



This stage takes you from León to the city of Astorga, an important communications center and mining settlement founded by the Romans, and across the Bierzo Mountains to Galicia, the land of the Apostle. O Cebreiro, where this stage ends, is a picturesque situated village of thatched round houses at the mountain pass by which pilgrims have for centuries entered Galicia en route to the Apostle's tomb.

Day 1 Origin: León

Arrival in León on your own. León's cathedral rivals that of Burgos in its beauty, though in this case it is not only its Gothic architecture but rather its 1,800 square metres of colourful stained glass windows. The Royal Pantheon in the nearby Church of St. Isidore is also worthy of a visit. Enjoy your first evening on the Camino with dinner or sample the tapas in the city's popular *Barrio Húmedo*.

- Overnight in León

Day 2 León – Villadangos del Páramo (21.8 kms)

Breakfast. Set out at your own pace this morning as you make your way to Villadangos del Páramo. Like many other villages along the Camino, the village owed its former prestige to the Camino, and in the Middle Ages there was a pilgrim's hospital here. The village's little parish church is also dedicated to St. James. Your halt here puts you within a day's walk of the ancient Roman city of Astorga, your destination for tomorrow.

- Overnight in Villadangos del Páramo

Day 3 Villadangos del Páramo – Astorga (27.1 kms)

Breakfast. *Asturica Augustus* was an important communications hub for the Romans and the most important city in this region of Spain, known as the Maragatería. Here you will have the opportunity to admire the unusual Episcopal palace designed by Antonio Gaudí, and to enjoy a relaxed dinner in the restored city centre and attend Mass in the cathedral.

- Overnight in Astorga

Day 4 Astorga – Rabanal Del Camino (20.7 kms)

Breakfast. Only two decades ago, the tiny village of Rabanal del Camino was almost completely deserted, abandoned by its inhabitants who had left to seek work in nearby cities such as Astorga and Ponferrada. Its fortunes have been revived thanks to the continuous flow of pilgrim traffic each year. Here there is also a small community of Benedictine monks who founded their monastery to attend to the growing pilgrim traffic passing through Rabanal. If you wish, join the monks for the celebration of Vespers in the parish church before dinner tonight.

- Overnight in Rabanal del Camino



Day 5 Rabanal Del Camino – Ponferrada (32.7 kms)

Breakfast. Set off across the Bierzo Mountains on at your own pace to Ponferrada, an ancient Roman mining settlement that still retains the imposing medieval castle built by the Templar Knights, guardians of the Camino de Santiago. On the way you will pass through the semi-abandoned village Foncebadón and, just beyond it, the Cruz de Ferro (Iron Cross), one of the highest points on the Camino (1,500 meters, or 4,921feet); here pilgrims often deposit a stone brought from home or some other point along the Camino at the base of the cross as a symbol of shrugging off the weight of one's sins.

- Overnight in Ponferrada

Day 6 Ponferrada – Villafranca del Bierzo (22.6 kms)

Breakfast. This morning depart Ponferrada en route to Villafranca del Bierzo, nestled in the valley where the Burbia and the Valcarce rivers flow into one another. Here, in the past, pilgrims too ill to continue their westward journey over the Pass of O Cebreiro could gain the same blessings as in Santiago by passing through the Door of Pardon in the Church of Santiago.

- Overnight in Villafranca del Bierzo

Day 7 Villafranca del Bierzo – O Cebreiro (27.9 kms)

Breakfast. Today's destination is one of the most memorable along the entire Camino. With its stunning vistas of the valleys below from 1300 metres up, the ancient pallozas (pre-Roman stone dwellings built by the Celts of the region), the fog which descends to envelop the village in an enchanted mist even in summer ... few places along the Camino are as enchanting as O Cebreiro! While here, visit the Church of St. Mary's, site of a 14th century Eucharistic miracle.

- Overnight in O Cebreiro

Day 8 O Cebreiro – return home

Breakfast. Depart O Cebreiro for return home or link to Stage 5 and continue.

*****END OF SERVICES*****

What is included:

- 07 nights in double room with breakfast included
- Travel insurance
- Trip dossier
- Continuous assistance from our office for the duration of your journey.

What is not included:

- Transportation to and from the starting and ending points of the stages contracted.
- Entrance fees to museums and monuments visited.
- Laundry
- Any extras not otherwise indicated

Optionals : Luggage transfer. - dinner reservations.

NOTES:

- Available accommodation along the Camino varies from village to village. Your accommodation may be in one (*) or two (**) star hotels, * or ** hostels, bed and breakfast style accommodation or similar, monastic guest houses etc. All rooms contracted have private bathrooms.
- The breakfasts included in the price of accommodation are generally simple breakfasts of coffee, tea or hot chocolate; pastries, toast, marmalade, juice, etc.
- Where contracted, dinners are set-price menus that include an appetizer, a meat or fish entree, dessert, bread, water or wine. After dinner coffee and drinks are not included. Dinners are reserved and served in the restaurants of the contracted hotels wherever possible. In some cases it may be necessary to reserve dinner in nearby restaurants.
- Where contracted, the luggage transport service gives each individual traveler the right to the transport of **one (1)** piece of luggage or no more that **12 kilos (26.5 lbs)**.

Stage 4: Leon – O Cebreiro 153 kms 8 days / 7 nights	Double room	Single Room
Accommodation + breakfast	452	594
Accommodation + breakfast + luggage transfer	509	651
Accommodation + breakfast + dinner	455	618
Accommodation + breakfast + dinner + luggage transfer	612	675
* The prices quoted above include:		
Travel insurance		
Information packet		