



## CAMINO FRENCH WAY CLASSIC SELF-GUIDED



Sometimes you just can't beat the tried and approved classics. This is the itinerary of Camino French Way Classic but self-guided for small groups (less than 8), couples or solo-travelers. Follow the last 112 km (70 miles) of the French Way from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, spending 7 nights in beautiful, peaceful and historical guest-houses on the Camino de Santiago or 3 to 4\* hotels in town centers.

We shortened the walking days of the traditional stops to give you time to take in those wonderful and unique places. Our Classic self-guided tours include the same hotel as our group tour, a John Brierley Guidebook so you won't get lost, airport & luggage transfers, breakfast and dinners and the famous Ultraya Tours service. So follow the most popular section of the Camino de Santiago and discover true Galician hospitality and gastronomy in our self-guided tour.

### PRICE & DATES

Can be organized on request for any number of participants on the date of your choice - subject to availability and price fluctuations.

#### €980 per person

- Single room supplement: +€380 per room
- No dinners discount: -€140 per person
- No luggage transfers discount: -€20 per person
- Transfer in & out of Santiago Airport: +€150 per 6 people
- Extra night in 3\* hotel: +€115 per room (dinner not included)
- Extra night in the 4\* San Francisco Monumental Hotel: +€200 per room (dinner not included - upgrade +€85)
- Extra night in the 5\* Parador of Santiago: +€250 per room (dinner not included - upgrade +€175)

### FACT FILE

**Accommodation** Luxurious Manors & 3 to 4\* Hotels

**Total Walking Distance** 112 km

**Duration** 8 days / 7 nights

**Starts** Sarria

**Stops** Portomarin, Palas de Rei, Melide, Arzua, Pedrouzo

**Ends** Santiago de Compostela

### CAMINO FRENCH WAY CLASSIC SELF-GUIDED INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in charming luxurious manors & 3 to 4\* historical hotels
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Emergency support from our local team
- All taxes and gratuities for the hotels
- A detailed guidebook and Spanish

phrasebook per room

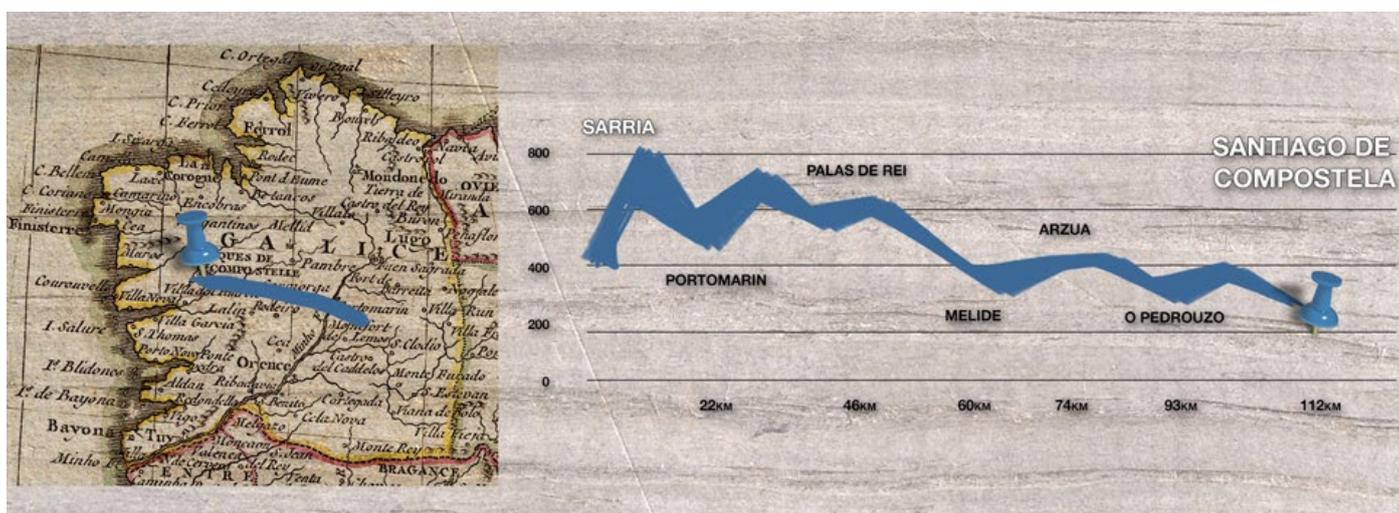
- All Breakfasts and Dinners - lunch on request
- A Pilgrim Kit per person
- Walk between 14 km and 24 km per day

**We still have availability for the Camino Forum Walk along this same tour on the 10th to 17th of May 2016 & 6th to 13th of September 2016. Confirm your spot now!**



## CAMINO FRENCH WAY CLASSIC SELF-GUIDED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

This 7 nights route brings you along the last 112 km (70 miles) of the Camino Frances - French Way into Santiago de Compostela.



### DAY 1 - MAKING OUR WAY TO YOUR STARTING POINT OF THE CAMINO

We will pick you up at your arrival airport and drive you to Sarria where you will spend the night and forget about today's transit at the town's 4\* hotel. In the afternoon, try to visit the Old Quarters, go for a walk by the river and soak in the unique atmosphere of the staircase on which the old town of Sarria has been built. Then stop at one of the many terraces by the river for your first taste of Galician beer or wine.

### DAY 2 - 22KM - WALK FROM SARRIA TO PORTOMARIN

Finally, this is the day you start your pilgrimage! Head up the medieval staircase and start making your way to Portomarín. Walk along easy paved trails through beautiful countryside, meadows and oak woods, charming villages with slate roofs and a huge medieval bridge. Don't forget to take a picture of yourself in front of the 100 km marker and witness those who have walked hundreds of kilometers get emotional. Tonight, you will stay in the Portomarín's 3\* hotel, a former Parador, and you will have free time to enjoy their pool or spa and stroll through the impressive archway village with it's memorable church. This town is very unique as great battles that took place in the valley below and the town you visit is only a replica of the Medieval town relocated in the 60s rock by rock to avoid floods.



### DAY 3 - 20KM - WALK FROM PORTOMARIN TO PALAS DE REI

Today, you will be walking a trail that has been protected by the Knights of the Order of Santiago since 1184 and you will pass near a Romanesque Church, of Vilar de Donas, where the knights are buried (2,5 km away from the Camino - transfers back and forth from the Camino can be organized).

There will be some more uphill and downhill but mostly peaceful oak and



eucalyptus forests and charming villages including Gonzar and Airexe. You will be staying tonight in a beautiful and luxurious Guest-House/ Galician Manor (if available) just outside the Camino 3-4 km before Palas de Rei. The hotel will pick you up from the Camino and bring you back to the same point the next day.

## DAY 4 - 18KM - WALK FROM PALAS DE REI TO MELIDE

In the morning, we will bring you back to the point where we picked you up the day before. You will then walk the last remaining kilometers into Palas de Rei, where you can stop to visit the town church and enjoy a coffee in the old town. You then have about 4h walk into Melide but make sure to arrive in Melide in time for lunch (2pm in Spain). Melide is renowned for having the oldest surviving cruceiro (calvary) in the world and for the best "Pulpo a la Galega" (Octopus) in Galicia. Tonight, you will stay in a 17th-century mansion (if available) converted into a beautifully and extremely luxurious guest-house directly based on the Camino between Melide and Arzua. A taxi will pick you up from Melide to bring you to the guest and back the next day.



## DAY5 - 14KM - WALK FROM MELIDE TO ARZUA



Another relaxing day through the peaceful Galician countryside. You will find by now the way you live the Camino is changing as your body and feet are getting used to the activity, the path becomes gentler. Take it in and enjoy this time-off from your busy life, to think, relax and interact with fellow pilgrims. You have done more than half of the journey but the best is still to come. You can decide to stay two nights in yesterday's mansion or change for another guest-house along the Camino. Your destination is Arzua which is famous for cheese so ask your host to let you try a local Cheese with a very peculiar shape.

## DAY 6 - 19KM - WALK FROM ARZUA TO O PEDROUZO

After a short transfer back to Arzua, you will continue your way to O Pedrouzo. With only 40 km left from Santiago, you will notice the atmosphere along the Way is changing as people plan to celebrate their arrival and start realizing it will soon be time to part with people they might have been walking with for a month. The countryside itself changes as you enter forest with totally symmetric rows that produce curious visual effects. The villages you pass virtually have no name and seem stuck in time. In O Pedrouzo, ask the owner of the XVII century Galician Manor you are staying in (if available) to pick you up. Take time to visit the guest-house's 64.000 m<sup>2</sup> of land including its own functioning water-mill, orchard, horreo and a small chapel.



## DAY 7 - 20KM - WALK FROM O PEDROUZO TO SANTIAGO



This is it! Only twenty kilometers separate you from your goal. Leave early to reach Santiago before twelve if you wish to see the pilgrim mass (also at 19:30). Half-way you will pass Monte do Gozo (Mount of joy) which was transformed into an area for pilgrims for the Jacobean Holy Year of 1993 and offers stunning views on the City of Santiago de Compostela. Enter the Medieval Town through the Porta do Camino, pass the iconic Plaza de Cervantes and a few meters further you will find the Azabachería Door, the official entrance to the Cathedral



on non-Holy years (in 2016 and 2021 you will be able to enter through the Holy Door on the Quintana Square). Enter the Cathedral now, if you wish, we recommend continuing to the Plaza del Obradoiro, the main Square of the Cathedral, where you will find the Portico de la Gloria and the most impressive view of the Cathedral. Simply stop here. Breathe in and truly live this moment, do whatever feels right. You still have a few things to do today, after you check-in at your 3\* hotel 200m away - get your pilgrim certificate, attend Pilgrim Mass & marvel at the architecture of our beloved City.

#### DAY 8 - START OF YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

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 wish to see you again soon!





## ABOUT ULTREYA TOURS

Ultreya Tours is an incoming Tour Operator specialized in **organizing comprehensive and highly personalized walking, cycling and horse-riding tours for groups and solo travelers on the Camino de Santiago**. Founded and based in Santiago de Compostela, we know the region of Galicia and the secrets of the Camino by heart.

The Camino de Santiago is not just our business it is our way of life and we would love nothing more than to introduce you to our vision of the Camino.

Our name Ultreya comes from the Latin word for Onwards. "Ultreya, Suseya, Santiago" was the common greeting amongst pilgrims in Medieval times. It meant courage, further and higher is Santiago. We are already in Santiago so our goal is to bring you there and help you every step of the Way.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- ☑ Fully bonded, ensured and registered as retail & wholesale Travel Agency in Spain
- ☑ We are based in Santiago and you can reach us 24/7 while you are on the Camino
- ☑ We only book the best accommodation according to your group's requirements and budget
- ☑ You will get a dedicated Camino Account Planner to assist at every step
- ☑ Special rates and dedicated offers for large groups
- ☑ Excellent commission structure for resellers and travel agents

**"Our mission is to ensure that our customers enjoy such a memorable and rewarding experience on the Camino de Santiago that they wish to repeat it with us."**

**Nellie Meunier - Ultreya Tours founder**

## ONLY 4 STEPS AWAY FROM YOUR JOURNEY

- STEP 1** Get in touch with one of our Camino Planner for a personalized quote
- STEP 2** Once you are satisfied with the Terms & Conditions of your tour, we will invoice you for a 50% of the total price non-refundable deposit to process the booking
- STEP 3** Immediately after receiving the initial deposit we will start booking your accommodation, meals, activities, guides and any other services
- STEP 4** 30 days before the departure, we will request the 50% remaining deposit and you will receive the list of your accommodation, confirmation vouchers for extra services and activities, pilgrim kits for each members of your group, a detailed guidebook and Spanish phrasebook per room

**If you dream of walking the Camino de Santiago, don't delay it any further contact [info@ultreyatours.com](mailto:info@ultreyatours.com) or visit our website to find the best Way for your group!**