# Ferrol to Santiago





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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.

#### 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.

#### 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!!!!

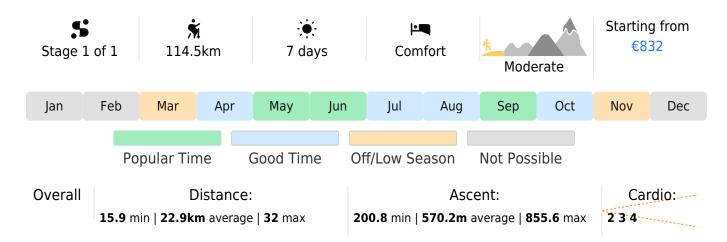
#### GRETA O.



#### 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**



Traditionally, English and Irish pilgrims arrived by sea at the port towns of northern Galicia. The English Way starts by following the rugged hilly coastline, then moves inland to the lush, wooded countryside. Passing through the mediaeval village of Betanzos is like travelling back in time with its hill-perched marketplace. It is quieter than other routes so for those trying to get away from the more popular French Way, the Camino Ingles presents a great alternative to get from Ferrol to Santiago de Compostela (or A Coruna to Santiago) and receive your pilgrim certificate within a week.

#### Map



#### **Services**

## Included in this package

- **⊘** Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✓ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

#### Add-On

- Premium Accommodation
- Airport Pick-Up
- Additional Nights
- ① Dinners
- ① Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

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

Day 1

km

**FERROL** 

You will be booked into a hotel in the heart of the town of Ferrol. While you are in this charming port it is well worth learning about Ferrol's maritime history at the Museo Naval, or taking a step back in time with a trip to Castillo San Felipe to see how Ferrol was defended by attacks from sea.

Day

2

29.2 km

#### **FERROL -> PONTEDEUME**

The English Way begins at the docks of Curuxeiras. After leaving Ferrol, the Camino rises to offer sweeping views of nearby towns Betanzos, Ares, and back to Ferrol. Cross a mediaeval bridge and follow the shoreline – an everpresent feature along the early stretches of the English Way. Gaze around you as you walk to see views of the Rias de Betanzos and its marshlands. If 29km is a bit much for you, you can split this section of the journey into two days, with a stop over in Neda.

Day 3

20.1 km

#### **PONTEDEUME -> BETANZOS**

After leaving Pontedeume (home to the beautiful natural park of Fragas do Eume), you will cross the single-arched mediaeval bridge over the Baxoi river. Then, the Camino leads to Mino by way of the Camino Real once again. Following the shoreline, we reach the wide estuary of the Lambre River. This stretch again offers lovely views of the Rias de Betanzos and its marshlands.

Day

4

32 km

#### **BETANZOS -> A RUA**

From the town of Betanzos you will depart on one of the longer walking days of this route. However, the walk is mostly simple, following gentle rural paths through lush Galician greenery. Your destination for the night is A Rua.

Day 5

17.3 km

#### A RUA -> SIGUEIRO

Walking through the beautiful Galician countryside, today will be simple as you are mostly be heading downhill. Some of the main highlights of the day are the lovely historic Horreo you pass (a typical granary found in the northwest of Spain and Portugal), the 18th-Century Igrexa de San Paio de Buscas in A Rúa town, and the impressive colours of the forest all around you.

Day 6 15.9 km

#### SIGUEIRO -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After crossing the Sigueiro Bridge over the Tambre River, we arrive into the municipality of Santiago. The Way continues along the river and leads to the 'Fonte do Ingles' (The English Fountain). You soon reach Meixonfrio, the site of an old inn where pilgrims and travellers would stop and rest. After passing a pre-Roman hill-fort, where, according to tradition, each passing pilgrim would lay a stone on the already existing pile, the Camino enters Santiago to reach its imposing cathedral.

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:

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 firs 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 <a href="mailto:info@followthecamino.com">info@followthecamino.com</a> 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!

