

Day 1 Tuesday 26th**Everyone**

JAVEA. Pick up @La Ermita Supermarket at 06:25 and Interiors 06:40 (25 pax) for departure to Valencia by coach, to arrive Valencia Joaquin Sorolla station 08:15 hrs

Valencia-Oviedo by high speed train ALVIA (Premier class). Leaving at 08:45hrs, arrival time in Oviedo ????

In Oviedo. The hotel is just above the station so check in, unpack, and freshen up for the evening. There are various bars and restaurants in the vicinity for the hungry/thirsty to enjoy.

AC Hotels by Marriott Oviedo ******Day 2 Wednesday 27th****Non-Walkers**

09:00 bus departs for visit to La Virgen de Covadonga (La Santina) followed by an audiophone guided visit to La Basilica at 10:30 hrs (45 min duration)

12:00 hrs Bus departs Covadonga for the 50 minute climb to Los Lagos (weather permitting) at the summit of the Peaks of Europe for drinks (and a small walk for those feeling energetic)

13:30:00 Bus departs to CANGAS DE ONIS. Stop for lunch and a walk about this small city - the first capital of Christian Spain (That's where I was born). Opportunity to see the famous Roman Bridge (even walk across it if you like, but be warned - it's steep and uneven underfoot).

17:00 Bus departs to Oviedo (Nicely in time for shopping/dinner)

Walkers

Departure at 09:30 via Jeeps to Arenas de Cabrales and check into Hotel Picos de Europa (3*)

There are two routes to choose - Bulnes with optional descent via funicular railway or La Ruta de Tielve a Sotres (8.7km , 4hrs). Visit to cheese factory in Sotres then back to hotel

Day 3 Thursday 28th

10:00 Take short train trip to Gijón (tickets included in trip cost). We will spend the day here giving ample free time to explore. I have a few maps – others are available from the tourist information offices.

I will be issuing a one-day tourist pass to everyone. This pass entitles you to free transport on all municipal bus services (there are a lot of these, with regular frequent service to the whole of the Gijón municipality), together with reduced entrance fees to the majority of the places of interest throughout the city.

The beach (playa de poniente), la Iglesia de San Pedro, Don Pelayo statue, Oficina de Turismo, Las Termas Romanas, Estación Náutica, Museo Jovellanos, El barrio de Cimadevilla (with the monument “Elojio del Horizonte”), the aquarium and the railway museum (El Museo Ferroviario)

At the other end of the main beach (playa de San Lorenzo) the Museo Pueblo Asturiano, Estatua Madre del Emigrante, Parque Isabel La Católica, El estadio de fútbol “El Molinón” (Local football team el Sporting de Gijón)*, La Plaza de Toros, La Feria de Muestras, El Rinconín beach, Paseo y parque de Begoña can be found. It is advisable to take a bus to/from this area unless you fancy a 5km walk.

The Universidad Laboral and the Jardín Botánico are further out via bus lines 1 or 18, both are worth a visit.

Ruta de Cares.

Poncebos-Cain-Poncebos

This route follows the marvellous works of engineering of the canal del Cares built at the beginning of the 20th Century

23km, 600m rise and fall, appr. 8.5 hrs including rest stops. Stop in Cain for lunch

Pick up in Poncebos for return to hotel

Day 4 Friday 29th

10:00 Depart from Hotel to Museo de la Minería in El Entrego (MUMI) to visit at 11:00

12:30 Depart to the picturesque fishing village of Tazones to explore and eat lunch.

15:30 Depart for Villaviciosa for a guided tour of the Cider factory (with sampling)

Then back to Oviedo when we finish.

AM. By jeep to Fuente De.

There are two routes to choose, one of 14.4km, very up and down, 6hrs, and one of 9.7km there and back with optional use of the teleferico one way, 4.5 hrs.

Return to Arenas hotel by jeep PM

Day 5 Saturday 30th

All day in Oviedo. Walkers will be joining us later in the afternoon.

I will issue a set of clues for a treasure hunt (Yincana) which will (should) take you on a tour of the many items of modern sculpture throughout the city.

Pack and check out of Hotel Picos de Europa. Travel by jeep to Los Lagos de Covadonga and take one of the many walking routes there. Suggested route is 6.5km, 2.5hrs.

Stop in Covadonga on way down from the mountain to visit the Basilica and a deviation en-route to Oviedo to pass through the "Los Beyos" rift valley and see the Puente Huera

Carry on to drop off at Oviedo hotel

Day 6 Sunday 31st

10:00 Bus to Aviles. Visit town and Niemeyer centre

12:00 Bus departs for Escamplero to collect walkers

Walk a small section of the Camino del Rey (first walked by Felipe II), Camino de Santiago (do not forget your accreditation book if you have one) stop in Escamplona and wait for the bus with the non-walkers

Everyone (again)

12:30 short bus-ride to visit the pre-romanic building Santa Maria del Naranco (mentioned in Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code"), then short trip (walkable for those

interested, but steep) to view the nearby San Miguel de Lillo chapel. Finally bus trip to the top of the Monte Naranco (if possible) to visit the El Cristo monument (with fantastic views)

Return to Escamplero for lunch at El Tendejon de Fernando. Regional entertainment will hopefully be provided.

After lunch take a guided tour of the Fernando Alonso Formula 1 racing museum on the way back to Oviedo.

Pack, chill out.

Day 7 Monday 1 June Departure back to Javea