



WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS: AN UN-GROUP ADVENTURE

Porto, Portugal to Santiago de Compostela, Spain – late May 2026

Are you Camino-curious? Have you imagined walking one of the storied paths to Santiago de Compostela but felt unsure where to start, overwhelmed by the planning, or simply not keen on doing it alone? I've been there too. After walking a few stages on the Camino Francés, I was completely taken by the rhythm of it all - the simplicity of waking up, stepping onto the path, and seeing what the day brings. It's a remarkable way to disconnect from your everyday life and be present.



For late spring 2026, I'm putting together an "un-group" journey along the Camino Portugués – the Litoral Way, potentially beginning in Porto and following the coastline north to Vigo before joining the Central Route into Santiago. This coastal path offers breathtaking scenery, fishing villages, long quiet beaches, and a gentler, flatter start. As we move inland, the route brings wooded trails, charming small towns, and a bit more elevation in the final stages.



Starting Point: Sé Cathedral, Porto (or other start point)

Ending Point: Santiago de Compostela Cathedral

Distance: ~280 km / 173 miles (or walk a portion)

Duration: Entire Camino 12–15 days of walking + two rest days
(or the number of days, start, end of your choice)

Difficulty: Moderate

WHAT MAKES THIS AN "UN-GROUP" TRIP

This isn't a tour: there's no marching in formation or being herded from stop to stop. Instead, you'll have enough structure to be independent yet still enjoy the camaraderie of a shared experience when you want it.

- Walk your own Camino. Start early or ease into the morning. Walk solo or fall into step with others. Break often or power through. The day is yours.
- Join for part of the route or the whole thing. If you can't commit to two plus weeks, I'll help you plug into the group based on your timeframe. For example, Vigo to Santiago de Compostela is about a week, the last 100 km and eligible for your Compostela Certificate.
- Optional moments together. A welcome dinner in Porto, a celebration dinner in Santiago, and perhaps some pilgrims' dinners will be offered—but never required.
- A familiar face. I'll be walking the route myself and acting as planner, on-site contact, and walking companion. You'll have the reassurance of a familiar face and thoughtful guidance along the way.

TRIP PLANNING

To make the Camino feel accessible and smooth, I can put together a tailored trip plan for you, including:

- Confirmed lodging (simple accommodations; private rooms with attached bath depending on availability or traditional pilgrim accommodations (albergue). Early commitment strongly encouraged for the most flexibility.
- Luggage transfers
- Daily route notes
- Pre-trip consultation
- Planning for optional pre- or post-Camino travel
- Guidance on travel insurance and practical planning

After our consultation, I'll also share an information packet to help you feel informed.

INTRIGUED?

If this sparks something in you - curiosity, excitement, or simply the sense that it's time - let's talk. I'll share my experiences and insights to help you decide if this is the trip for you and how you might prepare. Let's walk something extraordinary.

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