

Pilgrimage to
Camino: The Portuguese Route

with Ankica Reed



September 24-October 4, 2024

\$5173 per person from New York (JFK)

\$4283 per person without Airfare

Porto – Braga – Bom Jesus Shrine – Tui - O Porriño – Redoncela
Pontevedra – Caldas de Reis - Padron – Santiago De Compostela



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~Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport or book without airfare (land only option)

~All airport taxes & fuel surcharges

~Classic & Quaint Hotels and Inns along the Camino in double occupancy.

- * Sep 25 -26 / 1 night | Hotel Vincci Porto in Porto
- * Sep 26 -28 / 2 nights | Parador de Tui in Tui
- * Sep 28 -29 / 1 night | Alvear Suites / Pazo Torres de Agrelo in Redondela
- * Sep 29 -30 / 1 night | Parador de Pontevedra in Pontevedra
- * Sep 30 -Oct 1 / 1 night | Hotel Torre del Rio / Hotel Acuña in Caldas de Reis
- * Oct 1 -Oct 2 / 1 night | Pazo de Lestrove / A Casa Antigua do Monte in Padron
- * Oct 2 -Oct 4 / 2 nights: San Francisco hotel Monumento, Santiago de Compostela

- ~ Breakfast & Dinners daily
- ~ 7 lunches
- ~ Wine and mineral water with dinners
- ~Transfers by air-conditioned coach
- ~Camino local Tour Escort
- ~Transfers as per itinerary
- ~Catholic Priest
- ~Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- ~Whispers at visits
- ~Hotel taxes and service charges

Not Included: Tips to your guide & driver (approx. \$15 per day)



Sample Day By Day Itinerary

Day 1 | Tuesday, September 24: Departure from the USA

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Wednesday, September 25: Arrive Porto

Upon arrival in Porto, collect your luggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Transfer to your hotel by bus. In the afternoon, visit the São Francisco Church with its beautiful Gothic interior. Following Mass, visit the Clérigos Church with its iconic bell tower. Continue with a panoramic view of the Dom Luís Bridge, the Church of Saint Ildefonso (a Baroque-style church with a tiled façade), and the Maria Pia Bridge. Return to your hotel for dinner and a restful overnight in Porto before your walking tour begins.

Day 3 | Thursday, September 26: Porto – Braga – Bom Jesus Shrine – Tui

This morning, enjoy breakfast and then transfer to Braga, a lively and historic city. Visit the Shrine of Bom Jesus do Monte ("Good Jesus of the Mountain") to celebrate Mass. In 1722, the Archbishop of Braga authorized the construction of a Sacred Way for the faithful to walk the Stations of the Cross for penance and contemplation. In the afternoon, walk a brief 3-4 miles. Continue to the cathedral town of Tui in Galicia, separated from Portugal by the River Minho. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 | Friday, September 27: Tui – O Porriño (Walking Day, 11.8 miles / 19km)

Today marks the official start of your walking pilgrimage (El Camino) to Santiago de Compostela! Following breakfast, your group will walk through tranquil woods, farmland, and peaceful hamlets. Guided by faith and inspired by the spirit of St. James the Apostle, you will become an authentic pilgrim by journeying along both the physical and spiritual paths. Your first official day of walking will culminate in O Porriño. Enjoy dinner followed by an overnight.

Day 5 | Saturday, September 28: O Porriño – Redondela (Walking Day, 9.9 miles / 16km)

This morning, enjoy breakfast at your hotel and journey from O Porriño through the woods to Redondela. Known for its famous railway viaducts built in the nineteenth century, Redondela is nicknamed the "Village of the Viaducts" due to these infrastructures. Enjoy dinner and a restful overnight in Redondela.

Day 6 | Sunday, September 29: Redondela – Pontevedra (Walking Day, 11.8 miles / 19km)

Start your day with breakfast at your hotel. Your pilgrimage continues as you travel from Redondela to Pontevedra, a historically famous and culturally rich city with many architectural attractions. Explore the well-preserved medieval town center and numerous small squares. See the "Capela da Virxe Peregrina," a unique and distinctive chapel built in 1778 on the main pilgrim's route from Portugal. As you explore Pontevedra, notice the joy on the faces of the pilgrims. Despite their long journey, they are not weary. Guided by God and St. James, their excitement and anticipation build as they approach Santiago. Enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 7 | Monday, September 30: Pontevedra – Caldas de Reis (Walking Day, 14.3 miles / 23km)

After breakfast, continue your journey to Caldas de Reis, passing through the villages of Alba, A Portela, and Brialllos. The Church of Santa Maria de Alba is beautiful in Alba. In A Portela, you will find the Church of San Mamede, and in Brialllos, a small village of 400 people with an albergue. Arrive in Caldas de Reis, a town renowned for its hot springs and situated at the confluence of the Bermaña and Umia rivers. Enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 8 | Tuesday, October 1: Caldas de Reis – Padrón (Walking Day, 11.8 miles / 19km)

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast. Today's route passes through San Miguel de Valga, Cimadevila, Fontelo, and the river Ulla. The Church of Santiago de Padrón is a very important stop for pilgrims. Inside the church, under the altar, lies the Pedrón, a granite block tied to the boat that carried the apostle St. James. Tonight, you will stay in Padrón, where St. James is said to have first preached the word of the Lord. Enjoy dinner followed by a good night's rest.

Day 9 | Wednesday, October 2: Padron – Santiago De Compostela (Walking Day, 15.5 miles/ 25km)

Today, you will culminate the walking portion of your journey! The walk continues in the same direction as the previous day. You leave Padrón and go past the church of Santiago towards the Colegiata of Iria Flavia, where Nobel Literature Prize Camilo José Cela is buried. The day continues through Osebe, on paths and main roads, through villages and woodlands, until you reach O Milladoiro, here you will know that you are approaching Santiago because at this point, you will be able to see the spires of the Cathedral. Following lunch, you will complete your walking journey and arrive at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Upon arrival, feel free to say a small prayer in thanksgiving to Our Lord for keeping you safe throughout the walking pilgrimage. At this time, you will check-in to your hotel and enjoy free time to explore Galicia's capital, Santiago. This evening you will enjoy a marvelous dinner, followed by a very restful overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 10 | Thursday, October 3: Santiago De Compostela

This morning you will awaken in the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela! Formed by Galician granite, this Cathedral is one of the finest architectural examples in Europe as it encompasses Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque styles. Additionally, the Cathedral contains numerous and valuable pieces of art that truly captivate the eye. Upon entering the Cathedral, tradition will lead as you will hug the dazzling statue of St. James. Following this intimate embrace, you will descend into the crypt where the Patron Saint of Pilgrims' relics are kept. Following your visit, you will enjoy free time for lunch on own before your sightseeing tour of the city. Some stops on your tour include the Obradoiro Square, Fonseca Palace, Gelmirez Palace, Franco Street, and much more. Your evening will be free to spend at your leisure until a final dinner with your group. You will spend a final overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 11 | Friday, October 4: Return Home

Your last day in Spain will begin with breakfast at your hotel, followed by a transfer to the Santiago Airport for your return flight(s) home. You will say hasta luego (see you later) to your new friends made on this journey.

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