

Camino Portuguese Way



The Camino Portugués (Portuguese Way) is the Medieval Way to get Santiago de Compostela. This is a very mystic way full of positive energy, belief and faith. This is the route that has been covered by thousands of pilgrims along the years since the 9th century.

Our route starts at the gorgeous city of Porto

and it will take you through many stunning landscapes: from the city lights to the coast and back to the peaceful Portuguese countryside dotted with vineyards, forests and green rolling hills.

On your way, stop to admire the many little quaint towns and villages along the way.

Fully guided tour

Our fully- guided tours are ideal for travelers looking to share their Camino experience with a small group. Guided tours are a great way to meet people along the walking routes and they are led by local guides with in-depth knowledge of the Camino de Santiago. They speak fluent English and can provide you with insights into the local culture.

Included in our guided tours is Accommodation in 3 star hotels with attached bathroom, Bus support throughout the trip, Guided Sightseeing tours in certain cities along the way, Bus support at the beginning of the program and to the hotel at the end it (every day), English-language companion guide throughout the trip, walk with the group, All taxes and service charges at the hotels, Baggage transfer between hotels

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Porto

Arrive in Porto and make sure you have set aside time to explore this beautiful city. Transfer from the airport to the central located hotel in Porto.

Day 2: Matosinhos – Vila do Conde | 20km

In the early morning, you will have a short car transfer to Matosinhos to avoid Porto's urban sprawl and begin your first walking stage of the Coastal Camino de Santiago. Wooden boardwalks and pavements will lead you along the coastline via a series of wide sandy beaches, nature reserves, and fishing villages to the historical coastal town of Vila do Conde.

- *Walking for the day: 20km, 4-5h*

Day 3: Vila do Conde – Esposende | 25km

Cross the residential areas that connect Vila do Conde with the seaside resort town of Povoia de Varzim. Spend a significant portion of the day walking alongside the coast between flower meadows and dunes and across beaches, then head inland towards Esposende via market gardens, forests and villages and over a bridge across the wide Cávado estuary.

- *Walking for the day: 25km, 5-6h*

Day 4: Esposende – Viana do Castelo | 24km

After leaving the coast behind, you'll pass through various villages and some delightful sections of woodland and rivers. Arriving at the Neiva River's mouth, head inland briefly before returning to the coast and then walking along a forest path to the small port of Cabedelo. The Eiffel bridge into Viana do Castelo, famous for its architecture, offers magnificent views over the Lima estuary and the distant mountain ranges.

- *Walking for the day: 24km, 5-6h*

Day 5: Viana do Castelo – Vila Praia de Âncora | 19km

Today's journey is mainly inland, with occasional coastal views from a string of hillside villages. Before leaving Viana do Castelo, take time to climb the funicular to the eucalyptus-clad hill of Monte de Santa Luzia or visit the neo-Byzantine Temple to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for panoramic views. Heading out of the city, cross many beaches via wooden footbridges over the dunes and walk along sea promenades. Enjoy the shade of the eucalyptus forest as you make your way uphill before descending to the secluded beachside resort town of Vila Praia de Âncora.

- *Walking for the day: 19km, 4-5h*

Day 6: Vila Praia de Âncora – A Guarda | 15km

A nice coastal path connects Âncora with Moledo and then continues to the charming town of Caminha. If there's time, take a detour through the pine forest beside the beach before catching the ferry across the River Minho to the peaceful fishing town of A Guarda in Spain, a great place to taste some fresh seafood.

- *Walking for the day: 15km, 3-4h*

Day 7: A Guarda – Oia | 13km

Try to set aside some time for a detour to the Santa Tegra Celtic settlement before leaving A Guarda – the views are spectacular. Follow the Camino through the town centre and out towards the rugged coastline. Use coastal paths, forest tracks and tarmac roads to reach the small beachfront village of Oia, dominated by its 12th-century monastery. Enjoy some grilled fish and a glass of Vinho Verde as you take in the sea views.

- *Walking for the day: 13km, 3-4h*

Day 8: Oia – Baiona | 18km

Walk across fields and among scattered houses at the foot of impressive cliffs until reaching the Lighthouse of Cabo Silleiro, then cut across the mountains. A final descent through the countryside brings you into the medieval centre of Baiona, passing by two ancient churches. Baiona was the first port in Europe to receive the news of the discovery of America.

- *Walking for the day: 18km, 4-5h*

Day 9: Baiona – Vigo | 25km

Once you leave the residential areas around Baiona, the terrain becomes even more rural with villages and woodland patches. There is a brief section along a busy road after which you'll be back among villages on the approach to Vigo. The Camino takes you through Castrelos Park to avoid walking through the city.

- *Walking for the day: 25km, 5-6h*

Day 10: Vigo – Arcade | 22km

Walk along Vigo's main shopping street and out of the city onto a long road that connects a string of peaceful hillside villages with views across the city, estuary and port. Around halfway into the journey, you'll exchange houses for trees before the steep descent towards Redondela. Climb through the woods before heading down to Arcade, a riverside town famous for its oysters. Here the routes of the Traditional (Central) Way and the Coastal Way of Camino Portugues merge.

- *Walking for the day: 22km, 5-6h*

Day 11: Arcade – Pontevedra | 13km

This stage is one of the shortest and most beautiful of the Camino Portugues. Climb the ancient stone paths of the Vereia Vella da Canicouva and explore the 13th-century church. When you arrive at Pontevedra, don't miss the historic city centre and its numerous tapas bars.

- *Walking for the day: 13km, 3-4h*

Day 12: Pontevedra – Caldas de Reis | 22km

Leave Pontevedra through pleasant countryside. This stage to Caldas de Reis is fairly long but not demanding, and you will have the opportunity to rest your tired feet in Caldas de Reis' thermal springs.

- *Walking for the day: 22km, 5-6h*

Day 13: Caldas de Reis – Padrón | 19km

Today's route leaves Caldas de Reis and takes you on a soft climb to the charming woodlands of Valga. You'll see many churches and stone crosses on the way to Padrón and take in the Bermana and Valga river valleys. Padrón is the place where St James remains were brought to following his martyrdom in Jerusalem.

- *Walking for the day: 19km, 4-5h*

Day 14: Padrón – Santiago de Compostela | 23km

Your final stage! You will walk mostly through rural settings, but there are still pleasant sections through oak, pine and eucalyptus woodland. Enter the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela and relish the end of your journey at the Cathedral.

- *Walking for the day: 23km, 5-6h*

Day 15: Santiago de Compostela. Today you will enjoy a city walking tour of the old town and of the Cathedral of Santiago with included entrance fee and farewell dinner at a nice restaurant of the old town.

Day 16: Day trip to Finestere. Evening farewell dinner (BD)

Day 17 Transfer from the Hotel in Santiago to the airport of Santiago. End of our services

16 nights' accommodations in double or single room as follows:

- 1 Night in Porto in BB
- 1 Night in Vila do Conde in BB
- 1 Night in Esposende in BB
- 1 Night in Viana do Castelo in BB
- 1 Night in Vila Praia de Âncora in BB
- 1 Night in A Guarda in BB
- 1 Night in Oia in BB
- 1 night in Baiona in BB
- 1 night in Vigo in BB
- 1 night in Arcade in BB
- 1 night in Pontevedra in BB
- 1 night in Caldas de Reis in BB
- 1 night in Padrón in BB
- 3 Nights in Santiago in BB

Accommodations in Hotels, Rural houses, Posadas, Pazos

- Transfer IN from Porto airport to Hotel in Porto
- Camino guide from Porto to Santiago (includes accommodation of our guide)
- City guide for walking tour in Porto at the afternoon of **day 1** and Santiago de Compostela **day 15**
- Entrance fees included in Porto (**Sao Francisco Church and Palacio da Bolsa**) and Santiago (**Cathedral**)
- Farewell dinner in Santiago de Compostela on day 15 (**Restaurant at the old town**)
- Transfer OUT from Santiago to airport Santiago or train station Santiago.

Services not included:

- Lunches or dinners not indicated
- Tips
- Mini Bus or support car during the Camino

HIKING THE CAMINO Lyn Taylor's Adventure Travel

"Thanks for everything - it all went smoothly. I had a great experience walking the Camino with the all the other ladies in the group. They were all such nice people. The tracks we walked each day were all so different and diverse as seen in some of the following photos. The weather was superb.

I will definitely be visiting Lyn Taylor's Adventure Travel site to see what piques my interest for my next overseas trip. Once again, thank you. Christine



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