



PORTUGUESE WAY MINI



Experience the best the Portuguese Way has to offer in only a few days. Spend 4 nights in the most beautiful, peaceful and historical places and eat at the best gourmet restaurants along the last 250 km of the Portuguese Way from Porto to Santiago de Compostela.

Walk three of our favorite sections, cruise the River Ulla, go for wine-tasting in family-run bodegas and eat in a Michelin star restaurant. However, we must warn you, you will want to come back with more time to do the full walk.

PRICE & DATES

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

€990 per person

- Single room supplement: +€250 per room
- Extra night in the Parador of Santiago: +€250 per room (dinner not included)

FACT FILE

Accommodation Luxurious Manors & 4 to 5* Hotels

Total Walking Distance 44 km

Duration 5 days / 4 nights

Starts Oporto

Stops Ponte de Lima, Rubiaes, Valenca, Tui, Pontevedra, Armenteira, Cambados, Padron

Ends Santiago de Compostela

CAMINO PORTUGUESE WAY MINI INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in charming luxurious manors & 4 to 5* historical hotels including the Paradores of Tui & Santiago de Compostela
- Transfers from Oporto Airport Oporto city center and from Santiago city to Santiago airport
- 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
- All Breakfasts and Dinners
- Dinner show in Oporto with Fado concert
- Guided tours of Oporto and Santiago de Compostela
- 1h Catamaran or water-taxi cruise along the River Ulla

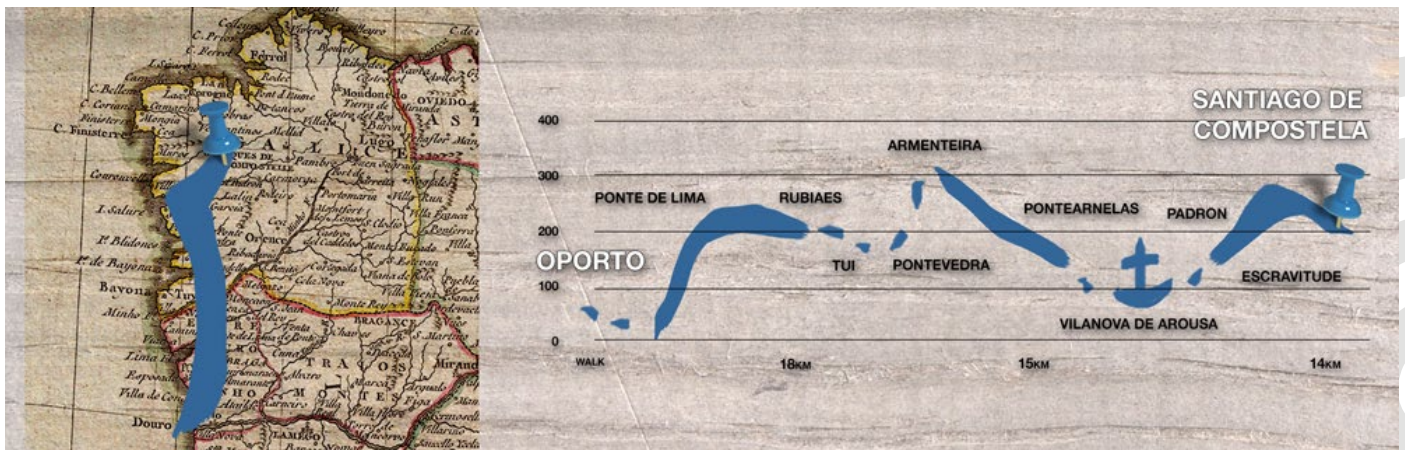
HIGHLIGHTS

- Perfect for a short break or a first taste of the Camino
- Stay only in the best accommodation along the Way including two Paradores
- Discover how Port Wine and Albariño is made
- Cruise the Ulla River



PORTUGUESE WAY MINI DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

This 4 nights tour includes visits of the main attractions between Oporto and Santiago de Compostela with 3 days walk and a cruise.



DAY 1 - MAKING OUR WAY TO PORTO AND DINNER WITH FADO SHOW

A taxi will pick you up at Oporto airport and drive you to the historic center of Oporto where you will spend the night in a 4* hotel. If your time of arrival allows, we will plan a guided tour of the City and of one of the most famous Bodegas in Gaia. Your guide will let you taste different Port wines and explain how there are made. You will then head to a traditional restaurant near your hotel for a three course dinner and show with a Fado concert.

Hotel: Pestana Vintage Porto 4* Hotel & World Heritage Site or similar

DAY 2 - 18 KM - WALK FROM PONTE DE LIMA TO RUBIAES - NIGHT TUI

Today, we would like to introduce you to the Camino de Santiago by letting you walk what is considered to be the most beautiful stage of the Portuguese Way. It is not an easy walk as you will be going uphill for about 5 km on mountain paths but you will enjoy some of the most beautiful views there is on any Camino and our support van will be there to help in case you need us.

You will start in the legendary town of Ponte de Lima which is Minho personified and full of history. Follow the Roman Military Road by the Labruja River to Codeçal through eucalyptus forests by two waterfalls and up to Alto da Portela Grande de Labruja at 400m where you will enjoy breathtaking views. It's then downhill to Rubiães. Here, you should visit the 12th-century Romanesque Church of São Pedro de Rubiães before getting into the mini-bus to head to the Parador of Tui (if available).

After or before check-in, if time allows, we will take 2h to visit the 13th century Fortress of Valença do Minho just on the other side of the Portuguese border.

Hotel: Parador de Tui 4* Hotel or similar





DAY 3 - 12 KM - WALK FROM ARMENTEIRA TO PONTEARNELAS

After breakfast at the Parador, your driver will bring you to Roman built city Of Pontevedra, about 40min drive away from Tui, where can ask to stop for 30min visit the Old Town. Your driver will then leave the Camino Portuguese for the Spiritual Variant / the Maritime Way. This detour is relatively new, it has only been accepted by the Pilgrim Office in 2013 but has the oldest origins of all Caminos. During the next couple days, you will be following the detour towards Vilanova de Arousa, where you will board a Catamaran and follow the final journey of the Apostle.

It is said that in the year 44, after his Martyrdom, the body of James the Apostle was transported on a stone vessel along the Arousa Estuary to get to the land of Galicia where he was meant to be buried. The boat is said to have gone from Jaffa to Galicia and upstream via Ulla river until reaching Iria Flavia (Padron) and later on Santiago de Compostela. This tradition followed by Christians all around the world has been translated throughout the millenary Jacobean history into a varied iconography representing the Apostle's final journey from Jaffa (Palestine) to Iria Flavia (today's village of Padrón). This is the Initial Route of all the Santiago Trails.

Your driver will follow the Camino for 30min towards Armenteira and pass the Monastery of San Juan de Poio and the beautiful town of Cambarro, famous for its Horreos (a typical granary on pillars). You can ask to stop at either.

In Armenteira, visit the impressive Cistercian Monastery founded by the knight Ero de Armenteira in 1168, before starting walking. The walk today is through the relaxing "Ruta da Pedra e da Auga" (the route of rocks and water - due to the number of watermills that can be found on that river) along the Armenteira river. After a few hours walk, you will reach the famous bridge of Pontearnelas, a XVI century stone bridge linked to strange rituals of prenatal baptism, and we will drive you to a 15th century house and estate located 200 meters from the historic centre of Cambados (if available otherwise you will stay at the Parador of Cambados). Cambados is considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines of the world so again tonight we will experience an Albariño wine-tasting and visit the Pazo's private winery before dinner at a 1 Michelin Star restaurant in Cambados.

Hotel: Pazo a Capitana or similar

DAY 4 - 14KM - 1H CRUISE ON THE RIVER ULLA + WALK INTO SANTIAGO!

Wake up early as today we walk into Santiago de Compostela. After a short 10min drive to Vilanova de Arousa, you will embark a catamaran for 15 nautical miles cruise. Following the journey of the stone boat carrying the remains of the Apostle Saint James, you will be sailing a catamaran or water taxi (depending on the tide) towards Iria Flavia or Padron. Our mini-bus will be waiting for you at arrival in Padron and after showing you around Padron quickly, we will drive you to the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude.

You will get to walk by the mysterious, abandoned ruins on the hill-fort of Castro Lupario, of the castle A Rocha Vella and the Chapel of San Martiño were one of the most ancient Cruceiros of Galicia stands. Then finally from the hills of Agro dos Monteiros, you will get our first glimpse of the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and start walking into the city of the Apostle.





As you enter the town a couple routes are offered to you, we recommend following the River Sarela instead of entering through the new town. Soon enough after entering the Old Town, the Cathedral will present herself to you, beautiful and powerful. 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 - marvel at the architecture of our beloved City, attend the Pilgrim Mass at 7:30pm and visit your hotel which is no less than a jewel. Dinner will be served at the Parador.

Hotel: Parador de Santiago 5* Hotel



DAY 5 - START OF YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

On the last day of your tour, we will gather for a guided visit of the City and the Cathedral where you will be told about the fascinating stories of each monument you see. We will then set out for your departure airport and say our farewells until next time.





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!