



St. James Coffee House presents:

El Camino de Santiago

(The Way of St. James)

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE
Sept. 17 - 29, 2023

Pilgrims in Portomarin



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Pilgrim Statue



Day 1: Sunday, September 17, 2023 • Depart USA
We depart the USA on our overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

Day 2: Monday, September 18, 2023 • Arrive in Madrid – Overnight in Madrid
We arrive in Madrid, the capital of Spain. After clearing customs and immigration, we meet our guide and take a tour of this cosmopolitan city. We learn about Madrid's important historic and artistic heritage and see some of the magnificent architecture from the baroque to the ultra-modern. We have some free time to visit one or two of the highlights, such as the world-famous Prado Art Museum, before meeting up again for dinner and a well-deserved good night's sleep. **D**

Day 3: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 • Madrid to León
After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to León where we tour the city. **B, D**

Day 4: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 • Sarria
Today we make our way to Sarria. On arrival, we secure our pilgrim credentials. **B**

Day 5: Thursday, September 21, 2023 • Sarria to Portomarin area
Walk from Sarria to Portomarin (approx. 21 km or 12 mile)
We may run into some new pilgrims today, as we are just beyond the 100 km mark that makes your Camino de Santiago pilgrimage official and awards you the Compostela. Today's walk passes through many towns before ending in Portomarin. The most important landmark in the town is the old roman bridge, although the entire town is significant, as it was moved brick by brick to higher ground when a new dam was scheduled to flood the old town site. **B, D**

Day 6: Friday, September 22, 2023 • Portomarin to Hospital de la Cruz area
Walk from Portomarin to Hospital de la Cruz (approx. 13 km or 8 miles)
This is a short day of walking, although it is largely uphill. There are several small villages along the route, and the Romanesque church in Castromaier which is worth a short visit. **B, L**

Convento de la Magdalena in Sarria



Day 7: Saturday, September 23, 2023 • Hospital de la Cruz to Palais de Rei
Walk from Hospital de la Cruz to Palais de Rei (approx. 12 km or 7 miles)
A day of delight! This short walk is mostly level and unchallenging, the perfect time to reflect on our intentions for this pilgrimage. **B**

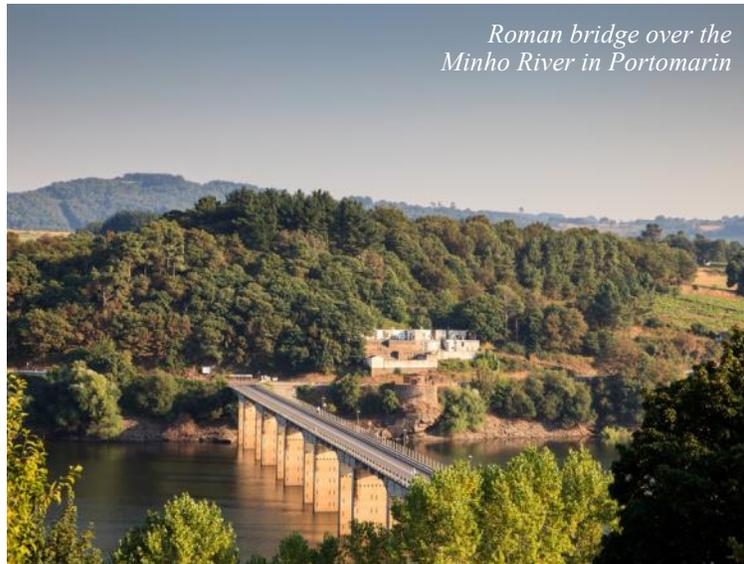
Day 8: Sunday, September 24, 2023 • Palais de Rei to Melide
Walk from Palais de Rei to Melide (approx. 13 km or 8 miles)
This is a relatively easy walk, with many small towns along the route. It spends a good part of the day along major roads, though, so pay attention to your safety and surroundings. There is a beautiful 15th century church dedicated to San Pedro in Melida. The murals merit a stop to enjoy their messages and symbolism before settling into the hostel for the evening. **B, D**

Day 9: Monday, September 25, 2023 • Melide to Arzuá
Walk from Melide to Arzuá (approx. 15 km or 9 miles)
We may want to visit Melida's market before starting off this morning. The walk starts along quiet farmland before starting a rise into the town of Arzuá. **B**

Day 10: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 • Arzuá to Pedrouzo
Walk from Arzuá to Pedrouzo (approx. 21 km or 12 miles)
This final major stage takes us very close to Santiago. We are passing through many smaller villages and are sure to see a swelling of the numbers of pilgrims as the routes begin to converge. Tonight, we reflect on our journey before spending our last night on the route. **B**

Day 11: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 • Pedrouzo to Santiago de la Compostela
Walk from O Pedrouzo to Santiago; (approx. 21 km or 12 miles)
We make our descent into Santiago de la Compostela this morning. We take a photo in front of the Pilgrim Monument at Monte de Gozo to commemorate our feat, before picking up our compostelas (certificates of accomplishment). The Old Town is a UNESCO designated World Culture Center. It has

Roman bridge over the Minho River in Portomarín



been a pilgrimage site since the 9th century, when a peasant saw a mysterious light emanating from a tomb and the burial site of St. James was discovered. We attend the Pilgrim's Mass at Noon at the Cathedral before checking into the hotel where dinner awaits us. **B, D**

Note: many pilgrims overnight in Monte de Gozo and get up early to walk into Santiago in time for the pilgrim mass. There are 3 masses/day (10am, Noon, 6pm) – Noon is recommended because they use the “Botafumeiro” to purify the air (incense).

Day 12: Thursday, September 28, 2023 • Santiago de la Compostela

Morning city tour; tour of Cathedral and museum; sightseeing in town. Ride the Tourist Train. **B, D**

Day 13: Friday, September 29, 2023 • Return to USA

We board our flights for a safe return to the USA. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Tour Price: \$4,729

Prices are per person, land only, double occupancy with a minimum of 16 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Air transportation** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Transfers in Madrid, León, Sarria and Santiago de Compostela
- **Accommodations** in Multi-bedded Hostels for days 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10.
- Double occupancy accommodations in tourist class hotels on days 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, and 12
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of a professional **guide** throughout the tour
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services
- **Insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date (May 19, 2023). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 121 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 120-31 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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Please register me for:

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (INCLUDED)

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.*

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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