

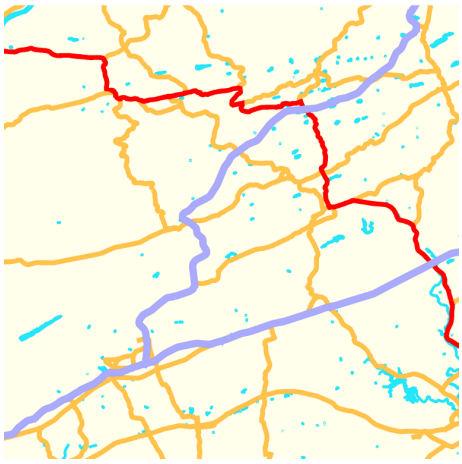
SPRING & AUTUMN CAMINOS

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Camino Portuguese Backpack - Spain

Tui to Santiago

7 days, PRICE FROM *€ 335*



There is something special about walking the final stretch of the **Camino Portuguese**. Each step carries a sense of anticipation — villages become more animated, pilgrims join from many countries, and the path slowly leads toward Santiago.

Starting in the historic border town of Tui, where Spain meets Portugal along the River Miño, this is the beginning of the classic **Camino Portuguese from Tui to Santiago**. Over the following days you will cross the green landscapes of Galicia: quiet forests, traditional villages, vineyards and lively historic towns such as Pontevedra and Padrón.

Although shorter than other Camino itineraries, this journey offers a complete pilgrimage experience. Walking the final 100 km to Santiago allows you to enter the rhythm of the Camino and receive the Compostela, the traditional certificate given to pilgrims who reach the cathedral on foot.

In this hostel-based version, you follow an authentic and social **Camino Portuguese backpacking route**. You stay in privately managed pilgrim hostels, sharing spaces and stories with travellers from around the world — a journey built on walking, encounters and the unique sense of community that has always defined the Camino.

And at the end of the road, the moment every pilgrim remembers: stepping into Praza do Obradoiro, where the cathedral of Santiago finally stands before you.

Route

Day 1 Arrival in Tui

Your journey begins in the historic border town of Tui, located along the River Miño that separates Spain from Portugal. The town's medieval streets climb toward the impressive cathedral-fortress that dominates the skyline. Pilgrims have crossed this river for centuries before beginning their walk to Santiago. Take time to wander through the old town, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of Galicia, and prepare for the first day on the Camino.

Day 2 From Tui to Redondela, 31 km

Leaving Tui, the Camino passes through woodland paths, small villages and gentle countryside. Vineyards and farmland shape the landscape as the trail gradually climbs toward the hills of Galicia. The walking alternates between rural tracks and traditional stone villages where daily life unfolds quietly. As you approach Redondela, the Atlantic estuaries come into view. The town itself has long welcomed pilgrims arriving from both inland and coastal routes.

Distance: 31 km

Day 3 From Redondela to Pontevedra, 20 km

Today's stage follows peaceful rural paths and shaded woodland trails. The route gradually leaves the estuary behind and moves deeper into Galicia's green interior. Small villages appear along the way, offering cafés and resting places for pilgrims. Pontevedra is one of the most charming towns on the Camino Portugués, with a beautifully preserved historic centre, lively squares and elegant stone streets that invite a relaxed evening stroll.

Distance: 20 km

Day 4 **From Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis, 22 km**

Leaving Pontevedra, the path winds through quiet countryside dotted with farms and small chapels. The terrain remains gentle and pleasant, with shaded sections and occasional views across green valleys. The route crosses several streams before reaching Caldas de Reis, a historic spa town known for its thermal waters. Pilgrims have paused here for centuries to rest and restore their strength before continuing their journey north.

Distance: 22 km

Day 5 **From Caldas de Reis to Padrón, 18 km**

The Camino continues through forests, small villages and fertile farmland typical of rural Galicia. The walking is peaceful and rhythmic, with gentle climbs and descents along country paths. Padrón is a town deeply linked to the story of Saint James: according to tradition, this is where the boat carrying his remains first arrived in Galicia. Its historic streets and quiet riverbanks make it a meaningful stop before the final stage.

Distance: 18 km

Day 6 **From Padrón to Santiago de Compostela, 22 km**

The final stage begins among rural paths and villages before gradually approaching the outskirts of Santiago. The excitement grows with every kilometre as more pilgrims join the trail. Soon the spires of the cathedral appear above the rooftops, guiding you into the historic centre. Arriving in Praza do Obradoiro, standing before the magnificent cathedral, is an unforgettable moment — the culmination of your Camino.

Day 7 **¡Adiós Santiago de Compostela!**

Your Camino ends in Santiago, but many pilgrims choose to spend additional time exploring the city. Attend the Pilgrim's Mass, collect your Compostela certificate, or wander through the medieval streets of the old town. Santiago's atmosphere invites reflection and celebration before beginning the journey home.

Practical info



Arrival in Tui
The easiest way to reach Tui is via Vigo, which has an international airport and train connections. From Vigo, buses and taxis reach Tui in about 30 minutes.

Another option is to fly into Porto (Portugal) and travel by train or bus to Tui.

Departure from Santiago de Compostela
Santiago de Compostela has its own international airport with regular connections to major Spanish and European cities.

Alternatively, trains and buses connect Santiago to Madrid, Porto and other destinations.

Included

What is included

- 6 Nights in double room in hostels (common rooms and shared bathroom) with breakfast
- 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:

- Luggage transfers from hostel to hostel
- Excursion to Costa da Morte (Finisterre and Muxia)
- Cancellation insurance
- Pilgrim Passport
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.