



THE CAMINO, A WALKING JOURNEY FOR THE SOUL

11 DAY TOUR FROM MADRID TO MADRID

The history of the Camino de Santiago goes back to the 9th Century, when the tomb of the evangelical apostle St. James was discovered in what is today Santiago de Compostela. Since then, pilgrims from all over the world have walked St. James' Way, originally seeking forgiveness for their sins, and nowadays often just to spend time on a journey of personal growth. This is a challenging experience as it involves a significant physical effort as you walk through forests and along busy roads for many miles each day for a total of approximately 71 miles.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN

Check into your hotel. Later, meet your tour companions during the included welcome dinner at your hotel. Your Tour Director will explain the dos and don'ts of the walk and give you some important advice.

Dinner

Day 2 MADRID-SARRIA

Transfer to the train station to board the train to Sarría. On arrival, check in at the hotel and spend the evening at leisure, or spend free time to see the early-Gothic Church of O Salvador on the Main Street, the 13th-century Convent of the Magdalena at the outskirts of the old town, or enjoy a drink with your fellow pilgrims on the river walk next to the hotel.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 3 SARRIA-PORTOMARIN

Approximately 23 km/14.3 mi - Average 6 hrs - Difficulty 3/3).

This is the real start of the journey. May every step be a thought on peace and an extension of loving kindness. Expect a peaceful walk in shady oak forest and through pretty villages on quiet country roads. The village of Barbadelo has a beautiful Romanesque church that is worth a visit. You will also pass through the village of Ferreiros. On arrival in Portomarín, relax at one of the many outdoor cafes in the main square.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 4 PORTOMARIN-LESTEDO

Approximately 20 km/12.5 mi - Average 4.5 hrs - Difficulty 2/3.

Let your mind wander and the feet follow. Begin the day by crossing over the Belesar dam footbridge, then start a gradual climb to the village of Ligonde. This stage mainly runs along andaderos (paths) next to the road or, in some cases, along paved trails. There are many signs indicating the pilgrim route, including the famous cruceiros (crucifixes). Check out the Cruceiro of Lameiros and the Monastery of Our Saviour of Vilar de Donas (2 km/1.2 mi detour off the Camino). Overnight in Lestedo.
Breakfast/Dinner

Day 5 LESTEDO-MELIDE

Approximately 18 km/11.2 mi - Average 4 hrs - Difficulty 2/3.

Keep an open mind and heart, let go of expectations, and enjoy the feeling of freedom along this ancient pilgrim path. The Camino takes you into the province of Coruña, with its fine eucalyptus and pine expanses, and numerous medieval bridges, such as the ones in Leboreiro and Furelos. Melide is an obligatory stop for food lovers; the best-known local delicacy here is octopus.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 6 MELIDE-ARZUA

Approximately 14 km/8.7 mi - Average 3.30 hrs - Difficulty 2/3.

The Camino can be a powerful catalyst for positive change. Today's landscapes are similar to the previous day's, with some idyllic locations such as the Camino in Ribadiso da Baixo near Arzúa. Arzúa is where the modern town with its bars, restaurants and the Church of St James overshadow the Medieval center.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 7 ARZUA-AMENAL

Approximately 25 km/15.5 mi - Average 6 hrs-Difficulty 2/3.

Finding the courage to face our fears and stepping outside our comfort zone can lead us to self-discovery. The route today is a nice and leisurely walk over gentle slopes and through woodland, combined with some stretches along the road, which you will have to cross on occasions.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 8 AMENAL-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Approximately 15 km/9.5 mi - Average 4 hrs - Difficulty 2/3.

Our experiences and encounters are waymarks to the inner path. This is the last stage of your Camino de Santiago. Today, distance will not matter. There is a climb to San Marcos, from Lavacolla, passing Monte do Gozo before descending to Santiago de Compostela. Congratulations, you made it! If you have walked all stages of the Camino, you will receive your Pilgrim Certificate. Give thanks by attending the Pilgrim Mass in the magnificent Cathedral.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 9 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA-FINISTERRE-MUXIA-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

You have reached your goal; now reach the end of the world. Complete the experience with a morning excursion by coach to the stunning Cape Finisterre peninsula, on the Atlantic Ocean, believed in Roman times to be the end of the world. Stop in Muxia, a small town on the coast, and visit the Sanctuary of our Lady of the Boat. This very scenic region not only offers wild beauty, but also delicious seafood and interesting legends. Return to Santiago in the early afternoon and meet your Local Guide for a guided walking sightseeing tour of the magical old city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today's Distance by coach: 117 mi / 187 km

Breakfast

Day 10 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA-MADRID

Take the spiritual growth and appreciation for simple things back home with you. This is your most important souvenir of the Camino. Today we transfer to the Santiago train station to catch a train to Madrid (you will be responsible for carrying your own luggage). Your Tour Director will be at hand for any assistance or suggestions on how to spend the last night in the Spanish capital

Breakfast

Day 11 MADRID

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning

Breakfast

Departure Details	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only
	4/2/2023	4/12/2023	\$2,529
	4/9/2023	4/19/2023	\$2,639
	4/30/2023	5/10/2023	\$2,639
	5/14/2023	5/24/2023	\$2,639
Popular Departure	5/28/2023	6/7/2023	\$2,639
Popular Departure	6/11/2023	6/21/2023	\$2,639
	6/25/2023	7/5/2023	\$2,639
	7/16/2023	7/26/2023	\$2,639
	7/21/2023	7/31/2023	\$2,639
Popular Departure	8/20/2023	8/30/2023	\$2,639
	9/3/2023	9/13/2023	\$2,639
	9/17/2023	9/27/2023	\$2,639
	10/1/2023	10/11/2023	\$2,639
Popular Departure	10/15/2023	10/25/2023	\$2,529

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	7/19/2024	7/29/2024	\$2,959
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