

El Camino de Santiago Trek

Trek one of the oldest pilgrimage routes in the world



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5-days spectacular trekking along one of the oldest pilgrimage routes
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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.

This 5-day trek takes in a section of this incredible route and enables you to experience the beauty of rural northern Spain.



Detailed itinerary

23 Sept: Edinburgh to Porto

On arrival into Porto we will transfer to our overnight accommodation in Sarria at the start of our Camino adventure.

24 Sept: Sarria to Portomarín, 22km 6hrs trekking

Today expect a stunning trek through pretty villages and peaceful hamlets under the shade of oak trees and along quiet country roads. Along the way, we will have the opportunity to spot many Galician traditional 'hórreos' (granaries). Overnight in Portomarín.

25 Sept: Portomarín to Palas de Rei, 22km 6hrs trekking

Starting from the beautiful village of Portomarin, the Camino will cross the river Miño and rise uphill steadily towards the Serra de Ligonde for the first 14km. We will trek through pretty hamlets such as Gonzar and Ventas de Narón.

25 Sept: cont.

On route we can stop to visit the Romanesque Church of Santa María in Castromaior and the Romanesque church in Eirexe, as well as Pilgrim Santiago. Overnight in the town of Palas de Rei.

26 Sept: Palas de Rei to Ribadiso, 28km 7hrs trekking

Today, the Camino trail continues downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the delightful village of Leboreiro. The Camino crosses several streams and follows a forest track to the village of Boente with its church of Santiago. Next is the pretty medieval village of Ribadiso, where we stop for the night.

27 Sept: Ribadiso to Amenal, 23km 6hrs trekking

Today's Camino trail continues through the town of Arzua and then through pretty woods, sleepy villages and across streams. The chapel of Santa Irene, with its unique statue of Santiago, is worth a visit. The rest of the route to Amenal is along a mix of good and calm country roads and forest tracks. Overnight Amenal.

28 Sept: Amenal to Santiago de Compostela, 20km

6hrs trekking

The final day of your challenge! Today we start by trekking towards Lavacolla sitting on the outskirts of Santiago. Rows of tall eucalyptus trees line our route to Monte do Gozo ('Mount of Joy' 368m) and it is from here we will catch our first glimpse of the Cathedral of Santiago our finish point. When we arrive in the city (264m), explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site's architecture and delight in the wonderful atmosphere of this spiritual and cultural mecca. Tonight we enjoy a celebration dinner and overnight Santiago de Compostela.

29 Sept: Free Day

Today you have time to enjoy some time in beautiful Santiago de Compostela. In the afternoon you will transfer back to Porto. Overnight hotel.

30 Sept: Departure

Transfer to Porto airport for flight back to Edinburgh.