



8 DAY CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Valença - Tui

Start the Journey

We begin at the Portuguese-Spanish border town of Valença, walking across the historic old bridge into Spain, and finishing at the spectacular medieval city of Tui where we collect our official Credencial (pilgrim passport) cards at the cathedral. In the evening there is a group briefing covering itinerary and communications, followed by a traditional pilgrim menu dinner and preparations for next day's early departure.

Day 2: Tui - Porriño

Finding Your Rhythm

Day two starts early to establish comfortable walking pace with the gear. We focus on adjusting equipment, clothing, and foot care techniques. Initially the road requires caution, but we deviate from official Camino path to avoid industrial areas and take a more scenic route. This well-signposted alternative takes us through beautiful countryside and into Porriño.

Day 3: Porriño - Cesantes

Building Endurance

Another early morning departure is recommended for a comfortable day, with multiple lunch options available at historic Redondela. Then onwards to Casantes and a pre-booked dinner provided at Hotel Antolin. The evening is spent with a journaling session to reflect on the experience, and a group briefing with guides and teachers.

Day 4: Cesantes - Pontevedra

Medieval Exploration

We cross the spectacular medieval bridge at Pontesampaio, and have an opportunity to explore historic Pontevedra town, visit the Basilica, complete journal entries, and take stock of progress. An afternoon of free time including making use of the laundry facilities at nearby launderettes, followed by a pilgrims menu dinner.





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Day 5: Pontevedra - Caldas de Reis

Natural Wonders

Today we visit with Brother Carlos at Parroquia Santa Maria for a special pilgrim blessing. The Camino route then passes close to Natural Park of Rio Barrosa Waterfalls which is perfect for a picnic lunch and swimming. The hotel in Calds de Reis also offers pool access in early evening (with lifeguard supervision and group leader permission). The evening meal is traditional tapas featuring local specialties: Padrón peppers and Galician octopus (Polpo).

Day 6: Caldas de Reis - Padrón

Spiritual Heritage

We start with a hotel breakfast and then choose between two route options: either visiting the historic Monastery at Herbón or continue directly on the Camino route to Padrón, which legend has it is named after a large stone where the boat carrying St. James' body was tied during stop at "Iria Flavia" en route to Santiago. It is posible to attend evening Mass at Padrón church followed by pre-booked dinner at our hotel.

Day 7: Padrón - Santiago de Compostela

The Ultimate Achievement

The final day is the longest walking day requiring early start, with the final 6km featuring a gradual but sustained climb to Santiago. We arrive and experience the incredible atmosphere of winding through medieval streets and arcades, before entering into the main square where all pilgrim routes converge. Here we celebrate with international pilgrims arriving from multiple historic routes from across Europe. Evening Mass at the Cathedral, followed by hotel check-in and a group dinner.

Day 8: Santiago de Compostela

Certification & Farewell

09:30 - Group visit to Pilgrim Office for final credential stamp and official certification

10:30 - 2-hour guided Cathedral and Museum tour (skip-the-line access included)

13:00 - Free time exploring medieval streets and arcades of Santiago

14:00 - Group lunch meeting point

15:00 - Organised bus transfer to airport (60-minute journey)

