

Camino de Santiago: The Journey to Compostela

An AMA Hosted Journey for Solo Travellers, Friends & Personal Renewal



SPECIAL
TRAVEL
INTERNATIONAL

May 5-15, 2027

A Message from Your AMA Host



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Your AMA Host

The Camino is more than a walk. It is a journey of reflection, connection, wellness, and discovery — one step at a time.

This AMA Hosted Camino de Santiago Experience is designed for travellers who want to experience the Camino with confidence and support. Whether you are joining on your own or with a friend, you will be part of a welcoming group of like-minded travellers while still having space to make the journey your own.

Throughout the journey, I will incorporate gentle yoga-inspired moments to help us pause, breathe, stretch, and reconnect along the way. Together, we will walk, reflect, share, and celebrate the experience of arriving in Santiago de Compostela.

I look forward to sharing this special journey with you.

Why an AMA Hosted Camino



Feel Welcomed

Your host helps bring the group together from the very beginning.



Travel with Confidence

The details are arranged, so you can focus on the journey.



Walk Your Own Camino

Enjoy space for reflection while still feeling connected to the group.



Pause & Recharge

With your host's guidance, enjoy gentle wellness moments and time to restore along the way.

Join solo or with a friend, and experience the Camino with the independence you want and the support of a welcoming group.

Getting to Madrid



Start Your Journey with Our Recommended Air Canada Flights

Our journey has been designed around Air Canada service from Edmonton and Calgary to Madrid.

International airfare is not included in the tour price. Airport transfers included with the tour will be coordinated around the recommended Air Canada flights shown below. Travellers booking alternate flights may require additional transfer arrangements at their own expense.

RECOMMENDED OUTBOUND FLIGHT

MAY 4, 2027 | Air Canada

Arrive Madrid (MAD) 8:50 AM, May 5

RECOMMENDED RETURN FLIGHT

MAY 15, 2027 | Air Canada

Depart Porto (OPO) 6:00 AM

Planning Your Flights

We strongly recommend booking these flights, or flights that closely coordinate with the recommended schedule. Please contact us before booking alternate arrangements to confirm how they will fit with the tour program and included transfers.

Arrive Early or Continue Your Travels

Travellers are welcome to arrive in Madrid before the start of the journey or continue their travels after Porto. If you choose alternate travel dates, please ensure you are at the Madrid hotel in time for the start of the program on May 5. Any additional accommodation and transfers outside the group arrangements would be at your own expense.

Need Help with Your Flights?

AMA Travel can assist with arranging flights that work with the recommended schedule and your individual travel plans.

Itinerary

MADRID - CAMINO - PORTO
05 - 15 May, 2027

ARRIVE MADRID

Day 01

May 5, Wed:

Welcome to Spain! Upon arrival in Madrid, transfer to your hotel and settle in for a two-night stay in the Spanish capital. Depending on flight arrival times, the rest of the day is yours to relax, get acquainted with the city, or simply ease into the start of your journey. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a warm welcome dinner and a chance to start building connections before the Camino. (D)

MADRID

Day 02

May 6, Thu:

Begin the day with a half-day walking city tour that offers an engaging introduction to Madrid's history, architecture, and vibrant local atmosphere. After the tour, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, perhaps visiting a museum, relaxing at a café, or wandering Madrid's lively streets. As the anticipation builds, take some time to consider your personal intentions for the Camino — whether they centre on reflection, challenge, connection, wellbeing, or simply being present for the experience to come. (B)

MADRID - SARRIA

Day 03

May 7, Fri:

After breakfast, depart Madrid by private coach and travel through the Spanish countryside toward Sarria, the starting point for your Camino walk. Upon arrival, settle in and meet the walking guide who will accompany the group along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. This evening is a chance to prepare for the first walking day, receive an overview of the journey ahead, and share a gentle moment of intention-setting as you reflect on what this experience means to you. (B)

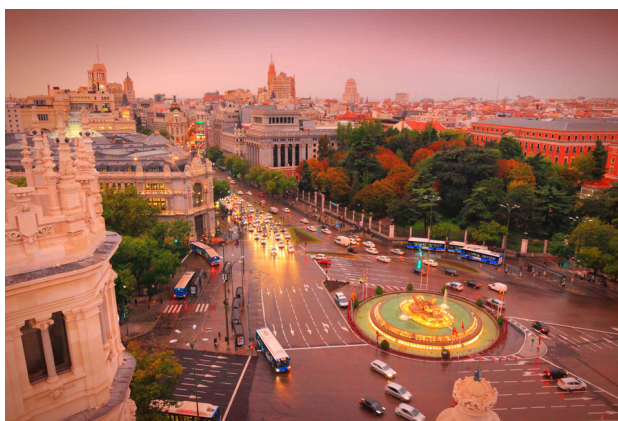
WALK: SARRIA TO PORTOMARÍN

Day 04

May 8, Sat:

Your Camino begins. Set out from Sarria and walk through the peaceful Galician countryside, passing small villages, stone walls, forests, and quiet rural paths. This first stage is a meaningful introduction to the rhythm of the Camino — one step at a time, with time for both conversation and reflection. Today's walk ends in Portomarín, a town overlooking the Miño River. (B)

Walking distance: approximately 23 km



Day 05
May 9, Sun:

WALK: PORTOMARÍN TO PALAS DE REI

Continue along the Camino through rolling countryside, farmland, and traditional Galician villages. As the group settles into the pace of the trail, today offers more time to enjoy the simplicity of the Camino: walking, pausing, sharing stories, and taking in the surrounding landscape. Arrive in Palas de Rei for the evening, where you can take time to stretch, rest, and settle into the quiet rhythm of the Camino after a full day on the trail. (B)

Walking distance: approximately 23 km

Day 06
May 10, Mon:

WALK: PALAS DE REI TO MELIDE

Today's shorter walking stage helps keep the pace comfortable and enjoyable as you follow the Camino through quiet rural scenery toward Melide, a popular stopping point for pilgrims. Along the way, pause for a special visit to a local organic farm, where you'll learn about Galician medicinal herbs, natural products, and traditional flavours of the region. This relaxed experience includes a sensory activity and tea tasting, adding a thoughtful local connection to the day. With a lighter walking schedule, there may also be time to rest, explore, or enjoy one of the simple pleasures of the Camino — a café stop, a shared meal, or a well-earned moment with your feet up. (B)

Walking distance: approximately 15 km

Day 07
May 11, Tue:

WALK: MELIDE TO ARZÚA

Continue through the heart of Galicia on one of the gentler walking days, following peaceful countryside paths, forest trails, and small rural communities toward Arzúa. Known for its local cheese, Arzúa offers a delicious connection to Galicia's culinary traditions.

Upon arrival, visit a local cheese factory for a short introduction to the region's cheesemaking heritage, followed by a tasting. By now, the daily rhythm of the Camino has begun to take hold: breakfast, walking, conversation, quiet moments, arrival, rest, and the shared satisfaction of another stage completed. (B,D)

Walking distance: approximately 13 km

Day 08
May 12, Wed:

WALK: ARZÚA TO O PEDROUZO

Today, continue toward O Pedrouzo as Santiago draws closer. This rewarding stage brings a growing sense of anticipation as the group nears the final day of walking. Enjoy the landscapes, the companionship of fellow travellers, and the personal sense of accomplishment that comes with each completed kilometre. As Santiago draws closer, today also offers space to reflect on how far you have come — physically, mentally, and personally. (B,D)

Walking distance: approximately 18 km

Day 09
May 13, Thu:

WALK: O PEDROUZO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Today is the final walking stage of your Camino journey. Walk from O Pedrouzo into Santiago de Compostela, where the towers of the cathedral mark the emotional end of the trail. Arriving in Santiago is a powerful moment — a celebration of the distance walked, the connections made, and the personal journey experienced along the way. This evening, enjoy time to reflect, celebrate, and take in the atmosphere of this historic pilgrimage city. (B)

Walking distance: approximately 19 km

Day 10
May 14, Fri:

SANTIAGO - PORTO

After breakfast, depart Santiago and transfer by private coach to Porto. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel for your final night and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell get-together, a chance to celebrate the journey and the many memorable experiences shared along the Camino. (B)

Day 11
May 15, Sat:

DEPART PORTO

Today, your Camino journey comes to an end. Those returning home will transfer to Porto Airport for their onward flights, while others may be continuing their travels. Depart with wonderful memories of the Camino and the experiences shared along the way.



Some itinerary items may change due to local circumstances. Any adjustments will be made with the overall spirit, comfort, and flow of the journey in mind.

What to Expect on the Camino

Walk. Reflect. Restore.

This journey is designed for travellers who are comfortable walking for several hours at a time over multiple consecutive days. The Camino walking portion includes six stages, with daily distances ranging from approximately 13 to 23 km per day.

The route follows a mix of country roads, forest paths, village lanes, and uneven walking surfaces. While the pace is intended to be comfortable and enjoyable, travellers should be prepared for full walking days and changing weather conditions.



Practical Information



What You Carry

Your main luggage is transferred between accommodations. You'll walk with a daypack for water, snacks, rain gear, sunscreen, and personal essentials.



How to Prepare

Regular walking before departure is recommended, including longer walks and practice on varied terrain. Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes are strongly encouraged.



Support Along the Way

A walking guide accompanies the group during the Camino portion, and your AMA Host helps create a welcoming and supportive group experience.



Wellness & Recovery

Each walking day includes time to rest, stretch, breathe, and settle into the rhythm of the Camino. Gentle wellness moments along the way help support both body and mind.

Is This Journey Right for You?



Enjoy walking and being outdoors



Are comfortable being active for several days in a row



Appreciate meaningful travel, culture, and time for reflection



Want the reassurance of a hosted group



Where You'll Stay

Accommodations are being carefully selected to support the comfort, rhythm, and overall experience of the Camino. From Madrid to the walking stages through Galicia and the final overnight in Porto, each stay will be chosen with location, practicality, and atmosphere in mind.

Madrid & Porto

In Madrid and Porto, the group will stay in comfortable, well-located hotels selected for convenience, comfort and the overall flow of the journey.

Along the Camino

Along the Camino, accommodations will reflect the character of the route. Travellers can expect a mix of comfortable regional hotels, countryside properties, and charming local accommodations in communities along the final stages of the Camino Francés. Properties will be selected for their location, comfort, cleanliness, and suitability for a group walking journey.

Comfortable Rooms with Private Facilities

Rooms will include private facilities and provide a comfortable place to rest at the end of each walking day. During the Camino portion, main luggage will be transferred between overnight stops, allowing travellers to walk with only a daypack.

A Note About Shared Accommodation

This journey is designed with solo travellers in mind, with both shared and single accommodation options available.

Solo travellers who are comfortable sharing may choose the double occupancy rate, and we will pair them with a suitable roommate. This helps keep the trip more accessible while also adding to the sense of connection and community that makes a hosted Camino experience so meaningful.

Single accommodation is available for travellers who prefer their own room, at the applicable single rate.



Please note: Final accommodations are subject to confirmation, availability, and final group arrangements. Properties will be selected with care to support the comfort, quality, and overall flow of the journey.

What's Included

- Airport transfers when arriving and departing on the recommended flights
- Guided walking tour of Madrid
- Private coach transfers from Madrid to Sarria and Santiago to Porto
- Luggage transfers during the walk
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Pilgrim Passport
- Local Camino Guide during the walk
- Curated local and wellness-inspired experiences during the walk
- 9 breakfasts and 3 dinners as per the itinerary
- AMA professional consulting fee

Not Included

- International Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with meals
- Items of a personal nature

AMA Travel Exclusive Rates

\$7,999¹

Single Occupancy

\$6,499¹

Shared Twin Occupancy



¹Pricing is per person in Canadian dollars and based on a minimum of 20 travellers.



Facts You Should Know

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

- \$1,500 per person deposit due at time of booking
- 2nd installment of \$2,000 per person due by 16 Nov 2026
- Balance due by 19 Feb 2027
- Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge your vacation price. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date on which AMA Travel receives written notification. Deposits are non-refundable. The following dates and non-refundable payments will apply per person when cancellation is received prior to departure:

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| ◦ Until 16 Nov 2026 | \$1,500 per person |
| ◦ 16 Nov 2026 - 19 Feb 2027 | \$3,500 per person |
| ◦ From 19 Feb 2027 | 100% non-refundable |

NB: If airline tickets are booked separately through AMA Travel, different payment and cancellation policies will apply. You will be advised of these at the time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

AMA Travel strongly recommends that each tour participant have health, cancellation, interruption, accident, and baggage insurance for the duration of their travels.

Facts You Should Know

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

AMA Travel acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. AMA Travel shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, acts of terrorism, war, insufficient documents and any loss expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, VISAS AND VACCINES:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents, visas and vaccines are required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any air carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.
