



THE EXPERT FOR THE WAYS OF ST JAMES

The Way of Saint James of Compostela (spanish part) CAMINO FRANCES

From Saint Jean Pied de Port to Logroño



This journey follows the St James Pilgrims' Way out of France and through Spain. It opens with the crossing of the Pyrenees, where you swing away from the Spanish coast through a lush green landscape.

From the citadel of Saint Jean Pied de Port to Logroño, you set off exploring varied landscapes through regions which have a strong local identity: the Basque Country, Navarre and la Rioja. The journey is marked by cultural sites of an extraordinary richness: Roncesvalles, Pamplona, Puente la Reina and even Estella... Immerse yourself, step by step, in the culture of Spain and allow yourself to be surprised by the Camino Francés, which is without doubt the most cosmopolitan long-distance walk in the world...



9 days - 8 nights - 7 hiking days

Day 1 : SAINT JEAN PIED DE PORT 180 m

Check in at your hotel at the end of the afternoon in the pretty fortified town of Saint Jean Pied de Port. Have a look at the historic heart of the citadel which was remodelled by Vauban. Overnight stay with half board. You can leave your vehicle in the square in front of the hotel (Parking not secure). **Dinner not included in the price.**

Day 2 : SAINT JEAN PIED DE PORT - RONCESVALLES 952 m D+1250m / D-500m

This climb takes you to the col de Roncesvalles (or Ibañeta), the emblematic crossing-point over the French-Spanish border. You arrive then at Roncesvalles, the biggest hospice in the Pyrenees (with its famous church and cloisters). Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 7h, 26 km.

(Possibility of separate this step in two, consult us).

Day 3 : RONCESVALLES - ZUBIRI 525 m D+250m / D-680m

You follow a pleasant forest walk from Roncesvalles to Zubiri, passing through villages with Basque names. Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 5h30, 22 km.

Day 4 : ZUBIRI - PAMPLONA 446 m D+260m / D-350m

This walk takes you across the valley of Esteribar. Then you arrive at Pamplona, the first big town of the Camino Francés, capital of Navarre and a place where numerous traces of the old and modern-day pilgrims. Worth seeing: the cathedral and the old quarter of Pamplona.

Walking time: ≈ 5h30, 21 km.



Day 5 : PAMPLONA - PUENTE LA REINA 346 m

D+430m / D-540m

On this day you cross the Sierra del Perdón which offers a fine view. You arrive in the medieval town of Puente La Reina, which is situated at a crossing point of pilgrims' routes and is well-known for its 11th century Romanesque bridge. Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 6h, 24 km.

Day 6 : PUENTE LA REINA - ESTELLA 426 m

D+380m / D-310 m

Today's walk takes you to Estella, a pretty little town which is also called 'Estella the Beautiful'. It is graced with old houses, a palace and churches which all add to its renown. Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 5h30, 22 km.

JOUR 7 : ESTELLA - LOS ARCOS 450 m

D+410 m / D-380m

You walk from Estella to Los Arcos, a medieval town and a place not to be missed on the track of the Camino Francés. Worth seeing: the church of Santa María, a huge building incorporating many architectural styles. Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 5h, 22 km.

Day 8 : LOS ARCOS - LOGROÑO 384 m

D+330m / D-350m

As you approach Logroño, you leave Navarre and enter la Rioja. Logroño, the capital of la Rioja is an interesting town. It is worth visiting the beautiful cathedral of Santa María de la Redonda and the old part of the town. Overnight stay and half board.

Walking time: ≈ 7h30, 28 km.

Day 9 : LOGROÑO

End of the trip after the breakfast



Note:

1 - It will not be possible to alter the places where you are accommodated or the order of the walking stages etc (for obvious organisational reasons). Once the day's walk has started, you are expected to continue the day's programme as arranged, except where exceptional circumstances intervene (for example, safety issues linked to adverse weather conditions).

2 - If you wish to shorten a walking stage, you will need to contact and pay for any taxis used when the occasion arises.



- Crossing the Pyrenees via the Roncesvalles pass.

- A succession of varied landscapes: from the Basque country through Navarre to Rioja.

- Pamplona and its architecture.

> DATES

There is no fixed departure date, so you can choose between mid-April (weather permitting: crossing the Pyrenees) and All Saints' Day, depending on accommodation availability **(except from 06/07 to 14/07 inclusive: Pamplona Feria)**.

Please indicate on the booking form any other dates that would suit you (e.g.: possibility of postponing the tour by one or more days before or after...); this is in case one or more accommodations are fully booked on the chosen dates, as well as your dietary requirements.

We also ask you to **book as early as possible**. We don't have any reserved places in the accommodations, and some of them may be fully booked several months in advance.

> PRICE COVERS

- Half board 4 **(Except dinner in Saint Jean Pied de Port)**
- Luggage transfer between each walking stage (depending on the option chosen)
- Provision of the topo-guide (1 topo-guide per room reserved).
- Tourist tax.



> PRICE DOES NOT COVER

- Picnic lunch
- Insurance, drinks and personal expenses
- Transfers from your home to the meeting point and dispersal
- Registration fees (+15€ per person)
- Shipping costs abroad (+20€ per file)
- The priority processing fee for any registration on D-15 (+45€ per file)
- Shuttles or cabs to pick up your car or to shorten certain stages
- Parking fees.

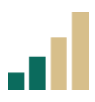
> ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE


The arrival takes place at the first accommodation in the city of **Saint Jean Pied de Port**, the day before your first hiking day.

Covered and guarded parking at €5 per day (minimum 7 days) at the Saint Jean Pied de Port technical control center (please contact us): 05 59 37 34 65

Your trip takes end in **Logroño** after the breakfast, the day after your last hiking day.

> LEVEL

 From 5h to 7h per day on marked trails with low gradients. Approx. 350 m elevation gain per day (every day except D2).

 (Day 2 only: crossing the Pyrenees + 1250m ascent and little descent).

> ACCOMMODATION

In 1*, 2 ** and 3*** (Spanish tourist classification) hotels and “casas rurales”. In some accommodations (rare and exceptional cases), the shower and WC may be on the landing. We will inform you. Dogs are not allowed.

When accommodation is very busy:



Some accommodations may be fully booked on certain dates. In this case, and for your comfort, accommodation / stages may be modified with your agreement.

> MEALS

Breakfast is served relatively late by French standards, usually from 8:30 am. If you wish to have breakfast earlier, check with each hotel the day before if this is possible.

Be aware that Spanish culinary habits are sometimes quite different from French ones. And meals are delayed by up to 2 hours on the French schedule (breakfast around 8.30am-9am and dinner around 9pm).

Packed lunches are not included in our prices. You are free to pack your own picnic lunches. You'll find plenty of supplies along the way.

You can also ask your hosts if they can prepare picnics / packed lunches for your walk the following day.

You'll find a list of places to eat and drink on your walking itinerary in your balance pack.

> LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

Your luggage will be transported by a transport company between each step at the end of the morning or during the afternoon.

Delivery of your luggage by 6 p.m.

Possible additional price for luggage transport from October.

ATTENTION :

We ask you to leave your luggage in the lobby of each accommodation in the morning at 8 a.m. and to IMPERATIVELY only bring 1 BAGGAGE PER PERSON NOT EXCEEDING 13KG; beyond this number (1 bag) and this weight (13 kg), the carrier may charge you a supplement at the end of the hike or categorically refuse to transport your luggage if it is too bulky.

Rigid suitcase not permitted, we decline all responsibility for damage to this type of luggage.



We invite you to bring a small backpack to carry your personal belongings for the day.

If you are part of a group, we ask you to indicate on your suitcase labels the NAME of the person responsible for this group (person who booked the hike).

> ACCESS

There are several possible solutions, but all of them are rather complicated, as Saint Jean Pied de Port is not located on major roads, and neither is Logroño...

***How to come :**



-By train



-By car



-By plane

***How to return :**



-By train



-By bus



-By plane

It is imperative that you book this transfer as soon as possible (we advise you to do so when you register or when we confirm your booking, as requests are high and there are few places available); this transfer is not included in the price of the tour. Please contact us for the price.



> TRAVEL FILE

For this tour, we'll send you a guidebook (1 guidebook per room booked) when you pay the balance.

If you require an additional travel pack, this will be invoiced at + 20€ / pack.

> TAKEOUT LIST

- a small rucksack for a picnic and the day's essentials
- a small first-aid kit (plasters, double skin, eosin, alcohol....)
- a pair of "medium mountain" walking shoes (beware of new shoes)
- sunglasses, sun cream and hat
- rainwear
- Light shoes for the evening
- a water bottle: it's important to drink 1.5 to 2 litres of water a day
- a knife
- torch (not essential)
- a pair of binoculars (optional)
- newspaper for your shoes if they get wet
- tissues
- a needle, a small amount of thread and one or two safety pins
- Masks
- hydro-alcoholic gel.

> FORMALITIES

Identity card or passport required.

European health insurance card

You are traveling to a country in the European Union, the European Economic Area (EU/EEA) or Switzerland.

Before you leave, get a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This will enable you to prove your entitlement to health insurance and to have your medical expenses covered, in accordance with the legislation and formalities in force in the country where you are staying.



Nominative and individual, the form should be requested from www.ameli.fr.

Finally, if you're coming to Spain by car, it's compulsory to have 2 warning triangles in your vehicle and 1 reflective warning vest. Failure to comply with these regulations can result in heavy fines, which must be paid locally.

MORE DETAILS AT THE SUBSCRIPTION

