



SPAIN

CAMINO FRANCES - SARRIA TO SANTIAGO (TOUR CODE: 12516)

STARTS AND ENDS

Sarria to
Santiago de Compostela

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Mar 23 - 22 Dec 23

EXPERIENCE

Walk & Hike

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience a soulful journey as you walk the last 100 km of the Camino Frances from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela.

Highlights

- Walk 100 km of the Camino way - the most popular walk of the **Camino Frances** (French Way)
- Visit the famous market towns of **Portomarin and Arzua**
- Reach the renowned **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**

This sociable route is the most popular walk of the Camino Frances (French Way), rewarding pilgrims with unforgettable rural experience, unique discoveries.

Classified as moderate to challenging, this walk has varied terrain with regular ascents and descents so a reasonable level of fitness is required. Guests will also be staying in a mix of 2-4 star hotels, guest houses, pensions with private facilities due to the limited number of accommodation options available in the area.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Sarria at Hotel Alfonso IX- 4* or similar
- 1 night in Portomarin at Hotel Vistalegre- 2* or similar
- 1 night in Palas de Rei at Casa Leopoldo- 3* or similar
- 1 night in Arzua at Hotel 1930 Boutique- 3* or similar
- 1 night in Amenal at Hotel Amenal- 2* or similar in Pedrouza, Rúa or Lavacolla
- 1 night in Santiago de Compostela at Parador de Santiago- 5* or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Luggage transfer during stages (1 piece of 20 kg/pax)
- Complete documentation and Travel notebook

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Sarria

Make your own way to Sarria and check in your accommodation.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Sarria at **Hotel Alfonso IX** or similar.



Sarria Portomarin

After breakfast, expect a calm walk through pretty villages and peaceful hamlets under the shade of oak trees and along quiet country roads. Along the way, you will spot many *Galician traditional 'hórreos'* (granaries). Visit the beautiful Romanesque church in the village of **Barbadelo**. Your destination for the night is the town of Portomarin.

Overnight stay in Portomarin at **Hotel Vistalegre** or similar.

Breakfast



Portomarin Palas de Rei

After breakfast, your Camino will cross the river **Miño** (Galicia's longest river) and rise uphill steadily towards the Serra de Ligonde. You will pass nice hamlets such as **Gonzar and Ventas de Narón**.

Stop to visit the Romanesque Church of Santa María in Castromaior and the Romanesque church in Eirexe, with its portal featuring a sculpture of Daniel with animals, as well as Pilgrim Santiago.

Overnight stay in Palas de Rei at **Casa Leopoldo** or similar.

Breakfast



PORTOMARIN RESERVOIR

Day 4 Palas de Rei Arzua

After breakfast, the Camino trail continues downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the delightful village of Leboreiro.

Take a break in the lively market town of **Melide**, where you can try octopus, Galicia's most classic dish, in one of the many 'pulperías'. The Camino crosses several streams and follows a forest track bringing you to the village of Boente and the church of Santiago.

Next is the pretty medieval hamlet of **Ribadiso** and finally the town of **Arzúa** (389m), famous for its local cheese. In Arzúa, visit the churches of Santa María and A Magdalena.

Overnight stay in Arzua at **Hotel 1930 Boutique** or similar.

Breakfast



OCTOPUS IN MELIDE

Day 5 Arzua Amenal

After breakfast, your journey will take you through pretty woods, sleepy villages, and across streams for most of the day. The chapel of Santa Irene, with its unique statue of Santiago, is worth a visit.

En route, don't miss the lovely **hamlet of Rúa**. The rest of the route to Amenal is along a mix of good and calm country roads and forest tracks.

Overnight stay in Amenal at **Hotel Amenal*** or similar.

Please note that in Amenal there is only one accommodation, if at the time of booking there is no availability, we will reserve in Pedrouzo, Rúa or Lavacolla modifying the kilometers of the stages of days 5 and 6.

Breakfast



Day 6 Amenal Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast, your next point of interest is **Lavacolla** in the outskirts of Santiago, where pilgrims used to wash themselves in the river in preparation for their arrival in Santiago de Compostela. Rows of tall eucalyptus trees line your journey to **Monte do Gozo** (the "Mount of Joy," at 368m), and it is from here that you will catch your first glimpse of the spires of the cathedral in Santiago.

When you arrive in the city (264m, population 80,000), explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site's architecture and delight in the wonderful atmosphere of this spiritual and cultural city. With only 16.5km to walk today, you should be in Santiago in time for the pilgrim mass (12PM). After visiting the **Santiago Cathedral** and recovering from your walk, take time to explore this gem of a city, which is small and vibrant. Its old town will enchant you. In Santiago de Compostela, you will find not only pilgrims but also locals and students enjoying a few bites and socialising over a glass of wine in the many bars, restaurants, and cosy cafes.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela at **Parador de Santiago** or similar.

Breakfast



CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Day 7

Santiago de Compostela

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

End of the service.

Breakfast



CITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

Euro

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package