# Lisbon to Santarem





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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!!!!

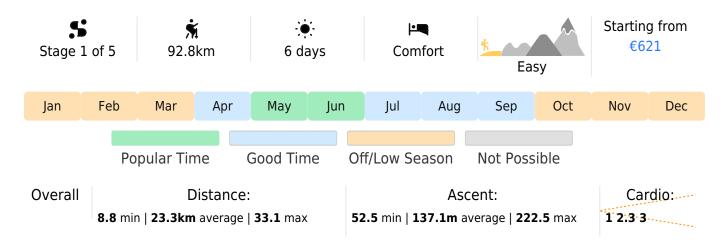
#### GRETA O.



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

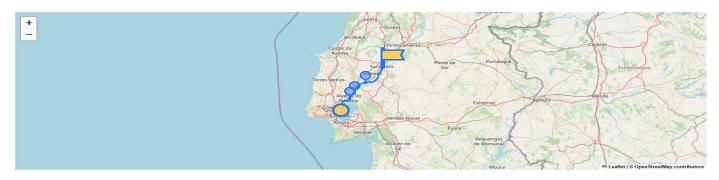
Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

## **ITINERARY**



The first section of the Camino Portugues starts in the capital city of Portugal, Lisbon, and heads north to reach Santarem and its magnificent scenic views over the area. After the urban surrounds at the beginning of the route, the route heads towards a rich agricultural area, often considered as 'the garden of Portugal'. On this leg, the Camino also coincides with the famous Caminho de Fatima and mainly follows the Tejo River valley. The flat landscape of the area makes it doable for anybody with an average level of fitness.

#### Map



#### **Services**

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

Day 1

km

#### **LISBON**

Located on the Atlantic Ocean coast and on the banks of the River Tejo, the western-most capital city of Europe is a great place to relax before your trip. Visitors can visit UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Jeronimo Monastery and Belem Tower amongst other interesting architectural buildings and squares. There are so many things to see and do in Lisbon that visitors have access to a wide array of different experiences.

Day

2

31.6 km

#### LISBON -> ALVERCA DO RIBATEJO

The Camino from Lisbon offers a mix of urban and natural landscapes. As you leave the city, you'll cross the Parque das Nações, a modern part of the city with futuristic architecture, gardens, and the stunning Vasco da Gama Bridge. The final stretch to Alverca do Ribatejo is lined with traditional Portuguese countryside, with olive trees and the occasional vineyard.

Day 3

8.8 km

#### ALVERCA DO RIBATEJO -> VILA FRANCA DE XIRA

The short distance today allows for a relaxed pace. Departing from Alverca Do Ribatejo, you'll wander through a mix of woodland and cultivated fields. As you approach Vila Franca de Xira, you'll be greeted with sweeping views of the Tejo River and the surrounding wetlands, an important natural habitat for several bird species.

Day 4

19.5 km

#### **VILA FRANCA DE XIRA -> AZAMBUJA**

Leaving Vila Franca de Xira, you travel through a region where bullfighting and horse breeding are part of daily life for generations of locals. The Camino continues parallel to the Tejo River, offering tranquil riverside views across the whole section, before heading inland towards the pleasant town of Azambuja.

Day

5

33.1 km

#### **AZAMBUJA -> SANTAREM**

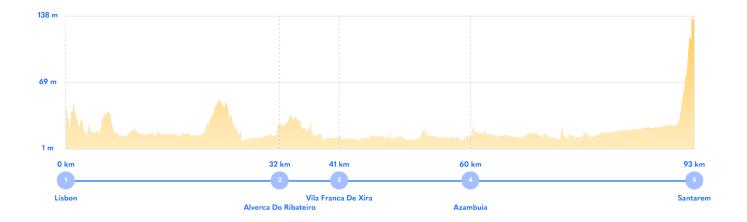
This walking day brings us to the highest point of this section, at 110 metres, in Santarem, which is also the final stop over of our first stretch of the Portuguese Way. This is a very enjoyable walk as half of the day is spent going through lush crop fields, fruit groves, and vineyards.



#### **SANTAREM**

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. While you are in this charming town (which holds the distinction of having the most varied ensemble of Portuguese Gothic churches), take the time to visit the notable sights, including Old Castle of Santarém, the Church of Saint John of Alporão, Cabaças Tower, and the Fountain of the Fig Trees.

### **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.** 

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