



El Camino de Santiago: Guided Walk

Porto to Santiago de Compostela



The Camino de Santiago de Compostela though known to be one of the oldest pilgrim routes in the world but in reality is so much more than just that. The Way of St James, as it is also known, is also a personal challenge and a journey of discovery for many. Unchanged for the last 100 years or more, this trip provides to you a journey that is a wonderful way to connect with the local ways and practices, an inspiring journey indeed.

We will be following the last 100 kms of the Camino Portugues from Tui to Santiago de Compostela. This is one of the easiest routes for beginners as it is mainly on flat land. The trip winds its way through woodlands, quaint villages, vineyards, farmlands and historic towns.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ *An immensely popular walking trail drawing people of all creeds, cultures & walks of life*
- ❖ *An opportunity to see the charming riverside city of Porto, Portugal*
- ❖ *Most of the trail is on flat land with no more than 25 kms on any one day*
- ❖ *A chance to see the beautiful countryside of Galicia*
- ❖ *Visit the beautiful town of Santiago de Compostela*

Day 1 - 23 September 2019: Arrive in Porto

Arrival in Porto – the transfer to the airport will be provided

The transfer will be provided to all flights arriving between 1100-1130 hours.
For all other times, an additional cost will be applicable.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Hotel Vila Gale** or similar.

You will have the afternoon to walk around and enjoy this pretty town on your own

Overnight in Porto.

Day 2 - 24 September 2019: Porto to Tui

This morning, after breakfast, we will depart for Tui in Spain – a journey of approx. 3 hours.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Hotel Parador Tui** or similar.

Stroll through the picturesque streets of this town; visit the Plaza de San Fernando, the silhouette of the west-facing facade of the 12th-century cathedral will provide you with a lasting memory. Tonight, you will meet the Camino guide who will accompany us for the rest of your trip

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Get an early night as we start our guided walk the next morning.

Day 3 - 25 September 2019: From Tui to O Porrino (16km, 4h)

From the old 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 steep section and leads to the evocative bridge of San Telmo. From there, travelling over a much smoother terrain, we come to the town of O Porrino.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Hotel Expo, O Porrino** or similar.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 4 - 26 September 2019: From O Porrino to Arcade (22km, 5h30)

The terrain becomes easier as you walk across 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 rest. We now enter a wide expanse of woods. Surrounded by pine trees, the Camino starts its descent through the hamlet of Setefontes and reaches Arcade.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Duarte, Arcade** or similar.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5 - 27 September 2019: From Arcade to Pontevedra (11km, 3h)

Reaching the historic site of Ponte Sampaio, the Camino crosses the Verdugo River. During the War of Independence, Napoleon's army suffered one of its greatest defeats in Galicia at this bridge. Heading up a cobbled footpath we come to the 13th century church of Santa Maria. Views of the Bay of Vigo are stunning!

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Parador de Pontevedra** or similar.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 - 28 September 2019: From Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis (24km, 6h)

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 Saint James the pilgrim, his staff pointing the way to proceed. The lovely village of Tibo, with its fountain, public washing place and stone cross, brings us to Caldas do Rei.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Torre do Rio, Caldas De Reis** or similar.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 - 29 September 2019: From Caldas de Reis to Padron (18km, 4h30)

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 make its way gently uphill to the hamlet of Santa Marina. Going downhill, we then cross the river Fontenlo. Finally, following a Camino lined with pine trees, 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 Saint James.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Hotel Pazo De Lestrove, Padron** or similar.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 - 30 September 2019: From Padron to Santiago (24km, 6h)

The Camino passes through many small villages and hamlets before arriving at the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude. On a hilltop to the left stands the mysterious, abandoned ruins of the hill fort Castro Lupario, and couple of kilometres later, we come to the oldest wayside crosses in Galicia. As we near Agro dos Monteiros, it is now possible to see the towers of the cathedral. Finally the Camino passes by the ruins of a castle known as A Rocha Vella, before entering the city of the Apostle.

You will be booked for a stay of 1 night at **Hotel Parador Reyes Catolicos, Santiago** or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 – 01 October 2019: Santiago de Compostela ; Departure

Santiago de Compostela is a beautiful little Galician town and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This morning, you will wander the cobbled streets with your guide and discover its many delights on a short guided walking tour. At noon, you can attend the mass at the Cathedral, one of the main highlights of the El Camino.

Lunch this afternoon will be on your own. Late check out is on request.

This evening, the transfer to the airport will be arranged for you at 1930 hours. *For all other times, an additional cost will be applicable.*

Meals: Breakfast

Exit from Santiago de Compostela: You can leave Santiago on a flight departing around 2130 hours to either Bilbao, Madrid or Barcelona. Stay the night there and then fly back home the next morning. Or, you can stay another night in Santiago and then fly out, whichever you prefer.

*** Return Home with wonderful memories ***

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: INR 1,19,500

Single supplement: INR 31,955

Inclusions:

- Accommodation(8 nights) in the hotel mentioned or similar
- Meals: 8 Breakfasts; 6 Dinners
- Luggage transfer whilst you are walking (one bag per person, max weight 20kg)
- Detailed Walking Notes or Guidebook
- Arrival airport transfer in Porto
- Transfer from Porto to TUI
- Departure airport transfer in Santiago
- Pilgrim passport
- Guide services from Tui to Santiago
- 24/7 Service support number
- Services of an Odyssey Tour Escort from Porto to Santiago

Exclusions:

- Airfare and airport taxes
- Visas and travel insurance
- Pre and Post Camino Accommodation
- Meals not mentioned as included (1 dinner each in Porto and Santiago + Lunches)
- Hotel tourist tax (apprx EUR 2 pp per night) payable at the hotel
- Gratuities (recommended at EUR 7-8 pp per day)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees not included above
- Any item not specified in the itinerary
- **5% GST**
- Any expenses of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks, Alcohol etc.

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AIRFARE OPTIONS

These are approx. airfares and are subject to change at any time

Option 1 - Lufthansa

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
Lufthansa	757	23SEP	Mon	Mumbai	Frankfurt	0255	0800
Lufthansa	1176	23SEP	Mon	Frankfurt	Porto	0930	1110
Lufthansa	1807	02OCT	Wed	Madrid	Munich	0710	0935
Lufthansa	766	02OCT	Wed	Munich	Mumbai	1120	2310

Approx Rs 57150 pp

Option 2 – Swiss

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
Swiss	155	23SEP	Mon	Mumbai	Zurich	0055	0615
Swiss	2066	23SEP	Mon	Zurich	Porto	1145	1325
Swiss	2031	02OCT	Wed	Madrid	Zurich	0600	0815
Swiss	154	02OCT	Wed	Zurich	Mumbai	0945	2140

Approx Rs 55300 pp

Option 3 – Jet Airways

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
Jet Airways	124	23SEP	Mon	Mumbai	Paris	0210	0815
Jet Airways	4987	23SEP	Mon	Paris	Porto	1325	1445
Jet Airways	6779	02OCT	Wed	Madrid	Paris	0600	0805
Jet Airways	4948	02OCT	Wed	Paris	Mumbai	1105	0005

Approx Rs 41500 pp

Option 4 – Emirates

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
Emirates	501	23SEP	Mon	Mumbai - India	Dubai - UAE	0430	0600
Emirates	191	23SEP	Mon	Dubai - UAE	Lisbon - Portugal	0725	1235
Emirates	7405	23SEP	Mon	Lisbon - Portugal	Porto - Portugal	1400	1455
Emirates	144	01OCT	Tue	Madrid - Spain	Dubai - UAE	2205	0715
Emirates	506	02OCT	Wed	Dubai - UAE	Mumbai - India	0930	1410

Approx Rs 51700 pp

Option 5 – Turkish Airlines

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr
Turkish Airlines	721	23SEP	Mon	Mumbai - India	Istanbul - Turkey	0625	1040
Turkish Airlines	1449	23SEP	Mon	Istanbul - Turkey	Porto - Lisbon		
Turkish Airlines	1858	02OCT	Wed	Madrid - Spain	Istanbul - Turkey	1210	1720
Turkish Airlines	720	02OCT	Wed	Istanbul - Turkey	Mumbai - India	2000	0445

Approx Rs 41600 pp

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 at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation in Porto or post tour accommodation in Santiago or elsewhere in Spain.
- ROE calculated at 1 EUR = Rs. 82. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 12 people travelling together**

Terms & Conditions

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

- A non refundable deposit of Rs 25,000 per person will be payable before 15th March 2019. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
- At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
- Balance payment is to be made by 15th June 2019.
- All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- Should you be forced to amend / cancel the booking you must advise us in writing.
- Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
- 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.
- Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
 - Cancellations effected before 15th June 2019 will attract a cancellation fee of Rs 25000 per person
 - Cancellation effected between 15th June and 15th July 2019 will attract a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost.
 - Cancellations effected after 15th July 2019 will attract a 100% cancellation fee.
 - No refund will be due after commencement of travel.
- Refunds due can take upto 5 weeks to process.