectural landmark that creates a seductive backdrop for the exhibition of contemporary art. It has become the cultural and tourist driving force of the Basque Country. This spectacular building is completely covered with titanium sheets. It houses its own private collection, in addition to sharing with New York and Venice the world's largest and most impressive private collection of modern and contemporary art.

- **Lunch in a typical local restaurant.**
- **Guided walking tour around the old town of Bilbao.**

Bilbao is a particularly historic city, with a legacy of old buildings and a rich culture, based around the Old Town, in the Casco Viejo area. It is linked with the new town (The Ensanche) by five bridges. The core of the old town lies around the “Siete Calles” (“seven streets”)-Somera, Artecalle, Tendería, Belosticalle, Carnicería Vieja, Barrencalle and Barrencalle Barena. Often known locally simply as 'Botxo', Bilbao also boasts an impressive selection of restaurants and shops, together with a vibrant nightlife to rival any city. With a scenic backdrop of green hills from the Vizcaya area, Bilbao has long been a major tourist destination and is dissected by the Nervión River, much of which is lined by a host of sightseeing opportunities.



- **Return to Santander about 17.00 h.**

Friday 10 October 2014. Visit to Liébana Valley and Picos de Europa. Day trip.

Price: 90€.

It includes: Transportation, lunch, entrance tickets to Guggenheim Museum, and official tour guide (English-Spanish). *Minimum number of participants required: 15.*



It is one of the most visited areas in Cantabria which boasts natural landscapes of extraordinary beauty.

➤ **Pick-up at the hotels at 8.30 h.**

A drive through the steep gorge of La Hermida, an imposing 20-kilometre-long channel carved out of the limestone of the Picos de Europa by the river Deva.

➤ **Visit to the monastery of Sto. Toribio de Liébana.**

It is renowned as being the home of a relic named the “Lignum Crucis”, reputed to be the largest known piece of the cross of Christ.

➤ **Go up through the valleys until Fuente De cable car**, which takes the visitors to an altitude of 1800 metres, passing through the impressive Fuente De glaciér cirque, in the heart of the central range of the Picos de Europa.

➤ **Lunch in a typical local restaurant.**

➤ **Guided walking tour around Potes.**

Potes is one of the most attractive villages in the northern Spanish region of Cantabria. Located in the centre of Liébana district, it is an area surrounded by spectacular mountains, running streams and clear rivers. Its street have many bridges and outstanding buildings and monuments, such as the Infantado and Orejón de la Lama Towers (15th century). The historic part of the village is full of narrow streets and stately houses, symbols of its former splendour. It is the ideal place to buy the typical local products of the district such as autochthonous cheeses, orujo, honey and chick peas.

➤ **Return to Santander about 17.30 h.**

