

Camino Horizons

- an adventure from our backyard -

13 days & 12 nights: Highlights of the Camino between Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port and Finisterre



We understand that walking the entire 500-mile distance of the Camino de Santiago may not be feasible for everyone due to time constraints or physical limitations. That's why we have designed a special tour that allows you to experience the major cultural highlights of the Camino while traveling comfortably by private bus.

You will also have the opportunity to walk some of the more scenic sections on the Camino, followed up by one of our famous gourmet picnics.

From the foothills of the Pyrenees to the vast skies of the Meseta and the lush forests of Galicia, you'll get a taste of the unique beauty, the diverse landscapes and cultures of each region. Whether you're a seasoned pilgrim or new to the Camino, this tour will provide you with another unforgettable experience with Fresco Tours, creating lasting memories and deepening your connection with this historic pilgrimage route.

*We are happy to provide assistance in arranging your transportation from Madrid to Logroño.



Day 1: Bilbao

Our tour starts in Bilbao, where we visit the iconic Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry, an architectural masterpiece that has transformed the city. Next, we will take you for a stroll to discover a bit of Bilbao's rich heritage. Our first day in Bilbao promises to be a delightful blend of art, history, culture, and gastronomy, setting the stage for the adventures to come.

Highlights: Bilbao historic quarter and the Guggenheim Museum.

Accommodation: Bilbao (D)

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Day 2: Saint-Jean – Roncesvalles

Today we visit Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France, a traditional starting point for many pilgrims. After exploring the town, we drive to Ibañeta Pass in Spain, a site associated with the legend of Charlemagne and Roland. Descending from the pass, we reach the abbey and village of Roncesvalles, where we spend the night.

Highlights: The medieval town of Saint-Jean, the Pyrenees, Roncesvalles.

Accommodation: Roncesvalles (B, L, D). Walk: Ibañeta Pass to Roncesvalles (5 km or 3 mi)



Day 3: Roncesvalles – Pamplona

Leaving the hotel, we walk through the scenic landscapes of Basque Navarra, following the yellow arrow. Our walk ends in the mountain town of Viscarret, where we have lunch. Afterward, we shuttle to Pamplona, known for the famous running of the bulls during the San Fermín festival. Before dinner we'll have a leisurely stroll through the city and perhaps even stage our own version of the bull run!

Highlights: The Pyrenees, Pamplona.

Accommodation: Pamplona (B, L, D). Walk: Roncesvalles to Viscarret (11.5 km or 7 mi)

Day 4: Alto del Perdón - Puente la Reina

Today we start the day by walking to the Knights Templar Chapel of Eunate, and then onwards to Puente la Reina. This charming town is named after its famous bridge, which has been an important crossing point for pilgrims since medieval times. On our way back to Pamplona, we visit the Alto del Perdón, where according to legend, the devil attempted to tempt a pilgrim on his way to Compostela.

Highlights: Alto del Perdón, Eunate, Puente la Reina

Accommodation: Pamplona (B, L). Walk: Uterga to Puente la Reina (10.5 km or 6.5 mi)



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Day 5: Irache Wine Fountain - Logroño

Today's itinerary promises to be a treat for wine enthusiasts, as we stop at the Irache Wine Fountain. This unique attraction allows pilgrims to indulge in a sip or two of wine as a symbol of hospitality and celebration. We then continue our journey to Logroño, the capital of La Rioja region and its exceptional red wines. In the afternoon, we visit a winery for a tour and tasting.

Highlights: Irache Monastery and Wine Fountain, Logroño, Winery visit

Accommodation: Logroño (B, L, D). Walk: Cirauqui to Villatuerta (10.5 km or 6.5 mi)

Day 6: Santo Domingo – Burgos

Today we continue through the Rioja region surrounded by vineyards of tempranillo grapes, adding an aromatic touch to your experience. The town of Santo Domingo de la Calzada holds a special place in Camino lore and is famous for housing the only chicken coop inside a Catholic cathedral! After lunch, we shuttle to the noble medieval city of Burgos, which in recent years has become a culinary destination in Spain.

Highlights: Santo Domingo, La Rioja wine region

Accommodation: Burgos (B, L, D). Walk: Cirueña to Santo Domingo (6 km or 3.5 mi)



Day 7: Burgos

Spending a full day exploring Burgos allows us to delve deep into the city's rich history. Our morning begins at the Atapuerca archaeological site just outside the city, where we learn about our earliest ancestors. We then make our way to Burgos, and in the afternoon, we wrap up the day with a guided tour of the Cathedral.

Highlights: Atapuerca, Burgos

Accommodation: Burgos (B, L, D). Walk: Burgos River Path (7 km or 4.5 mi)

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Day 8: La Meseta - León

Continuing our journey westward along the Meseta region, we discover the allure of this often-overlooked part of the Camino de Santiago, where far-reaching views across expansive plains offer a sense of serenity and calm. After lunch, we visit one of the best-preserved Roman villas in northern Spain. This archaeological site showcases the grandeur and lifestyle of Roman Iberia, once one of the most important provinces of the Roman Empire.

Highlights: La Meseta, Roman Villa La Olmeda

Accommodation: León (B, L, D). **Walking:** San Nicolás to Boadilla (10 km or 6 mi)



Day 9: León

Today we have a whole day to explore León and its cathedral. Its claim to fame is the 1,800 square meters (20,000 square feet) of original medieval stained-glass windows. Aside from the cathedral, the city's historic center boasts charming medieval streets, lively squares, and architectural treasures. Take some time to stroll through the city, soak in its lively ambiance, and indulge in the local tapas. But save some room for dinner, as tonight we have a Spanish cuisine cooking demonstration!

Highlights: León, Cooking demonstration

Accommodation: León (B, D).

Day 10: Cruz de Ferro (Iron Cross) - Lugo

Today marks our entry into Galicia. Your first stop is Mount Irago and the iconic Cruz de Ferro (Iron Cross). Don't forget to bring your own stone from home! After lunch, we enter the region of Galicia and make our way to Lugo, famous for its intact Roman walls that encircle the historic quarter. As Lugo sits on the Camino Primitivo trail, you can expect to encounter fellow pilgrims meandering through town.

Highlights: Foncebadón, Cruz de Ferro, Lugo Roman walls and city

Accommodation: Lugo (B, L). **Walking:** Rabanal del Camino to Cruz de Ferro (7.5 km or 4.5 mi)



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Day 11: Galicia - Santiago de Compostela

As we return to the classic French Way to Santiago, our final hike takes us through the enchanting forests of Galicia. After lunch, we continue our journey by bus to Santiago de Compostela. Along the way, we make a special stop at Monte de Gozo, where we're rewarded with our first glimpse of the cathedral.

Highlights: Rural Galicia, Monte de Gozo, Santiago de Compostela

Accommodation: Santiago (B, L, D). **Walking:** Calzada to Santa Irene (10 km or 6 mi)

Day 12: Finisterre & Muxía

Today, we continue our westward journey to the End of the World - Cape Finisterre. Here, bygone pilgrims believing this was literally the end of the world would perform ritual ablutions after completing their pilgrimage to Santiago. We'll also visit Muxía and on the feared Costa da Morte (so-called Coast of Death). In the evening, we gather for our farewell dinner in Santiago de Compostela, where we can reflect on all the adventures we've shared – begin planning for our next tour!

Highlights: Finisterre and Muxía

Accommodation: Santiago (B, L, D).



Day 13: Santiago de Compostela

As our tour comes to a close, we have saved one of the most remarkable experiences for the final day: a guided tour of the cathedral. We will also visit the famous Pórtico de la Gloria, an intricately carved entrance adorned with original medieval painted sculptures.

Highlights: Santiago de Compostela Cathedral

Accommodation: End of tour (B)

Please note: this itinerary is subject to slight modifications due to hotel availability, weather, festivals & other occurrences.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

2 Guides:

Our greatest resource! We know Spain because it is our home. Both of your Fresco guides are experienced professionals that are either Spanish or live in Spain year-round – no hired out summer help!

When specified, local art historians will join us to provide further insights of the specific monument / museum that we visit.

* Groups of 3 - 6 pax are accompanied by only 1 guide.



Meals:

Food speaks volumes about a culture and we love to eat! During our walk days, when possible, we prepare gourmet picnics using the freshest of local ingredients and selecting the tastiest recipes of the region. All breakfasts, lunches and dinners are included - minus 1 lunch and 2 dinners where we encourage you to try the local cuisine on your own. We are proud to cater to vegetarians and those with food allergies – milk, egg, wheat, etc.

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Accommodation:

Fresco Tours selects a combination of 3 & 4-star hotels and B&B's that offer the best in hospitality, comfort and location. All rooms have in-suite baths. Tour prices are based on double occupancy.

Luggage transfers:

Your luggage will be transported between hotels. You do the walking, we'll do the lifting!



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?



Limited Group Sizes:

Fresco Tours are in small groups to ensure that you receive the individual attention that you deserve. We want to be able to treat each of our clients with a personal touch and we limit the groups to a maximum of 16 participants. We also recognize that each person's Camino is their own personal experience and if you wish, we encourage you to walk on your own – with the assurance that we will be there for you!

Support Vehicles:

Your walks will be accompanied by 2 support vehicles (minimum 6 pax) that are there to provide assistance when needed and look out for your safety. You will have access to the bus every couple of hours, so you won't need to carry a heavy backpack. In addition, the possibility of shorter routes and pick-up options will be offered and explained on a daily basis.



Ground transportation:

All ground transportation between our meeting point in Logroño and Burgos is provided on your Fresco Tour.

Pre-Tour Assistance:

We will help with your travel arrangements prior to and after the tour start and finish of your Fresco Tour, including assistance with hotel reservations and train tickets.

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What to expect?

Expect to have a wonderful time! We've designed this trip to enjoy the stunning beauty of the Spanish landscape, while giving you a true sense of the soul and magic of these exciting people and their culture. We love to share this magnificent country and the Camino de Santiago, and want you to feel a part of it.

And this time you get to see all of it!