

# A Walking Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago

16 days / 14 nights

## Day 1: Departure from the USA

Our adventure begins with an overnight flight to Madrid.

## Day 2: Arrival in Madrid (D)

After passport control and baggage claim we will meet our guide, board our bus, and transfer into the city for a panoramic coach tour, stopping to explore Buen Retiro Park, founded in 1631, where we will see the immense Royal Palace of Madrid and visit the Al Mudena Cathedral. In the early evening we check into our hotel accommodations, enjoy dinner and meet for a short service of Compline before turning in for the night.



## Day 3: Madrid, Burgos, León (B,D)

We start our day by traveling to the Episcopal Cathedral in Madrid to receiving a blessing and pilgrimage gifts from the Bishop of Spain, The Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopez-Lozano. There will be time for some private prayer and reflection before boarding leaving Madrid for Burgos. While there, visit the Castillo de Burgos, Cathedral and enjoy lunch in the area. Later in the day, continue on to Leon, main city of the province of the same name and the cradle of Parliamentarism since it saw the first Parliament in European history created there in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We will enjoy a guided city tour during which we will visit the Cathedral, a fine example of French Gothic architecture, the Basilica of San Isidoro which houses the funeral chapel of the Kings of Leon as well as the relics of St. Isidor. We will enjoy dinner and a service of Compline prior to the overnight stay in our hotel in Leon.



## Day 4: León, O Cebreiro, Sarria (B,D)

After breakfast we drive toward the start of our walk, begin the Camino experience in Foncebadón, where, we'll pause at the Iron Cross, a common place for pilgrims to leave a stone to symbolize a sin or burden they are leaving behind. We will continue on to O Cebreiro, a breathtaking mountain village, and end the day in Sarria with dinner and overnight.



## Day 5: El Camino (B,D)

Today, after we enjoy breakfast, we head towards Brea to visit the Church of San Salvador. From Brea, we walk to Portomarin (11 km-approx. 6.7 miles) through the beautiful Galician countryside. The first stop is Ferreiros where we will visit the Church of Ferreiros, then Vilachá to visit the Church of St. Nicholas and finally in Porotmarin to visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows. In the later afternoon, we return, by motorcoach, to Sarria for dinner, Compline and overnight.



## Day 6: El Camino (B,D)

After breakfast we transfer back to Portomarin where we begin today's walk to Eirexe (17 km-approx. 10.5 miles) stopping in Gonza (to visit the Church of Santa Maria), Ventas de Naron (to visit the Chapel of Santa Magdalena), and Ligonde (to visit the Church of Santiago). Later in the day we transfer, by motorcoach, to Palas de Rei for dinner, a service of Compline and a good night's sleep.



## Day 7: El Camino (B,D)

This morning, we depart from Palas de Rei for Eirexe where we will begin our walk to Casanova (13.5 km-approx. 8.3 miles) visiting along the way, the Church of San Xulian



do Camino, the Church of Vilar de Donas, which was once part of the Villar de Donas Monastery and derived its name from being a women's-only monastery. It was passed on to the Order of Santiago and became a very special place where the most important members and leaders of the order were buried. In the evening, we return to Palas de Rei, by motorcoach, for dinner, Compline and overnight.

#### **Day 8: El Camino** **(B,D)**

After breakfast at your hotel, meet together to celebrate a morning service of Holy Eucharist. Being the Lord's day, the remainder of the day will be free to rest and enjoy well deserved rest on the Sabbath. Dinner will be at your hotel.

- *Note – this day can be moved to match up with Sunday and may need to be adjusted within the itinerary.*

#### **Day 9: El Camino** **(B,D)**

After breakfast, we depart from Eirexe for Casanova where we will begin our walk to Ribadiso de Baixo (20 km-approx. 12.85 miles) stopping by the Snow Church in Furelos, to celebrate an outdoor morning service of Holy Eucharist. Then, continue on, over the hill, to Melide. Here we will visit the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Church of St. Mary. Continuing on, we visit Boente and the Parish Church of Santiago. We'll transfer, by motorcoach to Melide for dinner and a service of Compline.

#### **Day 10: El Camino** **(B,D)**

After breakfast, we depart from Eirexe for Casanova where we will begin our walk to Ribadiso de Baixo (20 km-approx. 12.85 miles) stopping by the Snow Church in Furelos, to celebrate an outdoor morning service of Holy Eucharist. Then, continue on, over the hill, to Melide. Here we will visit the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Church of St. Mary. Continuing on, we visit Boente and the Parish Church of Santiago. We'll transfer, by motorcoach to Melide for dinner and a service of Compline.

#### **Day 11: El Camino** **(B,D)**

Today, following breakfast, we travel by motorcoach to Ribadiso de Baixo to begin our walk to O Pedrouzo (22 km-approx. 13.85 miles). In As Barrosas we'll visit St. Lazare Chapel, in Santa Irene we'll visit the Hermitage. Continue to O Pedrouzo for dinner, compline and an overnight stay.

#### **Day 12: El Camino** **(B,D)**

We walk today through beautiful green country side, farms and forest from O Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela (22 km-approx. 13.85 miles) via Monte do Gozo, the "Hill of Joy" where pilgrims get their first views on the three spires of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. We arrive in Santiago de Compostela where we check-in at our hotel. We will have a special Evening Prayer service tonight before Dinner and bed.

#### **Day 13: Santiago, Finisterre** **(B,D)**

Today we start by making our way down the narrow streets of the city to the shrine of St. James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The cathedral, built on the spot where the remains of the Apostle James were said to have been found, borders the main plaza of the old and well-preserved city. If you choose to, you can receive a Pilgrim Certificate at the Cathedral. Next, travel to Finisterre (literally, the land's end) to end your Camino experience (and burn your clothes – if you like). Later in the day, we'll return to Santiago to enjoy free time. At the end of the day, we will enjoy dinner and a service of Compline, before bed.



**Day 14: Santiago**

**(B,D)**

After a late morning start and breakfast, we'll travel to the new Anglican Retreat Center on the El Camino and enjoy a tour of the new facility and the work being done. We'll gather together (either in the new site's chapel or on the grounds) to celebrate a Pilgrim's Eucharist. The remainder of the day will be free. In the evening, join together for a celebration dinner and a closing Compline.

**Day 16: Depart for Home**

**(B)**

Following breakfast, we leave our hotel and head for the airport to return to the U.S., our home, families and faith communities.

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