

2024 SEASON

# The Camino, A Walking Journey For The Soul



11 DAY TOUR FROM MADRID TO MADRID

Tour: 5390

 PRINT ITINERARY

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.

Your rewards will be intangible, but priceless: an opportunity to enjoy nature, meditate, search for answers, and challenge your limits, discover beautiful rural areas of northern Spain, and make friends with whom you'll have shared one of the most significant experiences of your life. At the end of your journey, relax on an excursion by coach to Finisterre and Muxia and a guided tour of Santiago de Compostela. You will receive the Compostela Certificate upon completion of the entire route on foot.

## All This. Included.

Your walking and spiritual experience is best enjoyed in small groups, and therefore the group size is limited to a maximum of 20 participants per departure and, of course, your Tour Director who will assist along the way.

Hiking is much easier without luggage; one piece of luggage per person, not exceeding 20 kg/44 lbs., will be transferred during your walk, from the lobby of your overnight hotel to the next overnight accommodation.

To make this itinerary more sustainable, transfers from Madrid to Sarria and from Santiago de Compostela to Madrid are by train. The only transportation by coach will be transfers between hotel and railway station and vice versa in Madrid and Sarria and the included excursion to discover Finisterre and Muxia or the occasional short transfer by car to any hotels that are not located directly on the Camino. Most of the itinerary will be on foot, enjoying the hike through the green Galician region. Daily distances are listed in the day-by-day itinerary.

Mass services are available every evening at each overnight town/village. In Santiago de Compostela, celebrate your personal achievement attending the Pilgrim Mass.

Special departures:

Departure March 31 includes Easter

Departure July 16 arrives in Santiago on St James' Festive day

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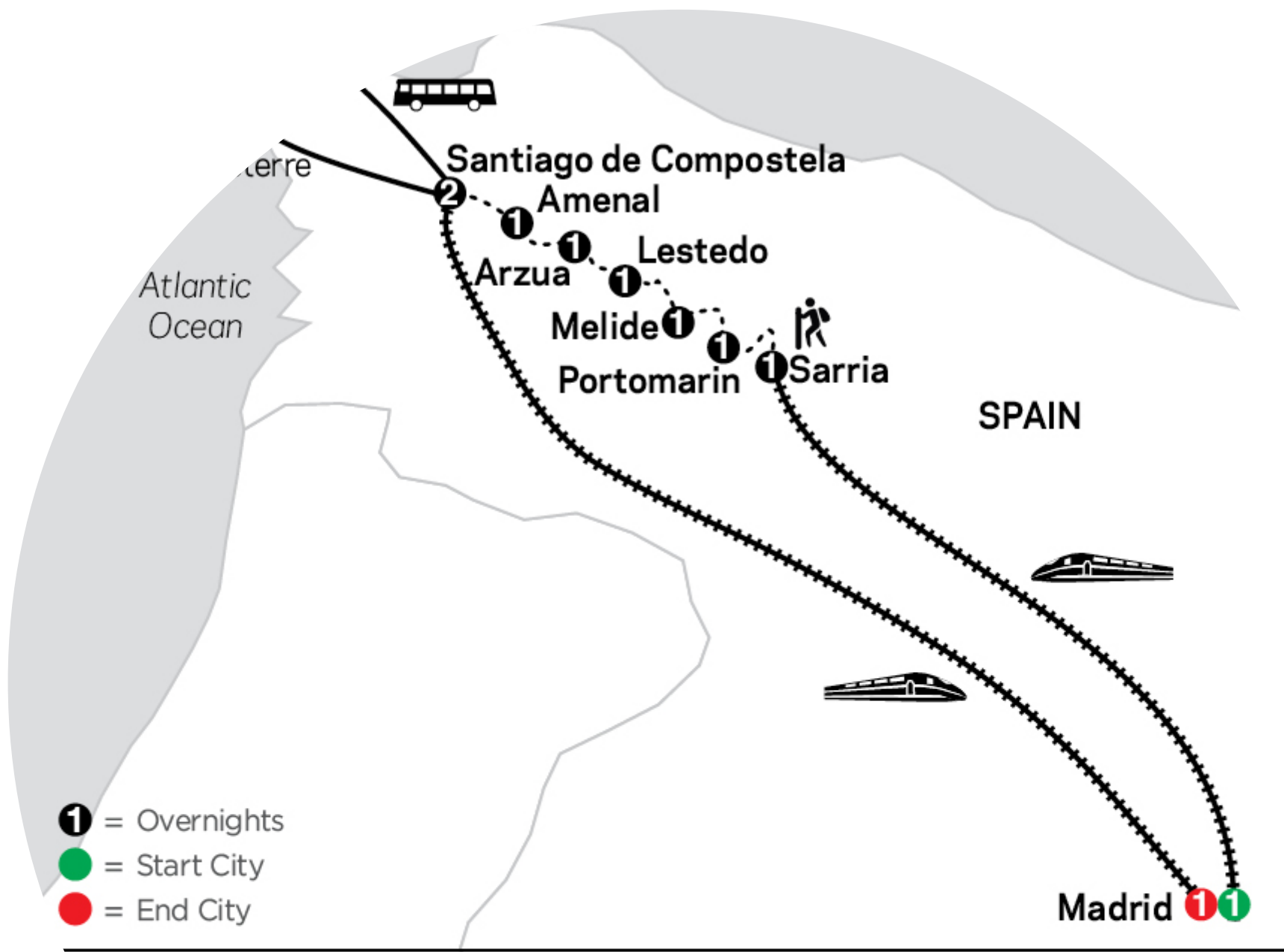
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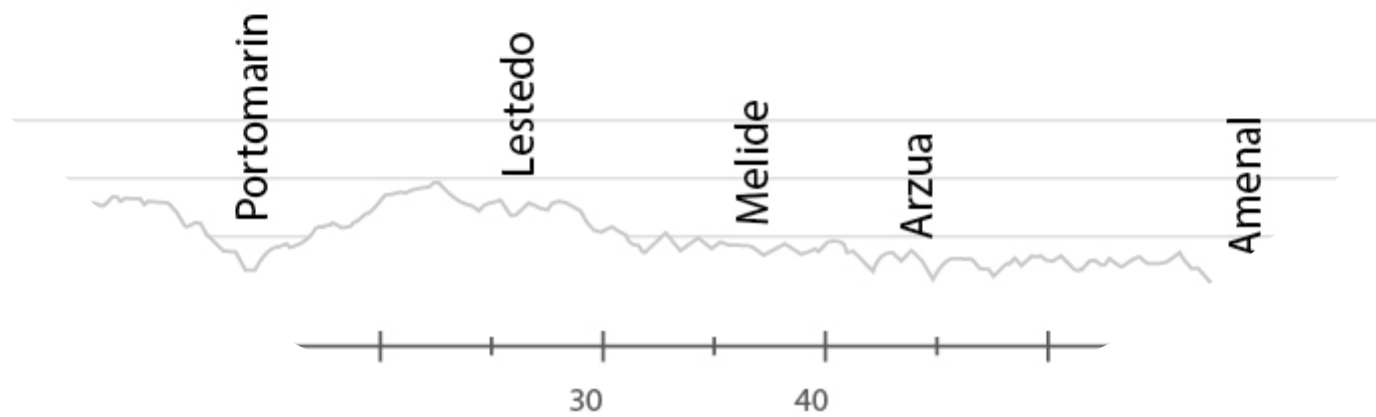
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COUNTRY



### Walking Mileage and Elevation



Day *of* Day

# Itinerary



1 ARRIVE IN MADRID, SPAIN

Check into your hotel and, if you have time, start exploring this bustling city on your own with the help of the CosmosGO app. 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

## 2 MADRID–SARRIA

Transfer to the train station to board the train to Sarria (you will be responsible for carrying your own luggage). 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.

Today's distance (by train): 313mi / 504 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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.

Today's Distance by train: 373 mi / 600 km

 Breakfast

## 11 **MADRID**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning

 Breakfast

Hand-Picked  
**Hotels**




After a day of traveling, you want to relax at a comfortable, clean, and attractive hotel. We select hotels with the best guestrooms (always with a private bathroom), service, and food for the money.

## MADRID

### Praga

Antonio Lopez, 65 Madrid Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

The Hotel Praga, situated in Madrid was the first hotel of the Santos Hotels chain. It has a total of 420 rooms and is equipped with the best facilities to make your stay unforgettable.

#### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Laundry Available
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange
- Elevator
- Restaurant On-Site
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk


#### Room Features

- Wake-Up Calls
- Phone
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Room Service
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Smoking Rooms
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Desk
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Cable/Satellite

## SARRIA

### Alfonso IX

Rua do Peregrino, 29 Sarria Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

A modern centrally located hotel with a seasonal outdoor swimming pool located next to the Sarria river offering air-conditioned rooms with mini bar, in-room safe, and free Wi-Fi connection. The cozy main restaurant serves a buffet breakfast each morning and offers a fusion of contemporary, traditional cuisine for lunch or dinner.

#### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Fitness Room
- Restaurant On-Site
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- Elevator
- Laundry Available
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage
- Pool

### Room Features


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- Wake-Up Calls
- Phone
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Alarm Clock
- In-Room Safe
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Desk
- Mini-Bar
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)

## PORTOMARIN

### Vistalegre Spa Hotel

Travssia de Compostela 29 Portomarin Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Located on the main street in Portomarin this contemporary hotel offers beautiful views onto the River Miño from its outdoor terrace. There is a bright breakfast room, a bar, jacuzzi, zen outdoor space, and free Wi-Fi. All air-conditioned rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV and mini fridge.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Spa Services
- Laundry Available
- Bar/Lounge
- Elevator
- Hot Tub
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage

### Room Features

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- Air Conditioning
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Desk
- Disabled Access / Rooms

### Pousada De Portomarin

Av. Sarria, S/N, Puertomarin PuertoMarin Spain

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

The Hotel Pousada de Portomarin has 34 air-conditioned rooms, furnished with a flat-screen TV, minibar, safety deposit box, telephone and a bathroom equipped with bathtub, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. The restaurant serves local Galician and European cuisine and throughout the day there is a café service with a large terrace affording views of the Mino River. The Hotel also offers a fitness center, a garden, a shared lounge and a bar.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Business Center
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange
- Elevator
- Spa Services
- Restaurant On-Site
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- Pool

### Room Features


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- Air Conditioning
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Television
- In-Room Safe
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Phone
- Internet Access
- Hair Dryer
- Desk
- Cable/Satellite

## LESTEDO

### Casa Roan Y Casa Grande

Lugar Sestelo 4 Monterroso Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

An authentic 18th century, family owned rural hamlet in a beautiful country setting offering genuine hospitality with delicious food. Each room is unique and all units come with an ensuite, TV, and free Wi-Fi access.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage
- Restaurant On-Site
- Bar/Lounge

### Room Features


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- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Desk
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board

## MELIDE

### Pension San Anton

C/. San Antonio 14 Melide Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This small, bright, and clean hotel is located just a few minutes' walk away from the charming main square and "Wine Street" of Melide. It offers a seasonal outdoor swimming pool, pretty garden with sunbeds, coffee shop, bar, and free Wi-Fi connection throughout. The 11 good sized guestrooms are all equipped with air-conditioning and have modern bathrooms with a walk-in shower, wardrobe, TV, desk, and windows with views

onto the garden and the surrounding countryside. A self-service laundry facility is also available to guests at this property.

### Hotel Amenities


- Free WiFi
- Laundry Available
- Pool
- Elevator
- Bar/Lounge

### Room Features

- Air Conditioning
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Television
- Room Service
- Phone
- Internet Access
- Hair Dryer
- Desk

## Pazo De Sedor At Arzua

Lugar Sedor Castañeda, 1, Melide Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Pazo de Sedor is a converted 17th-century mansion in Sedor, 25 mi outside Santiago de Compostela. It offers attractive classical design, an outdoor pool, and elegant rooms with free Wi-Fi and individual design. The Pazo de Sedor's restaurant serves breakfast and dinner in the grand dining room and there are also two lounges with sofas, board games, and a fireplace.

### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Restaurant On-Site
- Bar/Lounge
- Pool
- Elevator
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage


### Room Features

- Wake-Up Calls
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Desk

## ARZUA

### Hotel Arzua

Rua Lugo 132 Arzua A Coruna Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

A brand new hotel located at the entrance to Arzua directly on the Camino de Santiago offering modern air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms.



### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Laundry Available
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- Elevator
- Parking/Valet
- Luggage Storage

### Room Features


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- Wake-Up Calls
- Phone
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Desk
- In-Room Safe

### AMENAL

## Gran Hotel Los Abetos

Calle San Lazaro S/N Santiago De Compostela Spain

 Superior Tourist-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

Gran Hotel Los Abetos is a cosy and comfortable hotel in Santiago de Compostela, located just 10 minutes from the airport and within walking distance of the city centre. With a classic and elegant atmosphere, the hotel counts 148 rooms fully equipped. It is perfect for leisure or business trips, because it has 9 meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, shuttle service to the city centre and free parking area. A garden, swimming pool, gym... Also, its privileged location, next to the stadiums of the city, make it the ideal place for sports teams, and for pilgrims we are at 100 meters from the Camino de Santiago.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Fitness Room
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Elevator
- Laundry Available
- Parking/Valet
- Bar/Lounge
- Currency Exchange

### Room Features

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- Wake-Up Calls
- Phone
- Internet Access
- Window Opens
- Television
- Room Service
- Alarm Clock
- In-Room Safe
- Air Conditioning
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Climate Control
- Hair Dryer
- Desk
- Mini-Bar
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Cable/Satellite

### SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

## Compostela

Horreo, 1 Santiago de Compostela Spain

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

 WiFi

This hotel is perfectly positioned in the heart of Santiago de Compostela and is housed in an historic building with a beautiful façade and modern interiors in the famous Plaza de Galicia. The air-conditioned rooms are decorated in soft organic colors with hardwood floors and include Free Wi-Fi, satellite TV and private bathrooms with a hairdryer. The bar-cafeteria serves a complete buffet breakfast every morning and there are plenty of bars, restaurants and artisan shops to be discovered within walking distance of the property.

### Hotel Amenities

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- Free WiFi
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange
- Elevator
- ATM
- Parking/Valet
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk

### Room Features

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- Wake-Up Calls
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