PORT OF GIJÓN
Cruise destination

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LOCATED ON THE NORTH COAST OF SPAIN (BAY OF BISCAY), the Port of Gijón has excellent overland communications (road, rail and plane). With a new berth longer than 1000 m and 23 m. in depth, the Port of Gijón with its sheltered waters and easy access can accommodate large vessels all year round.

The Port is just 6 Km. away from the city center; A shuttle bus service or a taxi service drives directly passengers from the Port to the down-town in about 20 min.

Port of **Gijón**

**Port location**

43° 34’N / 5° 40’W

**Distance in nautical miles between ports**

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PORT TECHNICAL INFORMATION

HARBOUR
Time: GTM + 2 h. (April to September)
Hours: Open 24 hours
Emergency Phone: +34 985 320 000
Anchorage: Allowed
Ship Tenders: Allowed
Pilotage: Mandatory
Tugs: Available
Tidal Movement / Range: 4.6 mt. (14.75 ft)

BERTHS
Number of Cruise Quays: 6
Width: No limit
Air Draft: No limit
Minimum Stay: No limit
Maximum Stay: No limit

BERTH SERVICES
Gangway: Yes
Ship Repair: Yes
Bunkering: Yes
Garbage Disposal: Yes
Water Supply: Yes
Provisions: Yes
Telephone Lines: Yes

PASSENGER SERVICES
Clearance Time: 24 hours
Procedure: European Union Rules
Terminal: No
Services: Tourist office.
Distances / Transportation:
City Center: 6 Km. (3.7 m)
International Airport: 40 Km. (24.8 m)
Railway Station: 5 Km (3 m)
Taxi Service: Yes
Bus Service: Yes

SAFETY & SECURITY:
Access control to the port (ISPS Code).
Surveillance with CCTV.
Port Police Patrols.
Restricted access areas.
Scanner.

PASSENGERS & BERTH SERVICES:
Shuttle Bus Service.
Tourist info office.
Gangway.
Folk.
GIJÓN IS ONE OF THE FOREMOST TOURIST CITIES ON THE ASTURIAN COAST.

It boasts a varied network of museums, as well as stunning countryside just a few minutes from the city centre and a completely redeveloped waterfront with beautiful beaches and a marina right in the heart of the city. It also has a wide-ranging offer of cultural, gastronomic and leisure possibilities. What’s more, it is one of the way stages on the northernmost of the pilgrimage roads to Santiago, the Coastal Route, as well as the gateway of the Via de la Plata Route to the Cantabrian Sea, as the Bay of Biscay is known locally.
GIJÓN HAS AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF MUSEUMS which allow you to travel back through more than 2,500 years of history.

RANGING FROM THE MOST TRADITIONAL FARE TO THE MOST INNOVATIVE CUISINE at the hands of Gijón’s restaurateurs, with outstanding fish and shellfish from the Cantabrian Sea, cider and local desserts.

There are three “must-try” products. Gijón Gourmet, Sweet-toothed Gijón and The Cider Route, which enables you to discover how this product is made, from its origins in the apple right up until it reaches the table, visiting a alagar (cider mill), tasting a bottle of this typical brew enjoyed in the city’s cider taverns and picnic restaurants, and tasting a dessert made with apples.

GIJÓN’S COMMERCIAL TRADITION is tangible in its shopping precincts and markets, all pleasant, open spaces that invite you to stroll at the same time as you shop.

The Ecological and Crafts Market is held every other weekend in Gijón’s town square (Plaza Mayor).

AND, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO VISIT THE OLD TOWN, known as Cimavilla. This hilltop site settled by the Romans was where the city originated and was until very recently the fishermen’s quarter.
**Asturias excursions**

**EXCURSION 1**

**ASTURIAS: LANDSCAPES IN GREEN AND BLACK. THE LEGACY OF COAL AND STEELWORKING**

Estimated time: Half day

ASTURIAS HAS DRIVEN THE SPANISH MINING and steel industries for decades. Many remnants of this era have been left behind, in terms of knowledge, installations, sociology and more. The Mining and Steelworking Museums are an interesting compilation of artifacts from an important historic and industrial legacy.

**EXCURSION 2**

**OVIEDO**

Estimated time: Half day

THE PRINCIPALITY’S CAPITAL CITY has an interesting old quarters that give a glimpse of the historic past of the Asturian Monarchy, with Pre-Romanesque Art (that takes part of the UN World Heritage) and the start of the Way of St. James. This is complemented by a pleasant atmosphere of restaurants, cider houses, a market and a shopping district, as well as numerous cultural activities. Oviedo also hosts the Prince of Asturias Awards.
GIJÓN IS THE LARGEST CITY IN ASTURIAS IN TERMS OF POPULATION.

A stroll along its streets will give us a glimpse of its Roman past, with seafaring and metallurgical origins, with traces left behind by the industrial revolution and labour movement, with its coast and beaches, its relaxed, festive and cultural atmosphere, and cutting-edge facilities, such as the Aquarium or La Laboral, City of Culture.

Estimated time: Half day

GIJÓN

1. Steelworking Museum (MUSI).
2. Pre-Romanesque monument.
3. Cider house.
4. Laboral, City of Culture.
5. Shopping.
THE EAST CENTRAL PART OF THE REGION is the largest producer of Asturian cider. Therefore, most of pomaradas (apple orchards) and llagares (old and modern cider mills) are located in this area. What is often referred to in tourism circles as the Cider Region includes a series of landscapes, locations and facilities that give us an idea of the entire process involved in manufacturing and consuming a beverage that has been produced in Asturias since ancient times. It also has a wide assortment of cultural resources: fishing villages, the biodiversity of the Villaviciosa estuary, museums, llagares, great food and an endless number of activities closely related to the surrounding area.

Estimated time: Full day

EXCURSION 4
THE CIDER REGION: THE DRINK OF PARADISE
THE EASTERN PART OF ASTURIAS has two outstanding features: its geography and its history. The Picos de Europa form the most important karst system in the world (after the Himalayas), and from a geological and speleological point of view, they constitute one of the most representative ecosystems on the planet. These mountains were also where the history of the first Christian kingdom on the Iberian Peninsula unfolded, representing one of the key eras in the evolution of Western Europe.

ESTIMATED TIME: Full day

EXCURSION 5
PICOS DE EUROPA: THE HOME OF THE ASTURIAN MONARCHY

Estimated time: Full day

EXCURSION 6
PICOS DE EUROPA: THE BALCONY OVER THE CANTABRIAN SEA

THIS SAME AREA ALSO OFFERS A PRIVILEGED VANTAGE point over the ocean, with a rugged coastline of cliffs and beaches that form a unique landscape, and historic fishing villages of long-standing tradition, such as Ribadesella or Llanes, where you can see examples of Indiano, civil and palatial architecture. We are also in a region of domesticated mountains, where shepherds and farmers have worked since time immemorial to produce a wide variety of cheeses, which are considered to be among the best in the world.

1. Picos de Europa National Park.
2. Lakes of Covadonga.
3. Lastres.
4. Jurassic museum.
5. Cheese factory.
6. Indiano, civil and palatial architecture.
REFERENCES OF ASTURIAS’ SEAFARING TRADITION are ever present in cities like Gijón and Avilés and towns such as Candás and Luanco. Fish markets, the atmosphere surrounding the fishing fleet, good seafood, festivals and lots of cultural activities are what this area has to offer, along with some impressive facilities, such as La Laboral City of Culture in Gijón and the Niemeyer Centre in Avilés. The protected landscape of Cape Peñas also puts on a natural show any time of day.

**Estimated time:** Half day

**AVILÉS AND CAPE PEÑAS**

1. Seafood.
2. Oscar Niemeyer International Centre.
3. Cape Peñas.
5. Teverga Prehistoric Park.
6. Bear’s path greenway.

**EXCURSION 7**

30 MIN./TRIP

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OBVIOUS REFERENCES TO SEAFARING ASTURIAS can also be found in the western part of the community. Towns such as Cudillero and Luarca are marked by the inescapable essence of the sea in both their layout and the way daily life unfolds, revolving to a great extent around the world of fishing, sailing, lighthouses, epic tales told by sailors and oceanic research, a sample of which can be seen in the Giant Squid Museum in Luarca, where we can find some of the largest cephalopods in the world. Land and sea, with the flavour of the best fish and seafood.

ASTURIAS IS ONE OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONS that is an example of coexistence between man and wildlife. This wildlife includes a species unique to the Cantabrian range: the brown bear. In this sense, Asturias is a true paradise for bears. Some areas, such as the so-called Bear Valley, transport us to a land where it is possible to venture into the habitat of this species while enjoying unimaginable landscapes.

EXCURSION 8

ASTURIAS WITH THE FLAVOUR OF THE SEA: DISCOVERING THE WHITE VILLAGES OF THE WESTERN ASTURIAN COAST

Estimated time: Full day

EXCURSION 9

ASTURIAS, THE LAND OF BEARS

Estimated time: Full day
CRUISE QUAYS

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