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The rugged sides of Spain and Portugal - crossed and discovered by train, beyond the vacation clichés. Where they border on the unbridled, cold Atlantic, both countries show a completely different side of their own.

Rugged cliffs, surfing paradises, steep vineyards and villages with centuries-old traditions: the train takes you from Portugal's west coast to the Spanish border in the northeast, a journey of discovery characterized by a variety of colors, landscapes and climates. The FEVE narrow-gauge railroad takes you through the contrasting landscape of northern Spain. From Bilbao in the Basque Country via Santander in Cantabria to Asturias. The train takes a good eight hours to cover 300 kilometers. A journey at the speed of earlier centuries, through a region that has retained its originality to this day.



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1. In the Heart of Portugal

We travel by train from the westernmost point of mainland Europe up to Portugal's only national park, the Peneda-Gerês, and from lively Porto to the Spanish border in the northeast. The train takes you from the blue sea to the green Douro Valley, from the urban metropolis to the scorching heat of the deserted hinterland.

2. Spain's Green North

Switzerland or Spain? This question is often asked by those who see pictures from northern Spain for the first time: High mountains, lonely villages, but - this is the crucial difference - also breathtaking Atlantic beaches. The "Costa Verde", the green coast, is a piece of Spain that is so different from the general tourist image of the Germans' favorite vacation destination. This area has been spared from mass tourism. We travel by train from Bilbao in the Basque Country to Santander in Cantabria and Asturias.