

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, THE WAY OF ST. JAMES ~



The Last 100 km on the Portuguese Coastal Camino

12-DAY CAMINO EXPERIENCE FROM BAIONA TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA~
SEPTEMBER 16 - 25, 2018



EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, a network of routes leading to Galicia in northwest Spain, to the Old Town of Santiago de Compostela. For many centuries, the faithful have embarked on a pilgrim's journey across Spain, following the footsteps of St. James. The last stop on this journey is the shrine of St. James The Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

In October 1987, the route was declared the first European Cultural Route by the Council of Europe, and Santiago de Compostela was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Portuguese Coastal route is a popular route among modern-day pilgrims, after the traditional French Way. The last stretch of the Portuguese Coastal Camino or *Caminho da Costa* starts in the elegant seaside town of Baiona, in the heart of the Rías Baixas, famous for its Albariño white wine and delicious shellfish. Visit the Monte Real castle, stroll along the port and go for a swim in the bay before you start your journey to Santiago. From Baiona, you will follow the coast towards Vigo, enjoying the views of the magnificent Illas Cíes and Vigo Bay.



The Portuguese Coastal Way joins the classic Camino Portugues in the town of Redondela and it is here where you will start meeting fellow pilgrims. You will continue your Camino de Santiago passing many small hamlets as well as the village of Arcade (famous for its oysters), lovely historic Pontevedra, the spa town of Caldas de Reis, Padrón (home of the famous peppers) and finally Santiago de Compostela where you can get your 'Compostela' certificate.



☞ DAY BY DAY ITINERARY ☛

Day 01, Sat

15 Sept 2018 – Depart Vancouver

Day 2, Sun

16 Sept 2018 – Arrive in Baiona, o/n

Day 3, Mon

17 Sept 2018 – Day at leisure in Baiona, o/n

Spend a leisurely day in the elegant seaside town of Baiona. Stroll along the port, visit the impressive Monte Real fortress and taste the best of the Rías Baixas seafood and white wine before you start your journey to Santiago de Compostela.



Day 4, Tue

18 Sept 2018 – Baiona to Nigrán – 10 km, o/n

Start your Camino de Santiago. Today you will follow the Atlantic coast from Baiona to Nigrán.

Day 5, Wed

19 Sept 2018 – Nigrán to Vigo – 18 km, o/n

Continue on to the city of Vigo. You will enjoy fantastic views of the Bay of Vigo, with the magnificent Illas Cíes and its Natural Park in the horizon.

Day 6, Thu

20 Sept 2018 –Vigo to Redondela – 15 km, o/n

From the city of Vigo, you will continue on your coastal Camino with the Bay of Vigo to your left. Today is quite a short day so you can enjoy a more relaxed pace. Your stop for the night is the town of Redondela where you will join the original Portuguese Camino.

Day 7, Fri

21 Sept 2018 –Redondela to Pontevedra – 20 km, o/n



Today is your last day along the coast and quite a short walking day so you can make the most of the seaside. Stop to try the famous oysters in the fishing village of Arcade. Your final point is the city of Pontevedra, with its pretty historic centre. At today is quite a short day so you will have time to explore the old town, with its many Romanesque churches and quaint granite squares.

Day 8, Sat

22 Sept 2018 – Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis – 21 km, o/n

Leaving Pontevedra, today, the Camino will take you through chestnut groves and pine and eucalyptus woods. In the village of Ponte Cabras you will see the rectory of Santa María de Alba. At Lombo da Maceira, a statue of Saint James with his walking stick will show you the way. On your way to Caldas de Reis you will pass the hamlet of Tivo with its lovely fountain and public washing bath.

Day 9, Sun

23 Sept 2018 – Caldas de Reis to Padrón – 19 km, o/n

From Caldas de Reis you will cross the river Umia and find the hot springs that have given the town its name since Roman times. The trail once again takes you to forests and gradually climbs to the village of Santa Mariña. You will continue on the Camino through pine forests to today's destination: the town of Padrón. When the body of Saint James was being brought to Compostela by boat, Padrón was said to be the first land it reached.

Day 10, Mon

24 Sept 2018 – Padrón to Santiago de Compostela– 25 km, o/n

Today you will walk through a number of small villages on your way to the historical sanctuary of A Esclavitude. Nearby on a hilltop sit the ruins of a fort known as Castro Lupario. Visit the Church of Santa Maria de Teo. Shortly after this you will see some of the oldest wayside crosses in Galicia. As you make your way towards Agro dos Monteiros you will be able to see the spires of the cathedral in Compostela. You will pass the ruins of the castle of A Rocha Vella, as you approach Santiago de Compostela.



Day 11, Tue

25 Sept 2018 – Day at leisure in Santiago de Compostela, o/n



Visit St. James' Cathedral and attend the Pilgrim's Mass. Take time to explore this gem of a city, small and vibrant.

This UNESCO- listed "Old Town" will enchant you. In Santiago de Compostela you will find not only pilgrims but also locals and students, socialising and enjoying a few bites and glasses of wine in the many bars, restaurants and cosy cafés. You may chance upon various musical performances around Plaza del Obradoiro.

Day 12, Wed

26 Sept 2018 – Depart Santiago de Compostela.





Map from walksworldwide.com

From / To	KM
Baiona to Nigrán	10
Nigrán to Vigo	18
Vigo to Redondela	20
Redondela to Pontevedra	21
Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis	19
Caldas de Reis to Padrón	13
Padrón to Santiago de Compostela	25
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Tour Pricing Details:

\$1,829 per person, Double occupancy

\$2,308 per person, Single occupancy

Non-refundable deposit of \$375 due upon registration.

Final payment due on or before Friday, 18 May 2018.

Tour Inclusions:

- Standard accommodations, plus upgrade to Superior accommodation in Padrón
- Meals as indicated: (B)reakfast and (D)inner
- Luggage transfer (1 piece per passenger)
- Holiday pack (including the 'credencial'-pilgrim's passport)
- Ground assistance
- Walking guide
- Transfer, Departure –hotel to airport in Santiago

Not included in tour:

- Airfare
- Transfer, Arrival - transfer from airport to hotel in Baiona can be arranged upon request.
- Insurance
- Other items of personal nature, such as meals not indicated in itinerary, beverages, laundry, telephone charges, etc.



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