

EVERY INCH OF THE CAMINO FRANCÉS

SAINT-JEAN-PIED-DE-PORT TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

From 8500 EUR
36 days, 35 nights

26 April – 31 May, 2025

About the Every Inch of the Camino Francés

Experience the transformative journey of a lifetime with Every Inch of the Camino Francés, a captivating 36-day tour spanning almost 500 miles across northern Spain. This remarkable adventure takes you along Europe's most ancient pilgrimage route, from the picturesque Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to the awe-inspiring Santiago de Compostela in Spain. This is a fully guided tour, led by our passionate English and Spanish-speaking guides, who will make your Camino experience extraordinary.

The Camino Francés, known as the French Way, boasts centuries of history and remains the most cherished route in the Camino network, even featured in popular movies like *The Way*. Beyond its cultural and historical significance, this journey holds profound spiritual value as it leads to the resting place of Saint James, one of Jesus Christ's apostles, in Santiago.

This tour offers exclusive private tours of iconic cathedrals in Burgos, León, and Santiago de Compostela, providing an intimate glimpse into their architectural splendor. But the Camino is not just about history; it's a feast for the senses. Traverse four autonomous Spanish regions, each renowned for its unique gastronomy. Our pilgrims consistently praise the food as one of the biggest highlights of their journey.

About the Every Inch of the Camino Francés (cont)

As this is the longest walking tour we offer, we highly recommend that you come prepared with a reasonable level of fitness. Having said that, we work to ease the load. Each walking day, you will have access to a support van, where you can store and access a day bag. We also provide snacks and water from the van so that you can refuel along the route. With respect to the rest of luggage, we take care of all transportation throughout the trip.

Upon completing Every Inch of the Camino Francés, you'll receive a prestigious Compostela certificate from the Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela and the Pilgrim's Office, a testament to your achievement.

This tour is unique in that it consists of three stages: Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Burgos, Burgos to León, and León to Santiago de Compostela. You will be joined by pilgrims walking one or more of these segments as well as by those who are walking the entire length.

Whether you seek spiritual connection, cultural immersion or a physical challenge, this fully supported walking tour along the Camino Francés promises a seamless and unforgettable journey. Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime transformative experience and become part of the Camino's enduring legacy.



Trip Photos



Highlights

- Embark on a transformative 500-mile pilgrimage that has been an enduring cornerstone of Spanish culture and history since the 8th century. Feel the profound challenges and rich rewards of this remarkable journey.
- Forge meaningful relationships with fellow pilgrims from around the world and build lasting memories together.
- Immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring monuments that grace the Camino Francés. Embark on guided tours through the grandeur of Gothic cathedrals in Burgos, León, and Santiago.
- Explore the timeless beauty of Romanesque masterpieces, from *Santa María de Eunate* in Navarra to *Vilar de Donas* in Galicia.
- Savor unique and delicious regional cuisine such as *pulpo* (octopus with paprika), *empanada* (hearty savory pastry), *albariño* (Galician white wine) and *caldo gallego* (ham broth with chard and potatoes).
- Finally, reach your goal and arrive at the Plaza de Obradoiro in Santiago de Compostela, where you'll see the magnificent cathedral that has welcomed pilgrims for centuries.

Trip Facts

Walking Distance:	791 km/491.5 mi
Meeting Point:	Pamplona
Departure City:	Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port
Arrival City:	Santiago de Compostela
Tour Availability:	Guided group tour with fixed trip dates
Accommodation:	Excellent hotels, <i>casas rurales</i> , <i>pazos</i> and manor houses
Transportation:	Van or bus (depending on group size)
Language:	English
Guides:	English and Spanish-speaking Camino experts
Walking Hours:	6-8 hours per day

Price

- Price per person sharing a double/twin room: 8500 EUR
- Price per person for a private room: 11100 EUR

Food

Our pilgrims always highlight the food as central to their Camino experience and the Every Inch tour is no exception. You will start in France, famed for its cuisine, then traverse through four autonomous Spanish regions, each renowned for its gastronomy. Savor succulent lamb and pork from its lands and indulge in fresh seafood like trout, inked squid and octopus from its oceans. For dessert enthusiasts, Castilla surprises with delectable treats like fried milk pudding. Complement your meals with Navarra's robust red wines and Galicia's crisp Albariño whites. Your tour includes many of the following meals:

- Breakfasts: Each morning, a buffet breakfast will be on offer at your accommodation.
- Lunches: Depending on the weather, we will either provide you with a gourmet picnic lunch or a delicious meal at one of our favorite restaurants. Our picnics are a favorite of our pilgrims. Each is freshly prepared by your Andaspain guide(s) and include a tasty variety of beautifully presented dishes.
- Dinners: We will either dine at our accommodation or in one of our favorite local restaurants, where your guide(s) will make sure that you get to taste the best food that the Camino has to offer.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

We take your allergies and dietary restrictions very seriously. As part of our booking process, we give you the opportunity to tell us your preferences and medical conditions so that we can communicate with restaurants, hotels, and make sure that our gourmet picnics include a variety of wonderful food that you can enjoy.

Accommodation

In addition to the food, our pilgrims love our accommodations. Every hotel, converted monastery, *parador*, and manor house is meticulously chosen for its proximity to the Camino and its charm. Whenever possible, we opt for accommodation that perfectly embodies the best that the region has to offer in traditional food, service, & architecture. You can always count on a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep on any Andaspain tour.

Weather

This trip spans northern Spain and includes a varied climate that can be extreme in summer and winter. For this reason, we organize this walk during spring. The beginning of the tour will be across Spain's highland plateau, which you can expect to be quite dry and warm. As we near Santiago de Compostela, we enter into a mild oceanic climate with regular rainfall and moderate temperatures.

Our Guides

Our Andaspain guide(s) are the critical ingredient in each of our amazing tours. They work hard alongside you to give you the best experience possible. All of our guides are passionate Camino experts and fully bilingual.

Level of Difficulty

Every Inch of the Camino Francés is an almost 500 mile-long tour walked over 36 days. This makes it the most challenging tour that we offer. The route traverses the whole of Spain and is very varied, including hills as well as plains, rocky footpaths and surfaced roads. With respect to navigation, the Camino Francés is very well marked, making it easy to navigate. This is a long-distance walk so you will have lots of time to become accustomed to covering a lot of ground each day. On this fully guided tour you have the luxury of our support vehicle should you need it.

Support Vehicle and Checkpoints

Each tour features a support vehicle, which will meet you at various checkpoints throughout the walking day to provide you with water, delicious energizing snacks, and access to other essentials that you can store in a day bag.

Luggage Transfer

From the start of your tour to its finish, we handle all luggage and transportation. You simply leave your bags with your guide in the morning and we will take them to the next hotel.

The Compostela

The highly coveted *Compostela* is a personalized certificate issued by the Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela that marks the completion of your pilgrimage. To be eligible, you must walk at least the Last 100 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago. As you walk, you will document your progress by gathering stamps in your *credencial*, or pilgrim's passport. Once you reach Santiago, your guide(s) will collect your *credencial* and apply for the *Compostela* on your behalf. One fascinating fact about the *Compostela* is that it is all written in Latin, including your name (if there is a Latin equivalent).

What's Included

- 35 nights' accommodation
- All breakfasts, 13 lunches and 5 dinners, including wine and other drinks (While we guarantee the number of meals provided, the schedule outlined in the daily itinerary is subject to change based on restaurant availability, weather, and other factors)
- Pick up in Pamplona and transfer to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port
- Guided private tours of the cathedrals in Burgos, León and Santiago de Compostela
- Water and snacks along the way
- Luggage transport (limited to one 23 kg/50 lb piece of luggage per person)
- English and Spanish speaking guide(s)
- The Pilgrim's *Credencial*, or Pilgrim's Passport, and scallop shell
- Camino Francés Guide Book

What's Not Included

- Travel to the start of your tour or from its end
- Meals and drinks not included in your tour
- Extraneous items purchased on your behalf by your Andaspain guide
- Guide gratuity (500 EUR/person/guide is suggested)
- Additional activities not outlined in the What's Included section

DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 1: Shuttle from Pamplona to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port



 Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port  Dinner

You will meet your Andaspain guide(s) and trip companions in the heart of Pamplona. We then drive together to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port for a welcome meeting. Afterwards, we waste no time and start our journey with a short 5 km warmup to Huntto. We then shuttle back to our hotel and have a celebratory welcome dinner.

● Pamplona
80 km/50 mi
● SJPP
5 km/3.1 mi
● Huntto

Day 2: Walk from Huntto to Roncesvalles



 Roncesvalles  Breakfast, Lunch

After yesterday's warmup, we hope that you are feeling ready to tackle the most challenging day of the Camino. Today, you will scale the Napoleon Pass, climbing more than 1,100 meters (3,700 feet). Your hard work will be rewarded by spectacular views and a great sense of accomplishment. We will be there every step of the way to encourage you with food, snacks, and water. We cross the border into Spain and walk to our hotel, a converted monastery in the small village of Roncesvalles.

● Huntto
24.2 km/15 mi
● Roncesvalles

Day 3: Walk from Roncesvalles to Zubiri



 Pamplona  Breakfast

Today, we walk right out of our hotel and onto the trail. We pass through the village of Burguete, one of Hemingway's regular haunts. On today's walk, you will get to enjoy traditional Navarran architecture, including many red-shuttered windows. Once in the woods, You might even be lucky enough to see *setas*, or wild mushrooms.

● Roncesvalles
21.9 km/13.6 mi
● Zubiri

We finish our walk in Zubiri. Here, you will get to see the bridge where Martin Sheen fell in the river during the movie *The Way*. and shuttle ahead to our hotel in Pamplona, a city famous for their delicious *tapas*.



DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 4: Walk from Zubiri to Pamplona



Pamplona



Breakfast

After breakfast, we shuttle back to Zubiri to begin our walk. Today, we go through some gentler terrain than the first few days. We walk right up to our hotel in Pamplona, where we enjoy a second night's stay. You are free to eat where you want tonight. We encourage you to check out our recommendations and try the amazing *tapas* in Pamplona.

Zubiri

20.9 km/13 mi

Pamplona

Day 5: Walk from Pamplona to Puente la Reina



Puente la Reina



Breakfast, Lunch

We walk right out of our hotel in central Pamplona and climb up to the famous Alto del Perdón. We will check in with you before the big climb and meet you at the top to make sure you get a great photo.

Afterwards, we head to our destination of Puente la Reina, a quaint yet historically significant town. Despite its small size, Puente la Reina once played a pivotal role as a center for the revered Knights Templar, a Catholic military order with a noble mission. Founded in 1119, the Knights Templar dedicated themselves to safeguarding Christian pilgrims embarking on sacred voyages to the Holy Lands. Originating in Jerusalem, this order consisted of nine French knights who pledged vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Along the Camino, the enduring legacy of the Knights Templar manifests itself through remarkable monuments and functional edifices that continue to serve their purpose. During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Church of Saint Mary of Eunete, believed to have been constructed by the Knights Templar in the 12th century.

Pamplona

23.8 km/14.8 mi

Puente la Reina



DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 6: Walk from Puente la Reina to Estella



Estella



Breakfast

Today, we begin by crossing the famous Romanesque bridge over the Arga River. Queen Doña Mayor, the founder of Puente la Reina, ordered the construction of this bridge in the 11th century to facilitate the passage of pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago. Today, you will become a part of this rich history as you say goodbye to Puente la Reina and set your sights on Estella.

Our path will lead us straight to our lodging in Estella. This town boasts a captivating history intertwined with the Knights Templar and is renowned for its architectural marvels. Among these treasures is the Church of San Pedro de la Rúa, an exquisite example of Romanesque architecture featuring a breathtaking cloister and intricate façade. Additionally, the town boasts the impressive Palace of the Kings of Navarre, initially constructed as a fortress in the 12th century and subsequently transformed into a regal residence. Estella also hosts a collection of intriguing museums waiting to be explored.



Day 7: Walk from Estella to Los Arcos



Logroño



Breakfast

Today, we will have a treat in store as we stop by the famous Irache Wine Fountain, located about 6 km outside of Estella. This fountain was built in 1991 by the nearby Bodegas Irache winery to dispense free wine to passing pilgrims and visitors. Fill up your cup or water bottle and enjoy this tasty beverage as you walk.

Upon reaching Los Arcos, we will shuttle ahead to our hotel in Logroño, where we'll stay for two nights. Logroño is a city rich in history dating back to the Roman period. It also boasts a reputation for its vibrant tapas bars, serving an enticing array of delectable small dishes and snacks paired with its world-famous wines.





DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 8: Walk from Los Arcos to Logroño



Logroño



Breakfast



After breakfast, we shuttle back to Los Arcos to begin our walk. Today is a longer walk passing through the serene fields of the Ebro valley. Quaint little villages await you as well as panoramic views of the valley as you enter Logroño.

Tonight, we encourage you to seize the opportunity to discover Logroño, a city steeped in historical and architectural treasures. Among our personal favorites is the Cathedral of Santa Maria de la Redonda, a splendid edifice constructed in the 16th century. Its exquisite baroque facade and magnificent stained-glass windows make it an absolute must-see!



Day 9: Walk from Logroño to Nájera



Santo Domingo de la Calzada



Breakfast, Lunch



While today is another long day, you will spend it going through historic towns and a natural reservoir teeming with wildlife. The walking is relatively easy today, with very gentle ups and downs.

We'll wrap up our journey in Nájera and then head to our hotel in Santo Domingo de la Calzada. This town derives its name from Saint Dominic of the Causeway, a 12th-century saint who dedicated his life to building roads and bridges to assist pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. You will have two nights to explore this iconic Camino town.

You can have dinner at our casa rural or choose to wander around town. One dish that you should be on the lookout for is this town's traditional chicken dish, known as *pollo de la calzada*. We will recommend the best places to go.



DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 10: Walk from Nájera to Santo Domingo de la Calzada

 Santo Domingo de la Calzada  Breakfast, Lunch



We'll start our day by returning to the historic town of Nájera. Today's highlight includes a visit to the renowned Monastery of Santa María la Real, an architectural marvel dating back to the 11th century, commissioned by King Garcia Sanchez III of Navarre. This monastery boasts exquisite Gothic design, intricate carvings, and an enriching museum housing a valuable collection of medieval art and artifacts. Notably, it is celebrated for the remarkable woodwork adorning the church's choir.

We'll make our way directly to our lodging in Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Later this afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to discover the Cathedral of Santo Domingo de la Calzada, which serves as the resting place for Saint Dominic of the Causeway. This 12th-century Cathedral showcases a captivating blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture in its facade and boasts breathtaking stained-glass windows. Interestingly, it's also inhabited by live chickens, a fact that holds a surprising story you won't want to miss!

● Nájera
21.3 km/13.2 mi
● Santo Domingo de la Calzada

Day 11: Walk from Santo Domingo de la Calzada to Belorado

 Villafranca Montes de Oca  Breakfast



Today, we continue to walk along country lanes before crossing into Castilla y León, the largest region in Spain. We will remain here for the majority of the Camino Francés before passing into Galicia.

We will arrive in Belorado for lunch. This area is known for its *migas* (fried bread crumbs) and *pisto* (a type of vegetable stew). We will recommend the best restaurants to try these dishes. At the conclusion of our walk, we will shuttle to our hotel.

● Santo Domingo de la Calzada
22.4 km/14 mi
● Belorado

DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 12: Walk from Belorado to San Juan de Ortega

 Estella

 Breakfast



After breakfast, we shuttle back to Belorado and begin our walk. When we finish, we'll head to Burgos, where we'll spend the next two nights. Burgos, an esteemed city situated in Castilla y León, holds a prominent place on the Camino de Santiago. This city boasts a storied past that dates back to Roman times and is renowned for its exquisite architecture, cultural heritage, and picturesque setting. Wander through the enchanting streets and charming squares of Burgos' historic district, where you'll encounter stunning architectural gems at every turn. The city is also home to several iconic landmarks, including the Monastery of Las Huelgas, the Miraflores charterhouse, and the Burgos Castle.

For dinner, we recommend sampling the local dishes of *lechazo* (suckling lamb slow-roasted in a woodfired oven) and *morcilla de Burgos* (spiced-blood-and-rice sausage).

● Belorado
24.2 km/15 mi
● San Juan de Ortega

Day 13: Walk from San Juan de Ortega to Burgos

 Burgos

 Breakfast, Dinner



This morning, we shuttle back to San Juan de Ortega to begin our walk. We will finish back in Burgos, where we welcome pilgrims joining us for the next segment and wish *buen camino* to those who are leaving. Together, we take a guided, private tour of the Cathedral of Burgos. This stunning 13th-century Gothic cathedral is considered one of the most important religious buildings in Spain. The cathedral features intricate carvings, beautiful stained-glass windows, and a museum that houses a collection of medieval art and artifacts. The celebrations continue with a dinner at our favorite restaurant in the old town center of Burgos.

● San Juan de Ortega
26 km/16 mi
● Burgos

DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 14: Walk from Burgos to Hornillos del Camino

 Castrojeriz  Breakfast



This morning, we walk right out of the big city of Burgos to the small town of Hornillos del Camino.

Following our walk today, we'll be transported to our cozy two-night accommodation in Castrojeriz. This picturesque town is renowned for its commanding hilltop castle, which served as a crucial bastion along the Camino de Santiago during the Middle Ages. This fortress played a pivotal role in safeguarding pilgrims and the surrounding area from potential dangers. The panoramic vistas from the castle alone make the ascent worthwhile, and we encourage you to seize the opportunity to explore this exceptional landmark during your leisure time. If you are in the mood to relax, you can get a massage from our hotel's masseur.

Burgos
21 km/13 mi
Hornillos del Camino

Day 15: Walk from Hornillos del Camino to Castrojeriz

 Castrojeriz  Breakfast



Today, we embark on a captivating journey, passing by the majestic ruins of the ancient Monastery of San Antón. Built in the 12th century by the Knights of St. Anthony, this remarkable sanctuary served as a hospital for pilgrims under the devoted care of the Hospital Brothers.

Historically, the monastery played an integral role in treating ergotism, a fungal disease that often afflicted weary pilgrims. The Hospital Brothers were expert in alleviating these symptoms and providing compassionate care to those affected.

As we delve into the annals of this historic monument, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the Knights of St. Anthony and their remarkable contributions to the well-being of pilgrims. The monastery's architectural wonders, a fusion of Romanesque and Gothic elements, are sure to leave you in awe.

Hornillos del Camino
20 km/12.5 mi
Castrojeriz

DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 16: Walk from Castrojeriz to Fromista



Fromista



Breakfast, Lunch



We walk right out of our hotel and make the climb to the Alto de Mostelares (914 meters of altitude) vista point. Here, you can enjoy 360-degree views of a stunning section of the Meseta.

After our walk, you will have time explore the town of Fromista. This town is renowned for its two significant churches: San Martín de Tours and San Pedro. The Church of San Martín de Tours dates back to the 11th century and stands out as a brilliant example of Romanesque architecture. It is particularly notable for its intricately designed nave, arches, and columns, which showcase the craftsmanship of the era.

Meanwhile, the Church of San Pedro, also referred to as the Collegiate Church of Santa Maria la Mayor, also hails from the 11th century and displays a captivating blend of architectural styles. Its grand façade, adorned with sculptures, opens the way to an interior of exceptional beauty, featuring slender columns and ribbed vaults.



Day 17: Walk from Fromista to Carrión de los Condes



Carrión de los Condes



Breakfast



We walk right out of the hotel in Fromista to our next one in Carrión de los Condes. This section is known for its flat terrain characterized by expansive fields and open landscapes.

In the evening, you are free to visit the Monastery of Santa Clara and the Romanesque church of Santa María del Camino. We also recommend that you attend the evening prayers, or *vespers*, from the local nuns of the Order of St. Augustine. If you are lucky, you might even be treated to their renowned musical talent.



DAILY ITINERARY

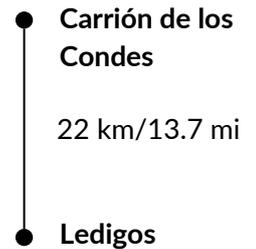
-  Accommodation
-  Included Meals

Day 18: Walk from Carrión de los Condes to Ledigos



-  Carrión de los Condes
-  Breakfast, Lunch

Today, you will enjoy a picturesque stretch along ancient Roman roads. This route takes you through vast fields, charming villages, and serene countryside landscapes. At the end of the day, we shuttle back to our hotel, where you will be free for dinner.



Day 19: Walk from Ledigos to Sahagún



-  Ledigos
-  Breakfast, Lunch

You can relax a bit on today's short walk. Together, we will have a special lunch in a small village where you get to experience the food and culture of the local people. This area is famous for its lamb dish served with potatoes. Later, we cross the half way point of the Camino Francés at the Virgin del Puente hermitage! After finishing our walk, we shuttle to our cozy albergue in Ledigos.



Day 20: Walk from Sahagún to Reliegos



-  León
-  Breakfast, Lunch

After yesterday's restful day, we hope you are prepared for the longest segment on the Camino. But, there's no need to fear as this section is especially flat and rewarding, with beautiful vistas as you follow the Roman roads that lead to León.

As there are very few places to stop for lunch, we will provide you with a complimentary to-go lunch. At the end of the day, we shuttle ahead to León where we will stay for 2 nights. There, you can book a massage or relax in the pool.



DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 21: Walk from Reliegos to León



 León

 Breakfast, Lunch

Today, we walk right up to our hotel in the heart of old town. We celebrate together over lunch in the famous Barrio Húmedo and say *hasta la próxima* (until next time) to those pilgrims who are leaving.



Day 22: Rest Day León



 León

 Breakfast, Dinner

Today, you are free to rest and explore. In the afternoon, we will meet up with the pilgrims who are joining us for the last segment of our journey. Together, we enjoy an exclusive, private guided tour of the Santa María de León Cathedral. This magnificent gothic-style Cathedral boasts one of the largest collections of medieval stained glass in the world and has a fascinating history. We also tour the Basilica de San Isidoro and the historical old town of León. In the evening, we return to Barrio Húmedo to dine with the newcomers to our group.



Day 23: Walk from León to Villar de Mazarife



 Astorga

 Breakfast

Today, we walk right out of our hotel past the Parador de León, a 16th century monastery made famous by the movie, *The Way*.

At the end of the day, we shuttle ahead to Astorga, where we stay for two nights. We will provide a tourist map of this ancient city, which includes opening times and entrance fees. We recommend Gaudi's Palace, the chocolate museum, and the cathedral. You can have dinner in the hotel restaurant or explore the old town and dine al fresco in the famous square.





DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 24: Walk from Villar de Mazarife to Astorga



Astorga



Breakfast



Our journey takes us across the stunning 13th-century bridge in Hospital de Órbigo. This remarkable monument features 21 arches engineered to manage the water flow during the historically significant flood season. Today, thanks to upstream reservoirs controlling the river's water levels, this bridge enjoys a well-earned respite from its past responsibilities.

The bridge is also the backdrop to the enduring legend of Don Suero, a valiant knight who once duelled on the bridge to win the affections of his beloved lady. We walk directly to our accommodation in Astorga, where we will have a second night to enjoy this enchanting city.

Villar de Mazarife

28.5 km/17.7 mi

Astorga

Day 25: Walk from Astorga to Foncebadón



Rabanal del Camino



Breakfast, Lunch



We walk right out of our hotel in Astorga and finish in the small village of Foncebadón. Tonight, we shuttle to our casa rural in the majestic hamlet of Rabanal del Camino. There, you will have the opportunity to listen to the enchanting vespers, or evening prayers.

Astorga

26 km/16 mi

Foncebadón

DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 26: Walk from Foncebadón to Ponferrada



 Ponferrada

 Breakfast

Today we walk to the *Cruz de Hierro*, or the Iron Cross. This is an important site of many traditions related to the Camino. One such tradition involves leaving a stone at the foot of the cross to symbolize leaving your burdens behind. We will have a checkpoint at the Iron Cross in order to participate in this ritual together and get a photo to remember this moment! We continue through the town of Molinaseca and finish in the larger town of Ponferrada, home to the Castle of the Knights Templar.

● Foncebadón
27 km/16 mi
● Ponferrada

Day 27: Walk from Ponferrada to Villafranca del Bierzo



 Villafranca del Bierzo

 Breakfast

Today we walk through beautiful vineyards that produce the Galicia red wine, Mencia. Today, we recommend dining in the 17th Century hospital-turned-restaurant for the best in local cuisine. This area is famous for its roasted red peppers and cherries. We walk right into our historic hotel situated right on the main plaza in Villafranca del Bierzo.

● Ponferrada
24.7 km/15 mi
● Villafranca del Bierzo

Day 28: Walk from Villafranca del Bierzo to Las Herrerías



 Las Herrerías

 Breakfast

Today we have an option of a flat walk along the road; or a more challenging route over a hill that is much harder but with stunning views among a chestnut forest. We walk right into our hotel in Las Herrerías which is the village just before the famous climb to O Cebreiro.

● Villafranca del Bierzo
22 km/13.7 mi
● Las Herrerías

DAILY ITINERARY

 Accommodation  Included Meals

Day 29: Walk from Las Herrerías to Biduedo



 Sarria

 Breakfast

Today, you will conquer the last big climb on your Camino journey to the village of O Cebreiro, famous for its thatched houses. We will finish our day by crossing into Galicia, the final region of the Camino. From here, you will notice the Celtic influence on the area. Watch out for bagpipes and witch symbols along the Way. At the end of the day, we shuttle ahead to our hotel in Sarria, where we will stay for two nights.

● Las Herrerías
22.5 km/14 mi
● Biduedo

Day 30: Walk from Biduedo to Sarria



 Sarria

 Breakfast, Dinner

There is a split on the Camino today. We take the off-road route of San Xil to enjoy the nature. At the end of the walk, we can drive you back for a guided tour of the Samos Monastery, an active Benedictine monastery.

Tonight, we will have dinner together at our favorite restaurant in town. There, we will choose from a variety of organic local meat, fresh fish, and a variety of delicious vegetarian and vegan options.

● Biduedo
25 km/16.8 mi
● Sarria

DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 31: Walk from Sarria to Portomarín



Portomarín



Breakfast



You will pass the 100 km marker today. Congratulations! You are almost done with your journey. We will make sure we are there to capture the moment.

We will step out of our hotel in Sarria, make our way down to the river, and head into the lush greenery. Once you complete today's walk, you are free to explore the charming village of Portomarín. This picturesque town dates back to the Middle Ages but was relocated to its current position higher up the hillside to create the Belesar Reservoir during Franco's regime. Many monuments were painstakingly transferred, stone by stone. Even today, fragments of these monuments lie scattered about the town, bearing numbers designating the order of their relocation.



Day 32: Walk from Portomarín to Palas de Rei



Monterroso



Breakfast, Lunch



This stage takes you alongside country roads, through quaint villages with traditional Galician architecture, and over hilly woodlands. If time allows, we can walk or drive 4.5 km off the Camino to the church at Vilar de Donas. The church and family monastery were given to the Order of Santiago in 1184, and many of the Gallego members of the order are buried here. The local guide will happily show you the frescos from the 15th century. At the end of the day, we shuttle ahead to our accommodation.



DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 33: Walk from Palas de Rei to Ribadiso



Arzúa



Breakfast, Lunch



Today, we are treated to lunch in Melide, one of the oldest towns along the Camino de Santiago. Melide is famous for its Sunday market, where you can buy *Pulpo a Feira*, or octopus tossed with rich, paprika-infused olive oil and served with Galician potatoes called *cachelos*. Today, you will have the opportunity to savor this specialty at a local restaurant along with a traditional bowl of local white wine. We will ensure that there are other options, such as fresh salads, *chorizo*, and Spanish tortilla.

We finish the day in Ribadiso, a small village that boasts the oldest known bridge on the Galician section of The Camino. This is a great opportunity to revitalize your tired feet in the cool river water. Afterwards, we shuttle to the town of Arzúa, famous for its cheeses, including *queso de tetilla*, or little breast cheese. Here, we will stay for two nights in a traditional Galician manor house, also known as a *pazo*. There, you will have time to relax, enjoy a drink in the courtyard, or have a massage if the masseur is available.



Day 34: Walk from Ribadiso to Pedrouzo



Arzúa



Breakfast



Your day starts from Ribadiso, a small village that boasts the oldest known bridge on the Galician section of the Camino. From here, you can look forward to winding paths through eucalyptus forests and quaint Galician pueblos as we hone in on the last stretch to Santiago de Compostela. After walking, we will shuttle back to Arzúa where you will be free to eat dinner at our pazo or walk into town. You can also book a massage if the hotel masseur is available.





DAILY ITINERARY



Accommodation



Included Meals

Day 35: Walk from Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela

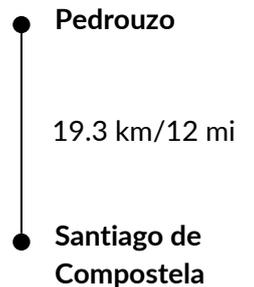


Santiago de Compostela



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This stage marks the exciting last day of your pilgrimage. After a morning of walking, we regroup at the pilgrim's last hill, Monte de Gozo. Here, you are treated to a first glimpse of the Cathedral spires. From here, the group will walk approximately 5 km to our destination of Plaza Obradoiro. Your pilgrimage is complete! Congratulations! While you check into your hotel, your guide will go to the pilgrim's office to collect your *Compostela*. You will then have the opportunity to attend pilgrim's mass before we head to our final celebratory dinner.



Day 36: Tour End



Extra nights on request



Breakfast

This morning, we will head to the most famous destination in Santiago and take a private guided tour of the Cathedral and surrounding area. This tour runs approx. 1-2 hours.

Finally, it's time to say good-bye to our Camino family. We hope that you walk away with a great sense of accomplishment, lifelong friendships, and many treasured memories. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for experiencing this magical journey with us at Andaspain and we look forward to seeing you back on the Camino someday.

