

Full Camino Portugues



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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 5



620.6km



29 days



Comfort



Easy

Starting from

€3507

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

11.5 min | 24.8km average | 40.3 max

Ascent:

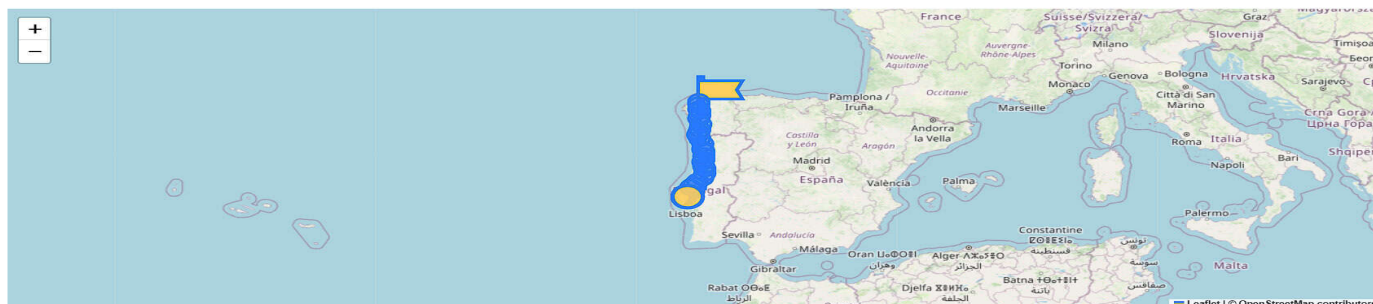
61.4 min | 364.9m average | 922.8 max

Cardio:

2 3.1 5

The Camino Portugues is a pilgrimage from Lisbon in Portugal that heads north through Portugal to cross the border into Spain, finishing at Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St James. Passing through famous Portuguese towns and cities such as Santarem, Tomar, Coimbra, and Porto, you have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the varied cultures of Portugal. The walk will take you along ancient paths, running through woodlands, farmlands, olive groves, vineyards, and historic towns.

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

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

40.3 km

LISBON -> VILA FRANCA DE XIRA

We recommend spending the extra time in Lisbon today to explore this wonderful city. Then, at your leisure, take the train to Vilafranca de Xira, home of a famous bullfighting festival, to spend the night and start your Camino walk from here the following day.

Day

3

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

4

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.

Day

5

33.7 km

SANTAREM -> GOLEGA

Leaving Santarem, we find ourselves walking along quiet country lanes as the Camino heads north-east, mostly following Rio Tejo. It passes through charming villages marked by the regional culture of campinos (cattle herders) and horse breeding life. This is a long walking day but the flat terrain makes it easy enough to complete.

Day
6

30.3 km

GOLEGA -> TOMAR

We start this day heading towards one of the country's nicest manor houses, Finca da Cardiga. Then, we continue through the quiet hilly countryside, passing through a few scattered villages. The day finishes on Praza de la Republica in Tomar, in the heart of the old city.

Day
7

32.3 km

TOMAR -> ALVAIAZERE

Today brings a change of terrain as we go up and down along several wooded valleys, Roman roads that remain in use to this day, and farm tracks. This day is often seen as challenging but it is also one of the most rewarding when completed of this whole section.

Day
8

12.8 km

ALVAIAZERE -> ANSIAO

Leaving Alvaiazere, we start with a steep climb up the hills surrounding the town followed by a steady descent. The Camino continues up and down through crop fields and olive groves and along the mediaeval route that brings us to your destination for the evening, Ansiao.

Day
9

30.4 km

ANSIAO -> CONDEIXA A NOVA

We leave Ansiao, crossing a 17th Century bridge (the Ponte da Cal) and heading towards Netos. From here, the landscape alternates between pine and eucalyptus woods, olive groves, and small rural towns. Towards the late afternoon, we finally make our way to Condeixa a Nova.

Day
10

17.1 km

CONDEIXA A NOVA -> COIMBRA

The first half of the day runs through the countryside with lovely vineyards, olive groves, and woodlands. As we approach the university city of Coimbra, the area becomes more populated and the last climb of this section is towards alto de Cruz de Mourocos (with a total height of 190 metres) overlooking Coimbra and the Rio Mondego valley. Coimbra is a bustling, lively city, home of one of the oldest universities in Europe!

Day
11

23 km

COIMBRA -> MEALHADA

Today is mainly a flat walk alternating between urban areas and river valleys. The only difficulty might be the gentle climb when leaving Coimbra and the Rio Mondego valley, up to Cigga do Monte. On this stage, the Camino mostly follows an ancient Roman road (even though very little of the original remains). We end the day in Mealhada, a famous wine-growing area.

Day
12

25.1 km

MEALHADA -> AGUEDA

Leaving Mealhada, we continue to walk through pleasant vineyards with no particular difficulty, with most of the day spent on asphalt. On the way, the route runs through Avelas de Caminho, a city historically linked to the Camino. We finally reach Agueda, a town built on the banks of the Certima River.

Day
13

16.1 km

AGUEDA -> ALBERGARIA A VELHA

This short stage presents no difficulty, the high point of the day being our final destination in Albergaria A Velha. Part of the day runs through peaceful pine and eucalyptus woods, a leg of the Camino that follows the original Via Romana XVI, with a beautiful stone bridge crossing over the Rio Marnel.

Day
14

29 km

ALBERGARIA A VELHA -> SAO JOAO DE MADEIRA

We start this day walking along a lovely forest road and then the area becomes more urbanised as the Camino progresses further towards the North of the Beira coast and Porto. We also cross the charming town of Oliveira de Azemeis with its pretty historical centre and Matriz de Sao Miguel Church. The terrain also becomes more undulating and there is a bit of up and down across small hills, the highest point of the day culminating at 220 metres atop Sao Joao da Madeira.

Day
16

34.2 km

SAO JOAO DE MADEIRA -> PORTO

Leaving Sao Joao da Madeira, we pass through Arrifana and its blue church. Soon we find ourselves walking on the well-preserved original cobbled Roman road. We then continue downhill towards the 13th Century monastery, Mosteiro de Grijó. Heading towards Porto, feel the fresh breeze of the Atlantic coast as we get closer to the famous Port wine capital city. We approach Vila Nova de Gaia, the city facing Porto, on the other side of Rio Duero before finally entering Porto via the majestic Puente D. Luiz I.

Day
17

23 km

PORTO -> FAJOZES

The terrain leaving Porto is generally flat and makes the first day of walking gentle. There are numerous ancient churches along the Camino and nearby, such as the 12th Century monastery, Mosteiro Leca do Balio, built on the exact spot a Roman temple dedicated to the god Jupiter once stood.

Day
18

11.5 km

FAJOZES -> ARCOS

From Fajozes, the Camino starts heading north-east, gradually moving away from the coastline. A little bit outside Fajozes the route crosses an incredible mediaeval bridge, Dom Zameiro. The first woodlands of this section also appear here, with pine and eucalyptus trees providing shade from the sun.

Day
19

20.6 km

ARCOS -> BARCELOS

Day 4 is a relatively short walk as the path leaves Arcos. Gentle woodland and charming villages alternate along the route, and there's the option to visit the Chapel of Santa de Franqueira, which provides panoramic hilltop views. Further on, you cross another well-preserved mediaeval bridge and soon arrive in the main square at the lively market town of Barcelos, complete with Renaissance fountain and one of the largest markets in Europe.

Day
20

33.5 km

BARCELOS -> PONTE DE LIMA

As we leave Barcelos, we start to feel Galicia approaching. The landscape begins to change, becoming both hillier and greener, offering pastoral views all day. This day is probably the most challenging section of this route as there aren't many towns or villages to stop at, and there are a few steep inclines. However, it's worth it for the scenery alone.

Day
22

37.4 km

PONTE DE LIMA -> TUI

Leaving Ponte de Lima you will be struck by the beautiful scenery on your way to Tui. Passing through vineyards and forest paths, today is a restful day of introspection for the soul. Arriving at the port in Tui, treat yourself to a glass of wine and some seafood!

Day
23

17.2 km

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.

Day
24

24.4 km

O PORRINO -> ARCADE

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 through the hamlet of Sete Fontes and arrives in Arcade.

Day
25

11.6 km

ARCADE -> PONTEVEDRA

From here you will 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 also the Capela da Peregrina which, although it appears round, is actually in the shape of a scallop shell.

Day
26

21.2 km

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.

Day
27

18.7 km

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.

Day
28

24.7 km

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.

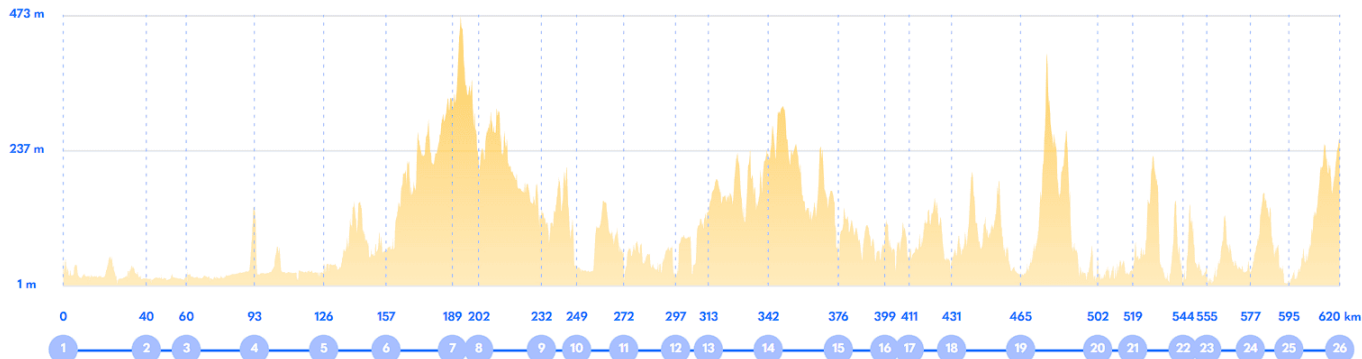
Day
29

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

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