



Northern Spain 2026

South Perth Rouleurs Bespoke Bike Tour

Date: **August original 10-23, now 16 Aug - 29 Aug**
Duration: 14 Days / 13 nights
Start : Bilbao Airport
End: Oviedo, Santander, or Bilbao



Lagos de Covadonga

General Description

Explore the Northern Spain called also “Green Spain” – Basque country & Cantabria & Asturias regions of Spain. The Cantabrian mountains connect all these regions, there are almost traffic free roads and extreme geographic profile, also one of the best kept secrets in European cycling options! Almost every single climb you will ride has been part of the La Vuelta a España, and you will ride many including the most popular and indeed simply spectacular Lagos de Covadonga - 23 La Vuelta summit finishes!!!

All these regions are going to be unique gastronomic experience with big pinchos (tapas called Basque country), very rich stews in Cantabria, and authentic apple cider culture in Asturias. All this will be mixed with selected hotels many from the very special selection called Paradores - it is going to be your favourite cycling experience.

[Strava route](#) (missing the loop rides + few adjustments)

Price > \$AUD 6,050 per person based on double occupancy

- ☐ Min 12 travellers > Max 18 travellers – tour will only go ahead with a minimum of 12 riders
- ☐ Single supplement – \$AUD 1,900
- ☐ Deposit of \$AUD 1,550 per person is required once the minimum number is reached. This may not be refundable if you or SPR cannot find a replacement
- ☐ Balance due 60 days prior to the tour departure date – June 10 2026.
- ☐ We request participants/couples get a WISE card so they can pay directly to HC Tours – there is no charge for the card and minimal for transfers
- ☐ If 15 or more travellers are confirmed, HC will organize a third team a professional photographer on a motorbike.

Extras:

- ☐ **NEW TOP model Sarto Raso** rental bikes with Shimano DuraAce, Campagnolo Shamal carbon tubeless wheels – \$AUD 1,300 including delivery, daily maintenance & cleaning, and bike damage insurance read more about Sarto bikes [here](#).
 - o Add extras; power meter - \$AUD 180
- ☐ Hybrid or road e-bikes for rent - \$AUD 900 including delivery, daily maintenance, cleaning and damage insurance
- ☐ Extra nights early arrivals & late departures – price on application
- ☐ Being a bespoke tour, other services you might require – to be discussed
- ☐ Rental bikes are highly recommended to make your traveling hassle free.

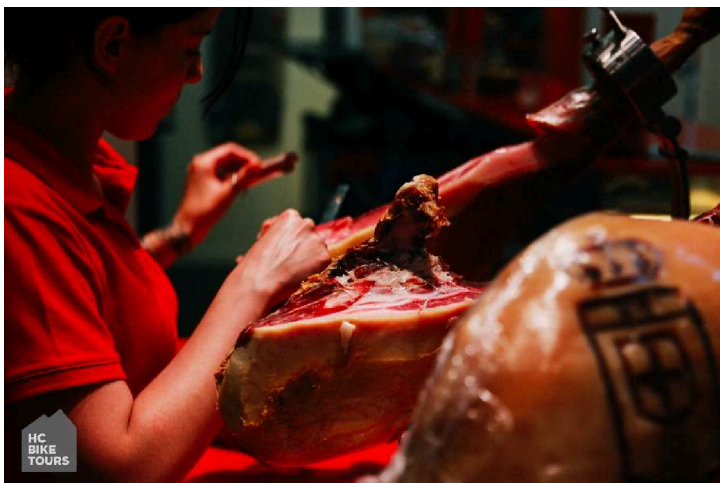


Included

- 14-day / 13-night Guided Tour with SAG van support
- Bespoke itinerary & reservations
- Airport transfers on official arrival and departure days only
- Ground transportation between hotels including luggage & bikes
- Accommodation + fees in 3 & 4 star hotels inc. breakfasts
- On-road picnic lunches & sports nutrition including water, soft drinks, fresh fruit, and local pastries
- SAG van at your disposal anytime during the tour
- Two or Three person HC team:
 - ☐ One HC SAG van 8-seater + driver
 - ☐ Ride Leader HC Bike Tours founder Aigars
 - ☐ Professional photographer on a motorcycle (if 15+ travellers confirmed)
- Services of HC Bike Tours team: planning, bookings, flexibility, mechanic, guidance, concierge services, suggestions, coaching, good knowledge of the area
- HC support van: we provided a new HC Mercedes van 8-Seater + driver van equipped with a kitchenette, Thule bike racks, all needed for mechanic assistance, and mid-ride snack stops + a trailer for luggage
- Welcome pack including HC water bottles and special tour design gear
- Professional photos (if confirmed) if 15+ travellers

Not included

- Airfare
- Travel and personal insurance (highly recommended)
- Additional personal expenses such as phone charges, mini-bar, drinks, laundry, coffee stops, gratuities
- Lunches & Dinners except for snacks at the van
- Rental bikes
- Transfers outside of the planned transportation days are possible for an extra cost



Itinerary: HC Tours August 16-30, 2026 + transfers

Tour	Date	Day	Activitiy - GREY highlight extra nights own arrangements	Overnight
Day -3	6-Aug-26	Thursday	QF 842 via Dubai 10.20pm;	Depart Perth
Day -2	7-Aug-26	Friday	Arrive Madrid 1.30PM - store bike airport	Madrid 1
Day -1	8-Aug-26	Saturday	Sightseeing	Madrid 2
Day 0	9-Aug-26	Sunday	Fly to Bilbalo ~ 1 hr	Add Bilbao, Madrid
Day 1	10-Aug-26	Monday	Arrival day HC Tours - bike fit. Note - no pickup if arrive day before	Bilbao
Day 2	11-Aug-26	Tuesday	Bilbao to Limpias: cycle coast of the Bay of Biscay out of the Basque into Cantabria	Limpias area
Day 3	12-Aug-26	Wednesday	Loop from Limpias: several fewer known climbs in the Armañón Natural Park of the Cantabrian mountains.	
Day 4	13-Aug-26	Thursday	Limpias to Santander: 2 options, rolling hillsshort or a little longer, including climb up Peña Cabarga, 5 times featured in la Vuelta	Santander area
Day 5	14-Aug-26	Friday	Day Off / Easy ride: It's time to explore Santander city on foot or on a bike, it's up to you - don't miss the Palacio de la Magdalena.	
Day 6	15-Aug-26	Saturday	Santander to Villacarriedo: back to Cantabrian mountains, ride few less know still spectacular climbs. Flattish shorter ride available.	Villacarriedo
Day 7	16-Aug-26	Sunday	Loop from Villacarriedo: one of the most spectacular days of this tour – a relatively short ride through Collados del Asón Natural Park includes Puerto de Las Estacas de Trueba, Portillo De Lunada (6 times la Vuelta), and Alto de El Caracol (7 times la Vuelta). Shorter ride available with less climbing.	
Day 8	17-Aug-26	Monday	Villacarriedo to Santillana del Mar: Today's ride will take you to a historical village of Santillana del Mar - a picturesque town in Cantabria - it's that special we plan an overnight stop here.	Santillana del Mar
Day 9	18-Aug-26	Tuesday	Santillana del Mar to Potes: Something special is on the "menu" for today - a ride through La Hermida gorge that ends in an amazing village Potes deep in the Cantabrian mountains. It's that good HC team goes there every time we visit Cantabria. But that's not all: Collado de Ozalba and Collado de Hoz (both 6 times la Vuelta), you will ride also these two famous climbs on the way.	Potes
Day 10	19-Aug-26	Wednesday	Day Off / Easy ride: this village was founded back in the 8th century so can sighsee! Alternatively we can take you up to an amazing place called Fuente De which is a part of the Picos de Europa national park. From there, you can take a handy cable car to almost the very top of the mountains. Breathtaking views!	
Day 11	20-Aug-26	Thursday	Potes to Cangas de Onis: Today you ride reverse direction part of the La Hermida gorge to Cangas de Onis. This historical town was the first capital of the kingdom of Asturias.	Cangas de Onis
Day 12	21-Aug-26	Friday	Loop from Cangas de Onis: Climb Lagos de Covadonga, the most famous in Northen Spain with 23 La Vuelta summit finishes. Picos de Europa is a fantastic but difficult climb; 16 km long average grade 7.4%. It is also one of the most beautiful natural parks in Spain. Up there are lakes Enol & Ercina. You will be amazed by the beauty of this natural park.	
Day 13	22-Aug-26	Saturday	Cangas de Onis to Oviendo: Oviedo is the capital of Asturias, rich in history, and the region's cultural center. Guess, the most outstanding cultural thing they have it's their apple cider and the way they drink it, they have even special bars called cidreria where to go. Certainly, it is worth exploring. It's time for a farewell dinner in one of the town's authentic restaurants HC team has some favorites!	Oviedo - TBC
Day 14	23-Aug-26	Sunday	Shuttle Oviedo to Bilbao airport ~ 3hrs or other location; Fly Madrid	Madrid



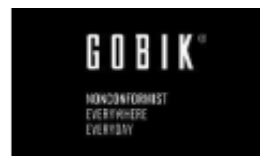
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