

ADVENTURE CAMINO SPANISH TREKKING TOURS

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

The *Camino de Santiago de Compostela* (Camino) is the premiere walking trail of Europe. The Camino began as an act of faith when Europeans crossed Northern Spain to visit the sacred tomb of Saint James.

Over one thousand years later, the *Camino* continues to draw people from all over the world... the adventurer, the cultured and the simply curious seeking to discover the mysteries of travel along the *Camino* throughout the green rolling hills and small hamlets of Galicia and Northern Spain



Pick Up/Drop Off Point
Airport *Santiago de Compostela, Galicia*.
Trek commences at *Cacabelos* and finishes at *Santiago de Compostela*.

Maximum 8 Persons in the group

Price is subject to seasonal variations

and includes :

- Guaranteed superior twin share accommodation.
- All transfers to/from airport in *Santiago*.
- Breakfast/Dinner included.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking guide.
- Admissions/Entrance Fees.
- Support Vehicle throughout to transfer limited luggage.

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Adventure Camino Tours invites you to join them to discover the history, the culture, the wine, the cuisine and adventure that the *Camino de Santiago de Compostela* has delivered to many individuals for over a millennium.

We attend to every detail so that your adventure is exciting, comfortable, and worry-free.

Join us on this picturesque, mystical route where you can enjoy a truly unique experience.

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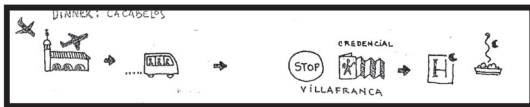


Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Santiago to Cacabelos

At Midday, you meet Andres, your guide and trek leader for the trek, at *Santiago de Compostela* Airport. You board the bus to travel 200 kms to the town Cacabelos, the first night's destination. You stop at Villafranca to register yourself as a **Peregrino (Pilgrim)** and obtain the **Credencial (Pilgrims Passport)**.

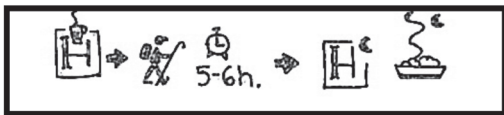
Stay: Cacabelos



Day 2: Cacabelos to Herrerias

Your first day of walking through the valley of the Valcarce where you get to see your first glimpses of the beautiful, verdant, scenic Galician countryside trekking through *Villafranca de Bierzo* one of the most picturesque villages along the *Camino*. *Villafranca* boasts fine food and wines. The path follows the road to the scenic village of *Herrerias* which sits at the foot of the rise to O'Cebreiro:

Stay: Herrerias / Walking: 20km



Day 3: Ancares National Park

You have chance to tour the scenic Ancares. After having morning tea at *Peurto do Portela*, you walk the rambling, winding scenic path to the *Castle Doire* and descend for a well earned lunch in one of the scenic hamlets.

Stay: Herrerias / Walking: 10km

Day 4: Herrerias to O'Cebreiro

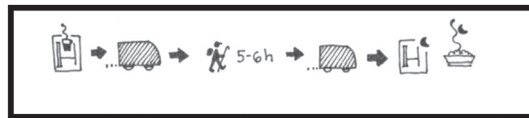
This is Galicia at its wildest, driest and bleakest. Abundant with wild blooms in the spring, the *Camino* rarely coincides with any major road from here to Santiago. The path ascends relentlessly to *Pedrafita* and thence to the quaint picturesque village of O'Cebreiro.

Stay: Herrerias / Walking: 12km

Day 5: O'Cebreiro to Triacastela

You return to O'Cebreiro where the day starts with a steady climb to the *Alto do Poio*, the highest point of the *Camino* in Galicia. After a well earned *café con leche* (coffee), you start your descent down to the town of *Triacastela*. This is a beautiful walk through mountain meadows, chestnut groves and tiny hamlets.

Stay: Vilavella / Walking: 22km



Day 6: Triacastela to Sarria

The *Camino* has 2 paths to reach *Sarria* from *Triacastela* – One can either take the path through *San Xil* and enjoy the beautiful views from atop the ridge line or visit the ancient monastery of *Samos* along the river valley. Traditionally, pilgrims would have to choose one or the other. You, however, get to do both! By day you walk along the hills of *San Xil*, and in the evening you visit one of Spain's oldest monasteries!

Stay: Samos / Walking: 18km



Day 7: Sarria to Portomarin

Leaving *Sarria*, you take in the views from atop of the city. On the way to *Portomarin*, you walk by the 100km marker, a major milestone (or km stone!) for the millions of pilgrims who have traversed this same spot over the last millennium. As you approach *Portomarin*, you see the 12th-century Church of *San Juan*, an interesting fortified church that stands guard over the banks of the *River Miño*.

Stay: Samos / Walking: 22km

Day 8: Portomarin to Lestedo

You start the day with a gentle climb out of the river valley and pass through typical Galician villages, decorated with their raised corn cribs and the occasional carved granite cross that marks the way to *Santiago*. Continuing west, you walk through the first of many eucalyptus forests along the *Camino* and work your way out just beyond *Palis Del Rei* to *Lestedo*.

Stay: Lestedo / Walking: 20km

Day 9: Lestedo to Melide

Following the now very familiar yellow arrows, you ramble up and down the gentle rolling hills along quiet footpaths and the peaceful rural scenery where local farmers tend to their cattle. Your travel through this superb countryside is punctuated with the transit through the bustling market town of *Melide*, where *pulpo* (tender paprika seasoned octopus) is still boiled in large copper kettles on the street outside the *Pulperia* (Octopus restaurants).

Stay: Lestedo / Walking: 20km



Day 10: Melide to Arzua

You are now half way to your destination, you leave *Melide* on small country roads, where you wind your way across the Galician countryside. Along the way, your journey is filled with tiny churches dating back to the 12th and 14th-century dedicated to *Santiago* and *Santa Maria*. Once in *Arzua*, you should take advantage of the opportunity to taste famous local cow cheese or perhaps a bit of *empanada*, a light crusty pastry filled with either beef or tuna.

Stay: O Pino / Walking: 14km

Day 11: Arzua to Arca

You continue to enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Galician countryside and charming atmosphere of tiny 3-farm house villages throughout the days walking.

Stay: O Pino / Walking: 19km

Day 12: Arca to Santiago

You arrive in *Santiago de Compostela* having had the opportunity to complete the walk of 200 kms. You are going to love this magical city filled with fabulous monuments and the vibrant buzz of the international pilgrims and local university students that occupy the medieval streets. After watching the traditional pilgrim rituals in the Cathedral on your arrival, you can relax and soak the atmosphere and prepare for your evening celebratory dinner!

Stay: Santiago / Walking: 21km



Day 13: Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast, you are given a closer look, by Andres, at the amazing Cathedral that has seen so many transformations since the original chapel built in the 9th-century. After the tour of the Cathedral and perhaps another opportunity to witness the *Fumario* (giant incense burner) in the cathedral, Andres will guide you through the other wonderful sights of this truly amazing city that has such a rich history. Stay: Santiago



Day 14: Santiago de Compostela to the Airport

After a leisurely breakfast you are transferred to the Airport for your departure and last chance to wish each other "Buen Camino"

