

## Our Itinerary

### Monday October 15

#### Arrive Leon

Meet in Leon for an orientation, followed by a Pilgrim's Blessing at the Romanesque Basilica of San Isidro.

*Leon*

*D*

### Tuesday October 16

#### Leon to O'Cebreiro

#### Walking: 10km

By van to Galicia to begin our walk. Our first steps take us to the mountain top hamlet of O'Cebreiro where we are greeted by the sound of bagpipes. Dinner tonight is a home cooked meal.

*O'Cebreiro*

*B, L, D*

### Wednesday, October 17

#### O'Cebreiro to Tricastela

#### Walking: 20km

To the tiny church of Santa Maria to be introduced to the first of many Camino miracles. A steady climb to the Alto do Poio, then a descent to the three castles that watch over our next village.

*Sarria*

*B, L, D*

### Thursday, October 18

#### Tricastela to Sarria

#### Walking: 18km

By day we walk along the hills of San Xil to enjoy the beautiful views from atop the ridge and in the evening, we'll hop into the van to visit one of Spain's oldest monasteries and listen to the Benedictine Monks sing vespers.

*Sarria*

*B, L, D*

### Friday, October 19

#### Sarria to Portomarin

#### Walking: 21 km

Our walk takes us by the 100km marker, a milestone for the millions of pilgrims who have traversed this same spot. The 12<sup>th</sup> century Church of San Juan stands guard over the River Mino as we approach the village.

*Portomarin*

*B, D*

### Saturday, October 20

#### Portmarin to Palas de Rei

#### Walking: 21km

A gentle climb out of the river valley and through typical Galician villages and then west to see the granite cross marking the way to Santiago since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, finishing our walk passing through the first of many eucalyptus forests. Take a dip in the pool to freshen up tonight!

*Portomarin*

*B, L*

### Sunday, October 21

#### Palas de Rei to Melide

#### Walking: 18km

Following the now familiar yellow arrows, we ramble up and down gentle rolling hills along quiet footpaths.

*Melide*

*B, L, D*

### Monday, October 22

#### Melide to Arzua

#### Walking: 14km

Half way! Our route today is filled with tiny churches dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century dedicated to Santiago and Santa Maria

*Melide*

*B, L, D*

### Tuesday, October 23

#### Arzua to Arca

#### Walking: 18km

Today we continue to enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Galician countryside, as we are greeted by villagers along the way. On this trek, we are no longer tourists but pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago!

*Arca*

*B, L, D*

### Wednesday, October 24

#### Arca to Santiago

#### Walking: 20km

Today we approach our destination, passing through the village of Lavacolla where pilgrims in the middle ages would wash themselves before entering the city – strictly optional for 21<sup>st</sup> century pilgrims! 9 days, 160 km, and we have arrived in Santiago de Compostela.

Congratulations! You are going to love this magical city filled with fantastic monuments.

*Santiago de Compostela*

*B, L, D*

### Thursday, October 25

#### Santiago de Compostela

Our local historian gives us a closer look at the amazing Cathedral that has seen so many transformations since the original chapel was built in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Our guided visit will finish at noon, in time for the pilgrim's mass! In the afternoon we head to the coast for a visit of an Albarino winery. We return to Santiago for our farewell feast!

*Santiago de Compostela*

*B, D*



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