

# Camino Vuelta



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# YOUR CAMINO JOURNEY STARTS HERE

This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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\*There is a Camino for everyone! Photos are for inspiration and may differ from your selected itinerary.

**LIZ F.**



**Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.**

*I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.*

*Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.*

**LARA K.**



**Wonderful all round experience**

*Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!*

**RANDY R.**



**Follow the Camino Frances**

*The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.*

**GRETA O.**



**Follow the Camino with an eighty year old**

*Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.*



# ITINERARY



Stage 1 of 3



703.8km



10 days



Comfort



Moderate plus

Starting from

€1294

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

64.4 min | 88km average | 120.5 max

Ascent:

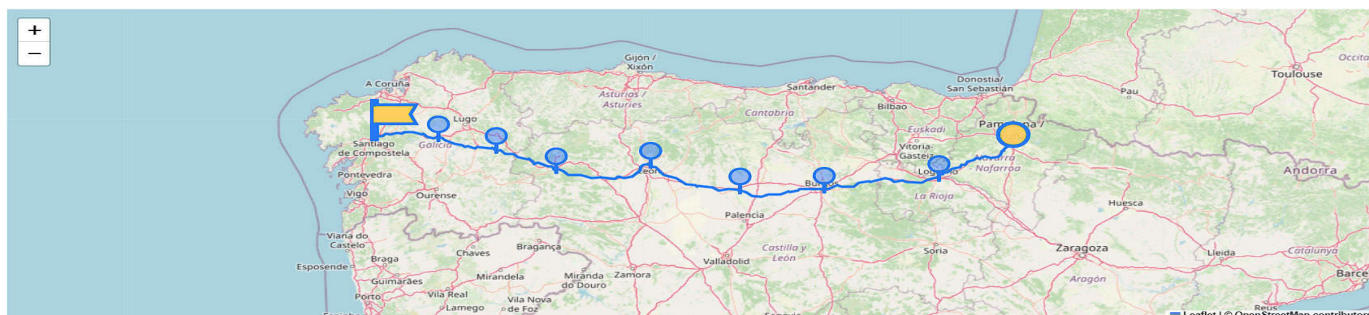
776.7 min | 1587.1m average | 2365.2 max

Cardio:

5 5 5

Are you up for the Camino Challenge? Follow the Camino is innovating once more, designing and offering a Camino with a twist. For centuries, reaching Santiago de Compostela (where the remains of the Apostle Saint James are buried) was the ultimate challenge for all pilgrims. Today, thousands of pilgrims are walking or cycling the Camino in a more gentle way as we made it more accessible and approachable. But what if... we created the ultimate Challenge for you? Over 8 days of cycling you will cover 714km of Camino, from Pamplona at the foothills of the Pyrenees to the city of Santiago on Spain's western edge. Our cycling packages are not suitable for novice bike riders - your bike will come presented in a box which you need to be able to assemble yourself. You will also need to be familiar with fixing a flat tyre / loose chain. The cycling tour packages are aimed at experienced riders.

## Map



## Services

### Included in this package

- ☑ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodations
- ☑ Bed & Breakfast
- ☑ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ☑ Mountain Bike (or E-bike on request for an extra cost)
- ☑ Bike Breakdown Insurance
- ☑ Repair Kit

### Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

✓ 24/7 On-Call Support

✓ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day

1

km

### **PAMPLONA**

You will be pre-booked in a traditional hotel in the heart of Pamplona, a well-preserved, historic city in north-eastern Spain that dates from Roman times. Spend your afternoon visiting Pamplona's 12th Century neighbourhoods of San Nicolas and Cernin, and indulge in delicious pintxos (tapas) in one of the bars. Pamplona is also world-famous for its San Fermin festivities. Spaniards and tourists alike gather around the gated streets to watch a crazy few run with the bulls through the city streets to the main bullring.

Day

2

94.7 km

### **PAMPLONA -> LOGRONO**

As soon as we leave Pamplona, we notice a drastic change in the landscape: sunflowers and cereal fields surround us as we pass el Alto del Perdon before heading down to Puente de la Reina, where the French and Aragonese Ways to the city of Santiago meet. The second half of the day you will be cycling through vineyards and red earth crop fields. We also pass by a few famous landmarks of the Camino such as the Monasterio of Irache and its bodega, and the steep climb up to Villamayor de Monjardin. Shade also decreases as we get closer and closer to Logrono, capital of world-known wine region, La Rioja.

Day

3

120.5 km

### **LOGRONO -> BURGOS**

Yet another superb but challenging day awaits you as you cycle along red earth tracks and through the countryside of La Rioja, then through hilly crop fields. Have lunch in one of the great milestones on the Camino de Santiago, in Santo Domingo de la Calzada. This is one of the most demanding days because of the length and steep ascents and descents - but once you arrive in Burgos it is worth it! Burgos still preserves important vestiges of its mediaeval splendour and the city boasts a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture: the Cathedral of Burgos (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Apart from a visit to the historic quarter, you can take walk along the banks of the Duero and Arlanza rivers.

Day

4

84.8 km

### **BURGOS -> CARRION DE LOS CONDES**

Today you will come to understand the meaning of the local phrase "Castilla es ancha" (Castilla is wide) as you journey across the very flat Meseta or plateau. All day long, you will notice the influence of the Camino de Santiago as there is not a single village that does not have obvious references to it. Crop fields give patches of beautiful colour to the agricultural landscape all year round, so stunning landscapes will keep you

entertained as you ride. The first half of the day is mainly flat and it gets a bit more undulating on the second half to Carrion de los Condes.

Day  
5

94.3 km

### **CARRION DE LOS CONDES -> LEON**

As you continue your journey through the colourful Castilian meseta or plateau, the landscape seems endless and the agricultural aspects are beautiful. This section of the Camino Vuelta is relatively flat when compared to the more extreme ascents and descents in the Pyrenees Mountains and Galician hillsides. We finish the day in the vibrant city of Leon.

Day  
6

103.9 km

### **LEON -> PONFERRADA**

From the early morning, as you cycle along the high plateau you will see Astorga on the horizon. Stop a couple of hours for lunch and to visit this unique city with its 2,000 vibrant years of history, where Renaissance cathedrals and Roman baths jostle with the modernism of Gaudí. In the afternoon, comes the real challenge: an impressive 1,500m track to the iconic Cruz del Hierro (the Iron Cross). Beautiful natural landscapes and vibrant towns will enrich your day before you reach Ponferrada, a city guarded by the Knights Templars' Castle. The old part of the city is a pleasant pedestrian area where tourists and locals chill out on the terraces of Plaza del Ayuntamiento and Plaza de la Encina.

Day  
7

74 km

### **PONFERRADA -> TRIACASTELA**

Starting in the mountain-hugging town of Ponferrada and finishing in Triacastela, this Camino crosses the magnificent O'Cebreiro Mountains before winding down to more gentle terrain. This leg of the journey can be very challenging for its steep inclines and rocky mountainside roads, but the feeling of relief arriving in Triacastela is worth the hard work!

Day  
8

64.4 km

### **TRIACASTELA -> PALAS DE REI**

As we continue up and down on our way out of the Galician mountains, the route offers more spectacular sights and historical buildings along your route well-worth a stop to experience. In the morning, we reach Sarria, where all pilgrims seem to know each other and where most start their journey to Santiago. Expect a climb up through oak woods, passing by the Romanesque Church of Barbedelo, before crossing over the Belesar Dam in Portomarin. Then, the Camino route to Palas de Rei is not too difficult - despite its typical Galician ups and downs!

Day

### **PALAS DE REI -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

This is probably the most exciting day of your whole journey on the Camino

9

67.3 km

as today we finally reach the city of Santiago de Compostela! Before that, we will have to go through the now-usual highs and lows of Galicia's undulating landscape, the most exciting of which is probably El Monte de Gozo (Mount of Joy). From here, you can see the cathedral in the distance for the first time before entering Santiago de Compostela!

Day

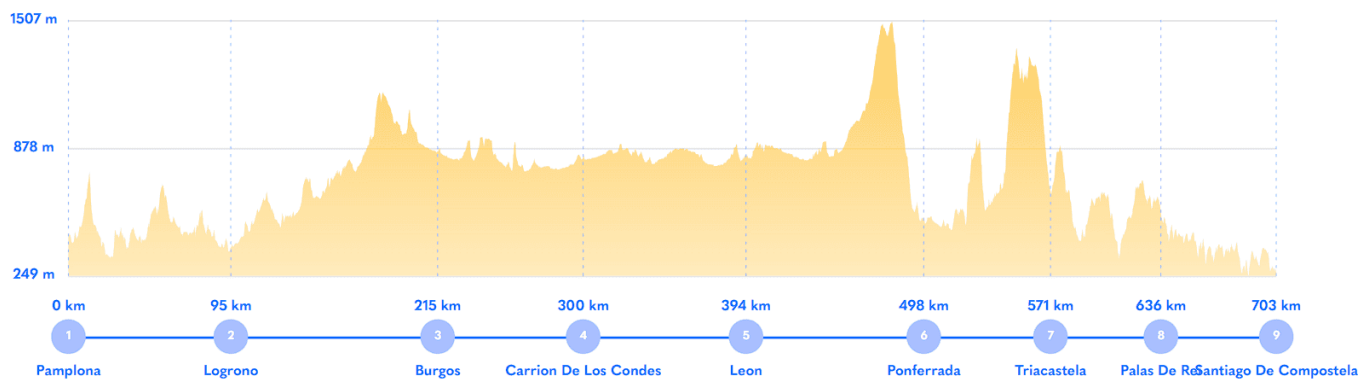
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km

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. If you wish to stay in the area, we recommend that you: - Take your time and visit the magnificent historic centre of Santiago. - Continue with us along the wild Camino Fisterra (Finisterre Way), and stay overnight at the hotel in the lighthouse! - Or take a bus to Fisterra to visit the unspoilt sandy coves and beaches of the west coast. With very few tourists, you are guaranteed a very special experience. Buses depart from Santiago Bus Station at 9am and 10am. Buses return to Santiago at 4:45pm and 7pm. The journey takes 3 hours.

## Elevation Chart



# NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

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Your Camino planner is here to help make your journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible!

## ABOUT US

At Follow the Camino, we are not just a tour operator; we are **passionate Camino enthusiasts** who have been guiding pilgrims **since 2007**. As the first tour operator in Ireland to coordinate walks on the Camino de Santiago, we offer unrivaled expertise in designing **life-changing adventures**.

Don't hesitate to contact us at [info@followthecamino.com](mailto:info@followthecamino.com) to request your **personalized itinerary**. We can add rest days or split days to suit your pace, as well as include special day tours or unique activities to **enhance your Camino experience**. Let us help you create the perfect journey tailored to your needs!



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