

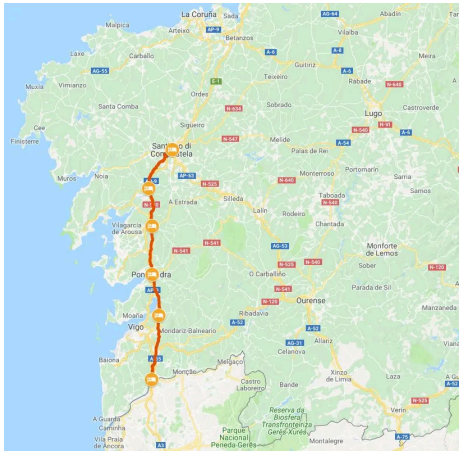
CLASSIC ROUTES SUMMER

type :	Self-Guided Hiking Tours
level :	
duration :	8 days
period:	Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct
code:	POR16

Camino Portuguese, Valença/Tui to Santiago - Spain

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8 days, PRICE FROM *€ 610*



The final section of the **Camino Portuguese** starts from **Valença/Tui and continues towards Santiago through Galicia and the northern part of Spain**: it is the extension of the Portuguese Jacobean Way into the lands of Galicia.

The destination, as with all the Caminos, is Santiago: along the way, you'll encounter **eucalyptus forests and cathedrals, coastal villages, and others known for their hot springs**.

It's a peaceful route, **perfect for those who want to challenge themselves with their first pilgrimage** and enjoy their initial experience in complete serenity.

Route

Day 1 **Arrival in Valença / Tui**

Today you will arrive in **Valença / Tui**.

Valença can be reached by train or bus from Porto, Santiago de Compostela, and Vigo. Upon request, we can also arrange a private transfer.

Day 2 **From Valença to O Porriño, 20 km**

After a good breakfast, your adventure begins! You will make your way into the **center of Valença,** dominated by a **fortress** that for centuries has overlooked the border with Spain, **just beyond the Minho River**. The walk exits the town through tree-lined paths and across rivers. Today, you will encounter **one of the most iconic sight of the walk, the Ponte Veiga, built on river Louro**.Take the chance to visit the **Pazo de Mos foundation and the Santiaguiño chapel.**

Distance: 20 km

Day 3 **From O Porriño to Arcade, 23 km**

In this second stage, **you will delighted by the beauty of the galician countryside**: green meadows and boundless sights on **river Vigo**, inviting you to stop and **savour the breathtaking scenario**. The path continues through the village of **Arccade**, famous throughout the world for its **oysters** and **Ponte Sampaio**, known for a battle against the french troops.

Distance: 23 km

Day 4 **From Arcade to Pontevedra, 12 km**

Today you will venture even more to the **rural heart of Galicia**, between **tight paths and isolated houses lost in the lush vegetation**.

The day ends with a visit to the splendid town of **Pontevedra**, with its town centre full of fascinating little squares. Pontevedra represents a very **interetsing urban experiment, as cars are forbidden here!**

Distance: 12 km

Day 5 **From Pontevedra to Caldas dei Rei, 21 km**

Today's walk will take you through the villages of **Alba**, a **Portela** and **Briallos**, crossing the **vineyards of the famous Albariño wine**. The most interesting town though is **Caldas do Reis**, at the confluence of two rivers: it is **known for its hot waters**. Take the chance to visit the stone tavern "O Muiño".

Distance: 21 km

Day 6 **From Caldas de Rei to Padron, 18 km**

Today we will follow a **soft, silent and hilly path**, ideal for meditation and peace. Every now and then, you will encounter a quaint village or one of the "**cruceiros**" scattered **around this corner of Galicia**. You will then arrive in **Padron** and **Iria Flavia**, places of strong **jacobean** connotation. According to the **legend**, it is here that the ship carrying the **body of Saint James** ran aground, against a stone (pedròn). Nowadays, that stone is **kept in the city cathedral.**

Distance: 18 km

Day 7 **From Padron to Santiago, 20 km**

In the last stage taking you to the **heart of Santiago**, you will also walk on paved roads, in a scenario that is **less rural compared to the prevoius days**. However, as you are getting closer to the destination of your trip you will be able to **breathe the mysticism surrounding the places where the legend of St James is set.**

Distance: 20 km

Day 8 **Adios, Santiago!**

Our services end after breakfast,

however if you wish to explore **Santiago** and spend more time there, we suggest you book an additional night.

Practical info

Arrival:

To reach **Valença**, the most convenient option is to fly to **Vigo Airport (VGO)**. The airports of **Santiago de Compostela** and **Porto** are also useful alternatives.

- From **Vigo Airport**, there are bus connections linking the airport with Valença. Private transfer services can also be booked.
- From **Santiago de Compostela Airport**, you can reach Valença by bus.
- From **Porto Airport**, you can get to Valença using combinations of train or bus.

Departure:

The closest airport is **Santiago** de Compostela.

Thanks to our special APP, you will be able to follow the track of the whole trip on your mobile phone, with no need for internet. GPS tracks are available on request.

Included

What is included

- 7 Nights in double room in **/*** hotels , B&B and guest houses with breakfast
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- 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
- cancellation insurance