



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO: THE SCENIC PORTUGUESE ROUTE

11 DAY TOUR FROM PORTO TO PORTO

Rediscover the wonders of nature and the stillness of the mind on this scenic blend of the Portuguese and the Spiritual routes of the Camino de Santiago. The walk will cover a total of approximately 75 miles.

Day 1 ARRIVE IN PORTO, PORTUGAL

Check into your hotel. In the late afternoon, meet your tour companions and your Tour Director, who will explain the dos and don'ts of the walk and give you some important advice. Take a pleasant stroll to a nearby restaurant for an included welcome dinner. Dinner

Day 2 PORTO-VALENÇA DO MINHO-TUI, SPAIN-BAIONA

Approximately 3 km/2 mi - avg 40 min - difficulty 1/3.

Time this morning for a quick guided orientation through Porto's bustling city center with views over the Douro River, followed by free time or the opportunity to attend Mass in the Cathedral. After lunch, transfer by coach to Valença do Minho to walk a section of the Camino de Santiago into Spain across the Minho river towards Tui. Rejoin the coach to Baiona, on the Atlantic coast. We recommend touring the medieval fortress on the Montereal peninsula, visiting the replica of Columbus' ship la Pinta and discovering this beautiful beachside town. Breakfast/Dinner

Day 3 BAIONA-VIGO

Approximately 25 km/15.5 mi - avg 5 hrs - difficulty 2/3.

This is the real start of your journey. Leave Baiona behind, and follow the coast across the Rías Baixas through the beach town of Nigrán. Walk along long pristine beaches and admire the magnificent Cíes Islands from a distance. Vigo is Galicia's most important harbor and busiest city. If you wish, attend Mass at Vigo Cathedral. Breakfast

Day 4 VIGO-REDONDELA-PONTEVEDRA

Approximately 16 km/10 mi - avg 3 hrs - difficulty 2/3.

Take in the stunning views of Vigo Bay, the Atlantic Islands, the Morrazo Peninsula, and Rande Bridge. After a pleasant walk on an unpaved path through woodlands, reach Redondela. Our driver will take you to the hotel in the centre of Pontevedra, where you will spend the next two nights. You may wish to visit the stunning Sanctuary of the Virgin Pilgrim and attend Mass. Breakfast/Dinner

Day 5 PONTEVEDRA-REDONDELA-PONTEVEDRA

Approximately 19 km/12 mi–Average 4 hrs, 30 min. – Difficulty 3/3.

After a short transfer back to Redondela, continue your journey; first uphill by the coast with stunning views over the Vigo Bay and across the infamous Ponte Sampaio bridge, where Napoleon's Army suffered one of the greatest defeats during the War of Independence. Continue then mostly downhill, through peaceful oak forests and along the river to the center of Pontevedra, the city founded by the Romans and dedicated to the Virgen Peregrina (the Pilgrim Virgin). Your Mass option tonight is at Saint Francisco Convent. Take advantage of the vast choice of restaurants to immerse yourself in the local culinary culture.

Today's distance (by coach): 12.5 mi / 20 km

Breakfast

Day 6 PONTEVEDRA-COMBARRO-COVELO

Approximately 14 km/8.7 mi – Average 3 hrs – Difficulty 1/3.

Leave the inland Portuguese Camino to take the Spiritual Variant, which follows St. James' final journey. Today, you will walk past the Monastery of San Juan de Poio and the beautiful town of Combarro, famous for its many horreos (traditional granaries on pillars). After Combarro, continue another two miles along the coast to reach the hotel.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 7 COVELO-CAMBADOS

Approximately 20 km/12.5 mi–Average 4 hrs 30 min.–Difficulty 3/3.

Expect a beautiful walk today, through vineyards and alongside refreshing streams in the forests. Stop at the 12th Century Cistercian Monastery of Armenteira, founded by the knight Ero in 1168. Follow the relaxing "Ruta da Pedra e da Agua" (the rock and water route), a forest path next to a water stream with over 30 medieval water mills. The destination today is Cambados, considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines in the world. Mass is available at the impressive Santa Mariña Dozo Church. Breakfast

Day 8 CAMBADOS-CATAMARAN CRUISE TO PADRÓN-PONTECESURES-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Approximately 24 km/15 mi–Average 5 hrs–Difficulty 3/3.

Start the day on a high note: a one-hour catamaran cruise on the Ulla River, following the journey of the legendary stone boat that carried the remains of St. James. See the remains of the Catoira towers, which used to protect Santiago de Compostela from Viking attacks. Disembark on the outskirts of Padrón, famous for its "pimientos," small, mild green peppers, usually served fried and salted.

Only a few more miles to Santiago de Compostela! Enjoy a celebratory dinner upon completing your Camino de Santiago, served in a local restaurant in the old town. If you have walked all stages of the Camino, you will receive your Pilgrim Certificate. Breakfast/Dinner

Day 9 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Enjoy a full day to rest and to discover Santiago after your Camino. Follow the Tour Director on a guided tour of the Santiago Cathedral and its squares, and attend the Pilgrim Mass in the Cathedral. You can join your Tour Director for a more detailed tour of the old town in the afternoon, go shopping, explore on your own, or just enjoy a well-deserved rest. Breakfast

Day 10 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA-PONTE DE LIMA, PORTUGAL-DOM JESUS DO MONTE-PORTO

The Camino has come to an end, but there are more hidden gems to discover. Depart Santiago de Compostela by bus and explore Ponte de Lima, the oldest riverside town in Portugal, featuring. Next stop is the Sanctuary of Dom Jesus do Monte. See the unique zigzag stairway dedicated to the five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste—and the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. Continue to Porto. Breakfast

Day 11 PORTO

Take home with you the spiritual growth and appreciation for simple things. This is your most important souvenir of the Camino. Your vacation ends with breakfast.

Breakfast

Departure Details	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only
	4/28/2023	5/8/2023	\$2,399
	5/12/2023	5/22/2023	\$2,469
	5/26/2023	6/5/2023	\$2,469
	6/9/2023	6/19/2023	\$2,469
Popular Departure	6/23/2023	7/3/2023	\$2,469
	8/18/2023	8/28/2023	\$2,469
Popular Departure	9/1/2023	9/11/2023	\$2,469
	9/15/2023	9/25/2023	\$2,469
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	6/7/2024	6/17/2024	\$2,799
	6/21/2024	7/1/2024	\$2,799
	8/16/2024	8/26/2024	\$2,799
	8/30/2024	9/9/2024	\$2,799
	9/13/2024	9/23/2024	\$2,799
	9/27/2024	10/7/2024	\$2,799
	10/11/2024	10/21/2024	\$2,759

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