

# Guided 2024: Sarria to Santiago and Bus to Finisterre



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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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**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 8 of 8

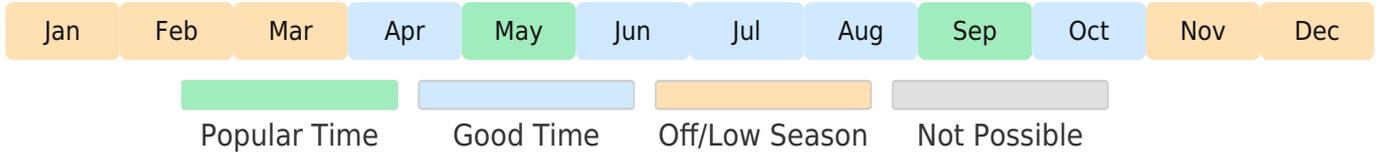
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 8 days

 Comfort

 Moderate

Starting from  
**€1012**



Overall

Distance:

**16.1** min | **22.7km** average | **29.1** max

Ascent:

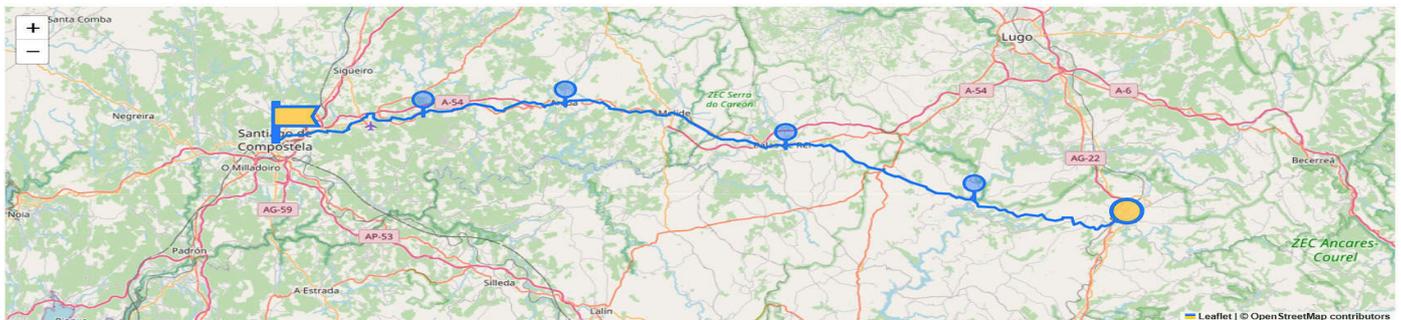
**323.2** min | **504.7m** average | **604.5** max

Cardio:

**2 3.2 4**

For those who are short on time, but still want to experience the beauty of completing the Camino, you can walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela through the beautiful hilly landscapes of Galicia in just 5 days. You will still receive your certificate of completion, or Compostela, upon arrival at Santiago Cathedral. From here, many of pilgrims decide to extend their journey to the 'Costa da Morte'. This tour includes a bus to Finisterre, once considered the end of the world in Roman times, after arrival in Santiago. You will find hilly villages along the way till you reach the cliffs of Spain's western-most point. Beautiful scenery and amazing legends and history will compliment your journey.

## Map



## Services

### Included in this package

- ✔ Experienced Bilingual Guide (available when the minimum number of passengers is reached)
- ✔ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ✔ 7 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners
- ✔ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✔ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✔ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✔ Day tour from Santiago to Finisterre

### Add-On

- ⊕ Additional Night in Santiago
- ⊕ Premium Accommodation in Santiago
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

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

Day  
1  
km

### **SARRIA**

Make your way to your hotel in Sarria in time to enjoy your first evening meal, and get a good rest before you begin your Camino. If you are feeling energised before your walk, visit the town's main religious sites, Convento de la Magdalena and Iglesia Santa Marina de Sarria.

Day  
2  
21.9 km

### **SARRIA -> PORTOMARIN**

Expect a peaceful walk in shady oak woods and pretty villages on quiet country roads. The village of Barbadelo (at an elevation of 580m) has a beautiful Romanesque church that is worth a visit. The next significant village is Ferreiros. When you arrive in Portomarin (an elevation of 550m) you can relax on one of the numerous terraces of the town's main plaza.

Day  
3  
24.3 km

### **PORTOMARIN -> PALAS DE REI**

From the village, the Camino crosses the river Minho and climbs uphill. On your way, you'll be crossing Gonzar and passing the Romanesque Church of Santa María, Castromaior. The calm of the Galician Cemetery in Ligonde on a sunny day is a rest in itself. In Eirexe, the Romanesque portal of the church is a beauty, featuring a sculpture of Daniel, as well as a statue of Santiago de Peregrino. You will then arrive in Palas de Rei (at an elevation of 565m).

Day  
4  
29.1 km

### **PALAS DE REI -> ARZUA**

Today, the Camino continues slightly downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the charming village of Leboreiro. At Melide (an elevation of 454m), stop in one of the many restaurants to try some local specialities. Later today, the Camino will follow a forest track and cross several streams bringing you to the village of Boente. Then, you'll encounter the mediaeval village of Ribadiso, and finally Arzua (at an elevation of 389m). This small town has two churches that you can visit, Santa María and La Magdalena.

Day  
5  
22.1 km

### **ARZUA -> AMENAL**

Arzúa is a charming town in the province of A Coruña, Galicia. It's known for its cheese production - Arzúa-Ulloa cheese enjoys a reputation throughout Galicia for its exceptional creaminess and rich flavor. Similarly, the honey produced in this region is highly regarded, thanks to the favorable local flora and climatic conditions that contribute to its quality.

Day  
6

16.1 km

## AMENAL -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The Camino de Santiago from Amenal to Santiago de Compostela is the final leg of the journey for many pilgrims on the Camino Francés, which is the most popular route to Santiago. This stretch is approximately 16 kilometers (about 10 miles) long and offers a mix of urban and rural landscapes. As you progress, you'll notice a gradual transition from rural to suburban surroundings. The path takes you through small villages, open fields, and wooded areas, with increasing signs of urbanization. A significant landmark along the way is "Monte do Gozo" or "Mount of Joy." This hill offers a panoramic view of Santiago de Compostela, and it's a place where many pilgrims pause to savor their first glimpse of the city and the cathedral spires in the distance. After descending from Monte do Gozo, you'll continue through urban areas, eventually leading you into the heart of Santiago's historic district.

Day  
7

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 re 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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