



Celtic heritage, the mist of its rolling hills and rivers, an abundance of seafood from the nearby Atlantic coast – Galicia is a land of magic and enchantment. In this, the final stage of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, you will enjoy the unparalleled hospitality of the Galician people as you make your way to the tomb of St. James in Compostela. Upon your arrival in Santiago, attend the Pilgrim's Mass in the cathedral and enjoy the unique mix of locals, university students, and pilgrims in Santiago's lively old town.

### **Day 1 Origin: O Cebreiro**

Arrive in O Cebreiro on your own. With its stunning vistas of the valleys below, 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! O Cebreiro is also the site of a Eucharistic miracle that occurred in the village's little pre-Romanesque Church of St. Mary's around the year 1300. The chalice and the paten from the miraculous Mass are still preserved in the church, in a reliquary donated by Queen Isabella the Catholic herself, who stopped here to venerate the miracle during her own pilgrimage to Santiago in 1488.

- Overnight in O Cebreiro

### **Day 2 O Cebreiro – Triacastela (20.4 kms)**

Breakfast. Depart O Cebreiro at your own pace this morning through the lush valleys and rolling green hills of Galicia, Spain's Celtic region. Nestled in a tranquil valley, your destination today is Triacastela, founded in the 9th century following the reconquest of this the area from the Muslims. Today nothing remains of the three castles that gave the village its name.

- Overnight in Triacastela

### **Day 3 Triacastela – Sarria (21.5 kms)**

Breakfast. Sarria, the site of an ancient Roman settlement, was repopulated in the 8th century by Bishop Odoario of Lugo and favoured by King Alfonso IX of León with several important building projects. It is now an important service center for all of the villages of the local area, as well as an excellent place to rest and enjoy a drink in one of the many taverns on the promenade along the banks of the river.

- Overnight in Sarria

### **Day 4 Sarria – Portomarin (21.6 kms)**

Breakfast. The Portomarin in which you'll stay tonight is not the Portomarin that pilgrims in the Middle Ages knew; the old village lies below the waters of the reservoir in the valley below the present-day village, built in 1960. The impressive fortified church of St. Nicholas, built by the monk-knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the 12th century, was disassembled stone by stone and moved up the hill to its present location, together with the balcony of the village's town hall and the Romanesque façade of the Church of St. Peter. Before reaching Portomarin today you'll pass the 100 kilometer mark on the Camino, the minimum point from which anyone travelling to Santiago must walk in order to receive the "Compostela", the cathedral authorities' certificate of having made the pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James.

- Overnight in Portomarin



**Day 5 Portomarin / Palas de Rei (24.5 kms)**

Breakfast. The town's name (Palace of the King) derives from a legend that says that the Visigothic king Witiza built the town's palace. Just as it was in the Middle Ages, the village is surrounded by numerous small farming villages, and the entire area is replete with many, fine examples of Romanesque churches.

- Overnight in Palas de Rei

**Day 6 Palas de Rei – Arzúa (28.7 kms)**

Breakfast. Our journey today begins from Palas and ends up at the little village of Arzúa, where a festival showcasing the many fine local cheeses is held every year in March. En route you'll pass through the bustling small town of Melide, once an important intersection in the Roman Via Traiana and the northern roads descending from the Cantabrian coast. During today's walk the chestnuts and oaks native to the region gradually give way to fragrant forests of eucalyptus, imported to the region for use in construction in the 19th century.

- Overnight in Arzúa

**Day 7 Arzúa – Lavacolla (28.8 kms)**

Breakfast Your final day's journey before arriving Santiago de Compostela ends in Lavacolla, a tiny village only 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from your goal, and well positioned so that you can make an early entrance into Santiago tomorrow morning in time for the noon Pilgrim's Mass should you wish. Lavacolla was an important ceremonial halt for pilgrims in the Middle Ages, who used to wash themselves in the river prior to their entry into the holy city of Santiago.

- Overnight in Lavacolla



**Day 8 Lavacolla – Santiago de Compostela (10.3 kms)**

Breakfast. Set out at your own leisure or make an early start this morning to reach Santiago de Compostela before the 12.00 Pilgrim's Mass in the cathedral. Before Mass, if you wish to do so, head over to the Pilgrim's Office to receive your Compostela. There will be plenty of time this afternoon for an individual visit to the cathedral, sightseeing and souvenir hunting, and leisurely exploration of the lovely old quarter of the city before dinner in one of Santiago's many fine local restaurants.

- Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

**Day 8 Santiago de Compostela – return home**

Breakfast. Depart Santiago de Compostela for the return trip home.

\*\*\*\*\*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 indicate

**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 entrée, 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)**.

<b>Stage 5 A: O Cebreiro – Santiago de Compostela 156 kms 9 days / 8 nights</b>	<b>Double room</b>	<b>Single Room</b>
Accommodation + breakfast	<b>466</b>	<b>602</b>
Accommodation + breakfast + luggage transfer	<b>532</b>	<b>668</b>
Accommodation + breakfast + dinner	<b>597</b>	<b>715</b>
Accommodation + breakfast + dinner + luggage transfer	<b>663</b>	<b>781</b>
<b>* The prices quoted above include:</b>		
Travel insurance		
Information packet		