



## THE EXPERT FOR THE WAYS OF ST JAMES

### The Way of Saint James of Compostela (spanish part) CAMINO FRANCES From Santiago de Compostela to Fisterra



**F**rom Santiago de Compostela to... the End of the Earth. Cape Finisterre, where, according to legend, the body of the apostle James miraculously arrived in a boat before being buried by a few faithful in Compostela. Finisterre, according to some, has been an ancestral pilgrimage destination since well before Christianity, and has since become a major pilgrimage site... In the Middle Ages, pilgrims would arrive at these sites, reputed to be magical and sacred since antiquity, and collect its shells...

For us, it's the continuation of the journey to the thrill of finally reaching the end of the Way, the Ocean. It's also an opportunity to get to know Galicia in depth, its green landscapes, its hamlets and the warm welcome of its inhabitants.



6 days, 5 nights, 4 hiking days.

### DAY 1 : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Arrival to your hotel in the city of Santiago de Compostela. Night in half-board.

### DAY 2 : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - NEGREIRA

Stage from Santiago de Compostela to Negreira via Ponte Sarela, and the small region of Amaia, sung by Galician poet Rosalía de Castro. As you leave Santiago, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the city. You follow the banks of the Rio Tambre and pass through the pretty village of Ponte Maceira. Overnight half-board.

*Walking time: ≈ 5h15, 20.7 km.*

### DAY 3 : NEGREIRA - PORTELIÑAS

From Negreira to Porteliñas, you make your way through the woods. Pretty churches in Zas, A Pena and Vilaserio... When you arrive in Porteliñas, you'll be met by a cab that will take you to A Picota (or Chacín), where you'll find your accommodation. Overnight on half-board basis.

*Walking time: ≈ 7h, 26.5 km.*

### DAY 4 : PORTELIÑAS - CÉE

Morning transfer to Porteliñas. A beautiful countryside of clavares and hermitages. Your path leads to Cée, on the banks of the Ria de Corcubión.

*Walking time: ≈ 7h, 25.5 km.*

### DAY 5 : CÉE - FISTERRA

Crossing the Marco de Couto Cross, spectacular descent of Mont da Armada to Fisterra. Then the mythical arrival at Finisterre, the “end of the world” in the “Costa da Morte”. Return and overnight in Fisterra. Overnight half-board.

*Walking time: ≈ 5h, 18 km.*



## DAY 6 : FISTERRA

Your holiday ends after breakfast. There is a bus service which will take you back to Santiago. You could also return by taxi (if you wish to do this, you should book the journey when you book your holiday).

*There is also the option of adding another day to Muxia, a nice little village to the north of Fisterra (on request).*

### 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.

## > DATES

From April 1 to October 31, at your convenience and subject to hotel availability.

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

- The transfers on J8 and J9 between Triacastela and Samos
- Half-board for all accommodation
- Luggage transfer between each walking stage
- Topo-guide available (1 topo-guide per room booked).



## > 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

Welcomes take place in the your hotel in Santiago de Compostela late in the afternoon. For the ones who come by car, private paid parking place near the hotel (to ask to the hotel). For the ones who come by train, taxi from the railway station to the hotel.

Your trip takes end in Fisterra after the breakfast.

## > LEVEL

 From 5h to 7h per day on hilly terrain; these stages can be shortened on request and depending on cab availability. The differences in altitude are small and the route is well signposted.

## > 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).**

## > LUNCH

Packed lunches are not included in our prices. You'll find plenty of food and drink along the way.

## > LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

Only your gear for the day and a picnic lunch. Luggage is transported by vehicle. We ask you to bring only one piece of luggage per person, NOT EXCEEDING 13kg; beyond this number (1 bag) and weight (12kg), the transporter may charge you a supplement at the end of the tour, or categorically refuse to transport your luggage if it is too bulky.

If you are part of a group, we ask you to indicate on your luggage tags the NAME of the person responsible for the group (the person who booked the tour).

## > ACCESS

*As train and bus timetables are subject to variations throughout the year and depending on the day of the week, we invite you to contact the various public transport operators directly to prepare your journey to the meeting point and back.*



-by train



-by plane



-by car



## > TRAVEL FILE

A topoguide is provided on payment of the balance (**1 copy per room booked**): it contains descriptions of the paths (the entire route is signposted) and comments on villages, monuments, etc. As well as the travel pack containing all the documents you need for your tour: luggage tags, practical information sheet with logistical details and accommodation addresses.

If you would like an additional travel pack, you will be charged + 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](http://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.

## To call France

To call France from Spain, dial the international dialing code 00, then the French dialing code 33, then your phone number, minus the first 0.

To call Spain, dial the international dialing code 00, then the Spanish dialing code 34, then your phone number, minus the first 0.

EXAMPLE : how to call the Pèlerine : 00 33 4 71 74 47 40.

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