

Camino: Walking the Way 2023

ITINERARY

Consider this journey an experience of 2 caminos, the French Way and the Finisterre Camino. We will be walking the final portion of the The French Way: the classic, most popular route that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will begin in Samos, Spain walking for 7 days to Santiago de Compostela. We will have two nights of rest in the incredible pilgrim's city of Santiago de Compostela and then begin our second camino, a 5 day walk to Finisterre, including a stop in Muxia, KM 0 of the Camino at the Atlantic Ocean. We will walk a total of: 254 km. You may choose to walk each day alone or with others you meet along the way or with members of our group or a mix. We'll gather together in the evenings for dinner and community, sharing stories of our experiences on the Camino and if you wish some of the incredible wine of the region. See the itinerary below with all the details of the journey. Lunch is your own responsibility each day as you walk but Breakfast and Dinner are always provided and excellent. The evening meal is a wonderful way to connect and reflect together on the adventures of the day of walking. We will also have a group meeting every 3 days or so to share more of the journey together in a reflective and supportive way.

- Friday, May 26: WE BEGIN! Arrival day in Samos, Galicia, Spain. Fly to Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) and if you arrive by 2 pm at the airport Julio and Doris will pick up with a shuttle to head to the hotel, about a 125 km drive. If you arrive later, then you can arrange a taxi on your own to Samos. Overnight at Casa de Outeiro <https://www.casasdeouteiro.com/> Optional afternoon visit the Samos Benedictine Monastery, 400m from Hotel <https://www.abadiadesamos.com/> Dinner together. Pilgrims Mass at the Monastery at 7:30 pm if you wish to attend. Opening gathering and orientation after the mass, 8:30 pm at the Hotel. Rest.
- Saturday, May 27: 12 km. SAMOS TO SARRIA Breakfast at Hotel. Leave your bag in the lobby so that it can be shuttled for you. 9 am depart to begin the walk together from Samos to Sarria. As we begin we will personally reflect on the journey and then walk at our own time and pace. Feel free to walk alone or with others. Lunch on your own as you choose. You will have plenty of time in Sarria to check out the quaint old town, enjoy a sit in a café in your afternoon freetime. Overnight at La Casona de Sarria <http://www.lacasonadesarria.es/> Dinner together. Rest for the next big walking day.
- Sunday, May 28: 22 km. SARRIA TO PORTOMARIN Breakfast at Hotel, don't miss it, it's a good one served family style in the downstairs dining room. Walk from Sarria to Portomarin through woodland trails, shade, small towns, and a big descent down to the town of Portomarin on the banks of the river Mino. Lunch on your own and walking at your own pace. Overnight tba. Pilgrims Mass if you wish to attend at Igrexa de San Nicolás at 20:00.
- Monday, May 29: 19 km PORTOMARINE TO LESTEDO Breakfast at the Hotel. Walk from Portomarin to Lestedo, lunch on your own enroute. A varied terrain, 500 meter slow altitude climb. Overnight at Rectoral de Lestedo, a rural country hotel in an old historical building. <https://rectoraldelestedo.com/> Dinner together at the Hotel.
- Tuesday, May 30: 20 km LESTEDO TO MELIDE Breakfast at the Hotel. Walk from Lestedo to Melide, crossing 6 shallow river valleys with the path mostly through woodlands. Lunch on your own. Overnight tba. Dinner at a local restaurant to try the local delicacy Pulpo (Octopus) if you wish!
- Wednesday, May 31: 14 km. MELIDE TO ARZUA Breakfast at the Hotel. Walk from Melide to Arzua, a shorter walk and slower day, flat and pleasant landscape. Overnight tba.

- Thursday, June 1: 20 km. ARZUA TO OPEDRUZO Breakfast and walk from Arzua to O'Pedruzo. Half of the walk is on wooded pathways, start to see eucalyptus trees, downhill to O'Pedruzo. Lunch on your own and walk at your own pace. Overnight tba. Dinner together.
- Friday, June 2: 22 km. OPEDRUZO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA Breakfast at a bar in town. Walk from O'Pedruzo to Santiago de Compostela for the final day of walking our first stage and entry into Santiago. Meet together at the Camino Monument in Monte de Gozo and walk the final 5 km into Santiago as a group. First part of the walk is in Eucalyptus groves and then on paved roads. Overnight tba. Dinner out in the city together to celebrate the completion of the first stage.
- Saturday, June 3: SANTIAGO Free day in Santiago/REST DAY. Pilgrims Mass at the Cathedral in Santiago at 12 noon. Lunch on your own and Freetime. Overnight tba. Dinner out in the city together.
- Sunday, June 4: 21 km. SANTIAGO TO NEGREIRA Breakfast at the Hostal. Depart for our Finisterre Camino Walk from Santiago to Negreira, begin as a group and exit the city together. Walk through eucalyptus forests, picturesque traditional hamlets and over a legendary bridge to the modern town of Negreira. Overnight at Casa Neboa <https://casaneboa.com/>. Dinner at a restaurant in the village.
- Sunday, June 5: 22 km. NEGREIRA TO SANTA MARINA. Breakfast at the Hotel and walk from Negreia to Santa Marina. Hotel tba. Lunch on your own enroute.
- Monday, June 6: 22.5 km. SANTA MARIA TO DUMBRIA. Breakfast at Hotel Walk from Santa Marina to Dumbria. Lunch on your own enroute.
- Tuesday, June. 7: 20.5 km. DUMBRIA TO MUXIA. The walk to the ocean and the small town of Muxia. We will walk together to the Church on the edge of the sea and contemplate the walk and the inner journey.
- Wednesday, June. 8: 28.5 km. MUXIA TO FINISTERRE. The final big day of walking, a pleasant and isolated stage of the walk winding through forest and villages with the sea often in sight. There is a sense of wild sea and idyllic countryside on this final big day of walking. Overnight in Hotel Rural Finisterrae. Overnight: <https://hotelruralfinisterrae.com/>
- Thursday, June. 9: 10 km. FINISTERRE. Finisterre Town to Lighthouse and return and free day, closing celebration. Overnight at Hotel Rural Finisterrae.
- Friday, June. 10: Departures to Santiago in the morning with our shuttle to SCQ Santiago Airport departing at 9 am. If you need to leave earlier please arrange your own transport. If you wish to stay longer, same arrangement and enjoy! The Camino continues.....