

Variante Espiritual from Vigo + Wine Experience



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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 1 of 1

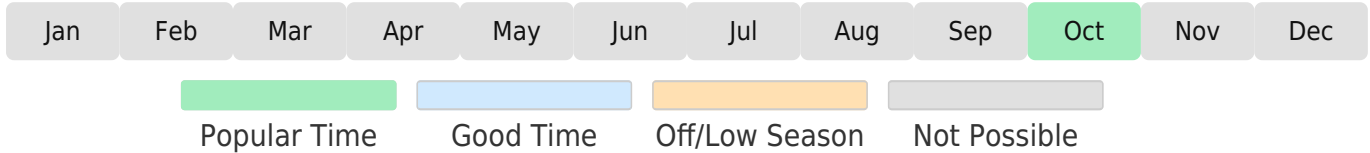
 138.8km

 7 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€2419



Overall

Distance:

23.8 min | 27.7km average | 54.9 max

Ascent:

293 min | 535.5m average | 1429.9 max

Cardio:

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Join our new guided group experience along the Spiritual Variant of the Camino Portuguese, a unique journey from Vigo to Santiago de Compostela that blends pilgrimage, wine, and authentic Galician cuisine. Accompanied by wine expert Amanda from The Boutique Adventurer, this special departure offers insider access to local vineyards, regional flavours, and the cultural traditions that make Galicia so distinctive.

Beginning in the vibrant coastal city of Vigo, the route follows quiet forest trails, rolling countryside, and historic villages before culminating in the symbolic boat journey along the Ulla River, retracing the legendary route associated with the arrival of the Apostle James in Padrón. With curated tastings, meaningful landscapes, and a celebratory arrival in Santiago, this Camino experience connects history, gastronomy, and the spirit of pilgrimage in a truly memorable way.

Services

Included in this package

- ✔ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✔ 6 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners
- ✔ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ✔ Wine tasting activities as per itinerary
- ✔ Dedicated wine expert accompanying the group
- ✔ Experienced Bilingual Guide (available when the minimum number of passengers is reached)
- ✔ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✔ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✔ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Extra night(s) at the first or last location
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

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

Day
1
km

VIGO

Your Camino experience begins in Vigo, a lively Atlantic port city celebrated for its maritime culture, and sweeping coastal views. In the evening, gather for a relaxed welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant, where you'll have the chance to get to know your fellow travellers, meet your guide and wine expert, and gently ease into the spirit of the journey before setting off towards Santiago de Compostela the following morning.

Day
2
34.2 km

VIGO -> PONTEVEDRA

This morning, we transfer you from Vigo to Redondela (approximately 10 km), where you will begin your walk and join the traditional Portuguese Way. From here, you'll start to notice more pilgrims as the Camino atmosphere gently builds. The trail leads you through classic Galician scenery: quiet rural hamlets, rolling countryside, and fragrant eucalyptus forests. Before reaching the halfway point, you will cross the historic Ponte Sampaio, where Napoleon's troops were famously defeated during the Peninsular War. Upon arrival in Pontevedra, we will transfer you to your accommodation in a peaceful vineyard area, where you will stay for the next two nights. This carefully selected setting places you in the heart of Galicia's wine country, surrounded by rolling hills and rows of vines. It's the perfect place to slow down, unwind, and connect with the landscape while gaining a deeper appreciation for the region's winemaking traditions.

Day
3
20.7 km

PONTEVEDRA -> ARMENTEIRA

This morning, we will transfer you from your accommodation back to Pontevedra, where you concluded the previous day's walk, allowing you to continue your Camino seamlessly from the same point.

One of the highlights along this stretch is the charming seaside town of Combarro, renowned for its distinctive Galician architecture and iconic *hórreos* (traditional stone granaries) lining the waterfront. Wandering through its narrow cobbled streets, with the Atlantic as a backdrop, offers a wonderful glimpse into the region's maritime heritage and cultural identity.

As you approach Armenteira, the scenery gradually opens to reveal sweeping views of vineyards, wooded hills, and peaceful countryside. The village itself is home to the impressive Monastery of Armenteira, a place of quiet reflection that has played an important role in the area's spiritual and cultural history. After your walk, we will transfer you back to your accommodation in the vineyard area for your second night. This evening will be particularly special, as you will enjoy an exclusive masterclass on local wines, a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of Galicia's winemaking traditions in the very landscape where they are produced.

Day

4

23.8 km

ARMENTEIRA -> VILANOVA DE AROUSA

This morning, we will transfer you to Armenteira, the starting point of today's walk. From this peaceful village, the path descends gently through shaded woodland, vineyards, and lush green landscapes, offering a serene and scenic stretch of the Spiritual Variant.

As the route continues, the scenery gradually shifts towards the Atlantic, opening onto the spectacular coastline of the Ría de Arousa, one of Galicia's most beautiful coastal inlets. By the end of the day, you will reach Vilanova de Arousa, a charming seaside town with a strong maritime character. This evening is free for you to enjoy at your own pace: take a relaxed stroll along the waterfront, breathe in the sea air, or perhaps stop at one of the coastal bars to sample local tapas and soak up the laid-back Galician atmosphere.

Day

5

35.2 km

VILANOVA DE AROUSA -> PADRON

Starting from the coastal town of Vilanova de Arousa, today's stage captures the true essence of the Spiritual Variant. After a gentle 2 km walk, you will board a boat to begin a memorable two-hour journey across the Ría de Arousa and into the Ulla River. As you glide over sparkling waters framed by green hills and mussel rafts, you will retrace the legendary maritime route associated with the arrival of the Apostle Saint James in Galicia.

During the crossing, we will pause along a calm stretch of coastline, where representatives from a local winery with Denomination of Origin status will join us on board for a special wine pairing experience. Surrounded by this extraordinary seascape, you will taste a selection of regional wines thoughtfully paired to enhance both the flavours and the moment, a truly unique way to connect Galicia's spiritual and winemaking heritage.

The boat journey concludes in Pontecesures, where you return to land and continue on foot along well-marked paths and quiet country roads towards Padrón. This historic town is believed to be the landing site of Saint James' boat and is also the birthplace of the celebrated poet Rosalía de Castro. Its deep religious, historical, and cultural roots make Padrón a meaningful and enriching stop before the final stretch to Santiago de Compostela.

Day

6

24.8 km

PADRON -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The Camino passes through a series of small hamlets before reaching the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude. On a hilltop to the left rise the evocative ruins of the ancient hillfort Castro Lupario, adding a sense of mystery to the landscape. A few kilometres further, you will cross what is

considered the oldest wayside crossing in Galicia. As you approach Agro dos Monteiros, the long-awaited spires of the Cathedral of Santiago come into view — a powerful and emotional moment for every pilgrim. Before entering the city of the Apostle, the route passes the ruins of A Rocha Vella, marking the final steps of your Camino journey.

For our last evening together, we will gather to celebrate your arrival in Santiago de Compostela with a special farewell dinner. We will dine in a restaurant located within the Mercado de Abastos, the city's historic food market, where the cuisine is based on the freshest produce of the day. Paired with regional wines bearing Denomination of Origin status, this celebratory meal offers the perfect closing chapter to a journey defined by landscape, history, wine, and shared experience — a memorable finale to your Camino adventure.

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.

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 2006** 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 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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