

# El Coscojal

Region: Cantabria Sleeps: 10 - 12

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## Overview

Nestled within the lush green hills of Cantabria in the charming village of Riotuerto, El Coscojal enjoys beautiful, traditional architecture, a warm and homely ambience, a high-end semi industrial kitchen, considerable space and a fabulous, landscaped garden and swimming pool. With four fabulous bedrooms and an office that serves as an additional guest room, the house is perfect for a large family or a couple of families.

The popular tourist destination of Lierganes is just 7 km away, Santander is 20 km away and Bilbao is 80 km away. Some of the most beautiful Cantabrian beaches are just 20 minutes away in the car. This beautiful and luxurious holiday home sits at the bottom of a scenic mountain where cyclists and hikers enjoy the lush greenery and sensational views. Lierganes was declared to be of National Historic and Artistic Interest in 1978 with its valuable collection of classicist architecture from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It also carries the legend of the fish-man. Snuggled into the foot of two hills, Marimon and Cotillamon, known as the 'breasts of Lierganes', the town enjoys these characterful buildings which includes the Palace of Ranada, the Church of San Sebastian, the Parish Church of San Pedro Ad Vincula, the houses of Setien and Canones, the Humilladero and El Carmen chapels and its magnificent bridge. The town's spa is set in a mighty property amongst woodland. Cantabria offers a wonderful holiday with a coastline brimming with cliffs, stunning beaches and colourful fishing ports, inland mountains that are separated by deep valleys and sprinkled with friendly sleepy villages and a world of gastronomic treats. The lively capital of Santander offers a buzzy slice of urban life, Santillana del Mar and Comillas boast a wonderful collection of medieval and modernista treats and Cantabria's rugged, dramatic ranges offer the mountain walls of the Picos de Europa in the west.

As you drive into the El Coscojal estate you will be totally delighted with its charming facade and 5000 square metres of beautiful gardens. These are full of oak, walnut and palm trees, magnolias and beautiful planted borders that offer wonderful colour pops amongst the greenery. The gardens also offer a beautifully renovated, generous sized swimming pool which is surrounded by a natural limestone terrace and is fenced for safety. The children in your group will enjoy the children's playground with its trampoline, sandpit and climbing structure.

El Coscojal is beautifully furnished with traditional styling which blends



wonderfully with the exposed stone walls. The living room enjoys a gorgeous open fireplace which is perfect for chilly evenings when you want to snuggle on the sofa and chairs while planning your days in this wonderful region. Shutters on the windows and vintage rugs add to the warm and welcoming ambience. The dining area is elegant and bright and the kitchen will please the most discerning of chefs with its contemporary style and excellent appliances. In addition to these rooms, the ground floor is also home to a cosy television room, an office which can be used as an additional guest room and a smart, newly built family bathroom.

The basement of El Coscojal offers a handy laundry room, a pantry room, boiler rooms and also adjacent is the garden toilet and pool changing room.

The second floor of the house is home to four incredibly spacious bedrooms and three bathrooms, one of which is ensuite. Like the living spaces, the bedrooms are charming and traditional with terracotta floor tiling, shutters and vintage furniture. El Coscojal also enjoys a large atmospheric attic space with a fireplace. Children love disappearing here to play.

You will totally relax at El Coscojal with complete privacy, gorgeous outside space and charming, characterful interiors. When you have discovered the fabulously scenic local area, you can head into Santander, Bilbao, a city filled with history, art and flavour or San Sebastian, framed by golden beaches and lush hillsides and offering a venerable dining scene as well as its grand architecture.

## Facilities

Modern • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

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### Lower Ground Floor

- Laundry room with washing machine

### Ground Floor

- Ample living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to the garden
- Dining area for 12 people
- Media room with comfortable seating and satellite TV
- Fully-equipped modern kitchen with central island and access to the garden
- Office/guest room for 2 people
- Family bathroom

### First Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds (can be pushed together to make a queen size bed) and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and balcony
- Bedroom with two single beds and balcony
- Bedroom with two single beds (this is the kids room: 2 beds of 105 cm and 2 pull-out beds of 90 cm)
- Bathroom
- Shower room

### Top Floor

- Open space with comfortable seating and fireplace

### Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (14 x 7 m) with fencing
- Large patio and garden area
- Outdoor dining
- Various sun loungers
- Garden furniture
- Various parasols
- Outdoor toilet
- Barbecue

### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Playground



- Parking
- Crib

## Location & Local Information

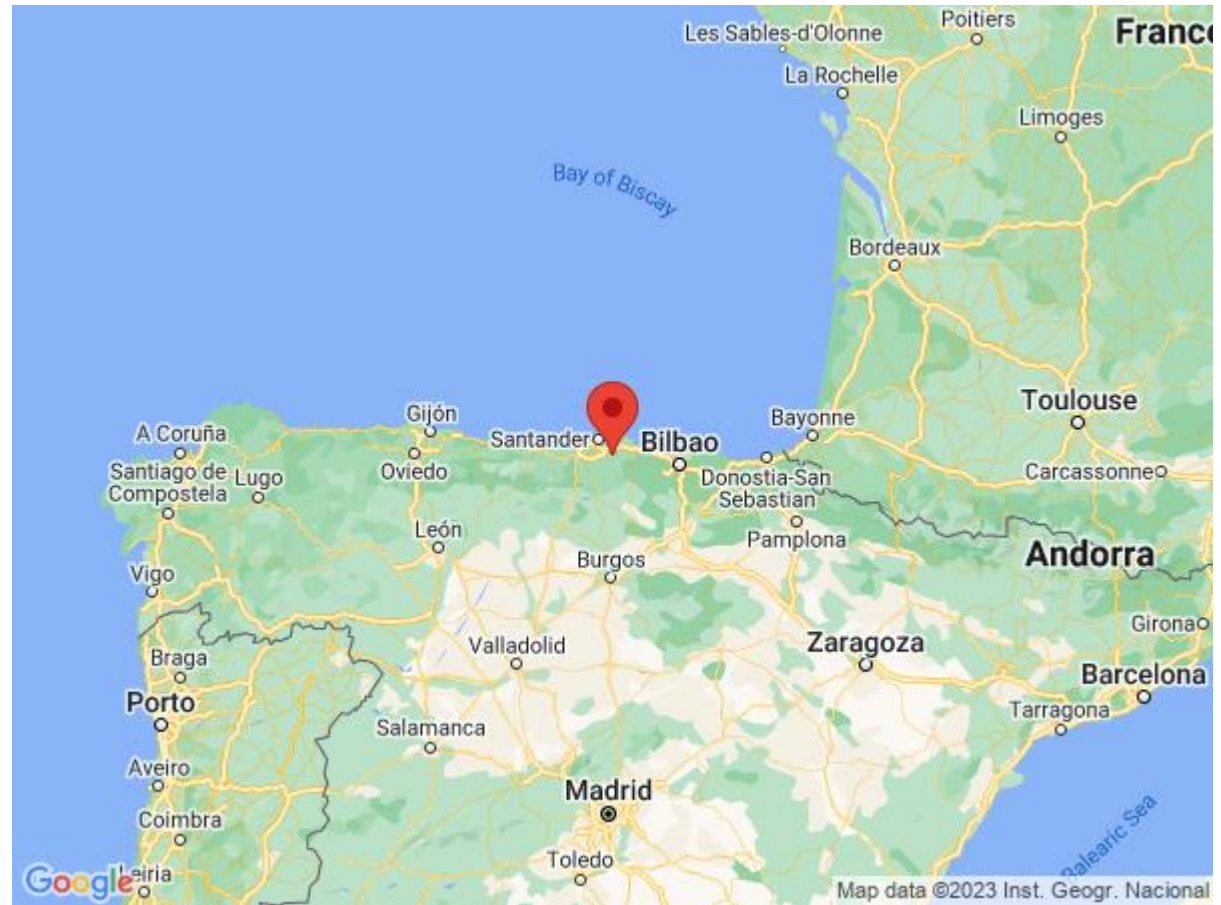
El Coscojal enjoys a fabulous, countryside location close to the popular town of Lierganes. Cantabria offers something for every guest including wonderful beaches, foodie havens, magical mountains, beautiful scenery and charming, ancient villages. You can discover this dreamy, lush region by driving the country roads or perhaps cycling or hiking.

Lierganes enjoys a fascinating history and a charming array of shops, cafes and restaurants. Visitors enjoy delicious meals in the town which is known for its meats, river fish, fresh cheeses and famous pastries. Lierganes is also famous for its legend of the fish-man. The legend has it that around 1650 there lived a couple in the village named Francisco de la Vega and Maria del Casar who had four sons. When the father died, the mother decided to send one son to Bilbao so that he could learn to be a carpenter. Francisco de la Vega Casar lived there until 1674 when he went to swim with friends in Bilbao's estuary and was taken by the river currents. Five years later, fishermen in the Bay of Cadiz noticed a strange looking creature and others saw the same. Loaves of bread were used to capture this creature with human and fish characteristics. During interrogation the word Lierganes was used and he was taken close to the village and was able to guide himself to the house of Maria del Casar who recognised him as her son Francisco. After nine years of living a somewhat strange life he went swimming in the sea and was never seen again

Close by is the Palace and Museum of Elsedo in Pamanes, is one of Cantabria's architectural jewels. The palaces dates back to the 18th century and was later restored by an Austrian couple. It is now home to the Museum of Contemporary Art, a fantastic museum brimming with modern sculptures and paintings.

Santander is a wonderful combination of lush green mountain landscapes, dazzling white sandy beaches, elegant mansions and palatial architecture. It carries the echo of its seafaring past. A stroll through the town takes you past the amazing Magdalena Palace, an iconic building location in the highest part of the peninsula. Visitors enjoy delicious cuisine including friend squid, squid with onion and clams. The new part of town is modern and trendy and includes the Botin Centre, designed by the award-winning architect Renzo Piano. Santander enjoys a mini zoo, museums, and the fabulous beaches of El Sardinero, El Camello, Matalenas, La Concha and Los Peligros.

Bilbao, the city of the Guggenheim, boasts ground breaking architecture, delicious eateries and a very unique character. It is full of charming streets and bars offering pintxos. There are many famous eateries, including the legendary Cafe Iruna next to the Albia Gardens which opened in 1903. You can cross the Bilbao Estuary and walk along the riverbank, you can take the



Artxanda cable car linking the area of Campo Volantin with Mount Artxanda for some amazing city views or visit the art museums. The Zubizuri Bridge was designed by the architect Santiago Calatrava and offers wonderful views of the towers designed by the Japanese architect Isozaki Atea. A stroll along the estuary leads you to the magnificent Guggenheim Museum made from 33,000 titanium sheets and designed by Frank Gehry. The sculptures outside the museum are equally famous including the enormous dog with its steel base and living flowers. The stunning Euskalduna Palace, another jewel of contemporary architecture, hosts exhibitions and shows. Other buildings that you should include in your tour of Bilbao are the Bilbao Town Hall, Begona Basilica, Bilbao Museum of Fine Arts, the colourful Mercado de la Ribera Market, Plaza Neuva Square, the cultural centre Azkuna Zentroa and the Deusto University. If you are there on a Sunday, the lovely Arenal Park hosts a pretty flower market. The area known as 'the seven streets' is where you will find the Ribera market amongst the cobblestones. Here you will taste some of the very best pintxos. Another Sunday market takes place in Plaza Nueva. If you have enough time when you are in Bilbao you can take a sailing boat along the Nervion Estuary or make a trip to Portugalete and the Bizkaia Hanging Bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage site designed by the architect behind the Eiffel Tower.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Santander Airport (21 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Port of Santander (23 km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>La Cavada Station (3 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>La Cavada (3 km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Lierganes (7 km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Santander (24 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Bar Restaurante Los Cañones de La Cavada (3 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>La Muralla (3 km)</b>

Nearest Supermarket	<b>Coviran (3 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Somo Beach (20 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Ramon Sota Golf Club (13 km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>La Cantabrica Astillero Tennis Club (17 km)</b>

## What we love

- El Coscojal boasts the most fabulous countryside position, nestled within the mountains, hills and valleys of Cantabria
- Guests staying in this dreamy holiday home enjoy its fabulous character and charm together with its beautiful gardens
- The location offers the best of both world's. You will be totally away from it all yet within easy reach of the cosmopolitan Santander and Cantabria's beautiful beaches

## What you should know...

- El Coscojal enjoys a huge, beautiful garden which is totally enclosed and very private. The pool is also enclosed for added peace of mind
- Guests are welcome to use the study which doubles as a bedroom for two guests
- There is room for a crazy amount of cars so don't worry if you are a group of friends, all with your own hire car!



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 2 pm.
- Departure time: 12 pm.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included in the rental price.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights. All other duration on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not permitted.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available.
- Tax: Tourist Tax included in the rental price.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Stag & Hen Do's Allowed? : Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please be aware that the swimming pool is open from June to September, inclusive.