



## THE EXPERT FOR THE WAYS OF ST JAMES

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



It's the home stretch to Santiago de Compostela, and the last 100 kilometers await you... The route takes in Galicia, a region steeped in Celtic culture, where you'll experience the final stages of the Great Way of St. James. You won't want to miss the moving arrival in the city of Santiago and the passage to Monte de Gozo. After crossing the Porta do Camino, the streets and alleys of the old town will welcome you. The arrival in front of the cathedral's huge forecourt brings your long and beautiful journey along the Camino de Santiago to a grand finale.



7 Days, 6 Nights, 5 hiking days.

### DAY 1 : SARRIA

Arrival to your hotel, in the city of **Sarria**. Night in half-board.

### DAY 10 : SARRIA - PORTOMARÍN 387 m

This stage takes you through the heart of Galicia, where green is the predominant colour. You will see the horreos, grain stores perched on four pillars. Passing through bewitchingly beautiful landscape you arrive at Portomarín, a drowned village which has been rebuilt on higher ground. Overnight stay and half board.

*Walking time: ≈ 6h, 23 km.*

### DAY 11 : PORTOMARÍN - PALAS DE REI 565 m

The way takes you through eucalyptus plantations between Portomarín and Palas de Rei, a major crossroads in the old days. Overnight stay and half board.

*Walking time: ≈ 6.5h, 25 km.*

### DAY 4 : PALAS DE REI - CASTAÑEDA

Hilly stage in green Galicia, where you can admire the beautiful traditional houses (“pazos”) with raised granaries. Overnight half-board.

*Walking time: ≈ 5h20, 23 km.*

### DAY 5 : CASTAÑEDA - A RUA

Penultimate stage on the way to Santiago de Compostela. Crossing numerous rivers before arriving at A Rúa. Overnight on half-board basis.

*Walking time: ≈ 5h45, 24 km.*

### DAY 6 : A RUA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA 260 m

This is the final stage, rich in emotion and crowned by the arrival in Santiago, which UNESCO has declared a World Heritage Site. You go over the Monte de



Gozo which gives you a view over the whole city. You approach the city centre through the suburbs seeing many interesting sights on your way: the cathedral and the Plaza de Obradoiro, the Hostal de los Reyes Catolicos, the cloister and the archbishop's palace and the Palace of Raxoi... Overnight stay and half board.

*Walking time: ≈ 5h15, 21 km.*

## DAY 7 : SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

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.

## > 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.

Please note: if you'd like to extend your stay to Cape Finisterre or spend a few days in Galicia, don't hesitate to contact us!

## > 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

Pick-up at the hotel in Sarria in the late afternoon, the day before your first day's walk.

Parking available at the Sarria hotel.

Your stay ends in Santiago de Compostela after breakfast.

## > LEVEL

 From 5h to 6 walking per day in Galicia, hilly fields without difficulties, no more than 300 m of ascent per day.

## > 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 and from the meeting point.*

**\*How to come :**



-by train



-by car



-by plane



## \*RETURN



-by train



-by bus



-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.
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## > 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.

**MORE DETAILS AT THE SUBSCRIPTION**

