

GIJÓN: NOT SO DIFFICULT TO REACH ...

Cómo llegar
How to get here



AEROPUERTOS CERCANOS

Aeropuerto Internacional de Asturias (OVD) Compañías nacionales, internacionales y low cost.	A 35 min
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AIR CONNECTIONS



The **International Airport of Asturias** (IATA Code: OVD) is located in Santiago del Monte, and has connections with several major cities and islands of Spain: Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, the Balearic Islands, the Canary Islands... Coming soon direct flights to London with Vueling Airlines

How to get to Gijón?

The Airport is a thirty-minute drive from Gijón on the fluid motorway link (A-8).

Visitors that arrive by air have three options to get to the town:

- **TAXI:** There is a taxi rank in the airport itself that is in service until the arrival of the last flight. **Fare:** 45-60€ to/from Gijón.
- **BUS:** The ALSA company offers several daily coach services Gijón - Airport - Gijón. **Bus Fare:** 9 € One way, Return 18 €
- **RENT A CAR:** Four car hire firms offer their services with a broad timetable. These firms also have branches in Gijón: Avis, Europcar, Hertz España, Nacional Atesa



The signed agreement between IBERIA and the Gijón Convention Bureau offer some economic advantages to delegates attending meetings in our city

BY TRAIN



Daily rail services with Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante and other cities in Spain.

High-speed train in the Madrid- Leon section.

The **collaboration agreement between RENFE** (Spanish Rail Company) and **Gijón Convention Bureau** enables meeting promoters and organisers to obtain **discounts for participants** of 35% on train tickets used to travel to and from Gijón.

BY ROAD



BUSES

Daily bus services with Madrid and other cities in Spain.

Bus Company: ALSA. Again the agreement with the Gijón Convention Bureau grant the persons attending meetings in Gijón a minimum **10% discount off the normal price.**

CITY INFORMATION



Photo by Xurde Morán

Where is Gijón?

With a surface area of 181.7 sq.km, the *Concejo* (municipality) of Gijón is located in the centre of the Asturias coast. It opens up to the sea with a double bay between 43°2"30" and 43°34"18" Northern latitude and 1° 52 " 29 " and 2° 8" 0" Western longitude from the Madrid Meridian. The city is 2000 years old and is located 477 kilometres from Madrid (5 h), 384 kilometres from the French border (4h.40 min.) and 432 kilometres from the Portuguese border. It takes three and a quarter hours to get to Bilbao and four and a quarter to get to Santiago de Compostela. A 2 hours flight separates it from London.

How many people live in Gijón?

It is the most populated municipality in the Principality of Asturias. About 280,000 people live in its municipal district, 90% of whom live in the city of Gijón, whilst the remaining 10% are spread over the superb rural medium that surrounds it.





Is the city safe?

One of the safest of the country, with an extremely low accident rate. One of the attractions of its lively nightlife is that you can enjoy yourself without any problems until very late at night. Just take the same basic precautions as for any other trip.

What is the weather like in Gijón?

The Gijón climate, in the area of Atlantic Spain, can be defined in this sense as being warm, with an average annual temperature of 15° and gentle oscillations between the maximum and minimum average annual temperatures. In summer the average temperature is 19.5°C and in winter 9.5°C

February is usually a cold month with maximum temperatures of 13.8° and minimum temperatures of 5.4°.

It receives 800 to 1000 mm rainfall each year, which is distributed quite evenly, that is, without any very dry periods and also without heavy rain at certain times of the year.



Tips:

Always bring informal and warm clothes and footwear. If you have the chance during your stay to attend an "espicha" you will be grateful. The Espicha is a festivity in an apple press where the people from Asturias go with informal clothes and solid shoes. The presses are always cool and permanently impregnated with the smell of apples. Your feet will not get warm until you have drunk sufficient cider and danced to the sound of the bagpipes.



USEFUL DATA



TIME ZONE

GMT +1

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

230 V – 50 Hz. Type C plug (two round jacks).

CURRENCY

The official currency in Spain is the Euro.

The greater part of banks offer the currency exchange service, but without the obligation of providing this: they are free to do so or not. **Currency exchange can also be carried out in El Corte Inglés department stores (Customer Care department) from 10 to 22 h, it being mandatory to present one's passport.**

The majority of establishments admit payment with Visa and Mastercard credit cards.

WHAT BUDGET SHOULD I CALCULATE?

Some data to calculate it:

- To get to the city from the airport
 - * Taxi: €45-60 and 35 min.
 - * Bus: €9
- To move around Gijón
 - * Taxi: €6-8 (average)
 - * Bus. €1.25
- To go out on the town

Gijón has quite a lot restaurants with quality marks (From those that have 1 Michelin star to the most popular ones), as well as cafeterias, bars and pubs.

 - A coffee: €1.25-1.40
 - A set menu: €9.00-24,5 (Average €12)
 - À la carte: €20.00-45.00
 - A beer: €2.50
 - A bottle of cider: €2.50
 - A drink in a pub: €5.00-7.00