



## PORTUGUESE SPIRITUAL WAY



Discover the Camino de Santiago in a unique way. Be among the first to discover the Portuguese Spiritual Way or Maritime Way, from stunning Baiona along the coast to Santiago de Compostela with a detour cruise by the River Ulla. This Camino recently approved for the Certificate of Accomplishment by the Pilgrim Office allows you to enjoy some of the best hotels (two stunning Paradores, 3 to 4\* hotels and beautiful Galician Mansions with their own winery) & the most scenic views Galicia has to offer as well as a unique experience on the Camino: 1h cruise along the same river the legendary stone boat carrying Saint James' remains would have cruised before arriving into Santiago de Compostela.

### PRICE & DATES

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

**2016 Departures (Tuesday to Tuesday): 27th of May to 4th of June 2016 & 23rd of September to 1st of October 2016 as part of the Camino Forum Walk**

#### €1550 per person

- Single room supplement: +€580 per room
- No dinners discount: -€210 per person
- Guaranteed Botafumeiro: +€300
- 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 +€135)

### FACT FILE

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

**Total Walking Distance** 123 km

**Duration** 8 days / 7 nights

**Starts** Baiona

**Stops** Vigo, Redondela, Pontevedra, Caldas de Reis, Padrón

**Ends** Santiago de Compostela

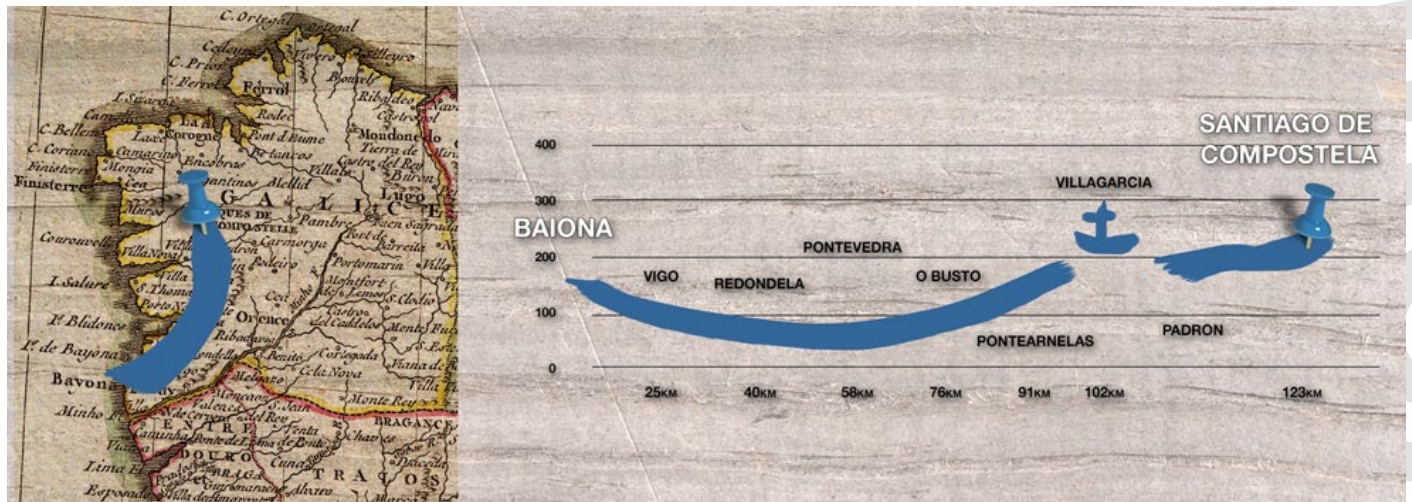
### CAMINO PORTUGUESE SPIRITUAL INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in charming luxurious manors, 3 & 4\* historical hotels including the Paradores of Baiona & Pontevedra (subject to availability)
- Transfers from Vigo or Santiago airport to Baiona & from Santiago city to Santiago airport, other airports on request
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- 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
- Emergency support from our local team
- 1h catamaran cruise along the Ulla River
- 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



### CAMINO COMPOSTELA PORTUGUESE SPIRITUAL WAY DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

This 8 nights route brings you along the last 123 kilometers of the Camino Portugues - Portuguese Way Maritime / Spiritual Way into Santiago de Compostela.



#### DAY 1 - MAKING OUR WAY TO BAIONA

Our driver will pick you up from Santiago or Vigo airport at the agreed time to bring you to the stunning Parador of Baiona, a Fortress peninsula renovated into a stunning 4\* hotel by the ocean.

On March 1, 1493, the Pinta, one of the ships from Columbus' voyage to discover the New World returned to Europe and arrived in Baiona, making the town's port the first to receive news of the discovery of America. A replica of the ship can be visited, and the event is celebrated every year. So if time allows during the afternoon, go for a tour of the old town, visit the Pinta and relax by the ocean before watching the sunset onto the bay of Baiona.



#### DAY 2 -25KM - WALK FROM BAIONA TO VIGO

Today, you finally begin your journey on the Portuguese Way Coastal Way or Caminho da Costa. You will leave behind Baiona to follow the coast across the Riberias Baixas through the beach-town of Nigrán and towards the city of Vigo. The region is world-famous for its Albariño white wine and delicious shellfish but the views are also breathtaking. In the distance, admire the magnificent Illas Cíes, named the most beautiful beaches in the world, and the Bay of Vigo with its Natural Park. In the afternoon, if time and weather allows you can plan to visit the Cies Islands (must be booked in advance), visits the city's Fortress and harbor or simply enjoy your 4\* hotels facilities and the atmosphere of the Old Town of Vigo.



#### DAY 3 - 15KM - WALK FROM VIGO TO REDONDELA

Today, is a fairly short stage, so, take our time to enjoy the old town of Vigo before leaving and while you walk, stop and contemplate the valleys, the Islands in the horizon and the peninsula of Morrazo. You will pass the Rande Bridge, which was once the longest suspension bridge in the world, and the seaside town of Cove San Simon.





After a few hours walk, you will finally reach Redondela at the end of one of the famous Rias Baixas. If available we will be staying in a unique Castle-like hotel just after Redondela built in 1750 and used as a military hospital during WWI with stunning views along the bay of Vigo.

#### DAY 4 - 18KM - WALK FROM REDONDELA TO PONTEVEDRA

Today, expect two sceneries, half the day will be walking by the coast with stunning views over the Vigo Bay and the second part will be walking in the shade of a peaceful oak forest. You will cross an infamous bridge, Ponte Sampaio, where during the War of Independence, Napoleon's army suffered one of its greatest defeats. You are heading to the Parador of Pontevedra (if available on your dates). A 4\* 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).



#### DAY 5- 18 KM - WALK FROM PONTEVEDRA TO O BUSTO - THE SPIRITUAL DETOUR



Today, we will continue our journey inland along the Central Portuguese Camino for an hour before reaching the separation point with 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 three days, we will be following the detour towards Vilanova de Arousa, where we 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.



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). There will be some uphill today, and little signs of civilization on the last 5 km. After arriving in O Busto, we will ask the owner of our rural guest-house to pick us up. This tastefully renovated country-side house in Meaño offers picturesque rural surroundings inbetween the vineyards, a swimming pool and a walk-in horreo. We will arrange for a Albariño wine-tasting session at their private winery before dinner.

#### DAY 6 - 15 KM - WALK FROM O BUSTO TO PONTEARNELAS - NIGHT CAMBADOS

After a short drive back to O Busto, we continue our journey inland towards Vilanova de Arousa. We will start the morning with a visit of the Monastery of Armenteira, which belongs to the Cistercian order and was founded by the knight Ero de Armenteira in 1168. We will then walk 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.

We will walk all the way to the famous bridge of Pontearnelas, a XVI century stone bridge linked to strange rituals of prenatal baptism. Here, we will be picked up by the owner of a 15th century house and estate, located 200 metres from the historic centre of Cambados. Cambados is considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines in 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 nearby.

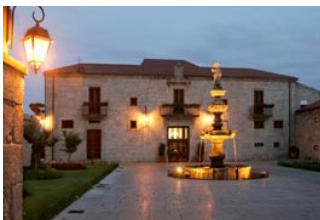


#### DAY 7 - 11 KM - WALK FROM PONTEARNELAS TO VALLAGARCIA DE AROUSA & 1H CRUISE

After breakfast, our host will drive us back to Pontearnelas and we will have 11 km left to walk before reaching the harbour of Vilanova de Arousa, where we will embark a catamaran for 15 nautical miles cruise.

Following the journey of the stone boat carrying the remains of the Apostle Saint James, we will be sailing a catamaran or water taxi (depending on the tide) towards Iria Flavia or Padrón.

We will be spending the night in the emblematic town of Padrón. In May, your hotel will be a XVIII century museum house in the heart of Padrón. In September, you will stay in an emblematic 16th-century building 1km away, which was a former place of leisure of the bishops of Santiago de Compostela and has an outdoor pool.



#### DAY 8 - 21 KM - WALK FROM PADRÓN TO SANTIAGO!

This is it! Only 21 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. About half-way to Santiago, we will stop in Pazo de Farmello, probably the most important and beautiful manor house in Galicia, for a guided tour of the gardens and a highly useful short-cut back onto the official way saving us a few kilometers. Then, finally, from the hills of Agro dos Monteiros, you will get our first glimpse of Santiago de Compostela and start walking into the city of the Apostle.

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. We still have a few things to do today, after you check-in at your beautiful hotel with a stunning garden 200m away from the square - get your pilgrim certificate, attend Pilgrim Mass & marvel at the architecture of our beloved City.



#### DAY 9 - START OF YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Today, as we bring you to your departure airport, we hope it has brought you whatever you were looking for and wish to see you again soon on the Camino!



## 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](mailto:info@ultreyatours.com) or visit our website to find the best Way for your group!**