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Cantabria's Prehistoric Past Art Day Tour



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Santander

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60.00
euros

Explore Cantabria's prehistoric wonders on this guided tour, visiting UNESCO-listed caves with ancient rock art and archaeological treasures. Enjoy a stop in medieval Santillana del Mar before discovering the Neocave, a replica of the famous Altamira Cave.

Highlights

- Explore the **UNESCO World Heritage Caves**.
- Admire Stunning **Prehistoric Art** with handprints, bison, and more.
- Stroll Through the Medieval Village of **Santillana del Mar**.
- Visit the **Altamira Neocueva Replica** and discover ancient cave paintings.

General Overview

Country: Spain
Region: Cantabria
City: Santander
Duration: 8hrs

Type: Private Full Day Tours
Theme:
Group Size: 2 to 7 People
Price from: 60 €

Introduction

Exploring the Caves of Puente Viesgo

Our adventure begins at **El Castillo and Las Monedas caves**, both situated on a scenic hillside near the charming village of **Puente Viesgo**. Recognized as **UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 2008**, these caves hold invaluable insights into early **human history**.



El **Castillo Cave** is **one of Europe's oldest archaeological sites**, with evidence of human presence dating back over **150,000 years**. This site has helped researchers trace an extensive cultural timeline of prehistoric development. Providing compelling evidence of potential interactions between **Neanderthals** and **early Homo sapiens** around **40,500 years ago**. Inside, visitors can admire an astonishing collection of rock art, featuring handprints, bison, deer, horses, and mysterious symbols that continue to intrigue archaeologists.

Just 600 meters away, **Las Monedas Cave** offers another glimpse into the prehistoric past. The cave's **charcoal drawings**, left behind by the **last hunter-gatherer societies of the Cantabrian coast**, depict animals such as **reindeer**, which roamed the area before disappearing around **12,000 years ago**. Beyond its artistic significance, Las Monedas boasts breathtaking **geological formations**, including **towering columns**, **colorful mineral deposits**, **stalactites**, and **stalagmites**.



A Stroll Through Santillana del Mar "The Most Beautiful Town in the World"

After exploring the caves, we will take a break for lunch in **Santillana del Mar**, a **beautifully preserved medieval village** located just 30 minutes from Puente Viesgo. Known for its **cobbled streets** and historic architecture, Santillana del Mar is considered one of Spain's most picturesque towns. Its charming atmosphere provides the perfect setting to relax and enjoy the **region's traditional cuisine**.



The Wonders of Altamira Cave

Our final stop takes us to the **Altamira Museum**, where we will visit the "Neocueva," a meticulous replica of the famous Altamira Cave. Since the original cave is closed to the public to preserve its delicate paintings, the museum offers an immersive experience, allowing visitors to appreciate the incredible artistry of early humans. The replica recreates the **Hall of the Polychromes**, showcasing stunning depictions of **bison, horses, deer, goats**, and **symbolic markings** some dating back as far as **36,000 years**.

A Journey Through Time, from ancient rock paintings to breathtaking cave formations and medieval villages, this journey offers a deeper connection to humanity's past.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

SANTANDER - PUENTE DE VIESGO - SANTILLANA DEL MAR - SANTANDER

- Pick up by your English Speaking driver and guide at the lobby of your hotel in Santander.
- Head to Puente de Viesgo.
- Start by exploring El Castillo Cave one of Europe's oldest archaeological sites.
- Then continue to Las Monedas Cave. In this cave, you'll view charcoal animal drawings and admire stunning rock formations.
- Stop for lunch in Santillana del Mar. (**NOTE:** Table reservation only. Meal is not included you pay what you order for directly at the restaurant.)
- Free time to explore the village.
- Continue your day of cave exploring by visiting the replica of the famous Altamira Cave, the Neocave of Altamira.
- See detailed prehistoric art and learn about the discovery of the Hall of the Polychromes.
- End of the day tour and drop off at your hotel back in Santander.

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END OF CANTABRIA'S PREHISTORIC PAST ART DAY TOUR

Included

- English Speaking Local Guide.
- Exclusive transportation in a high-end car.
- Entrance tickets: Altamira Museum, El Castillo Cave and Las Monedas Cave.
- (LR): 1 Lunch Table Reservation.

Important Notes:

- Tour is not recommended for people with mobility issues.
- We recommend wearing comfortable shoes and a jacket for the visit to the caves.

Excluded

- Transportation not specified in the itinerary.
- Meals not specified in 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 the lobby of your hotel in Santander.

Drop off

- Drop off at the lobby of your hotel in Santander.

Cancellation policy

- Up to 72 hrs before: **Fully Refundable**
- Under 72 hrs: **100% Non-Refundable**

Transport

- **Sedan Car** (2 People)
- **9-Seater Minivan** (3 to 8 People)

Map

