

Spain - Walking the Camino de Santiago Short Distances Walking Tour 2023
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



This is not a standard walking tour. People from many countries across Europe have been travelling along the Camino de Santiago for centuries. The Camino itself is part of our history and cultural heritage. Out of all the long distance routes that exist, only the Camino de Santiago has been given the recognition of World Heritage by the United Nations because of its historical and spiritual significance. Countless millions have walked it over the last thousand years and yet it has remained largely unchanged. It continues to cross the same rivers, climb the same mountains and pass by the same villages, chapels, churches and cathedrals. You will be walking the final 113 kilometers of the classic Camino de Santiago. Starting at the Galician town of Sarria where many pilgrims begin their walk will give you the chance to soak up the history that surrounds this long distance route.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Sarria

Arrival at the Galician town of Sarria, the starting point for all pilgrims wishing to complete the last 113 kilometers of the Camino.



Day 2: Sarria - Portomarin 23 km + 300 m

Today you set off on the Camino walking through ancient oak, birch and chestnut forests and later through many hamlets dotted around areas of cultivated land and grazing pastures along quiet country lanes and natural pathways. Enjoy the peace and tranquility as you walk through a part of rural Spain that seems to be caught in a time warp!

Day 3: Portomarin – Lestedo 20 km + 450 m

Pine forests, corn fields, meadows and leafy green woodland accompanies you on this stretch of the Camino. You will also cross a number of small villages full of rural character, with ancient stone built houses in age old villages that reflect the simpler pace of life of a bygone era.

Day 4: Lestedo – Melide 20 km + 450 m

Today you will cross several beautiful river valleys as you follow secluded pathways through mature woodland. The area is full of medieval castles as well as Romanesque churches and ancient settlements.

Day 5: Melide - Arzua 14 km + 90 m

A short stage day to give your legs a rest! You will walk amongst woodland, meadows and small orchards which surround the many small villages you go through. You'll be tempted to stop and savour each one you encounter!



Day 6: Arzua - Rua 19 km + 120 m

This part of the Camino weaves its way towards Santiago through undulating fields and tiny villages, each one a hidden gem with stone built houses, narrow streets and seemingly standing still in time. You can breathe the history along the way and can only imagine how many thousands of people over the centuries have shaped this legendary route.



Day 7: Rua - Santiago de Compostela 23 km + 375 m

Time to relish the last remaining kilometres of your adventure. Today the Camino leads you into the very heart of the unique city of pilgrims, Santiago de Compostela, into the Plaza de Obradoiro overlooking the Cathedral built in honour of Saint James. A city shrouded in centuries of legends, you will arrive elated to the echoes of the pilgrims who have gone before you! This is a truly spiritual and uplifting experience! With a buzz of satisfaction and a smile on your face you will arrive with enough time to get your "Compostelana" or Pilgrim's Passport. This singular city offers many important landmarks for you to enjoy, every corner imbued with history and atmosphere. You won't want to say goodbye!

Day 8: Return or extra nights in Santiago

Departure or why not linger in Santiago a few days to further explore. How about a touch of luxury in the 5* Parador?



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Hard. Longer distances and hilly terrain with sometimes as much as 30 kilometers per day requiring a maximum of 7.5 hours of walking

Distance: 113 km

Travel Season: Daily arrival from April 1 to October 31, 2023

Price per Person:

Double Occupancy B&B	€ 761.00
Single Supplement	€ 231.00
Solo Traveler Supplement	€ 231.00
Transfer Extra Item of Luggage	€ 36.00
Transfer from Santiago Airport – Sarria (1-4 persons)	€ 148.00
Extra Nights Santiago Double Occupancy B&B	On request
Extra Nights Santiago Single Occupancy B&B	On request

Accommodation:

Five small hotels in the Camino itself of 2* and 3* standard. In Santiago two nights in centrally located small hotel.

Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation in a room with its own bathroom
- 7 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Luggage transfers between hotels (one item of luggage per person)
- Detailed maps and road book
- Itinerary description, full of advice, recommendations, suggestion and important information about your accommodation.
- Pilgrims Passport
- Emergency support

Not Included:

- Transfer from Santiago airport to starting point in Sarria

