

The Way of St. James

El Camino

Pilgrimage

October 01 - 11, 2025



\$5,299 per person
from New York (JFK)

**All pricing based on double occupancy.*

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\$905 single room supplement

Final Payment Due: July 1, 2025

\$500 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration.

PLEASE NOTE: A van or small bus will also be driving parallel to the path you walk each day. Should you feel tired, need water, or medical assistance, it will be readily available to you at check points that are set up along the way. If you cannot make the walk you will be removed from the walk routine of the day(s), but you will continue to enjoy everything else; great accommodations, meals and support.



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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 9 nights accommodation at centrally located hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 1 night: Oct 2 - 3: Preciados, Madrid, Spain
 - 1 night: Oct 3 - 4: Hotel Alfonso IX, Sarria, Spain
 - 1 night: Oct 4 - 5: Hotel Ferramenteiro de Porotomarin, Portomarin, Spain
 - 1 night: Oct 5 - 6: Pazo Marinao, Palas e Rie, Spain
 - 2 nights: Oct 6 - 8: A Painza, Arzua, Spain
 - 1 night: Oct 8 - 9: Hotel Amenal, O Pino, Spain
 - 2 nights: Oct 9 - 11: San Francisco Hotel Monumento, Santiago de Compostela
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- 7 Lunches (all walking days)
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Wireless headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Wed, Oct 1: Depart for Madrid

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

Day 2, Thu, Oct 2: Arrive in Madrid

(Tour Day: 2 miles | 3.2 kilometers | 4,500 steps)

Upon arrival in Madrid, you will collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrival's Hall where you will be greeted by your driver. Transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, you will walk to the Cathedral of Almudena where you will celebrate Mass, followed by a tour of the Cathedral. We will continue our walking tour of Madrid to include the exterior of the Royal Palace. Walk through the Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, and we make a final stop at the Church of Saint James. Return to your hotel. We will enjoy a nice meal before having a restful overnight in Madrid before your walking tour begins.

Day 3, Fri, Oct 3: Madrid - Foncebadon - Iron Cross - O Cebreiro - Sarria

(Walking Day: 2.8 miles | 4.5 kilometers | 6,500 steps)

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast and transfer to Sarria. Sarria is located in the northwest of Spain and is noted for being the entry point to the oriental side of the region, Galicia. Your transfer will end and you will begin on foot from Foncebadon. In the eleventh century, this village was a common resting place for pilgrims on El Camino due to its hospitals, hospice, and church. Currently, the structures that have served so many are now in ruins. While in Foncebadon, you will walk to view the "Iron Cross." This Cross is a common pausing place for pilgrims as they leave a stone at the foot of the cross to symbolize a sin or burden that they are leaving behind. Your tour continues as you leave your burdens behind and continue onward to the village nestled in the mountains, O Cebreiro. Many pilgrims pause at this site due to the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the year 1300. Additionally, be sure to have your cameras ready as this village is suspended 1,300 meters in the air and provides a breathtaking panoramic view. Your first walking day culminates with a delicious meal and an overnight in Sarria.

Day 4, Sat, Oct 4: Sarria - Portomarin

(Walking Day: 15 miles | 23.5 kilometers | 35,000 steps)

Today is the day that your walking pilgrimage (El Camino) to Santiago de Compostela officially begins! With the guidance of Our Lord, and through the spirit of St. James the Apostle, you will become an authentic pilgrim by journeying along the physical road, as well as the spiritual one. Your first official day of walking will culminate in Portomarin. This town dates back to the Roman Ages and was an important halt along the route in the Middle Ages. Due to the creation of a dam in 1962, the Old Portomarin is currently underneath the Mino River. As a result of the dam creation, many of the old buildings were moved, brick by brick. Among these buildings is the Church of St. John of Jerusalem. In Medieval Times, this church was strategically set along the route of El Camino in order to protect the tomb of Santiago. At Portomarin, you will enjoy dinner followed by an overnight.

Day 5, Sun, Oct 5: Portomarin - Palas de Rei

(Walking Day: 16 miles | 25 kilometers | 37,500 steps)

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast at your hotel and journey from Portomarin, through the woods to the Palas de Rei. This was a noteworthy town in the Middle Ages, as it contained a Royal Hospital and the church of St. Tirso. As the rugged walk continues, you will continue through fields, forests, and granaries. Additionally, you will see a prominent characteristic of the Galician Landscape: Los Cruceiros. These wayside crosses depict Christ and the Virgin Mary. Dinner and enjoy a restful overnight in Palas de Rei.

Day 6, Mon, Oct 6: Palas de Rei - Arzua

(Walking Day: 18.2 miles | 29 kilometers | 44,000 steps)

Breakfast will be served at your hotel. You will travel from Palas de Rei to the bustling small town of Arzua. Before arriving in Arzua, your group will stop at Melide. This town is a crucial point of El Camino because it is where the French and Oviedo routes converge. Upon arrival in Melide, you will notice the old roads that date back to the fourteenth century. After lunch, you will leave the Lugo province and enter into the province of A Coruna. As your group continues to Arzua, cross the beautiful, medieval bridge over the Iso River to Ribadiso. Following your visit to this Chapel, you will arrive in Arzua, where you will enjoy dinner and an overnight.

Day 7, Tue, Oct 7: Arzua

(Rest Day: 4.5 miles | 7.2 kilometers | 10,500 steps)

Today, you will take a break to rest your bodies and shake off any fatigue. After Mass, there will be time to reflect on the journey thus far and to spend at your own leisure. Dinner and overnight in Arzua.

Day 8, Wed, Oct 8: Arzua - Arca de O Pino

(Walking Day: 14.2 miles | 22.8 kilometers | 33,000 steps)

Your journey is almost over as you walk to the largest community before Santiago: Arca de O Pino! Immerse yourselves in the fragrant eucalyptus groves and experience the breathtaking scenery. At a point throughout your walk, you will stop and enjoy a picnic lunch. You will continue your journey and arrive in Arca de O Pino. As you explore this village, you will notice joy etched on the faces of the pilgrims as they anticipate their arrival in Santiago.

Day 9, Thu, Oct 9: Arca de O Pino - Monte del Gozo - Santiago de Compostela

(Walking Day: 10.4 miles | 17 kilometers | 25,000 steps)

Today is the final walking portion of your journey! You will first stop for Mass on Mount Joy (Monte del Gozo). 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. Check-in to your hotel and then enjoy free time to explore Galicia's capital, Santiago. This evening, enjoy a marvelous dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 10, Fri, Oct 10: Santiago de Compostela

(Tour Day: 8.2 miles | 13.1 kilometers | 19,200 steps)

This morning you will awaken in the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela! Formed by Galician granite, the Cathedral is one of the finest architectural examples in Europe as it encompasses Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque styles. The Cathedral contains numerous and valuable pieces of art. Upon entering the Cathedral, pilgrims hug the dazzling statue of St. James. You will then descend into the crypt where the Patron Saint of Pilgrims' relics is kept. 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. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 11, Sat, Oct 11: Return Home

Early morning transfer to A Coruna airport or Santiago Airport for your return flight(s) home.

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