

# *Camino De Santiago Trek*

**Samos to Santiago de Compstela**



The Camino de Santiago de Compostela is one of the world's oldest pilgrim routes; travellers have made their way across northern Spain to Santiago on 'The Way of St James' for over 1000 years. The route is marked by the symbol of the scallop shell, typically found on the Galician shores, and a long-standing tradition is to obtain the 'compostela', a certificate of accomplishment given to pilgrims upon completing the way; gained by walking at least 100km of the route, which we will do on this trip..

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ❖ Follow one of the world's oldest pilgrim routes
- ❖ Explore Romanesque cathedrals, mediaeval monasteries and unspoiled rural scenery
- ❖ Collect stamps for your pilgrim's passport along the way
- ❖ Visit the historic Galician capital of Santiago de Compostela.

## **Day 01 – Start Samos**

Arrive at your Hotel in Samos. Spend the day at liesure. No activities are planned today.

## **Overnight at the Hotel**

## **Day 02 – To Sarria walking through ancient oak forests and quaint villages.**

After breakfast, you will have our main briefing before you start your first walk.

Your week starts in one of the most unspoilt sections of the Camino, as we walk through the Galician countryside, populated by a number of traditional agricultural villages. We start with a visit to the monastery of Samos (entrance not included), one of the oldest monasteries in Spain, and will then continue through ancient oak forests to the town of Sarria.

**Overnight at the hotel.**

## **Day 03 – Walk through the rolling hills of the Galician countryside to Portomarin.**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

We continue walking up and down the hills of Galicia to the town of Portomarin, which was rebuilt on a hilltop from its original location in the River Mino's valley. This was done to escape flooding when a reservoir was constructed in 1962. The old church was moved, stone by stone, to its current location.

**Overnight at the hotel.**

## **Day 04 - Uphill to the village of Ventas de Naron and on to Palas de Rei.**

After Breakfast today, We start with a steady ascent to the village of Ventas de Naron, where the terrain levels out. Along the way to Palais de Rei there are plenty of cafes where we can enjoy a break. Palas de Rei marks the half-way point of our trek and we spend the night in a hotel, where we can really feel the spirit of the 'Camino' since many walkers stop here.

**Overnight at the hotel**

## **Day 05 – Walk to the town of Melide, and on to Arzua.**

We begin our longest day's walking along a very picturesque stretch of the Camino, as we cross several Roman bridges and walk past mediaeval churches. For lunch we stop in the small town of Melide, renowned for its delicious octopus with potatoes and end our day in Arzua, famous for its cheeses.

**Overnight at the hotel**

## **Day 06 – Meet many more pilgrims on the final section to Pedruozo.**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today's walk to the village of Pedruozo involves a number of short ascents and descents through woods, fruit fields and eucalyptus. As Santiago draws ever closer, more pilgrims will cross our path, adding to the anticipation of reaching our goal, the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

**Overnight at the hotel**

## **Day 07 – Walk to Santiago de Compostela.**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Our final day's walk sees us climbing up to the famous Monte do Gozo, where pilgrims traditionally took in their first views of the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. As part of the centuries-old tradition, we make our way through the city's streets and crowds to Plaza del Obradoiro, dominated by the impressive Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where most Fridays we can observe a mass service with the impressive "Botafumeiro" incense swinging.

## Overnight at the hotel

### Day 08 – Free day in Santiago de Compostela.

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Free day to explore the historic city of Santiago at your own pace. There are plenty of things to do; you can visit the spectacular cathedral and stroll around the narrow streets of the World Heritage-listed Old Town with its diverse architecture. Alternatively, you can visit the museum of Galician Life, home to interesting exhibits of Galician traditions and art. You can also join a day excursion to Cape Finisterre, which was believed to be the end of the known world in Roman times. The Cape is also the final destination for many pilgrims on the way of St. James.

## Overnight at the hotel

### Day 09 – End Santiago de Compostela.

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out. The trip ends this morning after breakfast in Santiago de Compostela.

\*\*\* Return Home with wonderful memories \*\*\*

**Price per person on a twin-sharing basis:** From **£ 1079**

**Single supplement:** From **£ 260**

#### Tour Departure Dates:

- 04,11,25 May 2019
- 08 Jun 2019
- 31 Aug 2019
- 7, 14, 28 Sep 2019
- 05, 12 Oct 2019

#### Price Includes:

- ❖ 8 nights in pensions and 2-3 star hotels, all rooms en suite
- ❖ 6 days point-to-point walking with luggage transferred
- ❖ Daily breakfasts

#### Price excludes

- ❖ Air tickets
- ❖ Visas & Insurance
- ❖ Gratuities
- ❖ Items of a personal nature
- ❖ 5% GST
- ❖ Anything not mentioned under „Inclusions“

#### Trip Notes:

- Pace: Moderate: 5-6km/3-4 miles an hour
- Terrain: Low altitude; good paths with some steep ascents
- This tour is operated by Exodus, a company focussed on small group adventure travel

## Map of The Trek



### Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 14h00 onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have atleast 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Payment due in INR only at the prevalent ROE
- Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together

### Terms & Conditions

#### BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of 15% of the tour cost per person will be payable at the time of booking. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made 60 days prior to travel.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

#### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you be forced to amend / cancel the booking you must advise us in writing.
2. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
3. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
4. Once the deposit is paid, a fee of Rs 7500 pp will be non refundable. Any alteration thereafter, whether a change to an existing booking or a change to another tour or departure date, or a cancellation will be subject to payment by you of any costs imposed by any of the suppliers providing the component parts of the tour. If the holiday to which you transfer is more expensive than the one you originally booked, a further deposit will also be payable. Any alteration by you within 60 days of departure will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to cancellation charges.
5. Refunds due can take upto 5 weeks to process.