



CAMINO FRENCH WAY ULTREYA



An exceptional journey through 1,000 years of History. Discover the best the French Way has to offer. Stay and eat at the most luxurious and delicious places and walk the most picturesque and poignant sections.

Camino Spiritus is a unique range of tours that offers the highest levels of comfort and services. You will stay in some of the best hotels of Northern Spain, mostly Paradores, a chain of luxurious and highly historical hotels that belongs to the Spanish government, and eat at the most delicious gastronomic places.

Over 10 days, we will show you our personal highlights of the French Way including jewels of Gothic architectures, UNESCO World Heritage sites, a palace by Antoni Gaudí, Roman and Celtic sites, many medieval villages and historic monasteries as well as breathtaking views.

PRICE & DATES

Can be organized on request for any number of participants on the dates of your choice apart from the week of the San Fermin where a supplement of €500 per person will be applied (includes private balcony for the running of the bulls) - subject to availability and price fluctuations.

€2150 per person

- Single room supplement: +€900 per room
- No dinners discount: -€300 per person
- Extra night in the 5* Parador of Santiago: +€250 per room (dinner not included)

FACT FILE

Accommodation 4 to 5* Paradores and Historic Monasteries

Total Walking Distance 100 km

Duration 11 days / 10 nights

Starts Pamplona

Stops Logroño, Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Navarrete, Burgos, Carrion de los Condes, Leon, Astorga, Villafranca del Bierzo, O Cebreiro, Monforte de Lemos, O Pedrouzo

Ends Santiago de Compostela

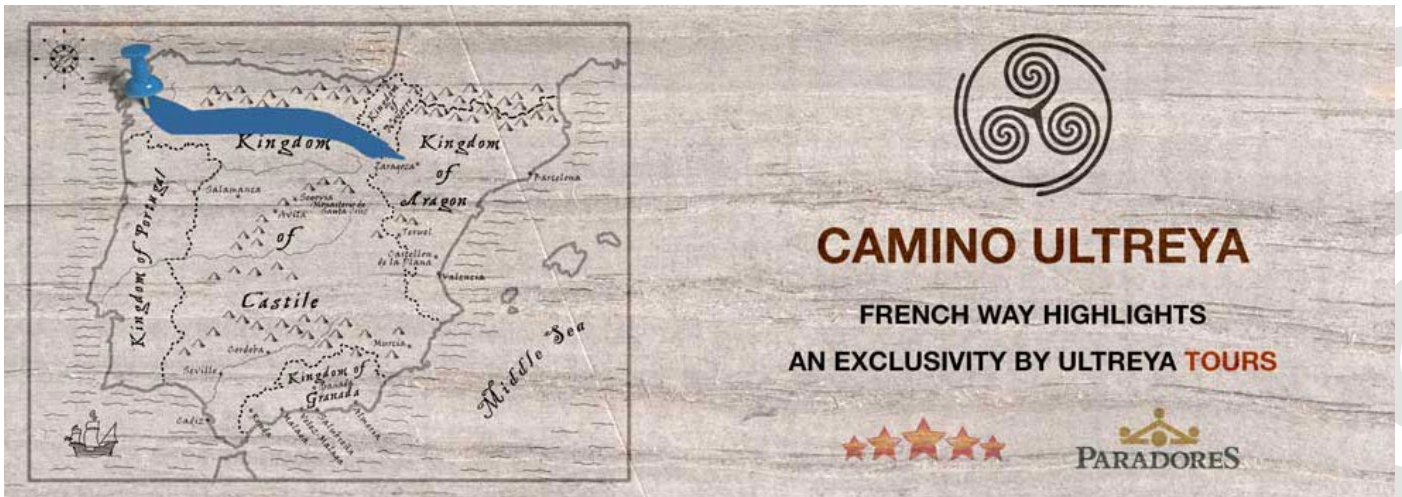
CAMINO FRENCH WAY ULTREYA INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in Paradores & 4 to 5* historical hotels
- Transfers in from Biarritz, Zaragoza or Bilbao airport and out from Santiago airport, other airports on request
- Party of less than 8 participants: Private Transport in taxi to and from each hotel + 1 extra transfert per day on request as walking support
- Party of 8+ participants: Private Transport in luxury Mini-Van or bus and Support during the walking days
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel on walking days
- Emergency support from our local team
- All taxes and gratuities for the guides and hotels
- A detailed guidebook and Spanish phrasebook per room
- All Breakfasts and Dinners - lunch on request
- A Ultraya Pilgrim Kit per person
- A collection of photos of the group to share
- Walk between 5 km and 16 km per day



CAMINO FRENCH WAY ULTREYA STEP BY STEP ITINERARY

This 10 nights route includes visits of the main attractions between Pamplona and Santiago de Compostela and 100km walk along the Camino Frances - French Way.

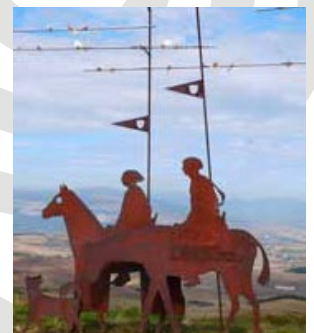


DAY 1 - MAKING OUR WAY TO THE CAPITAL OF NAVARRA, PAMPLONA

We will pick you up at your arrival airport and drive you to Pamplona, the town made famous by Ernest Hemingway and the San Fermin Festival. You will have the afternoon free to visit the city of the running of the bulls and forget about today's transit at Hemingway's favorite 5* hotel in the center of Pamplona.

DAY 2 - 15 KM - NAVARRA & LA RIOJA - NIGHT IN LA GUARDIA

After breakfast, we will drive you out of Pamplona to walk 2 km up to Alto del Perdon, one of the most recognizable monumental sculptures of the Camino de Santiago with stunning views of the regions of Navarra and la Rioja. We will then head to Church of Saint Mary of Eunete, a 12th-century Romanesque church few kilometers from the medieval town of Puente de la Reina, where we we start walking along the Camino de Santiago. We will walk across beautiful vinyards and charming hamlets for about 4h until we reach Cirauqui. You have the choice of sleeping in a 4* hotel in the heart of Logroño visiting one of the best wine-museums of the world for a guided-tour and some wine-tasting before having dinner in Laurel Street which is known Spain-wide for it's tapas and atmosphere. Or going a bit further towards La Guardia, a famous winery town, sleeping in a beautiful mansion and going for a guided tour of a renown bodega.



DAY 3 - 15KM - BODEGAS OF LA RIOJA - NIGHT IN THE PARADOR OF SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA

We continue our journey into Medieval La Rioja along the iconic red earth Trails. We continue our journey into Medieval La Rioja along the iconic red earth Trails. Our first stop is the Hospital de Peregrinos de San Juan de ArceNavarette, 1,5 km before Navarette, a town build in the 12th century by the "Knights of the



Holy Sepulcher” with stunning panoramic views of the region. You will walk again about 4h through stunning countryside all the way to the royal city of Nájera, home to an outstanding Gothic cloister and a royal pantheon where a number of Navarrese kings and queens are buried.

Tonight, you will be sleeping and dining at the Parador of Santo Domingo de la Calzada, a magnificent 12th-century hospital near the Cathedral, one of the most emblematic villages on the route. According to legend, the resuscitation of a roasted cock and hen served as a harbinger of an even greater miracle: the resurrection of a pilgrim unjustly hanged for theft, through the intercession of the saint for whom the village is named. Visit the Cathedral where a live rooster and hen keep watch from their pen overlooking the main altar in commemoration of the miracle; later sample some of the region’s fine wine’s in one of the nearby bars along the town’s main street.



You also have the option to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries in the afternoon. The monastic community founded by St Millán in the mid-6th century, a beautiful, peace retreat, is considered to be the birthplace of the modern written and spoken Spanish language.

DAY 4 - 8 KM - ENTERING THE MESETA - NIGHT IN BURGOS

Today, we will let you leave with the other pilgrims directly from the doorstep of your hotel. We will walk for about 2h through crop fields, oak woods and vineyards into the region of Castilla-y-León, the medieval kingdom that led the re-conquest of the Iberian Peninsula from the Moors, gave birth to modern Spain and gave the world Castilian Spanish.

We will then drive you to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Burgos, home to one of the most magnificent Gothic Cathedrals and the final resting place of the Spanish national hero El Cid. Spend the evening discovering this beautiful city, enjoying its world famous tapas including Morcilla (black pudding) & cordero lechal asado (succulent roast lamb) and relaxing in your 4* hotel next to the Cathedral.



DAY 5 - 16 KM - THE GOLD FIELDS OF THE TIERRA DE CAMPOS - NIGHT IN CARRION DE LOS CONDES



Today, we will be getting deeper into the Meseta, which is a vast plateau in the heart of peninsular Spain with elevations around 700m, very flat. It is said the Camino Frances has three stages: Physical, Mental/Emotional & Spiritual. The Physical part happens in the first week of walking as your body gets accustomed to the effort. By the time pilgrims arrive in the Meseta their legs and back are strong enough to not feel the strain of the day’s walk. But until then the landscape was varied, beautiful and helpful. There was shade, regular towns, water fountains. Once you get into the Meseta it is just flatness, little shade and long distances. This is when pilgrims need to work on their Mental. The Meseta is a time for introspection and a time to strengthen your will. We want you to experience all these stages on the Camino Spiritus. So today, you will walk 10 km (or less on request) through the endless green and gold fields of the Tierra de Campos from Puente Fitero to Boadilla del Camino plus 6 km charming kilometers along a refreshing canal into Fromista. We will then transfer you to Carrión de los Condes, where we will spend the night in a historic monastery.





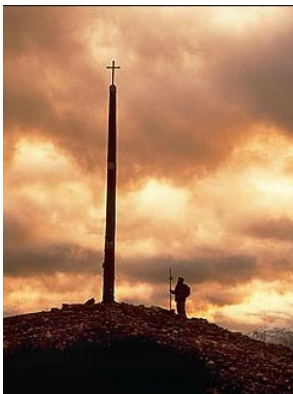
DAY 6 - 8 KM - THE LAND OF THE RECONQUISTA - NIGHT IN THE PARADOR OF LEÓN

We continue our journey through the Meseta of Castilla-y-León. In the morning, we will have a short 2h walk in the Tierra de Campos before a short stop in the medieval city of Sahagún, the town once known as a center of the arts and letters, the “Spanish Cluny”. We then head west via the village of Bercianos del Camino and plan to arrive in León for lunchtime. After check-in and a siesta, we will spend the afternoon discovering the city’s historic sites, including its remarkable cathedral, filled with more than 100 stained glass windows.

You are staying in the Hostal de San Marcos which is one of the most extraordinary historic hotels on the Old Continent and you will recognize it from the movie “The Way” where Martin Sheen splurges for one night. Plan some time to discover its different rooms and enjoy a gourmet dinner.



DAY 7 - 5 KM - ROMAN TOWNS, TEMPLAR AND GAUDI - NIGHT IN THE PARADOR OF VILLAFRANCA DO BIERZO



We have another busy day awaiting us today, so we will wake up early to drive to Astorga, a fascinating town with a Gothic Cathedral and a palace designed by Antoni Gaudí, mostly known for the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

After a Guided Tour, we will attempt to cross one of the highest mountain peaks of the French Way and arrive at the Cruz de Hierro, the Iron Cross. Here, it is common for pilgrims to leave a souvenir of their passage, a rock, piece of paper or even shoes. So don't forget to bring along a symbolic token. By lunchtime, we will arrive in Ponferrada, a beautiful Medieval town.

We will have a few hours to visit one of the last remaining Templar Castle and the old town before heading to Villafranca do Bierzo where we will stay in the town's Parador.

DAY 8 - 10 KM - VISITS, MIRACLES & BREATHTAKING VIEWS NIGHT IN THE PARADOR OF SANTO ESTEVO

You are in for a treat today, so wake up early. After breakfast at the Parador, we will drive you up the mountain to the border of Castilla-y-León and you will walk the last 5 km through beautiful mountain paths into the region of Galicia and into the timeless Celtic village of O Cebreiro. With stunning panoramic views of the valleys below from 1300 meters up, the ancient pallozas (circular pre-Roman stone dwellings built by the Celts of the region) and the rebuilt Romanesque church of St. Mary's, site of a 14th century Eucharistic miracle, few places along the Camino are as enchanting as O Cebreiro!

After lunch in O Cebreiro, we will drive to the Ribeira Sacra, one the most spectacular gorge scenery in Europe. Here, you will sleep in the Parador of Santo Estevo, an impressive 6th century restaurated Monastery in the canyons. In the afternoon, we will plan a wine-tasting catamaran cruise in the Sil canyon and a 1h30 stunning walk with views onto the vine terraces in a renown family-run bodega's vinyards.





DAY 9 - 10 KM - WALK FROM LAVACOLLA TO SANTIAGO! - NIGHT IN THE 5* PARADOR OF SANTIAGO



This is it! Only ten kilometers separates you from your goal. Leave early to reach Santiago before twelve if you wish to see the pilgrim mass then (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).



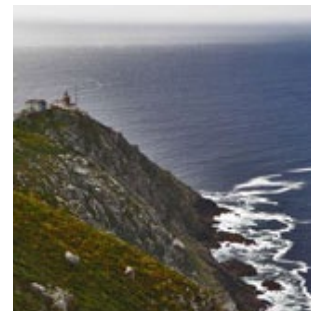
Enter the Cathedral now, if you wish, we recommend continuing to the Plaza del Obradoiro, the main Square of the Cathedral, where you will find the Portico de la Gloria and the most impressive view of the Cathedral. Simply stop here. Breathe in and truly live this moment, do whatever feels right. Your hotel, the Parador de los Reyes Catolicos, is on your right when looking at the Cathedral.

You still have a few things to do today - attend pilgrim mass, marvel at the architecture of our beloved City and visit your hotel, the 5* Parador of Santiago de Compostela on the Plaza del Obradoiro which is no less than a jewel.

DAY 10 - 13 KM - JOURNEY THE END OF THE WORLD - NIGHT IN THE 5* PARADOR OF SANTIAGO

Congratulations, you have made it to Santiago de Compostela. However, there is a tradition to go 88 km further towards Finisterre, also known as the land at the end of the World. So today, we will make our Way to the Atlantic Coast stopping in some traditional villages. The Tradition says pilgrims should burn an item of clothing and find a Scallop Shell on the beach as a proof their completed your pilgrimage.

You have the choice here for a traditional day tour visiting the main attractions towards Finisterre including the Virxe da Barca sanctuary in Muxia, the fishing village of Muros, the Ézaro waterfalls... or walk 13 km along the new lighthouse to lighthouse Camino towards Finisterre along the stunning Coast of Death (Costa da Morte). We will spend the night again in the 5* Parador of Santiago and you'll have more time to visit the old town. Dinner can be planned in the Parador or in a Michelin Star restaurant across the street.



DAY 11 - 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."

Today, as we bring you to your departure airport, we will share our impressions and thoughts about the journey you just undertook. We hope the Camino has brought you whatever you were looking for and wish to see you again soon in Galicia!



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 or visit our website to find the best Way for your group!