

# Horse Ride the Camino Frances



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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.*

**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 8 of 0

 152.7km

 8 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from  
€2417

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

0 min | 25.5km average | 38.2 max

Ascent:

0 min | 572.9m average | 805 max

Cardio:

1 3.7 5

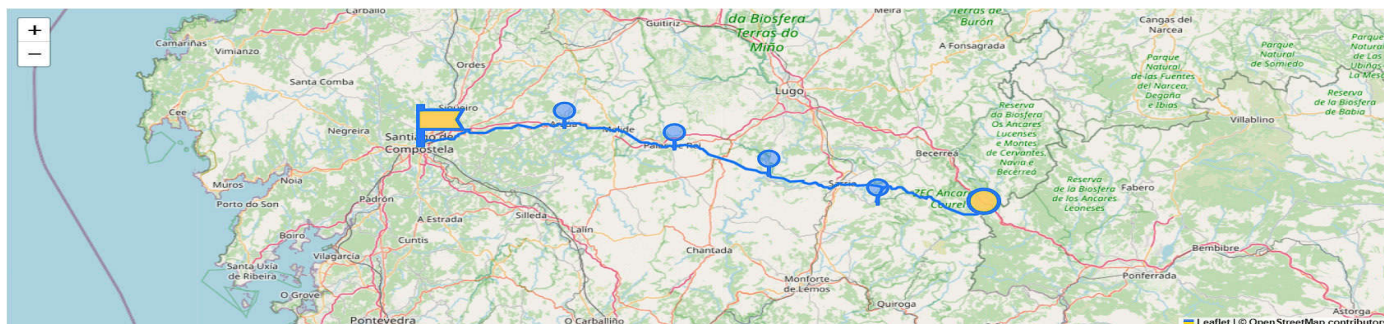
- From April 2024 to 05 May 2024 a great alternative to walking and can be a unique experience. It allows you to cover a lot more ground, around 30km per day, and provides you with an elevated viewpoint from which you can admire the Camino Frances' gorgeous scenery.
  - 17 Jun 2024 to 25 Jun 2024
- \* Private group minimum signed 6 participants any date available from April to October

## 2024 Dates

Note: Groups from 4 to 8 participants. In the event we do not reach the minimum of participants the trip can be moved to another date or change the tour to walking or cycling.

The final stage of the famous Camino Frances (or French Way) is the most popular Camino package. It traverses the beautiful hilly landscapes of Galicia. Reward your efforts in Santiago de Compostela, the heart and hub of all pilgrimages on the Way of St James.

## Map



## Services

### Included in this package

- ☑ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ☑ Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners as per itinerary (Only breakfast included in Santiago)
- ☑ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ☑ Guide
- ☑ Horse with all the necessary equipment
- ☑ Detailed horse Camino notes
- ☑ Pilgrim passport

### Add-On

- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks, Services not mentioned on your itinerary

Day

1

km

### **O CEBREIRO**

O'Cebreiro is a megalithic village with round stone houses and an amazing church, Santa Maria Real, where you can find the most important religious remains of Galicia. The remains are of Don Elias Valina Sampredo, the father of the modern Camino pilgrimage route and 'inventor' of the yellow arrow seen throughout the Camino network of walking routes.

Day

2

29.3 km

### **O CEBREIRO -> SAMOS**

Leaving O Cebreiro, you will travel along gentle country roads through to Samos, famous for its monastery. San Julian de Samos is the oldest inhabited monastery in Spain and is a truly magical place to visit. The wall paintings depicting the life of St Benedict will amaze and with regular guided visits you get to see and learn about this important monastery.

Day

3

31.9 km

### **SAMOS -> PORTOMARIN**

Expect a peaceful route through shady oak woods and pretty villages on quiet country roads. Your destination for the evening, Portomarin, is a delightful mediaeval village situated on the river Mino. It is famous for its 400m-high Romanesque staircase that leads you to the town.

Day

4

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

5

29.1 km

### **PALAS DE REI -> ARZUA**

Today, the Camino continues slightly downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the charming village of Leboeiro. At Melide (an elevation of 454m), stop in one of the many restaurants to try some local specialities. Later today, the Camino will follow a forest track and cross several streams bringing you to the village of Boente. Then, you'll encounter the mediaeval village of Ribadiso, and finally Arzua (at an elevation of 389m). This small town has two churches that you can visit, Santa María and La Magdalena.

Day  
6

38.2 km

### ARZUA -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After breakfast we mount our horses and follow the road to Arzua. The road follows the ancient trail and takes us through old Roman roads and over bridges to the town of Melide. Here we shall meet many other pilgrims and enjoy a special pilgrims lunch. After lunch we will pass by Castaneda, where lime for the Cathedral was sourced. Some pilgrims would take stones from here to increase their penance. If you want to do this you will have to walk from here as no horse has to do penance! From here we will then follow the road through forests and over hills to the town of Arzua, famous for its famous Spanish Cheeses and Hams.

Day  
7

0 km

### SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA -> SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Day  
8

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:

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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 not just a tour operator; we are **passionate Camino enthusiasts** who have been guiding pilgrims **since 2007**. 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](mailto: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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