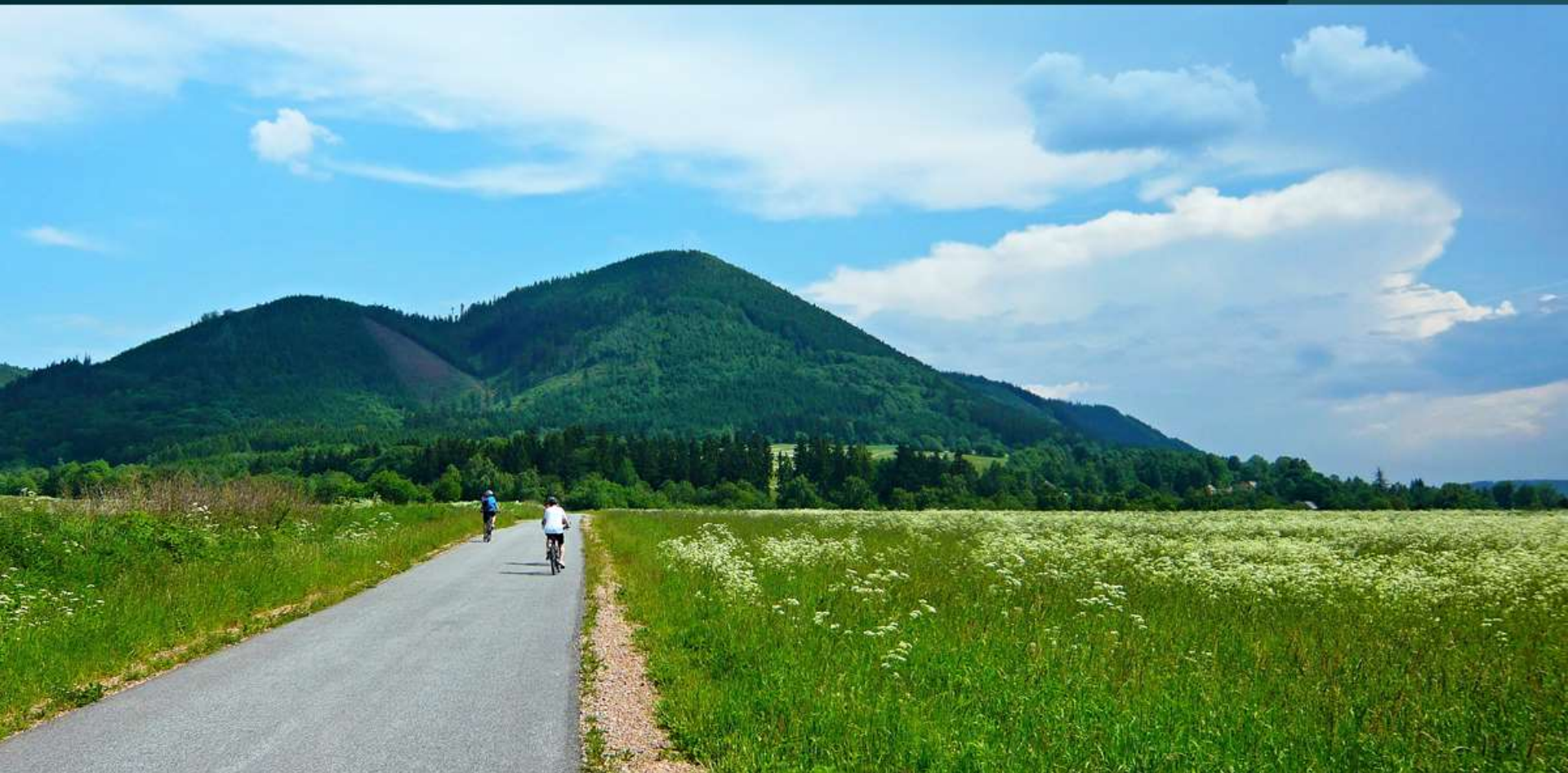


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El Camino de Santiago Bike, Spain

A 4 day spectacular cycle along one of the oldest pilgrimage routes

The El Camino de Santiago, otherwise known as 'The Way of St James', is one of the oldest pilgrimage routes in the world and is a World Heritage Site. A journey millions of pilgrims have completed over thousands of years. The way is marked by the symbol of the scallop shell, typically found on the Galician shores.

Cycle the Camino and experience the magic of the classic Camino de Santiago route on two wheels. On this challenge, you will be cycling from the lively city of Ponferrada, across the spectacular mountains of O Cebreiro and into Santiago de Compostela. You will ride the last 200kms of the Camino and experience some of the route's most important cultural, natural and historic highlights.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK on a flight to Santiago de Compostela

On arrival we will be met by our guides. We will then transfer to our overnight accommodation in Ponferrada in north western Spain for dinner and a briefing about the challenge ahead.

Day 2: Ponferrada Stage to O Cebreiro (55km)

The first day of our epic challenge! This morning starts by crossing the small village of Pieros to reach Villafranca del Bierzo, before reaching the villages of Ruitelan and Las Herrerias. This is where our climb really begins, with a short but very difficult ascent before reaching our overnight accommodation in O Cebreiro. O Cebreiro offers one of the most beautiful landscapes on the Way, as a place of great tradition and mysticism, with its emblematic Romanesque church of Santa María de O Cebreiro.

Day 3: O Cebreiro to Portomarín (62km)

Today we will have a spectacular day biking to the beautiful village of Portomarín. This morning we will start climbing towards the Alto de San Roque and later to the Alto de O Poio (1,335 m), the highest point in Galicia on the French Route offering spectacular views.

Day 3 continued

After crossing the Alto do Poio, we start our descent to the hamlet of Triacastela and then on to Sarria, before reaching our final destination today, Portomarín.

Day 4: Portomarín to Arzúa (53,5km)

Today we will cycle past many signs indicating that we are on a pilgrim route, including the famous "cruceiros" (crucifixes). Today we will move into the province of Corunna, where we will find expanses of eucalyptus and pine trees, as well as one of the most idyllic locations on the Camino in Ribadiso do Baixo . We will pass through Melide, famous for its octopus,, before reaching our overnight stop in Arzua famous for cheese.

Day 5: Arzúa to Santiago de Compostela (39.5km)

The final day on our bikes. Today's route is along gentle slopes, except for the final climb to San Marcos. From here we will pass the beautiful sculpture of Saint James the Pilgrim before reaching our final destination Santiago de Compostela. The entire city is magical, especially its beautiful Cathedral. Tonight we enjoy a celebration dinner and overnight Santiago de Compostela.

Day 6: Depart Santiago de Compostela to UK

Today we will be transferred back to the airport for our return flight to the UK.

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Challenge grade

Moderate

Best time of year

April to September

