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# Scenic Portuguese Route



## 11 DAY TOUR FROM PORTO TO PORTO

**Tour:** 5380

Rediscover the wonders of nature and the stillness of the mind on this scenic blend of the Portuguese and the Spiritual routes of the Camino de Santiago. The walk will cover about 75 miles. Take time to reflect, contemplate, meditate, and give this challenge the meaning you prefer, whether spiritual, religious, physical, or just an opportunity to meet like-minded people. After landing in Porto, start your journey by walking across the Portuguese-Spanish border on the bridge over the Minho River. Drive to the coastal town of Baiona and walk the Portuguese Way skirting the Atlantic Ocean to Pontevedra. From there, join the Spiritual Variant towards the Ulla River in Cambados and experience a boat cruise to Padrón.

The Spiritual Variant is the name given to the route that joins the Camino Portugues, both the Coastal and Central route, with the Traslaticio (or Transfer) route. It ends in Santiago de

Compostela following the route taken by the remains of the Apostle James, from Jerusalem to Iria Flavia, near Padrón. Discover spectacular landscapes and seascapes, seize the opportunity to discover historical places, and enjoy the authentic cuisine of the Galician region.

Evening Mass will be available in most towns for those who wish to attend. In Santiago de Compostela you can attend Pilgrim Mass. You will receive the Compostela Certificate upon completion of the entire route on foot.

## **All This. Included.**

The world is within reach with everything you need for perfectly affordable touring. Cosmos includes hand-selected accommodations with luggage service between destinations, and seamless air-conditioned motorcoach transportation when applicable. Enhance your free time to explore like a local with your CosmosGO mobile app!

Your Tour Includes:

- 7-day guided pilgrimage walk averaging 11 miles per day
- Limited group size of maximum 20 participants per departure, plus Tour Director
- Luggage transfer service between overnight hotels
- Guided sightseeing in Porto
- Catholic Mass service offered in Vigo, Pontevedra, Santa Marina Dozo and Santiago De Compostela
- Catamaran cruise from Cambados to Padrón
- Guided sightseeing in pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela
- Air-conditioned motorcoach transportation from Porto to Baiona and from Santiago de Compostela to Porto

11

DAYS

2

COUNTRIES



COUNTRIES

Portugal

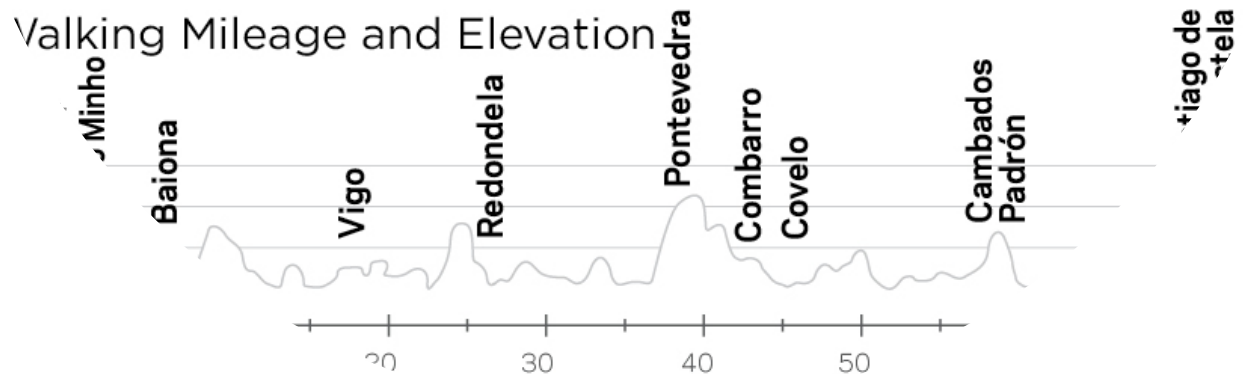
Spain



MEALS

Breakfast 10

Dinner 5



Day Day

## Itinerary

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## 1 ARRIVE IN PORTO, PORTUGAL

Check into your hotel and, if you have time, start exploring this lively city on your own with the help of the CosmosGO app. In the late afternoon, meet your tour companions and your Tour Director, who will explain the dos and don'ts of the walk and give you some important advice. Take a pleasant stroll to a nearby restaurant for an included welcome dinner.

 Dinner

## 2 PORTO-VALENÇA DO MINHO-TUI, SPAIN-BAIONA

Approximately 3 km/2 mi - avg 40 min – difficulty 1/3.

Time this morning for a quick guided orientation through Porto's bustling city center with views over the Douro River, followed by free time or the opportunity to attend  Mass in the Cathedral. After lunch, transfer by coach to Valença do Minho to walk a section of the Camino de Santiago into Spain across the Minho River towards Tui. Rejoin the coach to Baiona, on the Atlantic coast. Fun fact: Baiona was the first town in Europe to receive news of America's discovery in 1493. We recommend touring the medieval fortress on the Monterreal peninsula, visiting the replica of Columbus' ship la Pinta and discovering this beautiful beachside town.

Today's distance (by coach): 89 mi / 143 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

## 3 BAIONA-VIGO

Approximately 25 km/15.5 mi – avg 5 hrs. – difficulty 2/3.

This is the real start of your journey. May every step be a thought on peace and an extension of loving kindness. Leave Baiona behind and follow the coast across the Rías Baixas through the beach town of Nigrán. Walk along long pristine beaches and admire the magnificent Cíes Islands from a distance. Vigo is Galicia's most important harbor and busiest city. If you wish, attend  Mass at Vigo Cathedral.



#### 4 VIGO-REDONDELA-PONTEVEDRA

Approximately 16 km/10 mi – avg 3 hrs. – difficulty 2/3.

Take in the stunning views of Vigo Bay, the Atlantic Islands, the Morrazo Peninsula, and Rande Bridge. After a pleasant walk on an unpaved path through woodlands, reach Redondela. Our driver will take you to the hotel in the centre of Pontevedra, where you will spend the next two nights. You may wish to visit the stunning Sanctuary of the Virgin Pilgrim and attend 🙏 Mass.

Today's distance (by coach): 12.5 mi / 20 km



#### 5 PONTEVEDRA-REDONDELA-PONTEVEDRA

Approximately 19 km/12 mi–Average 4.5 hrs. – Difficulty 3/3.

After a short transfer back to Redondela, continue your journey; uphill by the coast with stunning views over the Vigo Bay and across the infamous Ponte Sampaio bridge, where Napoleon's Army suffered one of the greatest defeats during the War of Independence. Continue then mostly downhill, through peaceful oak forests and along the river to the center of Pontevedra, the city founded by the Romans and dedicated to the Virgen Peregrina (the Pilgrim Virgin). Your 🙏 Mass option tonight is at Saint Francisco Convent. Take advantage of the vast choice of restaurants to immerse yourself in the local culinary culture.

Today's distance (by coach): 12.5 mi / 20 km



#### 6 PONTEVEDRA-COMBARRO-COVELO

Approximately 14 km/8.7 mi – Average 3 hrs. – Difficulty 1/3.

Leave the inland Portuguese Camino to take the Spiritual Variant, which follows St. James' final journey. Legend says that a stone vessel carried the Apostle's remains from Jaffa in Israel to Padrón along the River Ulla some 2000 years ago. Today, you will walk past the Monastery of San Juan de Poio and the beautiful town of Combarro, famous for its many horreos (traditional granaries on pillars). After Combarro, continue another two miles along the coast to reach the hotel.

 Breakfast  Dinner

## 7 COVELO-CAMBADOS

Approximately 20 km/12.5 mi–Average 4.5 hrs. –Difficulty 3/3.

Expect a beautiful walk today, through vineyards and alongside refreshing streams in the forests. Stop at the 12th Century Cistercian Monastery of Armenteira, founded by the knight Ero in 1168. Follow the relaxing "Ruta da Pedra e da Agua" (the rock and water route), a forest path next to a water stream with over 30 medieval water mills. The destination today is Cambados, considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines in the world. 🙏 Mass is available at the impressive Santa Mariña Dozo Church.

 Breakfast

## 8 CAMBADOS-CRUISE TO PADRÓN-PONTECESURES-SANTIAGO ...

Approximately 27 km/17 mi–Average 5 hrs. –Difficulty 3/3.

Start the day on a high note: a one-hour cruise on the Ulla River, following the journey of the legendary stone boat that carried the remains of St. James. See the remains of the Catoira towers, which used to protect Santiago de Compostela from Viking attacks. Disembark on the outskirts of Padrón, famous for its "pimientos," small, mild green peppers, usually served fried and salted.

Only a few more miles to Santiago de Compostela! Enjoy a celebratory dinner upon completing your Camino de Santiago, served in a local restaurant in the old town. If you have walked all stages of the Camino and got your passport stamped, you will receive your Pilgrim Certificate.

 Breakfast  Dinner

## 9 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Enjoy a full day resting and discovering Santiago after your Camino. Follow the Tour Director on a guided tour of Santiago Cathedral with its squares and attend the Pilgrim 🙏 Mass. You can join your Tour Director for a more detailed tour of the old town in the afternoon, go shopping, explore on your own, or just enjoy a well-deserved rest. Discover Santiago's culinary specialties on your own tonight and take in the special atmosphere of this historic town.

 Breakfast

## 10 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA–PONTE DE LIMA, PORTUGAL-DO...

The Camino has ended, but there are more hidden gems to discover. Depart Santiago de Compostela by bus and explore Ponte de Lima, the oldest riverside town in Portugal, featuring an impressive Medieval bridge with an ancient Roman section over the Lima River. Next stop is the Sanctuary of Dom Jesus do Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the unique zigzag stairway dedicated to the five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste—and the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. Continue to Porto.

Today's Distance by coach: 165 mi / 265 km.

 Breakfast

## 11 PORTO

Take home with you spiritual growth and appreciation for simple things. This is your most important souvenir of the Camino. Your vacation ends with breakfast.

 Breakfast

# Notes

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This is a walking tour for small groups of a maximum of 20 participants.

Since it is largely completed on foot, it requires a good level of physical fitness, and some physical training prior to departure is highly recommended.

This itinerary is not accessible by wheelchair or other ambulatory devices due to some uneven and unpaved paths.

If unable to complete any of the stages on foot, transportation by taxi will be arranged at an extra cost if unable to complete any of the stages on foot, transportation by taxi will be arranged at an extra cost. One piece of luggage per person, not exceeding 17 kg/37.5 lbs will be transported daily during the walk from the lobby of your overnight hotel to the next overnight hotel. You will need to pack a backpack containing essentials for the day (such as water, raincoat, essential medication, money, sunblock, etc.) to carry during the walk.

Hotel accommodations may be of simple standards, often with no elevators, but always with private facilities. Occasionally, transfers by minivan will be provided when accommodation is not directly at the end of a stage.

Mass services are available in the evenings at most overnight towns/villages (they may be in local language and venues are subject to change.)

## Hand-Picked Hotels

After a day of traveling, you want to relax at a comfortable, clean, and attractive hotel. We select hotels with the best guestrooms (always with a private bathroom), service, and food for the money.

### PORTO

#### Jaguar

Rua da Constituição 211 Porto Portugal



First-Class



WiFi

The Hotel Jaguar Oporto is situated just minutes away from the heart of Porto and its busy "Rua de Santa Catarina" shopping street, there is a cozy restaurant serving breakfast and dinner and a funky bar for drinks. All of the 66 air-conditioned guest rooms are elegantly decorated, soundproofed and come with a kettle, safe, minibar, a flat-screen TV, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. Free Wi-Fi internet access is available throughout the property.

#### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange
- 24 Hour Electricity
- Restaurant On-Site
- Laundry Available
- Elevator
- Hot Tub

## Room Features

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- Room Service
- In-Room Safe
- Climate Control
- Coffee Maker
- Television
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Hair Dryer
- Cable/Satellite
- Internet Access

## BAIONA

### Bahia Baoina

Avenida de Santa Marta 13 Baiona Spain



Superior Tourist-Class



WiFi

The Hotel offers a great beachfront location in Baiona. All rooms have simple and modern decor and include TV, desk and safe box. Bayona Restaurant offers traditional Galician Cuisine, alternatively, other restaurants and bars can be found just a short stroll away along the sea promenade.

## Hotel Amenities

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- Restaurant On-Site
- Laundry Available
- Bar/Lounge
- Luggage Storage

## Room Features

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- In-Room Safe
- Television
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Internet Access

## VIGO

## Ciudad De Vigo

Concepcion Arenal 5 Vigo Spain



Moderate First-Class



WiFi

Located in the heart of the city on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the hotel has 101 air-conditioned rooms, equipped with flat-screen TV with satellite channels, minibar, in-room safe. Wi-Fi is available free of charge throughout the property. The restaurant cuisine serves a variety of typical Galician dishes.

### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- Laundry Available
- Elevator
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Gift Shop
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange

### Room Features

- Room Service
- In-Room Safe
- Climate Control
- Desk
- Television
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Phone
- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Coffee Maker
- Hair Dryer
- Cable/Satellite
- Internet Access

## PONTEVEDRA

## Rias Bajas

Castelao, 3 Pontevedra Spain



Superior Tourist-Class



WiFi

Located in the financial and commercial center of Pontevedra, the hotel is 100 m away from the old town. Restaurant offer local cuisine. All rooms come with Free Wi-Fi, air conditioning and heating.

### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- Luggage Storage
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Laundry Available

### Room Features

- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Hair Dryer
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Phone
- In-Room Safe
- Climate Control
- Desk
- Television
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)

## COVELO

### Villa Covelo

Av. Covelo, 37 Pontevedra Spain



Superior Tourist-Class



WiFi

This Hotel is placed along one of the alternative routes of the famous Camino de Santiago (Portuguese Route). The 50 different type of rooms provide accommodation overlooking the sea or the Estuary of Ria de Pontevedra. The on-site restaurant offers typical Galician gastronomy. A snack bar, outdoor swimming pool and a relax area are also available.

### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Restaurant On-Site
- Fitness Room
- Bar/Lounge

- Business Center
- Elevator

- Pool

**Room Features**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • In-Room Safe             | • Air Conditioning            |
| • Climate Control          | • Desk                        |
| • Hair Dryer               | • Television                  |
| • Complimentary Toiletries | • Internet Access             |
| • Phone                    | • Air Conditioning (Seasonal) |

**CAMBADOS**

**Casa Rosita**

Avenida de Vilagarcia 8 Cambados Spain



Superior Tourist-Class



WiFi

Hotel Casa Rosita combines traditional architecture and decor with modern facilities. Guest-rooms are equipped with television, air conditioning and have a balcony. Ancient Saint Mary Church in Cambados is just 2 km , while Ruinas de Santa Marina is a short drive away.

**Hotel Amenities**

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| • Free WiFi  | • Restaurant On-Site |
| • Bar/Lounge | • Business Center    |
| • Pool       | • Elevator           |

**Room Features**

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| • In-Room Safe             | • Air Conditioning            |
| • Climate Control          | • Television                  |
| • Complimentary Toiletries | • Internet Access             |
| • Phone                    | • Air Conditioning (Seasonal) |

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

### Compostela

Horreo, 1 Santiago de Compostela Spain

 First-Class

 WiFi

This hotel is perfectly positioned in the heart of Santiago de Compostela and is housed in an historic building with a beautiful façade and modern interiors in the famous Plaza de Galicia. The air-conditioned rooms are decorated in soft organic colors with hardwood floors and include Free Wi-Fi, satellite TV and private bathrooms with a hairdryer. The bar-cafeteria serves a complete buffet breakfast every morning and there are plenty of bars, restaurants and artisan shops to be discovered within walking distance of the property.

#### Hotel Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Bar/Lounge
- Concierge Desk
- ATM
- Elevator
- Currency Exchange
- Restaurant On-Site
- Business Center
- Laundry Available
- Luggage Storage
- Parking/Valet

#### Room Features

- Room Service
- In-Room Safe
- Air Conditioning
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Desk
- Television
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Phone
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Mini-Bar
- Alarm Clock
- Climate Control
- Wake-Up Calls
- Hair Dryer
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Non-Smoking Rooms

