Trek Camino Finisterre

Following one of the oldest pilgrimage routes in the world





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El Camino Finisterre, Spain

A 5-day, 100km spectacular trek to the 'end of the world'! **27 May – 3 June 2024**

Finisterre translates as the "end of the world" and for many pilgrims they feel that their journey is only complete when they can walk no more— hence the walk from Santiago to Finisterre on the Atlantic Coast.

Starting from the magnificent cathedral in Santiago, we walk for 5 days through the Galician countryside and medieval villages to finish up at the Atlantic ocean.

It is here that pilgrims would traditionally burn their boots after completing their pilgrimage. Only the hardiest of pilgrims complete this quieter route and for this reason, the sense of camaraderie is incredible!





Detailed itinerary

27 May: Depart Edinburgh to Porto

On arrival we will be met by our guides and transfer to Camino de Santiago, the start of Camino adventure. In the afternoon, you will have time to explore Santiago's UNESCO-listed old town and its wonders before you embark on your journey to the 'End of the World'. Overnight hotel accommodation Santiago.

28 May: Santiago – Negreria 21km /6hrs trekking

The first day of our epic challenge! The route today is on a mixture of tarmac and trails. The hike starts from the Praza do Obradoiro, home to Santiago's Cathedral. Along today's section of the Camino, you will walk past small villages and cross ancient Roman bridges. Your destination for today is the medieval town of Negreira and a visit to Pazo do Cotó, the country house of the Cotón family, and the chapel next door, dedicated to St Mauro. Overnight hotel.

29 May: Negreria -Maronas, 20km 6hrs trekking

A stunning days walking. Our camino continues along a mountain and across the river Barcala. As you climb Monte Aro, you will enjoy great views of Fervenza's dam before you enter the wild Serra de Castelo and the Xallas valley. Overnight hotel.

30 May: Maronas – As Carizas 23km / 7hrs trekking

Today our route splits at Hospital, where we will separate from the pilgrims who choose to go directly to Finisterre. We begin to head north, towards Muxia on the coast. Overnight hotel.

31 May: As Carizas – Muxia 23km / 6hrs trekking

We resume our stage to reach the Atlantic coast on foot and onto the fishing village of Muxia with its mix of pagan and religious traditions. If time permits, we will have chance to visit the Virxe da Barca sanctuary and its famous 'rocking stones' overlooking the Atlantic. According to tradition, you have to walk 9 times under the 'Pedra dos Cadrís' to cure all your back ailments. Overnight hotel.



1 June: Muxia – Finisterre 15km / 4hrs trekking

A stunning final day as our path hugs the cliffs with wonderful wild Atlantic coast views. There is a short 4km climb at the end to reach the famous lighthouse at the end of the world!

Tonight, we celebrate our achievements with a special Galicia dinner. Overnight hotel.

2 June: Porto

Free time this morning before we transfer back to Porto. Overnight hotel.

3 June: Departure

Transfer to Porto airport for flight to Edinburgh.



Challenge grade Moderate - Tough Best time of year Late May/June & Sept/Oct © Ultimate Challenges Itinerary complex and subject to change