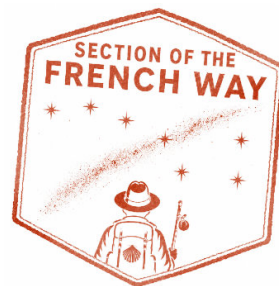


French Way Sections

SELF-GUIDED FROM LEÓN TO PONFERRADA

Walk 106 km over 8 days / 7 nights in carefully selected guesthouses and 2 to 4 star hotels.



LEÓN → PONFERRADA

Walk 106 km (66 miles) of the French Way from León to Ponferrada. Leave historic León and cross the open plains toward Hospital de Órbigo before continuing through the Maragatería to Astorga. Climb into the Montes de León, pass the Cruz de Ferro and descend through mountain villages into the vineyards of El Bierzo. Carefully balanced stages allow time to appreciate the changing landscapes, historic towns and distinctive character of this section. Walk independently, with carefully selected accommodation, daily luggage transfers and trusted local support throughout. Premium accommodation upgrades can be arranged where the route and availability allow.

— IDEAL FOR —

For walkers drawn
to symbolic landmarks, historic
towns and mountain scenery

From €1260

Base price per person for two people sharing a
twin or double room

EXTRAS

- Half-board upgrade — €280 per person
- Single room supplement — €840
- Extra night in Santiago — €250 per room

Subject to availability and final confirmation.

— WHAT'S INCLUDED —

- ◆ En-suite accommodation in carefully selected guesthouses and 2 to 4 star hotels
- ◆ Daily breakfast at your accommodation
- ◆ Luggage transfer from accommodation to accommodation, one piece per person up to 20 kg
- ◆ Transfers between the Camino route and accommodation where the accommodation is not directly accessible on foot
- ◆ Ultreya Pilgrim Kit delivered to your first accommodation, including an official Pilgrim Passport (Credential), luggage tags, a scallop shell and practical Camino essentials
- ◆ Detailed Camino guidebook, one per room

- ◆ Local emergency support by WhatsApp, telephone and SMS during your tour
- ◆ Personalized Google Maps walking route, available on your smartphone

NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ Travel to and from the starting point of the journey
- ◆ Lunches & dinners
- ◆ Travel and medical insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses and gratuities

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS TOUR?

This varied section from León to Ponferrada combines historic towns, high-country scenery and one of the French Way's most symbolic landmarks. The route brings you through the open plains west of León, the Maragatería and the mountains around the Cruz de Ferro before descending into the vineyards of El Bierzo.



Cross the Maragatería and the mountains around the Cruz de Ferro



Descend through historic villages into the vineyards of El Bierzo



Walk independently with daily luggage transfers and trusted local support

01 Walk at Your Own Pace

This is a self-guided journey, allowing you to experience a section of the French Way at the rhythm that suits you best. Daily stages are carefully balanced, with time to rest, explore and connect with the remarkable places you pass through. There is no set walking schedule—you decide when to start, where to pause and how to enjoy each day on the Camino.

02 Stay Somewhere Special

Stay in welcoming guesthouses and carefully selected 2 to 4 star hotels, chosen for their character, comfort and location. Each main part of the journey includes an exceptional historic stay, perhaps in a Parador, medieval monastery or converted palace. Where your accommodation is not directly on the Camino, the necessary transfers are included.

03 Taste Northern Spain

Each morning, a hearty breakfast is included to fuel your walk. Dinners are not included, giving you the freedom to discover local restaurants and the changing cuisine of the regions crossed along the Way. Please advise us of any dietary requirements in advance so we can inform your accommodations and recommend suitable places to eat.

Make It Your Own

Add extra nights in León, Astorga or Ponferrada, shorten selected stages or request particular hotels. We can also arrange private transfers, guided visits, or food and wine experiences to personalize your journey.

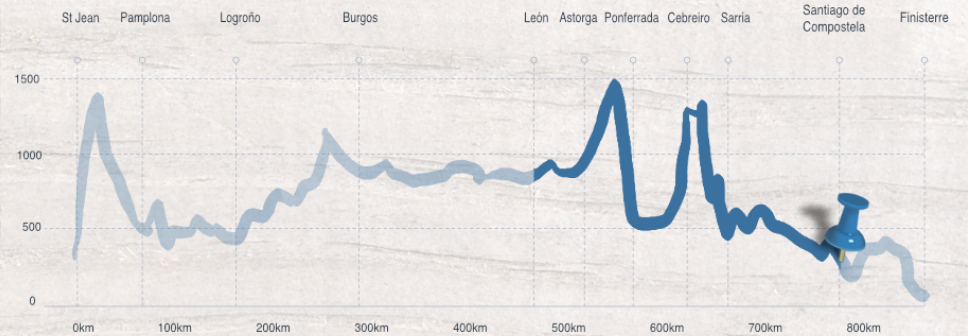


French Way Sections Day by Day Itinerary



Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port - Santiago de Compostela - Finisterre

Camino Francés - 775 km + 88 km



Day 1 - Make your way to León



Welcome to León, one of Spain's greatest cities!

Spend the afternoon discovering the remarkable Cathedral of León filled with more than 100 stained glass windows, the Pantheon of San Isidoro, considered to be the "Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art" and the home of the Chalice of Doña Urraca, a jewel-encrusted onyx chalice which is alleged to be the Holy Grail, and enjoying tapas in the Barrio Húmedo!

Day 2 - Walk 22 km (14 miles) from León to Villar de Mazarife

Leave León and return to the wide-open landscapes of the Páramo Leónés. As always, we favor the scenic route, which is longer but far more enjoyable than the main road. In a few days, you will reach the Iron Cross, a strong symbol of the French Way. It is customary to leave a rock or a small token there. So we invite you to choose a small rock to carry until then and reflect on what is making you unhappy that you should abandon in the mountains of Foncebadón.





Day 3 - Walk 14 km (9 miles) from Villar de Mazarife to Hospital de Órbigo

Continuing through the vast Páramo Leonés to Hospital de Órbigo, we are greeted by a 204 m long bridge with 20 arches. Today's walk is short and easy but very solitary. The 13th-century bridge that greets us in Hospital de Órbigo is commonly known as the Paso Honroso (Honourable Crossing). It witnessed in the 15th Century, one of the last medieval knight tournaments with a legend attached which inspired Cervantes' Don Quijote: a knight from León organized a great tournament where he confronted 100 of the best knights in the kingdom to prove his love to a beautiful Lady.

Day 4 - Walk 17 km (11 miles) from Hospital de Orbigo to Astorga

On your last day walking through the Meseta, the Camino has several surprises for you. Make sure you choose the scenic detour via Villares de Órbigo. This route will bring you by a very special and iconic Camino place, La Casa de los Dioses - the House of the Gods.

A bit further, you enter Astorga, the Roman city built over the wealth extracted from the Gold Mines of Las Medulas. It is here that the Via de la Plata (Camino starting in Sevilla) joins the French Way. Plan enough time to visit its beautiful Gothic Cathedral and the unusual Episcopal palace designed by Gaudí (architect of the Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona).



Day 5 - Walk 21 km (13 miles) from Astorga to Rabanal del Camino

We're not in the Meseta anymore. Our ascent through the Mountains of Leon begins slowly but after days of flatness the 300 m altitude gain feels difficult, take it slow as you reach Rabanal del Camino. Tomorrow, you will reach the highest point of the Camino and the Iron Cross, an important Jacobean symbol. It is customary to leave a rock or a small token there. So make sure you found a rock by now and decided which burden has been making you unhappy you will be leaving behind.

Day 6 - Walk 17 km (11 miles) from Rabanal del Camino to Acebo

Get ready: today you will reach one of the highest points of the French Way and one of the pilgrimage's most emblematic places, La Cruz de Hierro—the Iron Cross. You have been preparing for this challenge. As you walk through these dramatic landscapes, with the lush mountains below and the vast plains of the Meseta in the distance, notice the messages painted onto the rocks by pilgrims. Messages left by pilgrims often read: "You are beautiful. You are the gift." Take a moment to leave behind whatever has weighed on you during your journey.



Day 7 - Walk 15 km (9 miles) from Acebo to Ponferrada



A final effort is required before reaching Ponferrada, as you need to descend another 650 m passing the charming mountain villages of Riego de Ambros and Molinaseca, with its memorable Romanesque bridge and baroque church Nuestra Señora de las Angustias attached to the mountain. After Molinaseca, the route becomes gentler as it approaches Ponferrada. It brings us through one of the great cities of the French Way. Ponferrada was a Roman fort entrusted to the Templars in the 12th century who built the impressive fortress, where Paulo Coelho places one of the most memorable scenes of his novel "The Pilgrimage".

Day 8 - Start of your next adventure

You have accomplished this challenge and reached Ponferrada, but there are still over 200 km left to reach Santiago de Compostela, the end of the Camino de Santiago and the resting place of the Apostle Saint James.

We hope this section of the French Way has brought you whatever you were looking for and that it made you want to discover more of the Camino and Northern Spain.



How to book

Booking with Ultreya Tours is simple and personal. We are here to take care of every detail.

1. GET IN TOUCH



Tell us your preferred travel dates, the number of people and any special requests.

2. WE PREPARE YOUR PROPOSAL



We'll confirm availability and send you a personalized proposal.

3. SECURE YOUR BOOKING

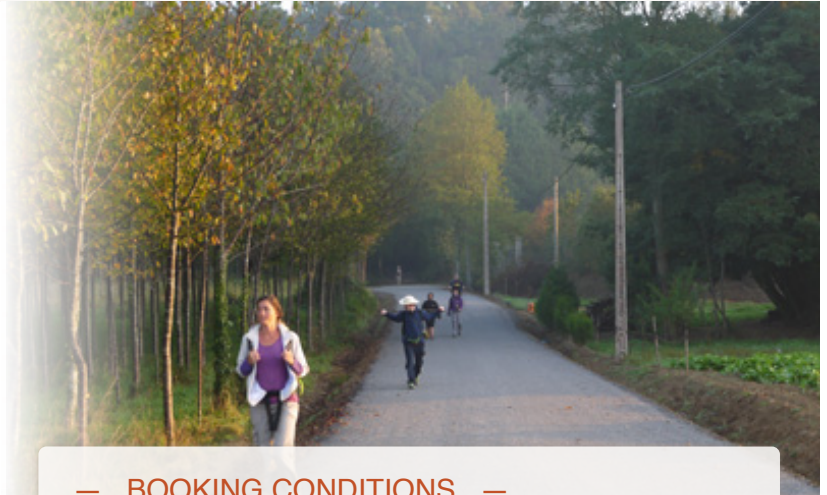


To confirm your booking, a 50% non-refundable deposit is required.

4. GET READY & ENJOY



We'll take care of the details. You just prepare for the journey!



— BOOKING CONDITIONS —

- ◆ **DEPOSIT** A 50% non-refundable deposit of the total invoiced amount is required to confirm your booking.
- ◆ **BALANCE** Balance due 30 days before the start of your tour.
- ◆ **AMENDMENTS** Changes to dates, accommodations or services are subject to availability and may incur costs.
- ◆ **TRAVEL INSURANCE** We strongly recommend that you have travel and medical insurance to cover unforeseen events.
- ◆ **TERMS & CONDITIONS** A summary is included on the following page. Full Terms & Conditions are available on our website.



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LOCAL EXPERTISE. We live and work here. We know the places, the people and what makes your journey special.



PERSONAL SERVICE. We're a small team, and we care about every detail. Every journey is handled with genuine care.



OUR PASSION. The Camino is our way of life. We love sharing it with fellow pilgrims.

Based in Galicia. Dedicated exclusively to the Camino.

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Your Booking

A booking is confirmed once we have received the required deposit and issued written confirmation. The person making the booking confirms that they are authorized to accept these conditions on behalf of all travelers included in the booking.

Prices & Inclusions

Your quoted price includes only the services expressly listed in your itinerary or booking confirmation, such as accommodation, specified meals, transfers, luggage transfers, guides, VAT, and other stated services.

Unless specifically included, prices do not cover flights, rail tickets, travel to or from the starting point, lunches, drinks, travel insurance, personal expenses, optional activities, or services not listed in your itinerary.

All prices are quoted and invoiced in euros (€).

Accommodation & Luggage

Unless otherwise stated, prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room with private bathroom facilities. A single supplement applies for sole occupancy.

Where luggage transfer is included, this covers one normal-sized bag per person, up to 20 kg, during the walking days shown in your itinerary. Extra, oversized, or overweight luggage may be refused or charged separately.

Payment

A non-refundable 50% deposit is required to confirm your booking. The remaining balance is due no later than 30 days before departure, unless otherwise stated in your booking confirmation.

We accept major credit cards and bank transfers. Any bank, exchange, or payment-provider charges are the traveler's responsibility.

Changes & Cancellation by You

Requests to amend a confirmed booking must be made in writing and are subject to availability, supplier conditions, and any applicable costs.

If you need to cancel, please notify us in writing as soon as possible. The deposit is non-refundable. Payments beyond the deposit may be refunded where possible, less any non-recoverable supplier costs. No refund is normally available for unused services once travel has started.

Changes by Ultreya Tours

We may make reasonable changes to routes, accommodation, transport, schedules, walking stages, or services where required by weather, safety, access restrictions, supplier availability, or other operational circumstances.

Where a significant change or cancellation is necessary, we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible and offer the options required under applicable law.

Your Responsibilities & Insurance

Travelers are responsible for meeting passport, visa, health, immigration, and entry requirements. Please tell us before booking about any medical condition, mobility limitation, dietary requirement, or other circumstance that may affect safe participation.

Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is strongly recommended, including cancellation, interruption, medical expenses, and emergency assistance.

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