

Camino Portuguese Way



Day 1 ARRIVE LISBON Met and transferred to your hotel. Time to freshen up before exploring Lisbon by evening. **(B)**

Day 2 LISBON – SINTRA – LISBON This comprehensive 8-hour tour from Lisbon gives you the chance to visit one of Europe's most beautiful romantic palaces. Avoid the stress of making your own way to the evenly dispersed highlights of Sintra and Cascais by travelling around the province with ease. Marvel at the UNESCO-listed Pena National Palace; visit Cabo da Roca, Europe's westernmost point; and discover the charming fishing village of Cascais. Hotel pickup and drop-off are included **Overnight Porto (B) 18 October**

Day 3 LISBON TO PORTO

After breakfast we will transfer to the railway station and depart to Porto which is a 3 hour journey. Porto, set on the banks of river Douro is Portugal's most charming city. It is from Porto that the country took its name back in the 12th Century. The centre was declared **UNESCO World Heritage area in 1996.**

You will arrive into Porto and take your own transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon to explore Porto. This evening there will be a brief orientation meeting with your local guide about the Camino Portugues, which has a wealth of stone buildings and bridges, country chapels and medieval towns along the way. **Overnight in Porto (B) 19 October**

Day 4 - PORTO – PONTE DE LIMA
WALK approx 4.5 hours, 12 km

After breakfast you will have a guided tour of Porto downtown area to see some of its emblematic sites such as the 12th-18th century Cathedral, the Tower of the Clerigos, symbol

of the town and the nearby Livreria Lello & Irmao, a unique bookstore considered by many as the world's most beautiful. Built at the end of 19th century it is Modernist/Art Noveau in style with a stunning interior; marvellous stairway, wooden walls and stained glass ceilings. You will also visit the colorful Bolho market and the station of Sao Benito with its magnificent tile panels.

After tapas lunch we transfer to start our warm up walk on the Camino which takes us through quiet country lanes past small chapels and villages with pretty gardens. Final gradual descent to the valley of the Lima river which gives its name to the medieval town where we stay tonight, Ponte de Lima. It's impressive Roman bridge and cobble stoned streets are a delight to walk along.

Overnight in Ponte de Lima

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 –PONTE DE LIMA – RUBIAS

WALK approx 5 hours, 18 km

We start our walk today ascending to a mountain ridge to reach Alto da Portela Grande at 405m. From here you will enjoy magnificent views back down to the Lima valley, from here the trails descends heading north to Rubiais along its Roman road.

Overnight in Ponte de Lima

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 –RUBIAIS – VALENCA

WALK approx 5.5 hours, 19 km

Today's Camino travels along some hilly terrain. A delightful day of quiet lanes and dirt tracks, the country side becomes greener as we approach Galicia. Gently downhill into the river Minho valley. The historic border and walled town of Valença has an impressive fortress. We explore Valença, before crossing along the international bridge into Tui on the Spanish side where we adjust our watches setting them 1 hour ahead.

Overnight in Tui

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 TUI – O'PORRINO

WALK approx 3.5 hours, 10km

The Camino follows woodland paths before reaching O'Porriño. We shorten our walk today in order to explore beautiful medieval Tui. The town faces Valença fortress on the other bank of river Miño.

Overnight in Tui

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 O'PORRINO – REDONDELA

WALK approx 4.5 hours, 15 km

Today's stage follows part of the old Roman road with rolling hills as our backdrop, passing through vineyards and green farm country with occasional views to the estuary of Vigo. We can see traditional constructions such as mills, cruceiros and horreos made of granite.

Overnight in Rectoral de Cobres
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 REDONDELA – PONTEVEDRA
WALK approx 4.5 hours, 18km

Along this part of the Camino we cross the Medieval Bridge; Ponte Sampaio, where Napoleon's troops were defeated in the war of Independence. Pontevedra's Baroque-Neoclassic Iglesia de la Virgen Peregrina is unique in Spain due to its shell shape.

Overnight in Pontevedra
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 PONTEVEDRA – CALDAS DO REI
WALK approx 5.5 hours, 23km

Today's stage is quite long as we wind through the rural landscape. This wine growing region is well known for the excellent Albariño wine. Caldas means the King's spa and it is a true thermal hot spring town. We will be able to have a sip of this medicinal water in the public fountain Das Burgas located in the town square.

Overnight in Padron
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 CALDAS DO REI – PADRON – ESCRAVITUDE
WALK approx 5.5 hours, 23km

This stage is considered by many as one of the most beautiful on the whole route. We pass the Green Bermaña and Valga valleys before reaching Padrón. According to the legend of St. James, his body appeared mysteriously right here. The village is also known for its little, tasty green peppers and for being the birth place of two famous writers: Rosalia de Castro, (mother of Galician poetry) and Nobel Prize winner in literature in 1989, Camilo José Cela

Overnight in Padron
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 ESCRAVITUDE – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
WALK approx 5.5 hours, 19.5km

On the final stage of the Camino Portugues we walk through woodland joining a path that leads directly into the ancient centre, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site and is one of the most beautiful squares in all of Spain. Here you will reach the ultimate goal of all pilgrims, the Cathedral where the remains of St James are stored.

Entering the magnificent square of El Obradoiro is a magical moment for all who have walked the Camino.

Dinner is not included tonight so you can try one of the many restaurants in town.

Overnight in 4* Hotel Monumento San Francisco, Santiago

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 13 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA

In the morning you will enjoy a guided tour of Compostela with an English speaking official guide who will inform you of the history and culture. We will also visit the central market which is filled with fresh produce from the country orchards and the sea. There is time to stroll the medieval streets in a relaxed way in the afternoon. There are many shops and museums as well as a great variety of restaurants and tapas bars with a wonderful gastronomic offer for your lunch today.

Farewell dinner tonight to rejoice the end of the journey.

Overnight in 4* Hotel Monumento San Francisco, Santiago de Compostela

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 DEPARTURE DAY

The trip concludes in Santiago de Compostela today. Transfer to the airport for our flight