

# Vilalba 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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\*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 4 of 4

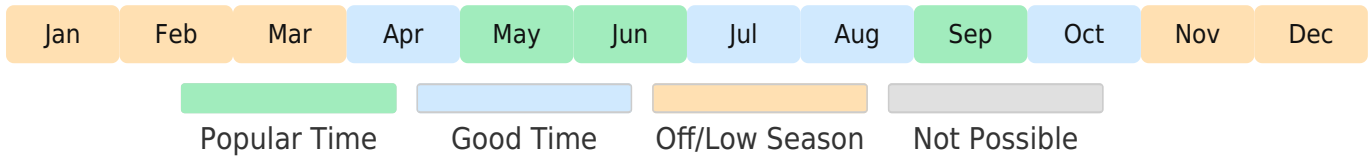
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 8 days

 Comfort

 Moderate

Starting from  
€880



Overall

Distance:

14.6 min | 20km average | 25.4 max

Ascent:

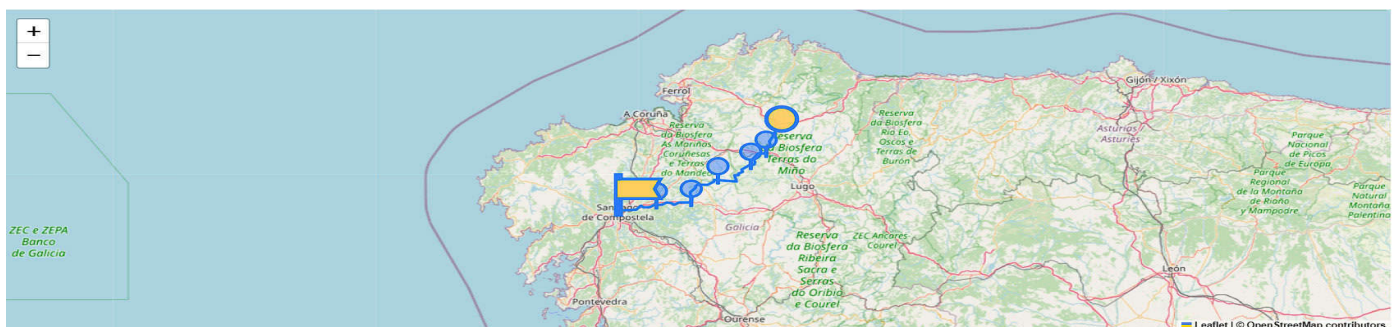
237.8 min | 363.9m average | 496.8 max

Cardio:

2 3 4

This final section of the Camino del Norte Coastal from Vilalba to Santiago takes you from northern Galicia through rolling countryside into the ultimate destination of all Camino pilgrimage routes, the Cathedral de Santiago. This final leg can be completed in 6 walking days, and gives pilgrims a new perspective on Galicia away from the busier trails on other Camino routes.

## 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

## **VILALBA**

Before you begin your walk, try to experience what Vilalba has to offer, including seeing the Church of Santa María and learning about regional history in the Museum of Prehistory and Archaeology. For cheese lovers, you must try the famous San Simón smoked cheese!

Day  
2  
19.6 km

## **VILALBA -> BAAMONDE**

As you leave Vilalba, you will pass the famous Church of Santa Maria and cross onto a dirt track. From there, you will cross highways, alternating between dirt tracks and minor roads, before getting to San Xoan de Alba and its 14th Century church. Going along more dirt tracks and minor roads, you will pass Ferreira before reaching the town of Baamonde.

Day  
3  
14.6 km

## **BAAMONDE -> MIRAZ**

Today's walk is short, and while not the most spectacular, is emblematic of typical quiet Galician countryside. At Raposeira (a well-known pilgrim stop) you can get a mid-morning coffee or snack, though this is one of the only places to get supplies before reaching Miraz. Miraz offers accommodation run by the British Confraternity of St James organisation.

Day  
4  
25.4 km

## **MIRAZ -> SOBRADO DOS MONXES**

The first 4km out of Miraz offers some of the most scenic parts of the Camino del Norte. You will also climb to a steady 710m, the Northern Way's highest point, in this time. Your stop for the night is the town of Sobrado dos Monxes and its stunning monastery of the same name.

Day  
5  
22.2 km

## **SOBRADO DOS MONXES -> ARZUA**

By the end of the day, the Camino del Norte links with the Camino Frances in Arzua. To start, you will depart Sobrado dos Monxes and follow minor paved roads through small towns such as Vilarchao and Castro. From there, you will pass from gravel to paved roads and back as you make your way south west, passing Boimil and Boimorto, before a slight ascent as you make your way into Arzua. Prepare to meet many more pilgrims than you've seen so far!

Day  
6

17.8 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

20.6 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**

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:

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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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