

Oviedo

Asturias · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Oviedo is the capital of Asturias, in northern Spain. It has a compact, pedestrian old town, a Gothic cathedral and some of the oldest churches in Europe, built in the 9th century.

The city is green, calm and walkable, with many statues and cider houses. It suits one day of history and food, and it is a good base for the Asturian coast and mountains.

When to visit

June to September is the best time, with mild, drier days. Spring and autumn are green but rainy. Winter is cool and wet.

The San Mateo festival is held in September. The Princess of Asturias Awards ceremony is in October.

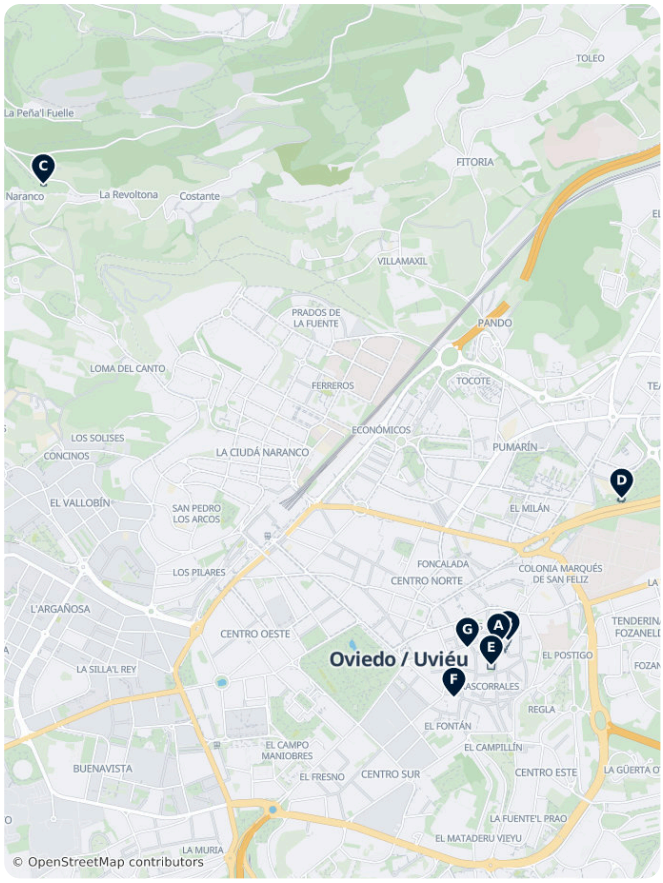
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	12° / 17° Feels like 8°	6° / 3°	16 rainy days · Dry air
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 8°	6° / 2°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 20° Feels like 11°	7° / 4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Fair Fair for sightseeing	16° / 22° Feels like 13°	9° / 5°	14 rainy days · Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	11° / 7°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 28°	14° / 10°	Calm winds
July	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	16° / 13°	Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 31°	16° / 14°	
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 29°	15° / 12°	
October	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 26°	13° / 9°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 21° Feels like 11°	9° / 6°	17 rainy days · Dry air
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Best months: June, July, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Catedral de San Salvador de Oviedo has a Gothic tower and a rich interior. It stands on the main square of the old town.
- B Cámara Santa is a chapel inside the cathedral that holds medieval treasures, including the Cross of the Angels.
- C Santa María del Naranco is a 9th-century palace hall on Mount Naranco, above the city. It is part of a UNESCO World Heritage listing, together with San Miguel de Lillo nearby.
- D San Julián de los Prados is a 9th-century church with rare wall paintings, on the edge of the center.
- E Museum of Fine Arts of Asturias has Spanish and Asturian art in a group of old palaces.
- F Iglesia de San Isidoro El Real and G Capilla de La Balesquida are small historic churches in the old town.
- Calle Gascona is known as the cider boulevard, with a row of *sidrerías*.



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What to experience

- Try a cider evening on Calle Gascona, where waiters pour cider from a height.
- Take a bus or taxi up Mount Naranco for views of the city and the 9th-century buildings.

Day trips

- A Gijón (about 30 km, 30 minutes by train or car): a coastal city with a long beach.
- B Cangues d'Onís (about 75 km, 1 hour by car): the gateway to the Picos de Europa and the shrine of Covadonga.
- C Ribadesella (about 80 km, 1 hour by car): a coastal town at the mouth of the Sella river.
- D Somiedo (about 70 km, 1.5 hours by car): a natural park with mountain villages.



Where to explore

Other places in Asturias:

- **Coast**: Gijón and Ribadesella.
- **Mountains**: Picos de Europa and Somiedo are the best areas for hiking.

Getting there

- **By air**: Asturias airport (OVD) is about 45 km from the city, with buses to Oviedo.
- **By train**: Trains from Madrid and León arrive at the central station. Regional trains also run to Gijón. Book on Renfe.
- **By bus**: Coaches link Oviedo with Madrid, Gijón and the rest of Asturias.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is compact and pedestrian. Most sights are within a short walk.
- **Cycling**: Cycling is possible, but the city has some hills.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and mostly pedestrian.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

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Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the center. A car helps for the mountains and the coast.
- **Parking**: Use an underground car park near the old town.
- **Restrictions**: The old town is mostly closed to normal traffic.

Food & drink

Oviedo is a good place for Asturian classics. Try *fabada* (a stew of white beans and pork), *cachopo* (a breaded cutlet filled with ham and cheese) and blue cheeses such as Cabrales. *Carbayones* are a local almond pastry.

Cider is the local drink, served in the *sidrerías* of Calle Gascona.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Oviedo is a very safe city. Rain can come at any time of year, so carry a light waterproof jacket.

History

Oviedo was founded in the 8th century. In the early 9th century King Alfonso II made it the capital of the Kingdom of Asturias, which resisted Muslim rule in Spain.

The buildings on Mount Naranco were built in the 9th century under King Ramiro I, and they show a unique pre-Romanesque style. Catedral de San Salvador de Oviedo is mainly Gothic and was built over several centuries.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

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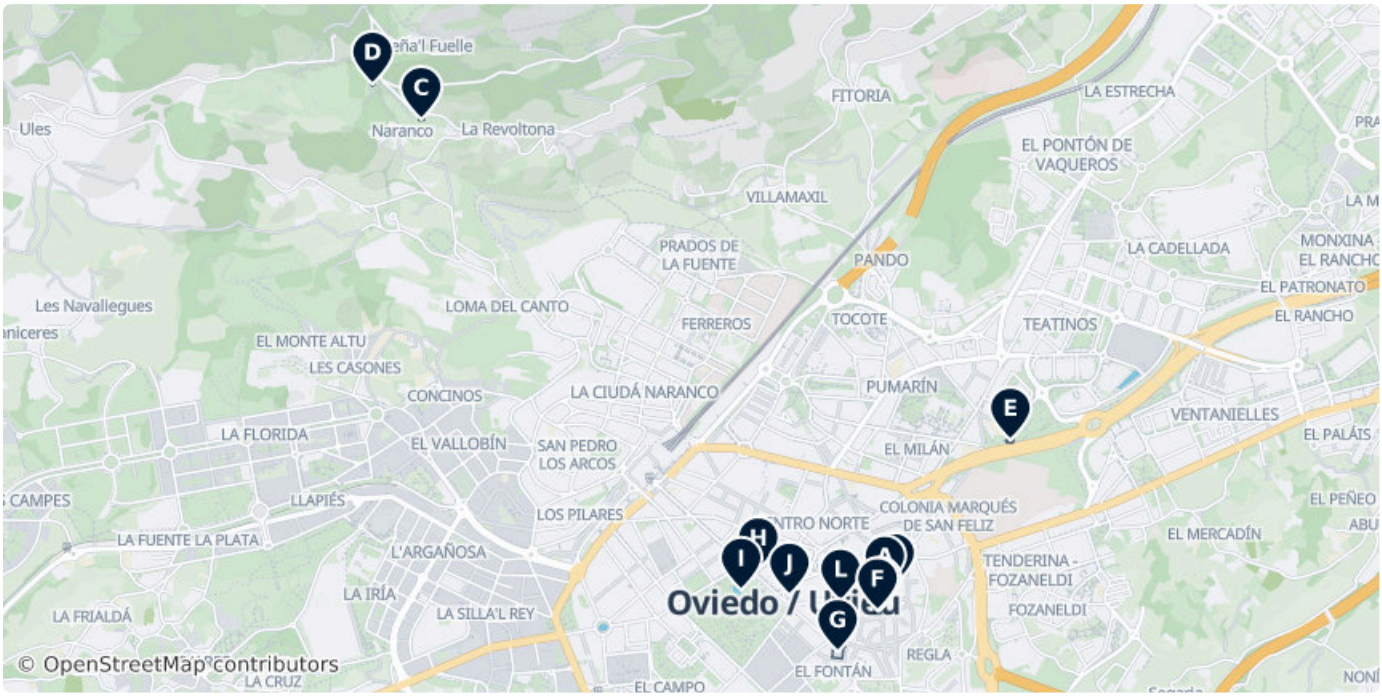
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Oviedo Essentials

Oviedo showcases a dense concentration of UNESCO-listed pre-Romanesque architecture, including the 9th-century churches of Santa María del Naranco and San Miguel de Lillo on Mount Naranco. The historic core is defined by the Gothic Cathedral of San Salvador and its sacred Holy Chamber. Elegant 18th-century palaces like Velarde and Camposagrado house cultural institutions, while the pedestrianized streets feature a unique collection of public sculptures, ranging from literary characters like Mafalda to filmmaker Woody Allen. The Mercado del Fontán serves as a central hub for local Asturian gastronomy.





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Ⓑ Holy Chamber of Oviedo

The Holy chamber of Oviedo is a Roman Catholic pre-Romanesque church in Oviedo, Spain, built next to pre-romanesque Tower of San Miguel of...

Travesía de Santa Barbara, 33003 Oviedo, Spain
(43.36255, -5.84292)

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C Church of St Mary and St Michael de Lilo

Two of the UNESCO-listed churches from the Oviedo surrounding. Outstanding example of pre-Romanesque Asturian architecture.

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D San Miguel de Lillo

St. Michael of Lillo is a Roman Catholic church built on the Naranco mount, near the Church of Santa María del Naranco in Asturias.

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F Museum of Fine Arts of Asturias

The Museum of Fine Arts of Asturias is a museum in Oviedo, Asturias, Spain.

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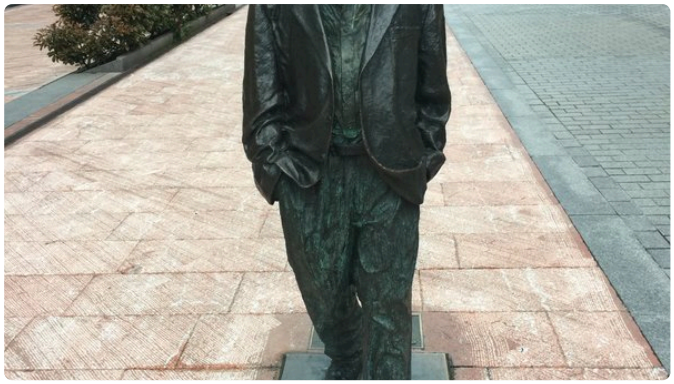
G Mercado del Fontán

A 19th-century iron-and-glass market hall designed by Javier Aguirre. It stands on the site of a former 18th-century open-air market and serves as a hub for traditional Asturian food, including local cheeses and cider.

Plaza Diecinueve de Octubre, 33009 Oviedo / Uviéu (43.36021, -5.84570)

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H Woody Allen

Life-sized bronze sculpture by Vicente Menéndez-Santarúa Prendes, erected in 2003. It commemorates the filmmaker's public affection for Oviedo following his 2002 Prince of Asturias Award for the Arts.

4 Calle de las Milicias Nacionales, Oviedo 33003, Spain (43.36311, -5.84957)

I Mafalda

A colorful sculpture of Quino's famous comic character sitting on a park bench. Created by Pablo Irrgang, it was inaugurated in 2014 to honor the cartoonist's Prince of Asturias Award.

(Unnamed Road), Oviedo 33007, Spain (43.36238, -5.85041)



J plaza la escandalera

A central square acting as the junction between the historic quarter and the modern city. It features Fernando Botero's 'La Maternidad' sculpture and a large illuminated fountain.

(43.36221, -5.84805)



K Palacio de Velarde

An 18th-century Baroque palace designed by architect Manuel Reguera in 1765. It features a classic courtyard and serves as one of the primary buildings housing the Museum of Fine Arts of Asturias.

8 Calle de Santa Ana, Oviedo 33003, Spain
(43.36168, -5.84362)



L Camposagrado Palace

This free-standing palace is an interesting example of Spanish eclectic architecture. Now houses Provincial Court of Asturias.

Plaza de Porlier, s/n, 33003 Oviedo, Spain
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Editor's Choice: Oviedo

Oviedo’s historic core preserves a dense collection of noble residences and civil architecture spanning the 15th to the 19th centuries. This selection highlights significant Baroque structures like the Palacio de Velarde and the Palacio del Marqués de San Feliz, alongside the medieval Casa de la Rúa, the city’s oldest surviving house. The list also includes the 19th-century Mercado del Fontán and the 13th-century portal of the Santa Clara convent, reflecting Oviedo's evolution from a medieval religious center to a refined seat of Asturian nobility.





A Palacio del Marqués de San Feliz

Also known as the Palacio del Duque del Parque, this 18th-century Baroque residence features a grand facade on Plaza de Daoíz y Velarde. It was designed by architect Francisco de la Riva Ladrón de Guevara.

9 Plaza de Daoíz y Velarde, Oviedo 33009, Spain
(43.35924, -5.84629)



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C Mercado del Fontán

A late 19th-century iron and glass market hall designed by Javier Aguirre. It stands on the site of a former Jesuit college and remains a central hub for local Asturian produce.

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E Casa de la Rúa

Constructed in the 15th century, this is Oviedo's oldest civil building. It is a rare example of late Gothic architecture that survived the great fire of 1521.

13 Calle de la Rúa, Oviedo 33003, Spain
(43.36203, -5.84483)

F Portada antiguo convento de Santa Clara

The 13th-century portal is the primary remnant of the former Santa Clara convent. The site has undergone various reconstructions and currently serves as a government administrative building.

4 Calle Covadonga, Oviedo 33002, Spain
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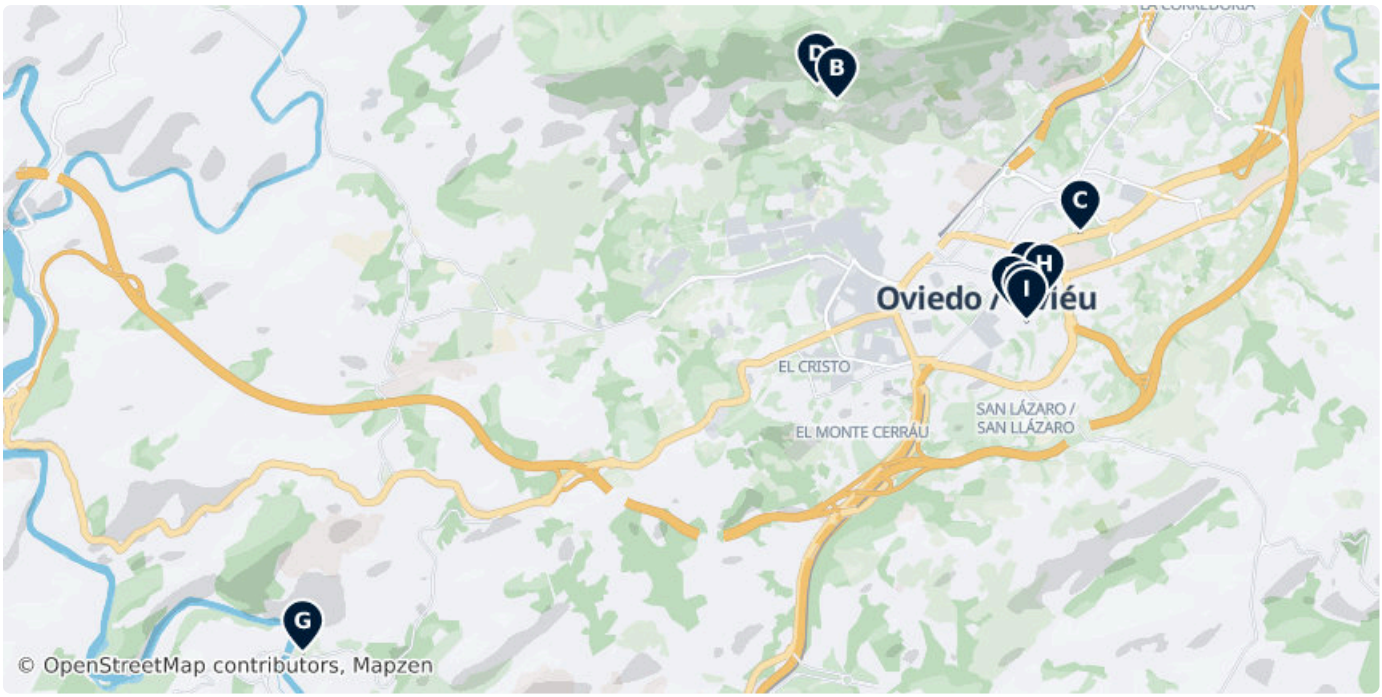
G Palacio de Vistalegre

An 18th-century noble residence located near the historic Plaza de la Constitución, featuring traditional Asturian architectural elements and a prominent stone coat of arms.

14 Calle de Juan Botas Roldán, Oviedo 33009, Spain
(43.35941, -5.84531)

Historic Oviedo Heritage

Oviedo's historical core preserves a unique collection of Pre-Romanesque monuments, designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites. This selection features 9th-century architectural milestones like Santa María del Naranco and San Miguel de Lillo, alongside the Gothic Cathedral of San Salvador, which houses the sacred Holy Chamber. The list also highlights remnants of the city's 13th-century medieval walls and noble residences like the Palacio de Inclán, illustrating Oviedo's evolution from the capital of the Kingdom of Asturias to a significant medieval administrative center.





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E Muralla medieval siglo XIII

Preserved segment of the 13th-century defensive walls that once protected the medieval heart of the city.

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F Plaza del Pescado

Historic square home to a neoclassical former market building constructed in the late 19th century by architect Juan Miguel de la Guardia.

(43.36061, -5.84399)

G Castillo de Priorio

Neo-Gothic castle reconstructed in the 19th century on the site of a medieval fortress, located near the banks of the Gafo River.

(Unnamed Road), 33174, Spain (43.33162, -5.92908)

H Antigua muralla medieval

Remnants of the city's ancient defensive fortifications, showcasing the medieval urban boundaries of historic Oviedo.

Calle Paraíso, 33009 Oviedo, Spain (43.36225, -5.84152)

I Palacio de Inclán

18th-century Baroque palace featuring a classic stone facade with ornate balconies and the ancestral coat of arms of the Inclán family.

2 Calle Oscura, Oviedo 33009, Spain (43.36010, -5.84363)

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