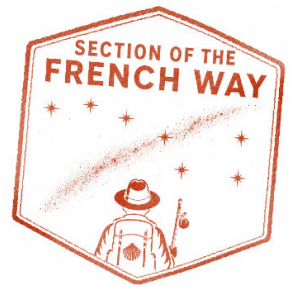


French Way Sections

SELF-GUIDED FROM PONFERRADA TO SANTIAGO

Walk 215 km over 13 days / 12 nights in carefully selected guesthouses and 2 to 4 star hotels.



PONFERRADA → SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Walk the final 215 km (134 miles) of the French Way from Ponferrada to Santiago de Compostela, crossing the vineyards of El Bierzo before climbing through the mountains to O Cebreiro and finally entering Galicia. Continue through wooded valleys, historic towns and traditional villages towards the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where the Apostle Saint James awaits. Carefully paced stages leave time to enjoy the changing landscapes and local life along the way. You walk independently, with carefully selected accommodation, daily luggage transfers and our local support behind the scenes.

— IDEAL FOR —

The final section of the French Way

For walkers who want vineyards, mountain landscapes, historic towns and a longer journey to Santiago.

From **€2160**

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

EXTRAS

- Half-board upgrade — €480 per person
- Single room supplement — €1440
- 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 is the final section of the French Way that brings you into Santiago de Compostela from Ponferrada. Walk from the vineyards of El Bierzo to the mountains and green valleys of Galicia to the resting place of the Apostle.



Reach Santiago on foot and receive your Compostela



Discover historic villages and changing Camino landscapes



Walk at your own pace, with trusted local support behind the scenes

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 the Regions Along the Way

A hearty breakfast is included each morning. Dinners are not included, giving you the freedom to choose between your accommodation and local restaurants and discover the regional cuisine along the route. Please advise us of dietary requirements in advance so we can inform your accommodations and recommend suitable options.

Make It Your Own

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

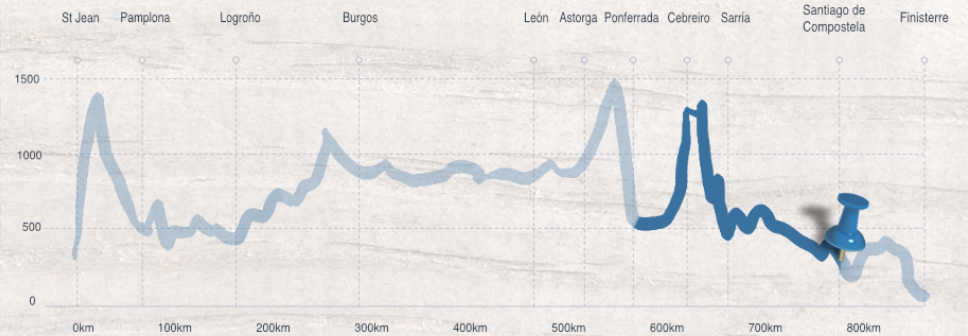


French Way Sections Day by Day Itinerary



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

Camino Francés - 775 km + 88 km



Day 1 - Make your way to Ponferrada

Welcome to Ponferrada, one of the great cities of the French Way and the capital of El Bierzo. Its impressive Templar castle reflects the city's long association with the Camino. Paulo Coelho set one of the memorable scenes in his novel "The Pilgrimage" here.

Day 2 - Walk 24 km (15 miles) from Ponferrada to Villafranca del Bierzo

Pay attention as you leave the city, the original Camino although shorter crosses an ugly industrial area for almost 8 km. But there is a different path which follows the Rio Sil for 2 km and avoids most of the industrial area. Check our digital map to make sure you leave Ponferrada on the right path. If this is too much, we recommend skipping 11 km from Ponferrada to Camponaraya. Once you reach Camponaraya, the landscape completely changes, giving way to the vineyards of the Bierzo Valley, famous in Spain for its excellent "Mencia" red wine.





Day 3 - Walk 20 km (12 miles) from Villafranca del Bierzo to Las Herrerías

Your final walking day in Castilla y León has a very different character. Following the Río Valcarce upstream, you pass through small villages that have welcomed pilgrims for centuries. Dense vegetation surrounds the valley, while the mountains you will cross tomorrow rise ahead. Although the traditional route follows the road in places, the villages remain attractive and the walk brings you gently to the foot of the mountains. Your destination is Las Herrerías, whose name, “the ironworks”, recalls the area’s historic metalworking tradition.

Day 4 - Walk 21 km (13 miles) from Las Herrerías to Fonfría

Prepare for a challenging but rewarding day, with an ascent of approximately 600 m during the first 8 km. The effort is repaid by beautiful mountain paths and the unforgettable arrival at O Cebreiro, one of the Camino’s most atmospheric villages. At around 1,300 m, O Cebreiro offers sweeping views across the valleys below. Its pallozas are traditional round stone-and-thatch buildings with pre-Roman origins, while the 9th-century Church of Santa María la Real is one of the oldest surviving pre-Romanesque churches on the Camino and is associated with a 14th-century Eucharistic miracle.



Day 5 - Walk 19 km (12 miles) from Fonfría to Samos

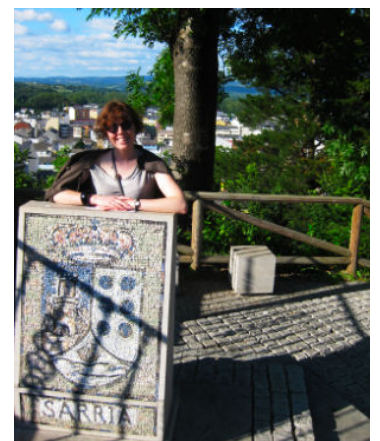


Continue your journey downhill to the valleys of Galicia. Enjoy the views, the villages you pass and the moments with the people you meet. The Camino will bring you to two Jacobean towns, first Triacastela, one of the places with the most history and importance on the French Way according to the Codex Calixtinus, the 12th century guidebook of the Camino! Then Samos, where you will be greeted by one of the wealthiest and most powerful Benedictine monasteries of the peninsula in medieval times.

Day 6 - Walk 15 km (9 miles) from Samos to Sarria

The River Sarria leads us to Aguiada, where we join the San Xil alternative we separated from in Triacastela, before bringing us to the town of Sarria.

Sarria is one of the most famous towns of all the Caminos. At 115 km from Santiago de Compostela, it is the closest point where you can spend the first night of your Camino to start walking the next day and claim your Compostela, the Certificate of Achievement of the Camino, on arrival in Santiago. As a result, almost 30% of all pilgrims who obtain their Compostela start in Sarria!



Day 7 - Walk 22 km (14 miles) from Sarria to Portomarín



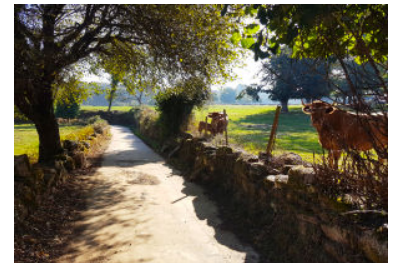
Today you begin the final 100 km of the French Way, the minimum distance required to receive the Compostela. The route passes through peaceful hamlets, oak woods and rolling Galician countryside, with cafés and resting places appearing regularly along the way.

Your destination is Portomarín, overlooking the Belesar Reservoir. The original riverside town was flooded in the 1960s following the construction of the dam. Before the waters rose, several of its most important historic buildings—including the fortress-like Church of San Nicolás—were carefully dismantled stone by stone and reconstructed on higher ground.

Day 8 - Walk 20 km (12 miles) from Portomarín to Lestedo

Cross the bridge over the Belesar Reservoir and leave Portomarín for a steady climb through peaceful woodland and open countryside.

Along the route you will pass the 2,200-year-old hillfort of Castromaior. The remarkable 12th-century Romanesque Church of Vilar de Donas is another important monument in this area, although it requires a separate detour from the Camino. Depending on availability, tonight you may stay in a beautifully restored 18th-century Galician manor near the route.



Day 9 - Walk 20 km (12 miles) from Lestedo to Melide



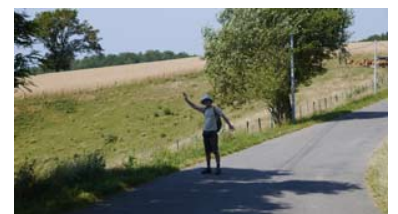
Continue from Lestedo through woodland, farmland and small Galician villages toward Melide. Along the way, medieval churches and stone bridges reveal the long history of this pilgrimage route.

Try to arrive in time for lunch, as Melide is renowned for its pulpo á feira, tender octopus seasoned with olive oil, salt and paprika. Here the French Way meets the Camino Primitivo from Oviedo, and you will also pass one of the oldest cruceiros in Galicia.

Day 10 - Walk 14 km (9 miles) from Melide to Arzúa

Leave Melide along quiet lanes and woodland paths, crossing small rivers and traditional stone bridges as the Camino winds through the green Galician countryside. The medieval bridge and former pilgrims' hospital at Ribadiso form one of the loveliest ensembles on this final section of the French Way.

Today's shorter stage gives you time to settle into the rhythm of the Camino and enjoy Arzúa, a welcoming pilgrim town known for its mild, creamy Arzúa-Ulloa cheese. With Santiago drawing closer, the shared sense of anticipation among walkers becomes increasingly tangible.



Day 11 - Walk 18 km (11 miles) from Arzúa to A Rúa



With just over 40 km left to reach Santiago de Compostela, you notice the atmosphere along the Way is changing. Pilgrims are celebrating their arrival and starting to realize it will soon be time to part with the friends they have been walking with for over a month. The countryside itself is changing, as you enter forests with totally symmetric rows of eucalyptus, that produce curious visual effects. The villages you pass virtually have no name and seem stuck in time.

You will spend the night in a beautiful guesthouse in A Rúa a few kilometers before O Pedrouzo.

Day 12 - Walk 22 km (14 miles) from A Rúa to Santiago de Compostela

This is the day you have been walking towards. Only 22 km remain before Santiago Cathedral and the traditional resting place of Saint James. Pass through Lavacolla and climb to Monte do Gozo for your first view of the city's towers. Enter the historic center and walk into Praza do Obradoiro, where the Cathedral finally rises before you. Pause to take in the moment, then collect your Compostela and celebrate completing the Camino.



Day 13 - Start of your next adventure



Your Camino journey ends after breakfast. You may choose to extend your stay in Santiago, spend more time exploring the Cathedral and old town, enjoy a guided visit, or continue onward to Finisterre and the Atlantic coast.

A wise pilgrim once told us, "The real Camino starts where the Camino de Santiago finishes, but I will not be afraid because the Camino will always be there for me." We hope the Camino has brought you whatever you were looking for, and we hope to see you again soon.

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

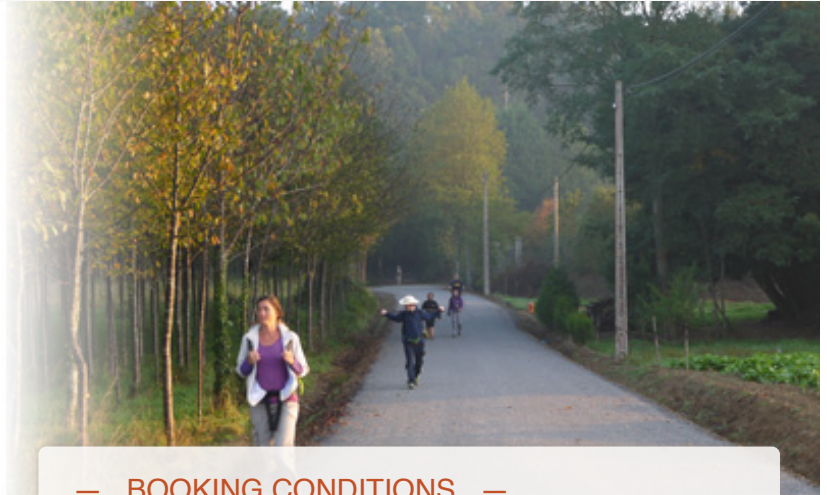


To confirm your booking, a 50% non-refundable deposit is required.

4. GET READY & ENJOY



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



— BOOKING CONDITIONS —

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- ◆ **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.
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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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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.

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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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