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The Ultimate Picos de Europa Hiking Experience



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🕒 9hrs 30mins - 10hrs approx.

📍 Santander

€ Price from: 110.00 euros

Adventure awaits! Take a cable car up to the stunning Picos de Europa before hiking 12 km down to Espinama. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views and spot local wildlife. The day ends in the charming town of Potes, perfect for exploring and tasting local flavors!

Highlights

- Traverse the breathtaking **La Hermida Gorge**.
- Ascend **1,823 meters** aboard the **Fuente Dé Cable Car**.
- Hike through the stunning **Picos de Europa**.
- Explore the **village of Potes**, the heart of the **Liébana** region.

General Overview

Country: Spain
Region: Cantabria
City: Santander
Duration: 9hrs 30mins - 10hrs approx.

Type: Small Group Full Day Tours
Theme: Green Trails & Coastal Walks
Group Size: 1 to 7 People
Price from: 110 €

Introduction

Experience the Best Hiking Adventure in Picos de Europa

Begin your **full-day hiking experience**, departing from **Santander** towards the heart of the **Picos de Europa**. Witness the beauty of **rural villages**, **dense forests**, and the breathtaking **Hermida Gorge** a deep canyon surrounded by towering limestone cliffs, offering stunning views along the way.



Cable Car Ascent to the Peaks

Upon reaching **Fuente Dé**, take the **famous cable car**, which provides a thrilling ascent to an altitude of **1,823 meters** in just four minutes. From the top, you'll admire the panoramic views of the surrounding mountain landscapes, the floor-to-ceiling windows of the cabin provide **360 views** of the **lush green valleys** below and the rugged peaks above. A perfect way to capture unforgettable scenery before starting the hike.



Scenic Hike Through Picos de Europa

The **12-kilometer** trek begins from the summit, gradually descending towards the charming

village of **Espinama**. This **scenic hike**, lasting approximately 3.5 to 4 hours, takes you through spectacular **alpine meadows**, **rocky trails**, and **lush valleys**. Along the way, you might see golden eagles, griffon vultures, and other native wildlife. The hike will include several rest stops, allowing you to fully embrace the serenity of the mountains. We recommend bringing a packed picnic to enjoy along the way, making the most of this immersive **outdoor experience**.



Exploring the Medieval Town of Potes

After completing the hike, continue to **Potes**, a picturesque town known for its **medieval architecture**, stone bridges, and scenic riverbanks. This historic gem is often considered one of the **most beautiful towns in Spain**. Wander through its narrow streets, admire its traditional houses, and indulge in the local cuisine, famous for dishes like **cocido lebaniego** (a hearty mountain stew).



An Unforgettable Experience that offers the perfect blend of nature, adventure, and cultural discovery, making it an unmissable experience for hiking and mountain enthusiasts.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

SANTANDER OR TORRELAVEGA OR UNQUERA OR PANES OR LA HERMIDA - PICOS DE EUROPA - ESPINAMA - POTES - SANTANDER OR TORRELAVEGA OR UNQUERA OR PANES OR LA HERMIDA

- **08:00AM:** Begin the day with a departure from Santander or the other designated pick-up points, heading towards Fuente Dé.
- Admire the picturesque countryside, including scenic villages, dense forests, and the stunning Hermida Gorge.
- Once we reach Fuente Dé, we'll board the cable car, which takes just 4 minutes to ascend to 1,823 meters above sea level.
- Start the 12-kilometer hike that will lead us down to the charming village of Espinama. This hike will take around 3.5 to 4 hours and offers an exceptional journey through the heart of Picos de Europa.
- Picnic Break Along the Trail
- After your lunch explore Espinama and continuing to Potes.
- Wander through its narrow alleys, soak up the local atmosphere, and indulge in traditional Spanish dishes, all while taking in the beauty of the rivers that flow through the town.
- **06:30PM - 07:00PM approx.:** We will make our way back to Santander. Drop off at your hotel or designated meeting point.

END OF THE ULTIMATE PICOS DE EUROPA SMALL GROUP HIKING EXPERIENCE

Included

- English Speaking Tour Leader
- Certified English-speaking mountain guide
- Exclusive transport in a comfortable minivan
- Pickup from designated hotel locations
- One-way ticket for the cable car
- Accident and liability coverage included

Important Notes:

- The minimum age for this excursion is 9 years old.
- Please arrive at the designated meeting spot at least 5 minutes before the scheduled departure.
- Bring proper hiking footwear, water, snacks, a jacket (for warmth or sun protection), comfortable clothing, a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
- The company reserves the right to modify the itinerary based on the availability of the sites visited. If any changes are made, we will inform you ahead of time.
- If you want to book this tour as a private tour, please [contact us](#) so we can give you a quote.

Excluded

- Food and Beverages.
- Transportation not specified on the itinerary.
- Guided Tours not specified in the itinerary.
- Any other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to Drivers & Guides (Not mandatory but given if you have enjoyed the service).

Pick up

- Pick up at your hotel in Santander.
- Torrelavega: Pabellón of La Habana Vieja.
- Unquera: Hostal Río Deva.
- Panes: Hotel Tres Palacios.
- La Hermida: Outpatient.

Drop off

- Drop off at your hotel in Santander.
- Torrelavega: Pabellón of La Habana Vieja.
- Unquera: Hostal Río Deva.
- Panes: Hotel Tres Palacios.
- La Hermida: Outpatient.

Cancellation policy

- Reservation can be cancelled free of charge up to 24 hours before the start of the tour.
- For the excursion to take place, there must be a minimum of 4 registered. The company reserves the right to cancel the outing if the group does not reach the minimum number of participants or if the weather conditions are very adverse. In such case, you would be given the option to change the tour date or full refund.

Transport

- **9 Seater Minivan**

Map

