



PORTUGUESE SPIRITUAL WAY BY HORSE



If you believe the world is best viewed through the ears of a horse and that no hour spend on the saddle is wasted, then this is the Camino for you. Be among the first to discover the Portuguese Spiritual Way or Maritime Way, from the Roman built city of Pontevedra along the coast to Santiago de Compostela with a detour cruise by the River Ulla. Spend 5 days traveling horseback from the Roman City of Pontevedra, through the beautiful Galicia Rías Baixas to the resting place of the Apostle Saint James in Santiago de Compostela before obtaining your Certificate of Achievement, the Compostela.

PRICE & DATES

Due to the nature of this Camino, we have chosen a highly experienced partner to help us organize this tour and to take care of the horses. Our partner responds to our strict Sustainability and Quality policies and has pre-booked departure dates. New dates can be organized on request for groups of at least 6 participants on the date of your choice - subject to availability and price fluctuations, simply ask us for details.

Join a guided tour or plan your own departure with 4+ participants: €1800 per person

- Single room supplement: +€175 per room
- Start in Baiona adding 3 days: €2700 per person +€280 for single room - subject to availability
- Ride the Portuguese Way from Tui in 6 days: €1800 per person +€210 for single room - subject to availability
- Extra night in the 5* Parador of Santiago: +€250 per room (dinner not included - upgrade +€135)

FRENCH WAY BY HORSE INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in charming luxurious manors & 3 to 4* charming hotels
- Meals and accommodation for the Horses near your hotel (the organizer always plans more horses than needed so you will never be without a horse)
- Arrival on the Obradoiro Square on your horse
- Transfers in and out from Santiago airport, other airports on request
- Private Van Support during the riding days
- A horse per person and all necessary equipment
- Dedicated bilingual Guide with 15 years experience on the Camino de Santiago

FACT FILE

Accommodation Luxurious Manors & 3 to 4* Hotels

Singularity Horse-riding trip

Total Riding Distance 108 km

Duration 6 days / 5 nights

Starts Pontevedra

Stops Poio, Combarro,

Armenteira, Barrantes, Ribadumia, Vilanova de Arousa, Cambados, Sines, Vilaxoan, Vilagarcia de Arousa, Valga, Padron, Milladoiro

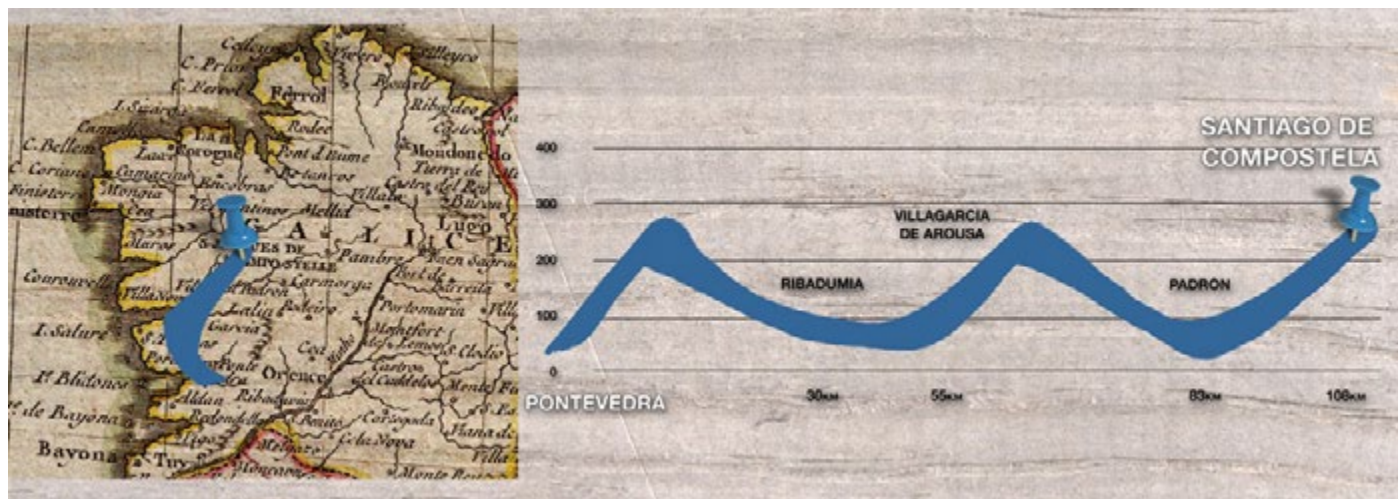
Ends Santiago de Compostela

- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- 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, lunches and Dinners
- A Pilgrim Kit per person
- A collection of photos of the group to share
- Ride between 24 km and 39 km per day



CAMINO PORTUGUESE SPIRITUAL WAY BY HORSE DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

This 5 nights route brings you along the last 108 kilometers of the Camino Portugues - Portuguese Way Maritime / Spiritual Way into Santiago de Compostela.



DAY 1 - MAKING OUR WAY TO PONTEVEDRA



Our driver will pick you up from Santiago or Vigo airport at the agreed time to bring you to your hotel located in the heart of the old quarter of the magnificent city of Pontevedra, the Roman built city dedicated to the Virgen Peregrina (the Pilgrim Virgin). After check-in take your time to enjoy a Galician beer or wine in one of the city's terrace with your fellow pilgrims, before enjoying a welcome dinner in the hotel.

DAY 2 - 30KM - RIDE FROM PONTEVEDRA TO RIBADUMIA

This is the day you start your equestrian pilgrimage! After meeting the horse you will share the journey with, we will saddle up around 9 am and initiated a steady descent towards the valleys of Galicia. Through your horse's ears, you will enjoy a unique viewpoint onto the Rias Baixas and the peaceful oak forests.

Until we reach Padrón on day 4, we will be following 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. 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 (Padrón) 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).

On your journey today, we will pass the Monastery of San Juan de Poio and the beautiful town of Cambarro, famous for its Horreos (a typical granary on pillars). We will take a break to visit the Monastery of Armenteira, which belongs to the Cistercian order and was founded by the knight Ero de Armenteira in 1168. Before hiking a section of 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 and stopping in Ribadumia for the night.





DAY 3 - 25 KM - RIDE FROM RIBADUMIA TO VILLAGARCIA DE AROUSA

Today we continue our journey inland, riding towards the historic centre of Cambados. Cambados is considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines in the world and is a precious little harbour town. Here, we will finally reach the famous Galician beaches and you will be able to ride your horse on the beach until Vilagarcia de Arousa. In Vilanova de Arousa most walking pilgrims will embark for a catamaran journey of 15 nautical miles towards Padron but, we will not dismount until Santiago (except of course for sleeping, eating, enjoying the beach, our hotels and having a great time) and will continue enjoying stunning views onto the Rias from the beach and the cliffs. We will spend the night in the charming seaside town of Villagarcia de Arousa, where our partner's equestrian center is located.

DAY 4 - 28 KM - RIDE FROM VILLAGARCIA DE AROUSA TO PADRON

While the walking pilgrims cruise the River Ulla following the legendary journey of Saint James disciples, we will continue across the peaceful forest on the mounts nearby until we reach Catoira, the village famous for its Viking celebration in August, and later on Pontesures. We will be spending the night in the emblematic town of Padrón or Iria Flavia, the place where according to legends, the stone boat containing the remains of the Apostle moored. Padrón is also famous for the mild green peppers that are sold all over Spain as Pimientos de Padrón and for its Sunday Market.



DAY 5 - 22 KM - RIDE FROM PADRÓN TO SANTIAGO!

This is it! Only 25 km separates you from your goal: the resting place of the Apostle Saint James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The Camino will bring you through charming villages and hamlets as well as the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude. Then, finally, from the hills of Agro dos Monteiros, you will get our first glimpse of Santiago de Compostela. Today, we will not enter the City of the Apostle by horse but stop just outside in a 4* hotel. A shuttle will bring you to the Old Town so you can enjoy a free afternoon in Santiago and obtain your pilgrim certificate, attend Pilgrim Mass & marvel at the architecture of our beloved City.

DAY 6 - 3 KM - RIDE INTO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Wake up early because this is it, only a few kilometers separates you from your goal. The group will need to leave at 8am to reach Santiago before nine to be able to enter the city and the Obradoiro Square with your horse.

In the afternoon, if you have not opted for an extra night in Santiago, we will bring you back to Santiago Airport and 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 Ultraya comes from the Latin word for Onwards. "Ultraya, 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 - Ultraya 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!