



Camino de Santiago Walking Itinerary

**Wednesday 27th September
to Thursday 5th October 2023**

Enclosed is your personalised walking itinerary for a 10 day
9 night package following the Camino de Santiago from
Sarria to Santiago walking a total of 120km and an average of
17km a day, qualifying you for the Compostela Certificate.

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The Camino de Santiago is well marked with yellow arrows and scallop shells pointing you in the right direction. You will be accompanied by a group leader and Chaplain and provided with a Pilgrims passport, maps and route notes which include suggested stops for meals and breaks as well as any extra useful information you may need along your walking routes.



Itinerary

DAY 1

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Arrival Day in Sarria.

Sarria is a medium sized town with all the amenities available in case you have forgotten to pack something for the journey.

Accommodation: Hotel Alfonso IX in Sarria. Arrival required by 3pm for a group orientation followed by a special welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Thursday 28th September 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Portomarin.

Walk: From Sarria to Portomarin (23km/14.3miles)

Walking through continuous mass of trees, meadows, and farmland, passing by the Romanesque church of Santiago de Barbadelo and a descent towards the banks of the river Minho crossing the Belesar reservoir to Portomarin.

Accommodation: Hotel Vistalegre in Portomarin. Dinner not included, there are many places to eat in Portomarin.

DAY 3

Friday 29th September 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to farmhouse in Lodoso.

Walk: From Portomarin to Eirexe (18km/11.2miles)

Passing through Castromaior and the pre Roman hill fort, the walk takes you over the local countryside and little hamlets spaced far apart with outstanding examples of Galician Romanesque churches with several interesting tombs belonging to Knights of the Order of Saint James.

Accommodation: Farmhouse Casa Roan in Lodoso. Dinner 8.00pm included at farmhouse cooked by Pili.

DAY 4

Saturday 30th September 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Coto.

Walk: From Eirexe to Coto (17km/10.6miles)

Eucalyptus trees line the country lanes as you cross through forests and over medieval bridges.

Accommodation: Recently restored Casa de los Somoza in Coto. Dinner included at the country inn.

Accommodation: Country Inn Porto de Bois near Coto. Dinner included at the country inn.

DAY 5

Sunday 1st October 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Arzua.

Walk: From Coto to Arzua

(19km/11.8miles)

The Camino crosses many river valleys and mostly through woodland offering ample shade. A stop at Melide renowned for its Octopus makes a welcome stop and lunch. Crossing the Romanesque bridge at Ribadiso and into the town of Arzua to a very special hotel.

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel Arzua in Arzua. Dinner not included, but there are many options to choose from for dinner here.

DAY 6

Monday 2nd October 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Salceda

Walk: From Arzua to Salceda.

(15km/9.3miles)

The Camino passes inland through green pastures, oak forests and eucalyptus trees that surround small villages each with their interesting features that have a story to tell of the history of the Camino.

Accommodation: Pousada de Salceda in Salceda. Dinner included.

DAY 7

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Xan Xordo.

Walk: From Salceda to Xan Xordo

(18km/11.2miles)

Dense Eucalyptus offering shade and peace lead the way to Lavacolla and then onto the tranquil setting for tonight's accommodation.

Accommodation: Pazo Xan Xordo in Xan Xordo. Dinner included.

DAY 8

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Breakfast 8.00am

Luggage transfer to hotel in Santiago de Compostela.

Walk: From Xan Xordo to Santiago (10km/6.2miles)

Today's is a symbolic short walk starting off through pine trees as a short climb takes you past Monte Gozo. A short walk through the narrow pedestrian streets of the historic area takes you to the impressive Obradoiro square where fellow walkers gather to reflect on the beautiful journey through history. We will attend the Pilgrim's Mass at 7.30pm to mark the end of our pilgrimage.

Accommodation: Hotel Monumento San Francisco in historic part of Santiago. Dinner not included. Places to eat in Santiago.

DAY 9

Thursday 5th October 2023

Breakfast: 8.00am

Day Trip to Finisterre, Muxia and the Coast with special celebratory lunch.

A local tour company will collect you at 09.30am from the hotel. The tour lasts for 8 hours and is a combination of light walking and sightseeing from the bus. We hope to celebrate Mass in Muxia (if possible).

Accommodation: Hotel Monumento San Francisco in historic part of Santiago. Special Final celebratory group dinner.

DAY 10

Friday 6th October 2023

Breakfast: 8.00am

Complimentary taxi transfer to Santiago airport.





Providing full support every step of the way, the 2023 Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage will be lead by a tour leader together with Fr Pawel Barszczewski op who will also accompany the group as chaplain. Fr Pawel has extensive walking experiencing completing the entire Camino.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast included daily
- All rooms with private bathrooms
- 5 Dinners as per itinerary
- Luggage transfer on walking days
- Free taxi transfer to Santiago airport at end of tour
- Comprehensive information packs with walking notes
- Maps
- Pilgrim Passport and registration Compostela Certificates
- 24 hour telephone support service

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches/Dinners not mentioned in itinerary
- Incidentals

PRICE

Two people in a twin/double room
\$4500.00

One person in a single room
\$2,830.00

Numbers are strictly limited to 15.

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