



CAMINOS WALKING

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Portuguese Camino de Santiago - Spain

Porto to Santiago

14 days, PRICE FROM € 1104



The Camino Portuguese from Porto to Santiago de Compostela is a journey that unfolds gradually, following a natural transition from city streets to rural landscapes, from Atlantic influences to the green heart of Galicia. Starting in one of Portugal's most vibrant cities, the route leads you north through vineyards, medieval villages, river valleys and quiet countryside, before crossing into Spain and continuing toward Santiago.

This itinerary follows the Central Portuguese Way, offering a well-balanced combination of walking days, cultural highlights and moments of genuine calm. Along the way, you'll experience historic towns such as Barcelos and Ponte de Lima, cross ancient bridges, walk through forests and farmland, and enjoy welcoming villages shaped by centuries of pilgrimage.

With carefully selected accommodation, manageable stages and the support of a self-guided format, **this journey is ideal for walkers who want to experience the Camino Portuguese in depth**, at a steady and rewarding pace.

Route

Day 1 Arrival in Porto

You arrive in Porto, a city of river views, tiled façades and lively streets.

Take time to explore the historic centre, stroll along the Douro River, or enjoy a relaxed dinner — tomorrow, the Camino begins.

Day 2 Transfer to Mosteiró and walk to Arcos, 17 km

After breakfast, you meet a member of our team who drives you to Mosteiró, your starting point for the Portuguese Camino. This transfer allows you to avoid busy roads and shortens the first walking day, making for a more enjoyable introduction.

As you walk, you'll notice the gradual shift from urban surroundings to a more rural landscape. The route passes through Vilarinho, then crosses a beautiful medieval bridge over the River Ave before reaching the village of Arcos, where your first stage comes to an end.

Distance: 17 km

Day 3 Walk from Arcos to Barcelos, 20 km

You leave Arcos and walk toward the ancient village of Rates, home to an impressive Romanesque church. The path continues through small villages such as Courel and Pedra Furada, following rural roads through farmland and quiet countryside.

The stage ends in Barcelos, a lively town known for its historic centre and strong local traditions. You'll find plenty of restaurants here, making it an ideal place to relax after the day's walk.

Distance: 20 km

Day 4 Walk from Barcelos to Balugães, 15 km

Leaving Barcelos, you follow minor roads into increasingly rural surroundings. Along the way, you may see small-scale farming and encounter local villagers going about their daily lives.

The route passes through the villages of Tamel and Aboim, before reaching the River Neiva and crossing a medieval bridge just before the village of Balugães, where you spend the night in a peaceful countryside setting.

Distance: 15 km

Day 5 Walk from Balugães to Ponte de Lima, 18 km

Today's walk follows rural roads through open countryside, leading to a particularly memorable arrival in Ponte de Lima, one of the most picturesque towns on the Portuguese Camino.

Plan your timing to enjoy the historic centre, its gardens and the riverside atmosphere. In the evening, choose from a wide range of restaurants and try local dishes such as polvo à lagareiro or bacalhau com broa, paired with a glass of Loureiro white wine.

Distance: 18 km

Day 6 Walk from Ponte de Lima to Cossourado, 22 km

You leave the medieval charm of Ponte de Lima behind and return to quieter rural landscapes. Midway through the stage, you reach Labruja Mountain, where a steady 2 km uphill stretch marks the most demanding climb of the Portuguese Camino.

The effort is rewarded with wide views over the surrounding countryside. Once over the hill, the route becomes gentler, leading you comfortably to Cossourado.

Distance: 22 km

Day 7 Walk from Cossourado to Valença / Tui, 13 km

The day begins by leaving the Coura Valley, followed by a gentle climb toward São Bento da Porta Aberta. The path continues through fields and brushwood, maintaining a quiet, rural feel.

You arrive in Valença do Minho, a striking fortress town overlooking the river that marks the border with Spain. Enjoy dinner in one of the many local restaurants within the historic walls.

Distance: 13 km

Day 8 Walk from Valença to Porriño, 20 km

Cross the Minho River and enter Spain, arriving in the medieval town of Tui. Before continuing, take time to visit its impressive Gothic cathedral.

From Tui, the route follows the Louro Valley, passing through forest paths and crossing a stone-slab bridge into a wetland area rich in birdlife. The day ends in O Porriño, known for its distinctive Gothic town hall.

Distance: 20 km

Day 9 Walk from Porriño to Arcade, 22 km

Leaving Porriño, you walk through the forest of Chan das Pipas, enjoying shaded paths and a quieter atmosphere.

In Redondela, the central and coastal Portuguese routes merge, bringing more pilgrims together. The stage ends in Arcade, a small town famous for its oysters and relaxed coastal feel.

Distance: 22 km

Day 10 Walk from Arcade to Pontevedra, 13 km

One of the shortest and most enjoyable stages of the route. You walk through green surroundings and gentle paths, making for a relaxed day.

Arriving in Pontevedra, take time to explore the beautifully preserved historic centre, known for its lively squares and excellent tapas bars.

Distance: 13 km

Day 11 Walk from Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis, 22 km

You leave Pontevedra through pleasant countryside, following a route that is longer but technically easy. The landscape remains varied and green, with regular opportunities to rest.

In Caldas de Reis, you can soak your tired feet in the town's famous thermal springs — a well-deserved reward after the day's walk.

Distance: 22 km

Day 12 Walk from Caldas de Reis to Padron, 19 km

You're getting close to Santiago. Leaving Caldas de Reis, the path climbs gently through the wooded area of Valga, passing churches, stone crosses and small rural settlements.

The stage ends in Padrón, a town closely linked to the legend of St James and an important milestone on the Camino.

Distance: 19 km

Day 13 Walk from Padron to Santiago de Compostela, 25 km

Your final walking day follows mostly rural paths. The last section is the most demanding, but the sense of anticipation grows with every step.

You enter Santiago de Compostela, making your way through the historic streets to the cathedral, where the journey reaches its symbolic conclusion.

Distance: 25 km

Day 14 Adiós, Santiago de Compostela!

After breakfast, it's time to prepare for your onward journey. If time allows, enjoy a final walk through Santiago's old town before leaving.

Practical info



How to get there

Arrival in Porto

Porto is easily reached via Porto International Airport (OPO), with numerous direct flights from major European cities.

From the airport, the city centre is accessible by metro, taxi or private transfer, making arrival straightforward and convenient.

Your tour begins in Porto, where you'll spend the first night and receive your Welcome Kit before starting the Camino.

How to go home

Departure from Santiago de Compostela

At the end of the walk, Santiago de Compostela has an international airport with regular connections across Europe.

Alternatively, you can travel onward by train or bus to other Spanish cities, or return to Portugal if your plans require.

Santiago's compact city centre makes transfers to the airport or station simple to organise.

Included

What is included

- 13 Nights in double room in **/** hotels , B&B and guest houses with breakfast
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- Transfer from Porto to Mosteiró
- Maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Pilgrim Kit: Pilgrim Passport and Shell
- 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
- Cancellation insurance
- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- Extra night in Porto and/or Santiago