# **TRAVEL PLAN**

# Romantic Camino: Tui 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.



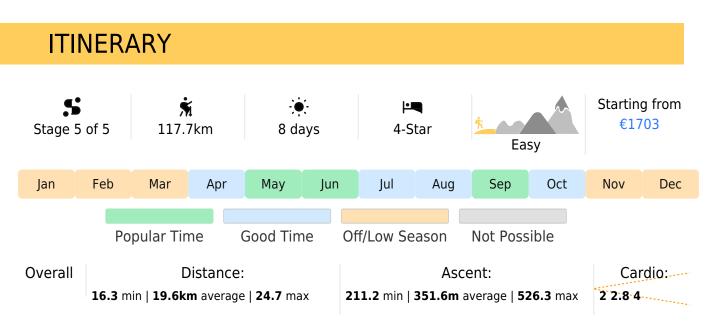
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#### LARA K. LIZ F. Walking the french camino is one of Wonderful all round experience the best experiences of my life. Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time. walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded Follow the Camino planned my trip and my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!! was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure. RANDY R. GRETA O. $\star \star \star \star$ **Follow the Camino Frances** Follow the Camino with an eighty The Camino Frances was the best vacation year old experience l've ever had. Fitness, new friends, Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels and fantastic country. Highly recommended. included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

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This romantic getaway explores the iconic Camino de Santiago de Compostela, the Way of Saint James. This route, which was used by Queen Isabel of Portugal in the 13th Century, heads north following the Atlantic coast of Portugal and Spain. The Camino Portugues gently winds along ancient paths, running through woodlands, villages, farmlands, vineyards and historic towns.

#### Map



#### **Services**

#### Included in this package

- $\bigcirc$  Mix of deluxe stay in 4\* hotels where possible  $\bigcirc$  Premium Accommodation
- or country guesthouses d
- $\odot$  Superior rooms confirmed where possible
- ✓ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊘ Airport pick-up and drop-off
- $\odot$  A surprise each day (petal beds, Galician
- liquor, fruit baskets, massage pack, late checkout)
- Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ⊘ 24/7 On-Call Support
- Ø Breakfast & Dinner Included

#### Add-On

- Additional Nights
- Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

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



#### TUI

You'll be booked into a hotel in the heart of Tui. Take a walk through the town's picturesque streets, and as you approach the Plaza de San Fernando the silhouette of the west-facing facade of the 12th Century cathedral will provide you with a lasting memory.



#### TUI -> O PORRINO

From the long-standing port of Tui, the Camino winds its way up to the old town, following the so-called Camino da Barca. Then, through the Tunel das Monxas, the Camino enters a very steep section and leads us to the historic bridge of San Telmo. From there, travelling over less strenuous terrain, we come to the town of O Porrino.



#### **O PORRINO -> REDONDELA**

The terrain becomes easier to navigate as we cross the Louro Valley. Keeping the valley to the east, after a gentle climb you arrive at the chapel of Santiaguino de Antas; a pleasant place to take a rest. We now enter a wide expanse of woodland. Surrounded by pine trees, the Camino starts its descent to Redondela.



#### **REDONDELA -> PONTEVEDRA**

Leaving Redondela, which is known as the Village of Viaducts due to the two 19th Century railroad viaducts in the town, you will proceed to the village of Arcade. From here you cross a Romanesque bridge where Napoleon was defeated by the Spanish during the War of Independence. Arriving into Pontevedra you will head through the narrow streets before reaching the 13th Century Church of Santa Maria. Of interest to pilgrims is the Capela da Peregrina which, although it appears round, is actually in the shape of a scallop shell.



#### **PONTEVEDRA -> CALDAS DE REIS**

Passing chestnut groves, the Camino leaves Pontevedra and runs parallel to the railway for a while. After passing through the hamlet of Ponte Cabras, we encounter the rectory of Santa Maria de Alba, tucked away among pine and eucalyptus trees. Emerging from the dense woods of Lombo da Maceira, you'll see a statue of St James, his staff pointing the way to proceed. Passing the lovely village of Tibo, with its fountain, public washing place and stone cross, brings us to Caldas de Reis.



#### CALDAS DE REIS -> PADRON

Exiting the town, we take a bridge over the River Umia that leads us to a fountain of hot spring water that has lent the town its name since Roman times. Entering the woods once more, the Camino makes its way gently uphill to the hamlet of Santa Marina. Going downhill, we cross the river Fontenlo. Finally, we catch up again with the river as we arrive in Padron. Padron is famous for being the first land sighted by the ship bearing the body of St James.



#### PADRON -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The Camino passes through many small hamlets before arriving at the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude. On a hilltop to the left stands the mysterious ruins of the hillfort Castro Lupario. A few kilometres later, we come to the oldest wayside crossing in Galicia. As we near Agro dos Monteiros, it's now possible to see the spires of the cathedral in Santiago. Finally, the Camino passes by the ruins of a castle known as A Rocha Vella, before entering the city of the Apostle.



#### 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 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 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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