



THE EXPERT FOR THE WAYS OF ST JAMES

CAMINO DEL NORTE From Santillana del Mar to Oviedo



The Camino del Norte, or the coastal path, takes you on a journey of discovery through sensational landscapes between sea and mountains...
Between Santillana del Mar and Oviedo, the Camino del Norte is full of surprises and panoramic views between land and sea. The hike will take you to authentic ports and wild rias. The Camino del Norte's route to Santiago de Compostela takes you to the heart of Asturias, with its coastline of steep cliffs interspersed with pretty beaches for beautiful maritime walks...



10 Days - 9 Nights – Hiking Days.

DAY 1 : SANTILLANA DEL MAR

You check in to your hotel at the end of the afternoon.

We suggest that you arrive during the day so that you have time to look round the pleasant town of Santillana del Mar. **Dinner not included in the price.**

DAY 2 : SANTILLANA – COMILLAS

D+380m / D-435m

This is a beautiful day's walk in which the landscape of the coast unfolds before you. The little town of Comillas is full of charm.

Walking time: ≈ 5h45, distance 23 km.

DAY 3 : COMILLAS – UNQUERA

D+430m / D – 450m

During this day's walk you enter Asturias when you cross the river inlet of the Tina Mayor. As you walk you get magnificent views of the sea and of the estuaries. On the way, take the opportunity to stroll round the streets of San Vicente de la Barquera.

Walking time: ≈ 7h, distance 28 km.

DAY 4 : UNQUERA – LLANES

D+370m / D – 400m

You walk in front of the beautiful Latin-American style villas close to Colombres. Then you have a choice of two alternative paths. The first goes along the lovely Cantabrian coast; the other takes you through some beautiful Asturian villages.

Walking time: ≈ 6h30, distance 26 km.

DAY 5 : LLANES – RIBADESELLA

D+285m / D-280m

This is a long but very enjoyable day's walk, with natural beauty and sights of cultural interest from beginning to end. Free dinner.

Walking time: ≈ 7h30, distance 30 km.



DAY 6 : RIBADESELLA – COLUNGA

D+ 550m / D-560m

This is a perfect seaside walk! You walk by the Atlantic Ocean all the way from Ribadesella to Colunga.

Walking time: ≈ 5h15, distance 21 km.

DAY 7 : COLUNGA – VILLAVICIOSA

D +315m / D-320m

From Colunga to Villaviciosa, you discover the well-wooded landscape of Asturias, a mixture of forests and meadows. Villaviciosa is a small town, very lively and full of charm. You are warmly invited to visit one of the local cider breweries.

Walking time: ≈ 4h, distance 17 km

DAY 8 : VILLAVICIOSA - VEGA DE POJA

D+ 620 / D – 350m

Today you walk between Villaviciosa and Pola de Sierro, passing through a number of Asturian villages and hamlets.

Walking time: ≈ 7h, distance 27 km.

DAY 9 : VEGA DE POJA – OVIEDO

D+250m / D-265m

This day's walk brings you to the town of Oviedo after following a number of pleasantly wooded paths and tracks. Take some time to explore the streets and alleyways of the town. The night is spent in half-board accommodation.

Walking time: ≈ 4h45, distance 18 km.

DAY 10 : OVIEDO

Your trip ends after 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.



> 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

- Overnight stays on a half-board basis (except in Santillana del Mar and Ribadesella)
- Luggage transfers between each walking stage (depending on the option chosen)
- Travel book with topo-guide (1 topo-guide per room booked).

> PRICE DOES NOT COVER

- Lunch
- All drinks
- Insurance.
- International shipping costs (+20€/file),
- Registration fees (+15€/person),
- Priority processing fee for registrations received by D-15 (+45€/file).

> ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

Beginning of the trip :

Arrival and set up in your hotel in Santillana del Mar late in the afternoon , the day before your first hiking day.

End of the trip :

In Oviedo after the breakfast, the day after your last hiking day .



> LEVEL



Between 4h and 7h of walking over a distance of 17 to 30 km on undulating terrain with gradients.

> ACCOMMODATION

In hotels, guesthouses and casas rurales.

When accommodation is very busy :

It may happen that your stay has already been booked by other hikers.

In this case, and for your comfort, some accommodations will be modified ; cab pick-up times and locations may also be altered. **Additional charges may apply.**

> MEALS AND LUNCH

The packed-lunch are not included in the price, neither the dinner in Santillana del Mar and Ribadesella.

You will find in your topoguide all the informatyion you need to eat at midday.

You should also 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).

> LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

Your luggage will be transported between each stage of the walk.

ATTENTION :

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

Please 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 luggage tags the **NAME** of the person responsible for the group (the person who booked the tour).



> ACCESS

*GO



- by train or bus



- by plane



- by car

*RETURN



- by bus



- by plane



- by car

A transfer of your vehicle can be organized during your walking holiday, so that you can collect it at the end of your stay (please contact us).

> TRAVEL FILE

The month before your departure, after having paid your trip, we will send you a travel file with all the documents you need to your hike : a topoguide and maps, luggage tags, addresses of your accommodations and also contractual documents (invoice, insurance certificate). In the topoguide you will find the description of the paths (all the way is well-marked) and comments upon the villages, the monuments ... We give 1 topoguide per reserved room.

If you want an additional travel file, you be invoiced +20€/file.

> TAKEOUT LIST

- 1 soft travel bag; avoid suitcases, which are bulkier, and keep the weight and bulk of your belongings to a reasonable 10 kg maximum.
- 1 small rucksack (minimum 30 liters) for your day's essentials
- 1 pair of previously used hiking boots



- 1 waterproof, breathable jacket (Gore-Tex type)
 - 1 fleece or 1 pullover
 - 1 rain cape (poncho)
 - 1 pair of loose-fitting walking pants (canvas or jogging pants)
 - 1 pair of thin gloves
 - 1 hat
 - 1 pair of shorts
 - 1 bathing suit + towel
 - several pairs of socks (not too thick)
 - underwear
 - 1 pair of tennis shoes
 - 1 tracksuit or loose-fitting evening suit
 - sunglasses, sun cream and lip protection
 - 1 hat
 - 1 water bottle (2 to 3 liters per person per day in summer)
 - 1 Tupperware-type plastic bowl for picnics + cutlery
 - 1 small personal first-aid kit (gauze, elastoplast, painkiller, double skin for blisters, earplugs...).
 - your camera, and why not a novel, watercolors or other...
 - your papers; see "Formalities".
- Don't forget your good mood and your curiosity!

> 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.



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.

MORE DETAILS AT THE SUSCRPTION

