



PARADOR DE  
SANTILLANA GIL BLAS



Parador de Santillana Gil Blas Surroundings

Ready?

The historic town center of Santillana del Mar is unusual in that it is only open to pedestrians. You won't see any cars, making your visit very special indeed. This historic district has preserved its original character for hundreds of years. Highlights among the buildings include the Casa del Águila (House of the Eagle) and the Casa de la Plaza (House of the Square), the statue Homenaje al hombre de Altamira (Homage to the Man of Altamira), and the fabulous town hall building.

As you stroll through the main square (Plaza Mayor de Ramón Pelayo) and along the streets that branch off from it, you will discover the many charms of this Cantabrian town with its cobblestones, monuments and houses built centuries ago with beautiful flowers hanging from their balconies. Santillana del Mar Zoo is just 2 kilometers from town and a must-see, especially if you have children. And a little over 15 kilometers away you will find the lovely village of Comillas, lapped by the waters of the Bay of Biscay.

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Parador de Santillana Gil Blas Rooms



## How to arrive

The Parador can be reached from the Santander-Comillas road by taking a cobbled street for about 100 meters. Then turn right and immediately after that, left. You will see the square where the Parador is located on your right. Santillana is 24 km from Santander.

## Information

### Address

Plaza Ramón Pelayo, 11 39330  
Santillana del Mar Cantabria

### Coordinates

43.390.657, -4.108.028

### Director

José Carlos Campos Regalado

## Services and facilities



## The Parador Kitchen

In addition to a children's menu, we also offer special vegetarian and gluten-free dishes, and desserts for diabetics. We invite you to dine in our elegant restaurant with a view of the colorful plants and flowers on the Parador's terrace. In summer, we open up the room to offer pleasant moonlit dinners. With the arrival of autumn, you can sample wonderful mushroom dishes during our culinary events.

### Chef

José González González

### Maitre

Miguel Ángel Rodríguez Vázquez

### Menú para grupos

25

### Opening Hours

#### Cafetería

11:00 - 24:00

#### Desayuno

08:00 - 11:00

#### Almuerzo

13:30 - 16:00

#### Cena

20:30 - 22:30





## Discover the local area

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## 10 must-visit sites

- Old quarter and house museums
- Altamira Cave and Museum
- Romanesque collegiate church and diocesan museum
- Santillana Zoo (2 km)
- Central coast beaches (Tagle, Suances, Liencres)
- Comillas (15 km) and San Vicente de la Barquera (30 km)
- El Soplao Cave (40 km)
- Valles Pasiegos district (45 km)
- Santander (25 km)
- Oyambre Nature Reserve (29 km)

## What to do in the area

Relax at the nearby beaches: Urbiaco (5 km), Cobreces (10 km), Comillas (17 km), Oyambre (20 km), Suances (10 km). Or visit Oyambre Nature Reserve (20 km), San Vicente de la Barquera (29 km), Santa Maria de los Ángeles Church and El Rey Castle.



## Expert recommendations

- **Santillana historic district**

All you need are comfortable shoes to navigate the irregular cobbled streets and Santillana del Mar offers the chance to explore a unique historic district like no other in Spain. Stone is also one of the most notable architectural features, found in the mansions of both nobles and indianos (Spaniards who made their fortune in Latin America), their wooden balconies bedecked with flowers, as well as house museums such as Torre de Don Borja and Casa de La Parra. The jewel in the crown is the 12th-century Romanesque collegiate church, which houses an extremely beautiful cloister.

- **Santillana del Mar Zoo**

This is the place to enjoy more than 2000 animals from around the planet in an outdoor space covering more than 6 hectares. The spectacular tropical butterfly garden offers visitors the chance to witness the birth of these insects and gain a comprehensive understanding of their metamorphosis. The zoo has more than 40 conservation programs in place for endangered species such as the Asiatic lion, European bison, slender-snouted crocodile and the only family of Sumatran orangutans in Spain. Quaternary Park features fauna from the age of the humans who populated Altamira Cave and inspired their art. This is a beautiful place for a wonderful family outing, just 1 km from the Parador.

- **Beaches of the western and central coasts**

During the summer season, one of the best options is to head to any of the many beaches around Santillana del Mar: San Vicente de la Barquera, Oyambre and Comillas to the west; Santander and Somo on the central coast (20–25 minutes by car); or nearby Cóbreces, Tagle, Suances and Liencres (10–15 minutes by car). Whichever you choose, we're sure you'll want to return.

- **Ancient caves at Altamira and El Soplao**

If Cantabria is known for one thing, it is the many prehistoric caves in the area. Among them is Altamira, considered one of the world's most important sites for cave paintings. Altamira Cave is located within the municipality of Santillana del Mar. It offers a comprehensive museum and interpretive center. And just 40 kilometers from Santillana is El Soplao Cave, one of the region's unique karstic formations.

## We present our new gastronomic spaces



### **Pampered Senses**

Especia restaurants are Paradores' classic restaurants where we offer a traditional menu made up of starters, meat courses, fish courses and desserts.



### **The perfect homage**

Tamizia restaurants are multifunctional spaces that follow current trends in gastronomy.



### **Gastronomic mouthfuls**

The Marmitia restaurants offer an innovative menu with a wide variety of dishes so that diners can choose their own combination of starter, main and dessert.

Monumental and historic hotels

There are places that become travel destinations through which their history can be discovered: castles, palaces, and old monasteries that receive you today with all the comforts that only Paradores know how to offer, but without losing the essence that made them part of our history.

Hotels to enjoy the coast or nature

Close your eyes and imagine a place far away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. In a landscape surrounded by evergreen mountains, a terrace with sea views, a viewing point from which to observe the flight of the birds over a lake. It is something you have within reach but still haven't discovered, because this trip is closer than you think. That getaway to nature is at Paradores.

Urban hotels at the heart of the city

The luxury and the service of Paradores in an urban setting is what you're looking for. Civia arose to offer a hotel where you don't feel like you're just passing through. The Civia collection is made up of Paradores located in the city or nearby where you'll find everything you need, whatever the reason for your visit.





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