



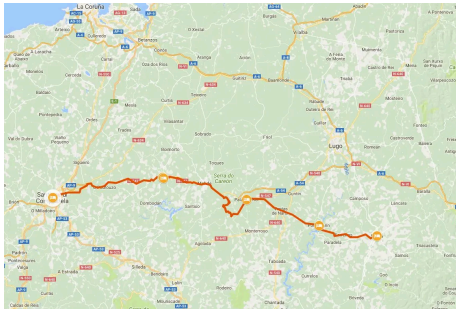
SPRING & AUTUMN CLASSIC ROUTES

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Camino Francés, Sarria to Santiago - Spain

Camino de Santiago

7 days, PRICE FROM € 570



Walking the last 100 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago, from Sarria to Santiago, following the footsteps of generations of pilgrims: this trip leads you through the green Galician hills, among stone houses and eucalypt woods, to finally reach the exciting milestone of Plaza del Obradoiro and the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

As the journey is better than the end, you will experience unforgettable moments: visiting typical hamlets, small but rich in history and tradition, enjoying the pines and eucalyptus aroma, crossing shady woods and stone bridges. In Santiago you will be able to receive the symbol of your finished pilgrimage: the Compostela, given only to those who have walked the last 100 kilometers of the Camino.

Route

Day 1 Arrival in Sarria, optional 15 km from Samos

Arrival by public bus or private transfer to **Sarria**, considered the gateway to the compostela, because you have to start in this town if you are keen on getting your pilgrim's certificate (100km on foot). Remember to have your **Pilgrim's Passport** stamped twice each day! If you don't already have your Pilgrims Passport you can collect one here in Sarria at the **Monastery**. If you arrive early, we strongly recommend to take a taxi to **Samos**, to visit the Monastery that was founded in the 6th century and has welcomed pilgrim's since the beginning.

Distance: 15 Km

Ascent/descent: +150/-350 m

Day 2 From Sarria to Portomarin, 22 km

Your first walk along the Camino on is easier than it looks on the elevation map and should take about **5 hours of walking**; mainly along small country roads and a few country paths. In general the roads are tree lined and will provide good shade in the sun. There are hamlets every kilometre or so, it can seem like you have just left one village as you enter the next. This is an entertaining and relaxed stage as you do not have to worry about water or food, and whenever you sit down for a moment, you will hear interesting stories told by other pilgrims.

Distance: 22 Km

Ascent/descent: +375/-400 m

Day 3 From Portomarin to Palas del Rei, 25 km

After a steep descent on the main road of Portomarin you will walk across an ever changing landscape: from grassy lands to cultivated fields, from woods to streams, through bridges and hamlets made in Stone. **Palas del Rei** was founded in pre-Roman age and an ancient Celtic stronghold: unfortunately very few traces of its glorious past have remained, but you can relax and enjoy a **café con leche** before going to your hotel, where you will be able to taste some Galician traditional dishes.

After arrival in Palas, you will be taken to the hotel by car (rural accommodation)

Distance: 25 Km

Ascent/descent: +500/-290 m

Day 4 From Palas del Rei to Arzua, 29 km

In the morning you will be taken back to Palas de Rei to start one of the longest but technically very easy sections of the route with no long steep accents or descents. Pilgrims consider this section the start of the countdown, because shortly after **Coto** there are stone markers at the side of the path with the distance to Santiago marked. Much of the day is shaded and shortly after **Melide** you will walk through Oak and Eucalyptus forest with the wonderful smell. Melide is where the Camino Primitivo joins with the Camino Frances.

You can also ask to be taken to the **Pambre Castle** in the morning and take a short cut to Coto, away from busy roads.

Distance: 29 Km

Ascent/descent: +250/-400 m

Day 5 From Arzua to Pedrouzo, 18 km

Today's walk leads you through oaks, pines and chestnut trees before entering an eucalyptus wood. This stage is very rich in streams where you will be able to enjoy a refreshing bath. You will soon become very excited as your goal rapidly approaches, but try to take your time and enjoy the journey, one step at a time.

Distance: 18 Km

Ascent/descent: +200/-225 m

Day 6 From Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela, 21 km

The finishing line gets closer and closer: in your walk to Santiago you will go across some modern areas, as the regional airport, but will also discover local beauties as the village of **Lavacolla**, where pilgrims stopped to wash themselves and get changed before arriving in Santiago. You will experience the same joy in seeing Santiago from **Mount Gozo** and entering the Camino door, finally arriving to **Plaza del Obradoiro**, the finish line of the Camino. You can choose either to rush to get your compostella or visit the Cathedral first: if you arrive before noon, do not miss the **Pilgrim Celebration**, which includes the announce of the number of pilgrims who reached Santiago in that day.

Here you can admire the cloister of the Colegio Fonseca, seat of the University library, or take a picture to the beautiful stairway of the Convent of Santo Domingo de Bonaval, which also houses a nice museum. You can also stop and have lunch in the Mercati Generali, where you can taste local specialties from the hands of those who produce them, and celebrate your ending journey with a nice glass of Orujo.

Distance: 21 Km

Ascent/descent: +350/-370 m

Day 7 Santiago

Our services end after breakfast.

Accommodation

6 nights in double rooms in hotels ****/*****, B&B and agriturismo with breakfast

Hotel Mar de Plata, Sarria

Casa do Maestro, Portomarin

Casa Avelina, Palas de Rei

Domus Gallery, Arzua

Hotel Platas, Pedrouzo

Hotel Lux Santiago, Santiago

Practical info



Arrival in Sarriá

By public transport from Santiago de Compostela airport

The best way to reach Sarria is to fly into Santiago de Compostela airport and first get a shuttle bus to the central bus station of Santiago

From there you can travel to Lugo with the same company (Freire) OR with ALSA and then take another local bus from Lugo to Sarria (35 mins; min 6 services a day) .

On workdays (Mon to Friday) there is also a direct bus from Santiago de Compostela bus station to Sarria with company Monbus. But remember that you first have to travel into town to the central bus station

You can book with S-cape optional transfers from Santiago (SCQ) or A Coruña (LCG) airports to your first accommodation in Sarria or from last accommodation in Santiago to the airport (prices on request).

Departure from Santiago de Compostela

There is a shuttle bus to the airport of Santiago from the center of Santiago with different stops in the city

Included

What is included

- 6 nights in double rooms in hotels **/*** ,B&B and agriturismo with breakfast
- luggage transportation
- maps and detailed itinerary description
- luggage/medical insurance
- 24h telephone support

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
- half board (except in Santiago)
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.