



### CAMINOS WALKING

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## Camino Francés, from León to Sarria - Spain

### Camino de Santiago

10 days, PRICE FROM € 825



From the golden stones of León's cathedral to the misty forests of Galicia — the **Camino de Santiago León to Sarria** is a journey through history, landscapes and layers of time. You walk day after day: across Castilian plains, along Roman roads, up into the hills of El Bierzo, over the mountain pass into Galicia, and finally into the wooded valleys that lead to Sarria.

Each step reveals a new world: small villages shaped by centuries of pilgrims, vineyards and chestnut forests, ancient bridges and the soft silence of early-morning mist. It's a Camino with rhythm and space — enough to breathe, enough to wander, enough to listen to the land.

If you're looking for a full-bodied Camino experience — with variety, history, beauty and authenticity — this path is for you.

## Route

### Day 1 Arrival in León

Your journey begins in León, a city shaped by Roman walls, medieval pilgrims and Gothic light. Take time to wander before the walk starts: explore the quiet cloisters of San Marcos, watch the stained-glass windows of the cathedral glow as the sun moves, or simply settle into a small bar for your first tapas and a glass of local wine. Tonight, rest well — the Camino awaits.

### Day 2 Walk from León to Villadangos del Páramo, 22 km

Leaving León, you follow a gentle route out of the city and into the wide, open plains of Castile. The path alternates between quiet country lanes and sections of the historic Camino Francés, still marked by centuries of footprints. The landscape stretches far, soft and golden, with small villages offering places to pause for a coffee or a simple pilgrim lunch. As you approach Villadangos del Páramo, the plains feel peaceful and steady — a perfect introduction to the rhythm of the Camino.

*Distance: 22 km*

### Day 3 Walk from Villadangos del Páramo to Astorga, 27 km

Today the scenery begins to shift. The path leads through farmlands, old Roman routes and small hamlets that seem untouched by time. Approaching Astorga, the land rises softly and the silhouette of the episcopal palace appears — Gaudí's unexpected jewel in the heart of León province. Astorga welcomes you with charming squares, chocolate shops and the warm character of its old quarter. It's a beautiful and historic stop, perfect for a relaxed evening.

*Distance: 27 km*

#### Day 4 Walk from Astorga to Rabanal del Camino, 21 km

Leaving Astorga, you enter the region of La Maragatería, known for its stone villages and deep rural traditions. The path climbs gently throughout the day, offering long views across the plains behind you and the first hints of mountains ahead.

The final stretch to Rabanal del Camino feels especially atmospheric: the air grows fresher, the landscape greener, and the village greets pilgrims with a calm, almost monastic quiet.

Here, stone houses and narrow lanes set the tone for the mountain days to come.

*Distance: 21 km*

#### Day 5 Walk from Rabanal del Camino to Ponferrada, 32 km

One of the most memorable stages of the route. The day begins with a steady climb toward Cruz de Ferro, one of the Camino's most symbolic places.

From the iron cross, the path descends through heather-covered slopes and remote mountain hamlets, before entering the region of El Bierzo — a land of vineyards, chestnut forests and gentle hills.

Ponferrada awaits at the end of a long but rewarding day: its Templar castle, lively old town and welcoming cafés make it the perfect place to rest.

#### Day 6 Walk from Ponferrada to Villafranca del Bierzo, 21 km

Today's walk is softer, weaving through vineyards, orchards and quiet rural villages. The landscape is warmer, greener, and infused with the character of El Bierzo.

Small bridges cross gentle streams, and the trail moves between shaded paths and easy roads.

Villafranca del Bierzo appears like a peaceful retreat: cobbled streets, historic churches, and the famous "Door of Forgiveness," where medieval pilgrims unable to continue received blessings.

It's a place made for slow evenings.

*Distance: 21 km*

#### Day 7 Walk from Villafranca del Bierzo to Cebreiro, 29 km

A beautiful and demanding day. The route follows the valley before beginning the long ascent to O Cebreiro, the gateway to Galicia.

As you climb, the scenery grows wilder: forests thicken, views open across deep valleys, and the air cools.

Reaching O Cebreiro feels like stepping into another world — a stone village perched on the ridge, known for its ancient pallozas (traditional dwellings) and sweeping mountain views.

A truly unforgettable stop on the Camino.

*Distance: 29 km*

#### Day 8 Walk from Cebreiro to Triacastela, 21 km

The day begins along a breathtaking mountain ridge, where Galicia unfolds in misty greens and rolling hills.

The descent leads through small hamlets, chestnut woods and grassy pastures, with quiet corners perfect for resting or taking in the scenery.

Triacastela sits in a sheltered valley, its name recalling the three medieval castles that once guarded this area. It's a gentle, peaceful end to a scenic day.

*Distance: 21 km*

#### Day 9 Walk from Triacastela to Sarria, 21 km

A choice of two routes leads out of Triacastela — through the monastery of Samos or along a more rural forested path.

Both offer a calm and reflective walk toward Sarria, passing villages, stone chapels and soft Galician landscapes.

Sarria marks the beginning of the final 100 km for many pilgrims, so the town feels lively, full of stories and anticipation.

For you, it's the closing chapter of a longer journey — a moment to rest, reflect and celebrate.

*Distance: 21 km*

#### Day 10 Arrivederci, Sarria!

Your walking ends here, but the Camino tends to stay with you — in the pace you found, the landscapes you crossed, and the quiet satisfaction of having walked across an entire region of Spain.

## Practical info

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### How to get there

You can reach León via León Airport or Madrid Airport, which offers the most frequent international connections. From Madrid Airport, a direct ALSA bus takes you to León city centre without the need for transfers. Once in León, your accommodation and main points of interest are easily reached on foot.

### How to go home

At the end of your walk in Sarria, the nearest international airports are Santiago de Compostela and A Coruña. Both cities are connected to Sarria by regular trains and buses, allowing you to plan your onward travel quickly and efficiently.

## Included

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### What is included

- 9 Nights in double room in \*\*/\*\* hotels, hostals and agriturismo with breakfast
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel (1 luggage per person, max 15 kg)
- Maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

### What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- Lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- Visits and entrance fees - tips
- Personal expense
- Possible sojourn taxes
- Everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

### Optional Services

- These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:
- Single room supplement
- Pilgrim Passport
- Cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.