TRAVEL PLAN

FR8 – GUIDED – Sarria to Santiago: Make Friends for Life

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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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Reviews from millions of Tripadvisor travellers place this winner in the top 10% worldwide.

*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.

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.

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ITINERARY

Stage 8 of 8	113.5km	9 days	Comfort	Moderate	Starting from €1539

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

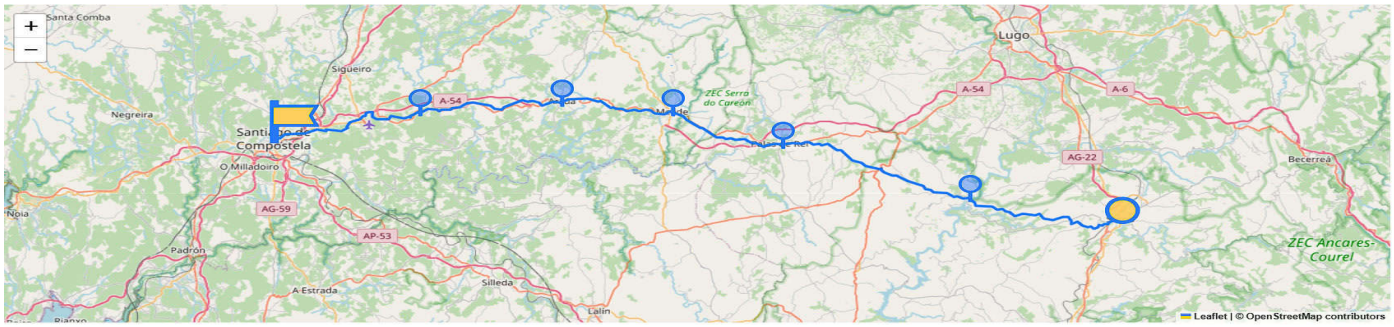
Popular Time | Good Time | Off/Low Season | Not Possible

Overall	Distance:	Ascent:	Cardio:
	14.3 min | **18.9km** average | **24.3** max	**268.8** min | **420.6m** average | **592.8** max	**2 2.8 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. Take an extra day or 2 to experience the magical city sights at the end.

The final stage of the famous Camino Frances (or French Way) is the most popular Camino package.

Map



Services

Included in this package

- Bed & Breakfast
- Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- 24/7 On-Call Support
- Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- Premium Accommodation
- Airport Pick-Up
- Additional Nights
- Dinners
- Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- 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
14.8 km

PALAS DE REI -> MELIDE

Today, the Camino continues slightly downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the charming village of Leboreiro. At Melide (a steady elevation of 454m), stop in one of the many restaurants to try some local specialties such as octopus a la gallega (boiled octopus served with olive oil, paprika, and salt.

Day
5
14.3 km

MELIDE -> ARZUA

This is the perfect start as the stroll quickly leaves Melide and heads off into quiet countryside, along forest track and through a few hamlets. At Boente de Ariba, you will pass by the ancient Church of Santiago before continuing through a forest track and reaching Catanada. You will then cross a few streams, and then you are at the last stretch to Arzua . Once in Arzua, you can then relax in the hotel.

Day
6
17.9 km

ARZUA -> RUA

This shaded section of the Camino will pass through woods, along streams, and through sleepy villages. Take your time and visit the chapel of Santa Irena, with its unique statues of Santiago. The rest of the way to Rua-O Pino is on a quiet country road. Rua (at an elevation of 310m) is one of the less crowded stopping points before Santiago de Compostela.

Day
7
20.3 km

RUA -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

You're nearly there! The next stage will be Lavacolla, where pilgrims traditionally washed in the river before reaching Santiago de Compostela. Tall eucalyptus trees line your way to Monte del Gozo, or Mount of Joy. From here, you can see your goal – the Cathedral of Santiago! After a descent to the city you'll be able to witness this UNESCO World Heritage Site up-close. Marvel at the architecture and relish the wonderful atmosphere in this cultural and spiritual mecca, and contemplate all you've experienced on your amazing journey.

Day
8
km

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Take your time today—you've earned it. Enjoy a slow morning, a relaxed breakfast, and let the day unfold at your own pace. Whether you'd like to explore more of Santiago's hidden gems, indulge in delicious Galician cuisine, or simply soak up the pilgrim atmosphere, the day is yours.

If you're in the mood for a little more adventure, ask us about our day tours from Santiago—an excellent way to add one final special memory to your Camino. However you choose to spend it, let the day flow gently. This extra time is a gift to enjoy just a little more of the Camino spirit.

Day
9
km

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye. If your heart is still calling you onward, consider continuing your walk to Fisterra, where the Camino meets the sea. The route is wild, beautiful, and deeply symbolic for many pilgrims.

Ask us if you'd like help arranging the next steps. Wherever you go, may the spirit of the Camino stay with you.

Buen Camino, always.

Elevation Chart

722 m
485 m
249 m
0 km
22 km
46 km
61 km
75 km
93 km
113 km
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
Sarria
Portomarin
Palas De Rei
Melide
Arzua
Rua
Santiago De Compostela

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 2006** 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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