



A LITTLE HISTORY

Oviedo, located in the north of Spain with about 250,000 inhabitants, is the capital of Asturias, the oldest Christian Kingdom of the Peninsula. The Astur Kingdom, the heart of Spain, was the first Christian political entity established in the Iberian Peninsula after the Muslim invasion in 711. It was created "*by divine providence*" after the battle of Covadonga in 722, according to the Chronicon Albeldense; its capital was moved to Oviedo in the time of Fruela I in the 8th century.

The 1st Pilgrimage of Nuestra Señora de la Cristiandad (Our Lady of Christianity) will depart from the Holy Basilica Church Cathedral of San Salvador de Oviedo, the *Sancta Ovetensis*, in whose Holy Chamber the Arca Santa is preserved, which contains numerous relics, the best known being the Holy Shroud with which Our Lord's head was wrapped when He was lowered from the Cross, to arrive at the feet of Our Lady of Covadonga, the birthplace of Spain, in the National Park of the Picos de Europa.

HOW TO REACH OVIEDO

Oviedo has a train and bus station in the city, and an airport (Asturias Airport) some 48 kilometres away, with several national flights that arrive daily from the main capitals of the country.

It is possible to obtain a ticket to Asturias-Oviedo Airport (OVD), with a short stopover at Adolfo Suárez-Barajas Airport from most of the main European airports.

There is a direct bus service without intermediate stops from Asturias airport, which is operated by the company **Alsa** and takes you to the centre of Oviedo in about 45 minutes for €9.00. There is approximately one bus service every 60 minutes between 5:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., which may be brought forward or delayed depending on flight schedules. From 7.00 p.m. the interval between buses is 90 minutes. Check the exact timetables on the Alsa website or on their information phone number:

<https://www.alsa.es/>

Timetables:

https://www.consortioasturias.com/recursos/doc/Oficina_Movilidad/1724357454_2672021101939.pdf

To get there from anywhere in Spain, we also recommend using carpooling websites such as BlaBlaCar (<https://www.blablacar.es/>) or Flixcar (<https://www.flixcar.fr/>), with apps available in the Android Play Store or the Apple App Store.



From Madrid to Oviedo

- **By plane:** there are daily flights from Adolfo Suárez-Barajas Airport to Asturias-Oviedo Airport (OVD), which take approximately 1 hour 10 minutes.

Adolfo Suárez-Barajas Airport has four terminals and is quite large, so it is advisable to look carefully at the instructions for transport between terminals, which is free and works quite well:

<https://www.aena.es/es/adolfo-suarez-madrid-barajas/servicios-del-aeropuerto/transporte-entre-terminales.html>

- **By train:** there is a direct journey by conventional train from Madrid - Chamartin station to Oviedo station which takes approximately 4 hours 40 min. The train is High Speed to León, and conventional up to the final destination in Oviedo.

Renfe website for timetable information and ticket purchase:
<https://www.renfe.com/es/es>

- **By bus:** there is a direct route. There is a bus to Oviedo-Bus Station at the airport itself (Terminal T4). If the times do not adapt to your timetable, you will have to go (by underground, city bus or suburban train) to Madrid-Estación Sur Bus Station or to Madrid-Moncloa, and take a direct bus to Oviedo-Bus Station.

There are about 14 daily bus services from 7.15 a.m. to 5.45 p.m., and the journey takes about 6 hours.

<https://www.alsa.es/ruta/madrid-oviedo>

<https://www.flixbus.es/>

From Valencia to Oviedo

- **By plane:** there are direct flights from Manises Airport to Asturias-Oviedo Airport (OVD), which take approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.
- **By train and bus:** take the train or bus to Madrid, and from there follow the transport directions explained from the Spanish capital above.

From Barcelona to Oviedo

- **By plane:** there are daily flights from Barcelona-El Prat Airport to Asturias-Oviedo Airport (OVD) which take approximately 1h 35 min.
- **By train:** there is no direct route by conventional train. You can take a direct train from Barcelona-Sants station to León and then you have to change trains to continue on another train to Oviedo. The journey takes about 10 hours in total.



<https://www.renfe.com/es/es>

- **By bus:** there is a direct route from Barcelona Nord station, but it is extremely long and uncomfortable. Not recommended.

From Sevilla to Oviedo

- **By plane:** there are daily flights from Seville-San Pablo International Airport to Asturias-Oviedo Airport (OVD) which take approximately 1h 25 min.

- **By train and bus:** take the train or bus to Madrid, and from there follow the transport directions explained from the Spanish capital above.

HOW TO GET TO THE BASILICA CATHEDRAL OF SAN SALVADOR DE OVIEDO INSIDE THE CITY

Oviedo Bus and Train Stations are only a 5 minute walk from each other.

It takes about 20 minutes to walk to the Cathedral from **Oviedo Bus Station**. Those who want to take public transport can go to the bus stop of the city bus line **C-facultades-Lugones** in the direction of C-facultades, which is right next to the entrance of the very bus station, and get off at the **Marqués de Santa Cruz** stop.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk to the Cathedral from **Oviedo Train Station**. You can also take the city bus line **G-Puerto- Montecerrao**, and get off at the **Marqués de Santa Cruz** stop.

If you come by **car**, on the page of Nuestra Señora de la Cristiandad there is a reference to **free parking** in Oviedo (<https://nscristiandad.es/aparcar-en-oviedo/>), and here is information on paid parking:

https://www.parkopedia.es/parking/locations/oviedo_principado_de_asturias_espa%C3%B1a_j9bcezeyen1f0x3g2c/

RETURN FROM THE BASILICA AND THE SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF COVADONGA

The organisation will charter buses for the return to Oviedo after the end of the pilgrimage.

VERY IMPORTANT: Those who wish to return using the means of transport provided by the organisation **must indicate this on the registration form** when the registration period is opened.

Otherwise, your return to Oviedo cannot be guaranteed.

Those who wish to stay on site at the end or return on their own are not required to indicate anything.