



Cantabria 2026

The Wessex are planning a return to Cantabria!

1st to 14th August 2026

**Two whole weeks of caving, walking and cycling
along with plenty of food, wine and beer.**

For those that missed our fantastic Cantabria trip back in 2019, the Ason Gorge is situated in the North East of Spain about an hour's drive from Bilbao / Santander. The area around the Ason Gorge is a caver's paradise. There is an excellent range of caves to suit all abilities from beginner to expert. This is complemented by some top class walking, local Via Ferrata routes and superb cycling.



We've already booked the accommodation at Bar Tomas in Ogarrio. This consists of 5 apartments and 2 houses, giving us room for around 30 people. Bar Tomas is also going to provide an evening meal every night and will be the focal point for our stay.

What next we hear you ask! We will have an introductory meeting and a short presentation on the evening of **Saturday 12th July 2025 at 18:30** at Upper Pitts.

We would like to use this meeting to get an idea of what types of caving people would like and if there are any particular trips people want to do. We can then plan some suitable training events and work out what kit we will need. Suffice to say, all the recommended caving trips will be written up and we will send out descriptions nearer the time.

Immediately after the meeting we will start taking bookings and deposits (£50 per person). We expect places to get booked very quickly so please pay your deposits as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To keep things fair and simple – you will need to book for the whole two weeks. We expect the cost will be around £450 to £500 per person. This will include a bed, an evening meal and should also cover any equipment / kit we may need. If you can't make the whole two weeks then feel free find someone to share the booking with.



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Please pay the deposit by bank transfer (Sort Code: 40-46-06, Acc:71029088 with the Reference set to CA<your name>) or by card using the Sum-up machine (you must use the "Add description" button to add CA<your name> else we won't know who paid).

Also please complete the reservation form at <https://forms.gle/wSKzZvdHgQtprfm6> or use this QR Code:-



We will send you a booking confirmation email in a day or two after you have paid. Please email wayne@cuckoocheeves.uk if you don't get this.

We will also be arranging a number of training events leading up to the trip (SRT workshops, Pull-Through practice, long walks to build stamina, team building etc) and will schedule at least one more briefing meeting before the trip.

To get a flavour of the 2019 trip, please see Wessex Journal 352 (QR Code below):-



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