

EUROPEAN WALKING HOLIDAYS 2024

FRANCE & SPAIN – CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Inn-to-inn SELF-GUIDED walking on the Way of Saint James – walk in 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 15-day sections



The Camino de Santiago or Chemin St Jacques - the route to the shrine of St James the Apostle in northwest Spain - has attracted pilgrims from all over Europe since the 12th Century when an estimated two million people each year walked, rode or were carried along the route to the city of Santiago de Compostela.

One of the major pilgrimage routes in France was from Le Puy crossing the Pyrenees at the Roncesvalles Pass, joining other trails at Puente la Reina in Navarra (near Pamplona) to form a single path across northern Spain to the shrine at Santiago de Compostela. The Spanish part of *El Camino de Santiago* runs some 800km from the Roncesvalles Pass through Puente la Reina, La Rioja, Burgos, Leon, crossing Galicia to Santiago.

Today, it is possible to experience the same route as the medieval travellers, walking the most unspoilt sections of the route on a self-guided 'inn to inn' walk – staying in simple but comfortable 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses usually with your own bathroom / toilet - and with your baggage transferred each day. We offer one or two week easy to moderate walking sections from Le Puy in central France, south to the Pyrenees and along the northern coast of Spain to Santiago, on the road to Compostela. If you're worried about managing the distance on the longer days, ask us about pre-booking a taxi (at additional cost) to shorten your walking day.

Share in the sheer scale, the mystery and the history of this great medieval pilgrimage phenomenon. Take a journey where you can imagine the hardships, the pleasures and interests of those early pilgrims. Follow an infinitely varied succession of paths and trails that link cities and villages, great cathedrals, fine churches and ancient monuments. Travel through the wooded valleys of central France, cross the Pyrenees and the great Navarre plains, see the Montes de Leon, the vineyards of Rioja and the Bierzo, before reaching the fertile valleys of Galicia and - like millions of others through history - the sacred shrine of St James.

From: Le Puy en Velay in France to St Jean Pied du Port to Santiago de Compostela in Spain

Departs: Daily from 1 May to 30 October 2024

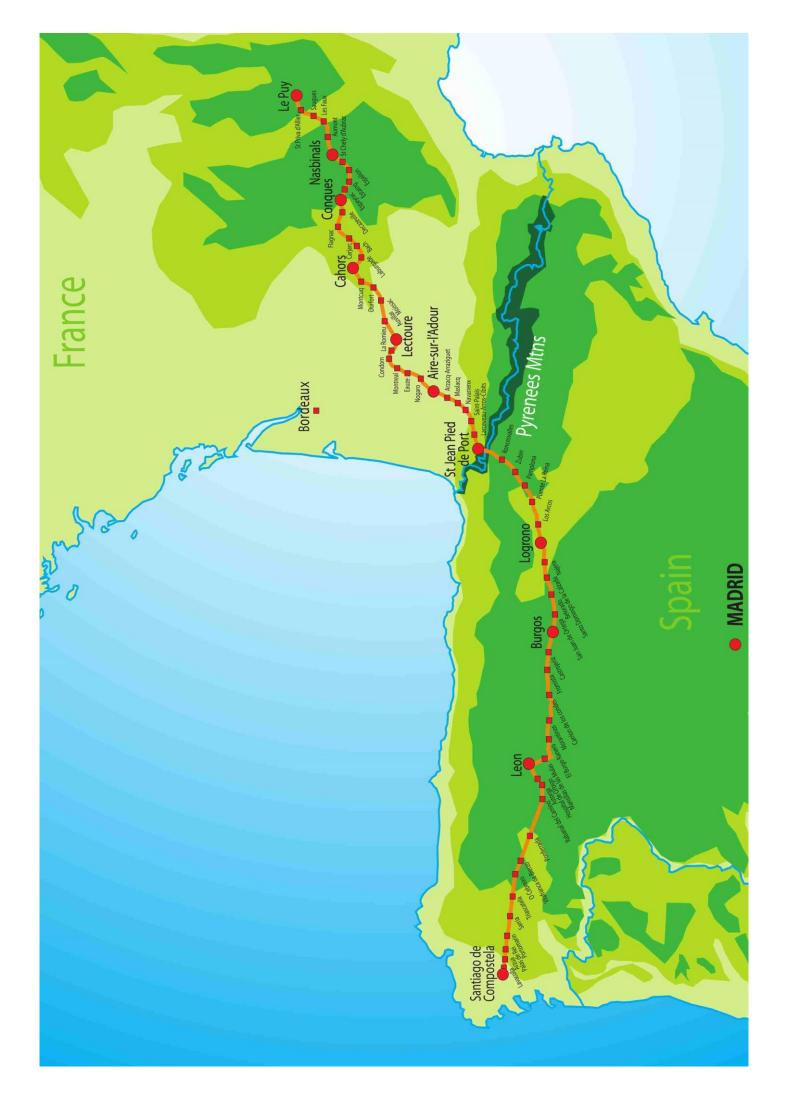
Cost from: \$1440 per person twin share

Duration: Walks in stages of 7 to 15 days

Tour cost includes:

- * Self-guided Inn-to-Inn walking
- * 1, 2 or 3-star accommodation
- * Daily baggage transfers from Inn-to-Inn
- * Breakfast daily and most dinners as indicated
- * Local shuttle-bus transfers as indicated
- * Local English-speaking contact / support

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Suggested itineraries from 7 days to 11 weeks with daily departures and extra nights on request. You can choose to reduce daily distances by adding an extra night in some sections where asterisk* is shown.

LE PUY EN VELAY - NASBINALS - 7-days / 6-nights (5-days walking in France)

DAY 1 Arrive at Le Puy in time for dinner. DAY 2 Le Puy – St Privat d'Allier, 24km DAY 3 St Privat d'Allier – Saugues, 20km DAY 4 Saugues – Les Faux, 26km DAY 5 Les Faux – Aumont, 21km DAY 6 Aumont – Nasbinals, 27km DAY 7 Trip ends after breakfast. Nearest arrival train station: Le Puy en Velay Difficulty: 4 to 7 hours walking daily. Ascent between 440-630m each day Descent between 230-830m each day Accommodation: 6 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, with half board (breakfast and dinner)

Costs per person: Single room supplement: Solo Traveller supplement:

From \$1795 (twin share) From \$330 (as available) From \$75 per person (as available)



NASBINALS - CONQUES - 7-days / 6-nights (5-days walking in France)

DAY 1 Arrive at Nasbinals in time for dinner. DAY 2 Nasbinals – St Chély d'Aubrac, 17km DAY 3 St Chély d'Aubrac – Espalion, 25km DAY 4 Espalion – Estaing, 13km DAY 5 Estaing – Sénergues, 26km DAY 6 Sénergues – Conques, 10km DAY 7 Trip ends after breakfast Nearest arrival train station: Aumont-Aubrac or St Christophe Difficulty: 3 to 7 hours walking daily Ascent between 300-820m each day Descent between 390-1125m each day Accommodation: 6 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses, with half board (breakfast & dinner)

Costs per person:	From \$1770 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$375 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$75 per person (as available)

CONQUES - CAHORS - 8-days / 7-nights (6-days of walking in France)

DAY 1 Arrival at Conques in time for dinner DAY 2 Conques – Decazeville, 18km DAY 3 Decazeville – Figeac, 29km DAY 4 Figeac – Cajarc, 30km* DAY 5 Cajarc – Limogne, 17km DAY 6 Limogne – Lalbenque, 22km DAY 7 Lalbenque – Cahors, 19km DAY 8 Trip ends after breakfast.

Nearest arrival train station: Rodez, then bus for Conques Difficulty: 4 to 8 hours walking daily Ascent between 180-1220m each day Descent between 215-1290m each day Accommodation: 7 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses, with half board (breakfast and dinner)

Costs per person:From \$2030 (twin share)Single room supplement:From \$555 (as available)Solo Traveller supplement:From \$75 per person (as available)

CAHORS - LECTOURE - 7-days / 6-nights (5-days of walking in France)*

DAY 1 Arrival at Cahors in time for dinner DAY 2 Cahors – Montcuq, 31km* DAY 3 Montcuq – Durfort Lacapalette, 26km* DAY 4 Durfort Lacapalette – Moissac, 14km DAY 5 Moissac – Auvillar, 19km DAY 6 Auvillar – Lectoure, 33km DAY 7 End of the trip after breakfast

Nearest arrival train station: Cahors Difficulty: 4 to 8 hours walking daily Ascent between 100-600m each day Descent between 100-615m each day Accommodation: 6 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses, with half board (breakfast and dinner)

Costs per person:	From \$1750 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$435 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$75 per person (as available)

LECTOURE - AIRE-SUR-ADOUR - 8-days / 7-nights (6-days of walking in France)

DAY 1 Arrival at Lectoure in time for dinner DAY 2 Lectoure – La Romieu, 19km DAY 3 La Romieu – Condom, 14km DAY 4 Condom – Montréal du Gers, 16km DAY 5 Montréal du Gers – Eauze, 17km DAY 6 Eauze – Nogaro, 20km DAY 7 Nogaro – Aire-sur-Adour, 25-28km DAY 8 Trip ends after breakfast. Nearest arrival train station: Agen or Auch, then bus to Lectoure Difficulty: 4 to 7 hours walking daily Ascent between 75-375m each day Descent between 50-320m each day Accommodation: 7 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses, with half board (breakfast and dinner)

Costs per person: Single room supplement: Solo Traveller supplement: From \$2100 (twin share) From \$610 (as available) From \$75 per person (as available)



AIRE-SUR-ADOUR - ST JEAN PIED DE PORT - 10-days / 9-nights (8-days walking in France)

DAY 1 Arrival at Aire-sur-Adour in time for dinner

- DAY 2 Aire-sur-Adour Miramont Sensacq, 18km
- DAY 3 Miramont Sensacq Arzacq, 15km
- DAY 4 Arzacq Pomps, 21km (stay in Morlanne)
- DAY 5 Pomps Maslacq, 19km
- DAY 6 Maslacq Navarrenx, 22km
- DAY 7 Navarrenx Aroue, 20km (stay in St Palais)
- DAY 8 St Palais Larceveau, 15km
- DAY 9 Larceveau St Jean Pied de Port, 18km
- DAY 10 Trip ends after breakfast.

Nearest arrival train station: Aire-sur-Adour Transfers included: Day 4: Pomps- Morlanne Day 5: Morlanne to Pomps Day 7: Aroue to St Palais Difficulty: 4 to 7 hours walking daily Ascent between 240-530m each day Descent between 240-500m each day Accommodation: 9 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels or guesthouses, with half board (breakfast and dinner)

Costs per person: Single room supplement: Solo Traveller supplement:

From \$2540 (twin share) From \$715 (as available) From \$75 per person (as available)



ST JEAN PIED DE PORT – LOGROÑO 9-days / 8-nights (7-days of walking from France into Spain)

- DAY 1 Arrival St Jean Pied de Port before dinner DAY 2 St Jean Pied de Port – Roncesvalles, 25km DAY 3 Roncesvalles – Zubiri, 22km DAY 4 Zubiri – Pamplona, 21km DAY 5 Pamplona – Puente La Reina, 24km DAY 6 Puente La Reina – Estella, 22km DAY 7 Estella – Los Arcos, 22km DAY 8 Los Arcos – Logroño, 28km. DAY 9 Trip ends after breakfast
- Nearest arrival train station: St Jean Pied de Port Difficulty: 6 to 8 hours moderate walking daily Ascent between 140-500m each day (except for Day 2 which has a 1500m climb). Descent between 230-865m each day Accommodation: 8 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, 6 nights with half board (breakfast and dinner) and 2 nights with B&B only (Pamplona and Logroño)

Nearest arrival train station: Logroño

Ascent between 150-395m each day

Descent between 160-280m each day

Departure point: Burgos

2 transfers ex Belorado included in tour cost.

Difficulty: 6 to 8 hours of flat easy walking daily

Accommodation: 6 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, with

3 night half board (breakfast and dinner), 3 nights

B&B only (in Logroño, Santo Domingo, Burgos).

Costs per person: Single room supplement: Solo Traveller supplement: From \$2110 (twin share) From \$600 (as available) From \$95 per person (as available)



LOGROÑO – BURGOS – 7-days / 6-nights (5-days of walking in Spain)

- DAY 1 Arrival at Logroño
- DAY 2 Logroño Najera, 29km*
- DAY 3 Najera Sto Domingo de la Calzada, 21km
- DAY 4 Sto Domingo de la Calzada Belorado, 26km
- DAY 5 Belarado San Juan de Ortega, 24km (Return by taxi to Belorado - included)
- DAY 6 Taxi to San Juan de Ortega (included) then walk San Juan de Ortega – Burgos, 28km
- DAY 7 Trip ends after breakfast.

Costs per person: Single room supplement: Solo Traveller supplement: From \$1610 (twin share) From \$570 (as available) From \$190 per person (as available)



BURGOS – LEÓN – 11-days / 10-nights (9-days of walking in Spain)

DAY 1 Arrival at Burgos in time for dinner DAY 2 Burgos – Hornillos del Camino, 20km (Short transfer to hotel) DAY 3 (Short transfer from hotel) Hornillos del Camino - Castrojeriz, 20km DAY 4 Castrojeriz – Frómista, 26km DAY 5 Frómista – Carrión de los Condes, 21km DAY 6 Carrión – Calzadilla de la Cuenza, 18km DAY 6 Carrión – Calzadilla de la Cuenza, 18km DAY 7 Calzadilla de la Cuenza - Sahagun, 24km DAY 8 Sahagun – El Burgo Ranero, 26km DAY 9 El Burgo Ranero – Mansillas d/I Mulas, 20km DAY 10 Mansillas de las Mulas – León, 20km Nearest arrival train station: Burgos Transfers: 2 transfers (to/from Hornillos) included. Difficulty: 5 to 8 hours of moderate walking daily Ascent between 80-305m each day Descent between 40-320m each day Accommodation: 10 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, with half board, except for Burgos which is B&B only.

Upgrade to the Parador Hotel in León at extra cost – ask for details

Costs per person:	From \$2625 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$270 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$120 per person (as available)

LEÓN – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – 15-days / 14-nights (13-days of walking in Spain)

DAY 1 Arrival at León in time for dinner DAY 2 León – Hospital de Orbigo, 28km (Optional local bus at extra cost) DAY 3 Hospital de Orbigo – Astorga, 18km DAY 4 Astorga – Rabanal del Camino, 21km DAY 5 Rabanal - Ponferrada, 33km* DAY 6 Ponferrada – Villafranca del Bierzo, 23km DAY 7 Villafranca del Bierzo – O Cebreiro, 30km* DAY 8 O Cebreiro – Triascastela, 21km DAY 9 Triascatela - Sarria, 18km DAY 10 Sarria - Portomarin, 23km DAY 11 Portomarin – Palas de Rei, 25km DAY 12 Palas de Rei - Arzua, 29km* DAY 13 Arzua - Lavacolla, 29km* DAY 14 Lavacolla - Santiago de Compostela 10km DAY 15 Trip ends after breakfast

Nearest arrival train station: León Difficulty: 4 to 8 hours walking daily Ascent between 50-900m each day Descent between 20-940m each day Accommodation: 14 nights in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels with half board (breakfast and dinner) except in Santiago where we offer B&B only.

Upgrade to the Parador Hotel in Santiago at extra cost – ask for details

Costs per person:	From \$3275 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$820 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$485 per person (as available)

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SARRIA – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (STANDARD) – 7-days / 6-nights (5-days of walking in Spain)

DAY 1 Arrival at Sarria in time for dinner DAY 2 Sarria – Portomarin, 23km DAY 3 Portomarin – Palas de Rei, 25km DAY 4 Palas de Rei – Arzua, 29km DAY 5 Arzua – Lavacolla, 29km DAY 6 Lavacolla – Santiago de Compostela 10km DAY 7 Trip ends after breakfast Arrival point: Santiago (airport transfer to Sarria available at extra cost) or utilise local buses. Nearest train station: Sarria (infrequent trains) Difficulty: 6 to 8 hours walking daily Ascent between 50-600m each day Descent between 130-565m each day Accommodation: 6 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, with half-board (breakfast and dinner) except in Santiago where we offer B&B only.

Costs per person:	From \$1440 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$455 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$120 per person (as available)

*To avoid the long 29km section to Arzua, we offer an alternative '*Easier Km*' 8-day version via Melide:

SARRIA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (EASIER KM) - 8-days / 7-nights (6-days of walking in Spain)

DAY 1 Arrival at Sarria in time for dinner DAY 2 Sarria – Portomarin, 23km DAY 3 Portomarin – Palas de Rei, 25km DAY 4 Palas de Rei – Melide, 15km DAY 5 Melide – Arzua, 14km DAY 6 Arzua – Rua, 19km DAY 7 Rua – Santiago de Compostela 20km DAY 8 Trip ends after breakfast Arrival point: Santiago (airport transfer to Sarria available at extra cost) or utilise local buses. Nearest train station: Sarria (infrequent trains) Difficulty: 4 to 7 hours walking daily Ascent between 50-600m each day Descent between 130-565m each day Accommodation: 7 nights in 2 or 3-star hotels, with half-board (breakfast and dinner) except in Santiago where we offer B&B only.

Costs per person:	From \$1615 (twin share)
Single room supplement:	From \$365 (as available)
Solo Traveller supplement:	From \$175 per person (as available)

Getting to Sarria: public transport is infrequent; we strongly recommend you make your way to Santiago and take either a local bus to Sarria or book a pre-paid taxi to Sarria (Ask for details and costs).

Upgrade to the Parador Hotel beside the cathedral in in Santiago at extra cost on either tour – ask for a quote.



Note: You can choose to reduce daily distances by adding an extra night in some sections where asterisk* is shown. Please ask for more details when booking.

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