



Camino de Santiago Walking Itinerary

**Tuesday 1st October to
Wednesday 9th October 2024**

Enclosed is your personalised walking itinerary for a 9 day 8 night package following the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago walking a total of 120km and an average of 20km a day, qualifying you for the Compostela Certificate.

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The Camino de Santiago is well marked with yellow arrows and scallop shells pointing you in the right direction. You will be accompanied by a group leader and Chaplain and provided with a Pilgrims passport, maps and route notes which include suggested stops for meals and breaks as well as any extra useful information you may need along your walking routes.

Itinerary

DAY 1

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Arrival Day in Sarria.

Sarria is a medium sized town with all the amenities available in case you have forgotten to pack something for the journey.

Accommodation: Hotel Roma in Sarria. Arrival required by 3.00pm for a group orientation followed by a special welcome dinner at the Hotel Roma at 8.00pm

DAY 2

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel Portomarin

Walk: From Sarria to Portomarin

(23km/14.3miles)

Walking through continuous mass of trees, meadows, and farmland, passing by the Romanesque church of Santiago de Barbadelo and a descent towards the banks of the river Minho crossing the Belesar reservoir to Portomarin.

Accommodation: Hotel Ferramenteiro with river views in Portomarin. Dinner not included, there are many places to eat in Portomarin.

DAY 3

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to Palas De Rei
Walk: From Portomarin to Palas De Rei (25km/ 16 miles)

Though today's walk is on the longer side it's a pleasant amble through farming regions, sunflower fields and a number of picnic areas. There are fewer villages along the route so it's the perfect opportunity to soak up the countryside and enjoy some alone time or the company of your fellow pilgrims.

Accommodation: Casa Benilde and Casa Avelina, Palas De Rei. Restaurant Dinner at A. Reloxeria at 8.00pm

DAY 4

Friday 4th October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Melide.

Walk: From Palas de Rei to Melide

(14km/9 miles)

A shorter distance with undulating terrain, today's walk will see you travel through Casanova and O Coto on your way to Melide. This is where the Camino Frances and the Camino Primitivo – which starts in Oviedo – meet each other and the town has been linked with the Camino de Santiago for centuries.

Accommodation: Urban Pension Melide. Dinner not included, there are many places to eat in Melide.



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DAY 5

Saturday 5th October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to Arzua.

**Walk: From Melide to Arzua
(15km/9 miles)**

Much of the day is spent walking through pleasantly shaded oak and eucalyptus forests. This is cattle country and there are more cows than people. Arzua is home to Capilla de la Magdalena, a 14th century chapel, and also the perfect place to sample the local cheese, Queixo, a smooth cheese made from cows milk, worthy of its own festival in March.

Accommodation: Pazo Santa Maria and A Curuxa in Arzua. Dinner included at Pazo Santa Maria at 7.30pm.

DAY 6

Sunday 6th October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to Rua

(20km/13miles)

The penultimate day of your pilgrimage is a thrilling experience and it's impossible not to smile along with the other pilgrims and the locals. Tomorrow will be an emotional one, so make the most of a final opportunity for reflection along the path. Rua is a small town with a lot of Roman history.

Accommodation: Hotel Ruta Jacobea. Transfers from Rua (Casa do Acivro to Ruta Jacobea). Dinner included in hotel at 8.00pm.

DAY 7

Monday 7th October 2024

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to Parador Hotel, Santiago de Compostela

Walk: From Rua to Santiago de Compostela (20km/ 12 miles)

The final day of pilgrimage is a bittersweet affair and you'll no doubt wish that your journey was not ending. But if the pilgrimage teaches anything it's acceptance and the final five kilometres, from which Santiago is visible, are some of the most memorable steps you'll take. Wind your way through the city's alleys to the steps of the cathedral and soak it up – it's just as rewarding watching other pilgrims arrive.

Accommodation: Parador Hotel. End of Camino Dinner included at the hotel.

DAY 8

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Breakfast included from 7.00am

Day Trip to Finisterre and Muxia

Fisterra is a Latin word (finis terrae) that means the end of the land. The history of this place is anterior to the beginning of the St James route. Whilst this is incredibly popular, arguably Muxia is just as beautiful to enjoy.

Accommodation: Parador Hotel. Dinner not included, there is plenty of choice from Tapas to al la carte options.

DAY 9

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Breakfast included from 7.00am

Complimentary group transfer to airport.





Providing full support every step of the way, the 2024 Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage will be lead by a tour leader together with Fr Michael Buck who will also accompany the group as Chaplain.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 nights accommodation with breakfast included daily
- All rooms with private bathrooms
- 5 Dinners as per itinerary
- Luggage transfer on walking days
- Free group taxi transfer to Santiago airport at end of tour
- Comprehensive information packs with walking notes
- Maps
- Pilgrim Passport and registration
- Compostela Certificate
- 24 hour telephone support service

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches/Dinners not mentioned in itinerary
- Incidentals

PRICE

- Two people in a twin/double room \$5000.00 (\$2,500 per person)
- One person in a single room \$3,100.00
- Numbers are strictly limited to 15.

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