

Camino de Santiago Way of Saint James

Tailor - made tour by



Description

This tailor - made tour will take you through the last stages of the Camino, the Portuguese Route. It is the second most popular Camino after the French Route.

This internationally renowned route (declared World Heritage Site) will be one of the most stunning experiences of your live. You will find yourself in a way you didn't know, will make hundreds of friends and share more than you have ever done. We want you to enjoy this trip and to discover your limits but we also want you to get to your destiny so you will be hosted in charming hotels/hostals in stead of in shelters so you can rest every day and keep on the following one.

This trip is made for self- satisfaction and there's nothing to be proved. However there is a document called the "Comspotela" that you will receive in Santiago, at the end of the route. A minimum distance of 100 km. must be covered to get it. Get your credential at the beginning of your tour to validate in the different hostels and parish churches, proving you have fulfilled the Pilgrim's Route.

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You can get this document at the Association of Friends of the Road to Santiago found throughout Spain and abroad, in the Royal Collegiate Church of Roncesvalles and in the towns the pilgrim's road goes through. If you do not have the document at the start of your trip, ask at the tourist office of the town or village where you are. See a brief journey plan of this spiritual tour here, but remember you will receive a complete guide with the whole itinerary and all places to see and visit meanwhile when booking with us.



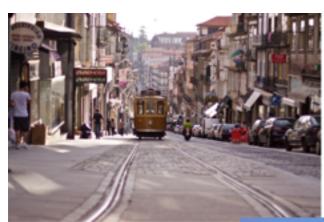


Everything has been prepared to match all your requirements. However, if you are missing something or you would like to add or quit anything please let me know as this is not a closed pack. We are specialist in tailor-made tours so fell free to ask for anything you would love to have.

<u>Day I:</u> Arrive in Oporto/Porto, get to know this beautiful city, don't forget to try its famous wine "Porto" and overnight. I can book different tours if you desire so (please check the other presentation).

<u>Day 2:</u>

Oporto/Porto - Labruge: 24 km. This stage is mostly plain and medium difficulty. You walk beside the Douro river. passing through hamlets and seeing beautiful churches in your way.









Day 3:

Labruge - Póvoa de Varzim: 16 km. This stage is walked beside the beach most of the time. Highlights today the convent of Vila do Conde.

Day 4:

Póvoa de Varzim - Marinhas: 25 km. Walking beside the sea until you enter the Natural Park of "Litoral Norte" where you'll find paths with many trees around you. You'll finish walking beside a beach at the end.









<u>Day 5:</u>

Marinhas - Viana do Castelo: 24 km. Plain but long stage a little away from the coast in some stretches but walking beside it in some others.

<u>Day 6:</u>

Viana do Castelo - Caminha: 29 km. Following the ocean the stage is all plain but very long. At the end of the stage you'll see the river mouth of the Miño river.









Day 7:

Caminha - Baiona: 33 km. Another very long stage but easy walking and mostly plain. Today you enter Spain and cross a small hill entering in the country. The beautiful monastery of Oia well deserves a visit.

Day 8:

Baiona - Vigo: 23,7 km. Beautiful stage due to the great views over the coast along most of the way. You will walk through a forest park (Saiáns) getting spectacular views over the estuary of Vigo.











<u>Day 9:</u>

Vigo - Pontevedra: 31,2 km. Today you will get great views of the Vigo estuary from the beginning of the day. After Redondela a smooth climb. Going down you'll enter into Arcade, famous for the quality of its oysters. Then you'll face the second climb of the day, none of them too hard. Later you will walk down to Pontevedra after passing through some other villages.

Day 10:

Pontevedra - Caldas de Reis: 23 km. This stage is almost plain (the only rise is 100 meters high walked in 4 km.). In this stage you have to take into account the many road crosses you will have to walk making it a little dangerous.



Day II:

Caldas de Reis - Padrón: 18,5 km. Easy stage with no remarkable ascends as they are very smooth. You'll find many houses during your walk more than villages themselves, as it is traditional in Galicia. The end in Padrón and the visit to Iria Flavia the following day, makes this stage very special, even if it is just because it is said in the Jacobean legend, this was the place where the first apostles landed with the body of the Apostle Santiago, in the year 42 or 44 a.C.



Day 12:

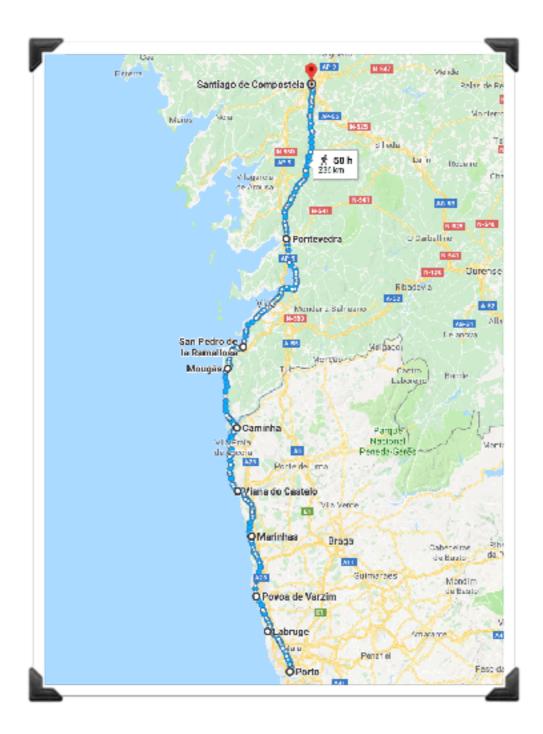
Padrón - Santiago de Compostela: 20 km. The fact of passing many small populations make us know we are reaching Santiago. This stage can be divided in two halves. First half is almost plain.

Wake up early in the morning if you want to attend the pilgrim's mass at 12:00 pm (11:00 pm irish time).

<u>Days 13&14:</u> Stay in Santiago and discover this wonderful town. I'll book different tours if you desire so (please check the other presentation).

Day 15: End of trip.





TOTAL LENGHT: 135 km. & 50 hours aprox.

The accommodation

You will be hosted in "refugios", 2*, 3*, 4* or 5* stars hotels where available depending on your choice. Some times in a Parador and some others in a Thermal Spa (depending on your choice). These stages are also quite popular and sometimes it is hard to find accommodation so the sooner we make the bookings the easier to find room.

Rooms with private bathroom.

Breakfast and dinner are included in all of them.



What's not included

- Insurance (Recommended).

- Drinks.

- Lunch or diner.

- Flights unless otherwise indicated.

What's included (A)

- Double rooms in selected **hotels** (1*, 2* or 3*) for 14 nights, Half board (only breakfast in Santiago (3 nights))
- Luggage transfer
- Complete and comprehensive guide with your route, maps, what to see, etc.. so you miss nothing.
- Pilgrim passport.
- 24/7 emergency contact number.
- Good bye pack.

BUDGET I (bank transfer)

1250 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 2 (credit card secure payment)

1250 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 3 (paypal secure payment)

1310 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

* pp = per persor

* flights not included (I can manage this if you want) - see next slide.

What's included (B)

- Double rooms in selected **hotels** (I*, 2* or 3*) for 7 nights + I night in a 4* hotel in Porto + I night in a 4* Pousada in Viana do Castelo + I night in a 4* Parador hotel in Baiona + I night in a 4* Parador hotel in Pontevedra Half board + 3 nights in a 4* hotel in Santiago (only breakfast in Santiago).
- Luggage transfer
- Complete and comprehensive guide with your route, maps, what to see, etc.. so you miss nothing.
- Pilgrim passport.
- 24/7 emergency contact number.
- Good bye pack.

BUDGET I (bank transfer)

1590 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 2 (credit card secure payment)

1590 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 3 (paypal secure payment)

1670 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

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What's included (C)

- Double rooms in selected **hotels** (I*, 2* or 3*) for 7 nights + I night in a 5* hotel in Porto + I night in a 4* Pousada in Viana do Castelo + I night in a 4* Parador hotel in Baiona + I night in a 4* Parador hotel in Pontevedra Half board + 3 nights in a 5* Parador hotel in Santiago** (only breakfast in Santiago).
- Luggage transfer
- I recovering massage when getting to Santiago (per person)
- Private **transfer** to the airport
- Complete and comprehensive guide with your route, maps, what to see, etc.. so you miss nothing.
- Pilgrim passport.
- 24/7 emergency contact number.
- Good bye pack.

BUDGET 1 (bank transfer)

2100 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 2 (credit card secure payment)

2100 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

BUDGET 3 (paypal secure payment)

2205 euros / p.p.* (2 people)

- * ** in Santiago you can also choose a 4* hotel in an historical building called "San Francisco hotel Monasterio" instead.
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Awards

Luxury Travel Guide - Service Excellence of the Year (2016) winner





Luxury Travel Guide - Bespoke Tour Operator of the Year (2017) winner

Luxury Travel Guide - Exclusive Tour Operator of the Year (2018) winner





Travel & Hospitality Awards - Tour Company of the Year (2018) winner

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LUX Magazine - Global Excellence Awards (2017) - Best for Premium Customized Tours winner





LUX Life Magazine - Spain's Leading Destination Specialists of the Year (2018) winner

Luxury Travel Guide - Exclusive Tour Operator of the Year (2019) winner





Luxury Travel Guide - Cultural Tour Company of the Year (2020) in Spain winner

Thank you

All our tours are made to suit all your needs and requirements. This one has been organized on a 2 people basis in double rooms sharing.

The easiest way to do this trip is flying into Porto and flying back home directly from Santiago.

If you want to read some of our client's comments about us and our services please click here!!

We are specialists in CUSTOMIZED tours so I will remake this presentation for you as many times as we need until you get exactly what you want.



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