

# Camino de Santiago 16 days or 7 day walk (self-guided) Departure every day Accommodation and daily breakfast included!



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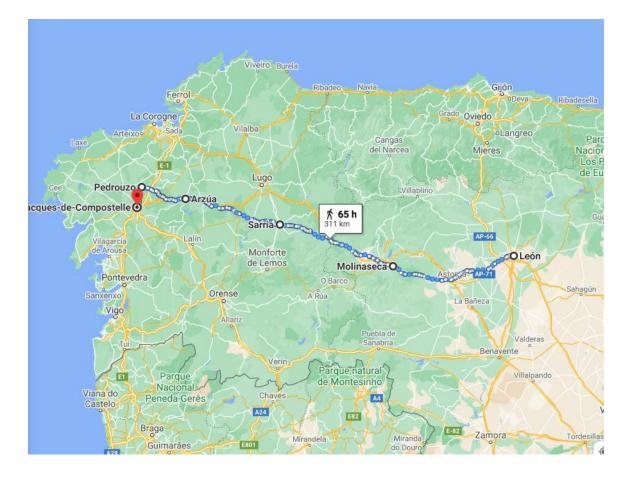
### Much more than a journey

An interest in culture, a personal challenge, contact with nature, a spiritual journey... There are as many reasons for taking the Way as there are pilgrims. Whatever the reason, it's sure to be an unusual and different experience, worth doing at least once in your life. Thousands of people each year discover the diversity of Spain on St James' Way. Many of them come back and do it again. The Jacobean pilgrimage route is a fascinating journey to Santiago de Compostela, with the opportunity to admire imposing heritage buildings, explore varied landscapes, enjoy delicious local cuisine, and visit cities and destinations steeped in history.



## 16-DAY SELF-GUIDED CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, LEON TO SANTIAGO

THE LAST 300 KM OF THE WAY 16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS DAILY GUARANTEED DEPARTURES







### ITINERARY

### DAY 1 LEON- Daily departure guaranteed

Arrival in Leon on your own. (Leon is located 330 Km from Madrid or 330 KM from Bilbao) Accommodation



Leon's Cathedral



### DAY 2 VILLADANGOS DEL PARAMO – 22KM

Breakfast at the hotel. Leaving the stunning Cathedral of León behind, you will walk towards Virgen del Camino. From there, villages of the "Camino" like San Miguel or Fresno will accompany you until you reach Villadangos del Páramo. (B) Accommodation

### DAY 3 ASTORGA – 26KM

Breakfast at the hotel. Your first objective today is the River Órbigo; you will cross the magnificent bridge that leads to Hospital and from there you will ascend to Cross Stone of Santo Toribio from where you can visualize Astorga. (B)

Accommodation



Astorga palace



### DAY 4 RABANAL DEL CAMINO – 20KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You are already in Maragatería, land with chocolate flavours, mantecado (Christmas sweet made from flour, almonds and lard) and arriero stew. After crossing Santa Catalina de Somoza, you will ascend to Rabanal del Camino, a total of 300 meters of ascent. (B) Accommodation

### DAY 5 MOLINASECA – 27KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You will leave Rabanal behind to face one of the hardest ascents of the Way until reaching the 1500 m passing through Foncebadón and the iconic Cruz de Ferro (Iron Cross). A deep descend will take you to Molinaseca through the beautiful town of El Acebo. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

Accommodation



### DAY 6 VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO – 32KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You already are in the heart of the Bierzo area, and soon you will reach Ponferrada, with its Templar Castle as its welcome. The city leaves little by little to fields of cultivation and vineyards that take you to the center of Cacabelos. From there the distance that separates you from the historical Villafranca del Bierzo is already very small. (B) Accommodation



### DAY 7 SEVILLE – HERRERIAS/AMBASMESTAS – 19KM

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will leave the wide landscape of vineyards to walk close to the river though leafy valleys where towns as Trabadelo or Portela appear. (B) Accommodation.

### DAY 8 O CEBREIRO – 10KM

Breakfast at the hotel. Today a hard climb awaits and you will be rewarded with your arrival in the mythical and mysterious village of O Cebreiro, already in the Galician Region and at 1.300 m high. Definitely, it is a magical place to end today's stage. (B) Accommodation

### DAY 9 TRIACASTELLA – 21KM

Breakfast at the hotel. After leaving this picturesque village behind you, you will overcome to Alto do Poio and then descend among oak and walnut trees until you reach the village of Triacastela, escorted by the Iribio Mountain. (B) Accommodation.

### DAY 10 SARRIA – 17KM

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will follow the Camino Real through small villages like Montán or a Furela. Finally, you will reach the town of Sarria, one of the inescapable points of reference in the Camino. From here, the Church stipulates the minimum distance to get "La Compostela". (B)

Accommodation

### DAY 11 PORTOMARIN – 22KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You will walk along rural path or "correidoiras" under oak trees and small villages like Lavandeira or Ferreiros. Already at the gates of Portomarín, you will cross the River Miño, under whose water rests the old Portomarín. You will visit the Church of San Nicolás of Portomarín, rebuilt stone by stone. (B)

Accommodation

### DAY 12 PALAS DE REY – 24KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You will first ascend to Castromaior and then to the Sierra de Ligonde. Later, you will gradually descend through the villages of Eirexe and Ligonde to the town of Palas de Rei. Once in Palas, you will have the opportunity to visit the Castle of Pambre. (B) Accommodation



### DAY 13 ARZUA – 29KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You will walk through beautiful rural roads and medieval bridges to Melide, where you can stop to try a portion of its famous octopus "á feira", one of the most famous Galician dishes. You will continue through an agricultural landscape that will take you to Arzúa after crossing the beautiful river Iso. (B) Accommodation

Accommodation

### DAY 14 PEDROUZO – 19KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You will not leave Arzúa without savoring its delicate cheese of Designation of Origin Arzúa-Ulloa and without stamping your credential in the Church of Santiago de Arzúa. Green hills will be your traveling companions to the town of Rúa. You will also find hermitages like Santa Irene. (B)

Accommodation

### DAY 15 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – 21KM

Breakfast at the hotel. After passing behind Pedrouzo you will go up to Amenal and descend to Lavacolla. You will ascend again until you reach Monte do Gozo. From here you can catch a sight of the Cathedral Towers for the first time. Only 4 kilometers separate you from the city. You will cross the Barrio de San Lázaro, the Porta do Camiño or Puerta del Camino, you will leave the Plaza Cervantes behind and through the beautiful streets of the old town of Santiago you will finally reach the Cathedral of Santiago. (B)

Accommodation



DAY 16 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – 21KM Breakfast at the hotel.

END OF SERVICES



### INCLUSIONS

15 night accommodation on bed and breakfast basis with accommodation in hotels ranging from 2\* to 4\*, guesthouses, pensions, hostel rooms offering with private facilities and en-suite rooms

**Not Included:** International flights, transfers, luggage transportation (\$), lunches and dinners (\$), tips, travel insurance and any item not mentioned under the inclusions

**NOT INCLUDED Document required** : /La Credencial (Pilgrim Credencial) <u>Click here</u> (approx \$20 with the registration)

Need to be ordered at least 1 or 2 months prior to departure.

More info – <u>click here</u>

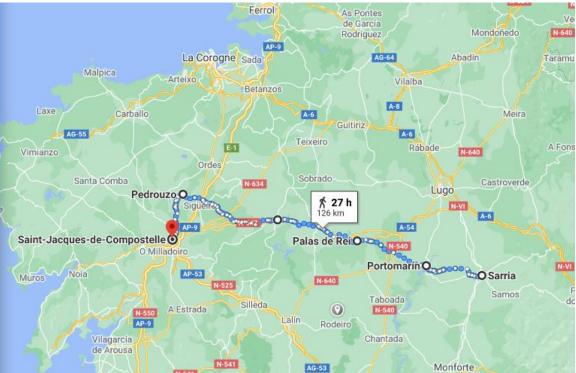
Rates are per person in \$ CAD, land only / code SANLEO16	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	
Double room	\$1899
Single room	\$2849
Optional services	
Supplement for 15 dinners	\$ 790
Supplement for 14 picnics	\$ 390
Baggage transport per suitcase (max 20kg)	\$ 320

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# 7-DAY SELF-GUIDED CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SARRIA TO SANTIAGO

THE LAST 130 KM OF THE WAY



## 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS DAILY GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

### ITINERARY

DAY 1 SARRIA Arrive in Sarria. Accommodation

### DAY 2 PORTOMARIN – 22 KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You'll walk along rural roads or corredoiras (tracks) through oak groves and small hamlets such as Lavandeira and Ferreiros. Now you're almost at Portomarín, you'll cross the bridge of the River Miño. The remains of the old town of Portomarín are under the waters of the nearby reservoir. (B)

Accommodation



### DAY 3 PALAS DE REI – 24 KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You'll first climb up to Castromaior and then to the Sierra de Ligonde, before descending gradually through the hamlets of Eirexe and Ligonde, en route to the town of Palas. (B)

#### Accommodation

### DAY 4 ARZUA – 29 KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You'll walk along beautiful rural roads and over medieval bridges to Melide, and then continue through an agricultural landscape to Arzúa, which you'll reach after crossing the beautiful River Iso. (B)

#### Accommodation

### DAY 5 RUA – 19 KM

Breakfast at the hotel. You'll travel through green hills until you reach Rúa, having previously passed shrines such as the one to Santa Irene. (B)

#### Accommodation

### DAY 6 SANTIAGO – 21 KM

Breakfast at the hotel. After bypassing Pedrouzo, you'll climb through Amenal and drop down to Lavacolla, and then climb again to the Monte do Gozo. From here you'll get your first view of the Cathedral's towers. You're now just 4 km from Compostela, which you'll reach through the beautiful streets of the old town. (B)

#### Accommodation

**DAY 7 SANTIAGO** Breakfast at the hotel.

END OF SERVICES



Rates are per person in \$ CAD, land only code SANSAR6	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	
Double room	\$829
Single room	\$1299
Optional services	
Supplement for 6 dinners	\$ 350
Supplement for 5 picnics	\$ 150
Baggage transport per suitcase (max 20kg)	\$ 180

### INCLUSIONS

6 night accommodation on bed and breakfast basis with accommodation in hotels ranging from 2\* to 4\*, guesthouses, pensions, hostel rooms offering with private facilities and en-suite rooms

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## **Other useful info**

### Equipment and documentation

<u>Credential and Compostela.</u> Pilgrim's credentials should be stamped at each stage, and entitle you to sleep in pilgrims' hostels. They can be obtained at the International Pilgrim Reception Office, or from religious confraternities, pilgrim hostels, and associations of friends of St James' Way in several different countries. The credential is not the same as the "Compostela", which is given to people taking a religious or spiritual pilgrimage, and who have travelled at least the last 100 kilometres to Santiago walking or on horseback, or the last 200 kilometres by bicycle.

<u>Other Documentation</u>. Don't forget your documentation (ID card, passport, or other identification document) and your health card. If travelling on horseback, you should also carry the horse's documents, including its insurance.

### Advice if you're walking

<u>Training.</u> A few months before you start the Camino, it's a good idea to start taking longer walks every day, wearing the footwear you plan to wear on the Way. This helps you prepare physically. Most people walk 20 to 30 kilometres a day, and it's advisable to allow for a few rest days. Another way to prepare for the journey is to read books on the history of the Camino, or watch films like "The Way", starring Martin Sheen.

<u>Footwear</u>. Footwear is key, as you'll be wearing it for many kilometres. Wear water-resistant hiking boots that fit you well (they should be half a size larger than your normal size), and if possible, they should be already worn in. If they're new, be sure to walk in them at home as much as possible before you start your journey.

<u>Backpack.</u> This should be ergonomic and not weigh more than 7 kilos when full, or 10% of your bodyweight. You'll be carrying it on your back for many kilometres until you get to Santiago de Compostela. Don't be tempted to bring things "just in case", because all along the way you'll find supermarkets, pharmacies, and other shops where you can buy whatever you need. <u>First-aid kit.</u> If you don't want minor problems like blisters or headaches to halt your progress, you should carry aspirin or another painkiller, sticking plasters, bandages and gauze, hypodermic needles, muscle liniment, and mosquito repellent.