



Camino de Santiago: The Scenic Portuguese Route

September 24 – October 5, 2026

Highlights:

- ▲ **STARTS IN PORTO**, Portugal and ends in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- ▲ **TAKES THE** Spiritual Variant of the Portuguese Camino.
- ▲ **BAIONA**: First European town to hear of America's discovery (1493).
- ▲ **VIGO**: Galicia's main harbor with views of Cíes Islands.
- ▲ **COMBARRO**: Known for traditional granaries (horreos).
- ▲ **CAMBADOS**: Capital of Albariño white wine.
- ▲ **RIVER CRUISE** following St. James' legendary route.
- ▲ **UNESCO** World Heritage site Dom Jesus do Mont.
- ▲ **GUIDED TOUR** of Santiago Cathedral.



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Travel Dates
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\$3,469

per person double
occupancy
+ air and transfers

\$560
single supplement

Travel Insurance
\$399 per person

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DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN PORTO, PORTUGAL

Check into your hotel and, if you have time, start exploring this lively city on your own with the help of the CosmosGO app. In the late afternoon, meet your tour companions and your Tour Director, who will explain the dos and don'ts of the walk and give you some important advice. Take a pleasant stroll to a nearby restaurant for an included welcome dinner. (Dinner)

DAY 3: PORTO – VALENÇA DO MINHO – TUI, SPAIN – BAIONA – APPROXIMATELY 3 KM/2 MI – AVG 40 MIN – DIFFICULTY 1/3.

Time this morning for a quick guided orientation through Porto's bustling city center with views over the Douro River, followed by free time or the opportunity to attend Mass in the Cathedral. After lunch, transfer by coach to Valença do Minho to walk a section of the Camino de Santiago into Spain across the Minho River towards Tui. Rejoin the coach to Baiona, on the Atlantic coast. Fun fact: Baiona was the first town in Europe to receive news of America's discovery in 1493. We recommend touring the medieval fortress on the Monterreal peninsula, visiting the replica of Columbus' ship la Pinta and discovering this beautiful beachside town. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4: BAIONA – VIGO – APPROXIMATELY 25 KM/15.5 MI – AVG 5 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 2/3.

This is the real start of your journey. May every step be a thought on peace and an extension of loving kindness. Leave Baiona behind and follow the coast across the Rías Baixas through the beach town of Nigrán. Walk along long pristine beaches and admire the magnificent Cíes Islands from a distance. Vigo is Galicia's most important harbor and busiest city. If you wish, attend Mass at Vigo Cathedral. (Breakfast)

DAY 5: VIGO – REDONDELA – PONTEVEDRA – APPROXIMATELY 16 KM/10 MI – AVG 3 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 2/3.

Take in the stunning views of Vigo Bay, the Atlantic Islands, the Morrazo Peninsula, and Rande Bridge. After a pleasant walk on an unpaved path through woodlands, reach Redondela. Our driver will take you to the hotel in the centre of Pontevedra, where you will spend the next two nights. You may wish to visit the stunning Sanctuary of the Virgin Pilgrim and attend Mass. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6: PONTEVEDRA – REDONDELA – PONTEVEDRA – APPROXIMATELY 19 KM/12 MI – AVERAGE 4.5 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 3/3.

After a short transfer back to Redondela, continue your journey; uphill by the coast with stunning views over the Vigo Bay and across the infamous Ponte Sampaio bridge, where Napoleon's Army suffered one of the greatest defeats during the War of Independence. Continue then mostly downhill, through peaceful oak forests and along the river to the center of Pontevedra, the city founded by the Romans and dedicated to the Virgen Peregrina (the Pilgrim Virgin). Your Mass option tonight is at Saint Francisco Convent. Take advantage of the vast choice of restaurants to immerse yourself in the local culinary culture. (Breakfast)

DAY 7: PONTEVEDRA – COMBARRO – COVELO – APPROXIMATELY 14 KM/8.7 MI – AVERAGE 3 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 1/3.

Leave the inland Portuguese Camino to take the Spiritual Variant, which follows St. James' final journey. Legend says that a stone vessel carried the Apostle's remains from Jaffa in Israel to Padrón along the River Ulla some 2000 years ago. Today, you will walk past the Monastery of San Juan de Poio and the beautiful town of Combarro, famous for its many horreos (traditional granaries on pillars). After Combarro, continue another two miles along the coast to reach the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7: COVELO – CAMBADOS – APPROXIMATELY 20 KM/12.5 MI – AVERAGE 4.5 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 3/3.

Expect a beautiful walk today, through vineyards and alongside refreshing streams in the forests. Stop at the 12th Century Cistercian Monastery of Armenteira, founded by the knight Ero in 1168. Follow the relaxing "Ruta da Pedra e da Agua" (the rock and water route), a forest path next to a water stream with over 30 medieval water mills. The destination today is Cambados, considered to be the capital of Albariño, one of the best white wines in the world. Mass is available at the impressive Santa Mariña Dozo Church. (Breakfast)

DAY 8: CAMBADOS – CRUISE TO PADRÓN – PONTECESURES – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – APPROXIMATELY 27 KM/17 MI – AVERAGE 5 HRS. – DIFFICULTY 3/3.

Start the day on a high note: a one-hour cruise on the Ulla River, following the journey of the legendary stone boat that carried the remains of St. James. See the remains of the Catoira towers, which used to protect Santiago de Compostela from Viking attacks. Disembark on the outskirts of Padrón, famous for its "pimientos," small, mild green peppers, usually served fried and salted. Only a few more miles to Santiago de Compostela! Enjoy a celebratory dinner upon completing your Camino de Santiago, served in a local restaurant in the old town. If you have walked all stages of the Camino and got your passport stamped, you will receive your Pilgrim Certificate. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Enjoy a full day resting and discovering Santiago after your Camino. Follow the Tour Director on a guided tour of Santiago Cathedral with its squares and attend the Pilgrim Mass. You can join your Tour Director for a more detailed tour of the old town in the afternoon, go shopping, explore on your own, or just enjoy a well-deserved rest. Discover Santiago's culinary specialties on your own tonight and take in the special atmosphere of this historic town. (Breakfast)

Day 10: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – PONTE DE LIMA, PORTUGAL – DOM JESUS DO MONTE – PORTO

The Camino has ended, but there are more hidden gems to discover. Depart Santiago de Compostela by bus and explore Ponte de Lima, the oldest riverside town in Portugal, featuring an impressive Medieval bridge with an ancient Roman section over the Lima River. Next stop is the Sanctuary of Dom Jesus do Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the unique zigzag stairway dedicated to the five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste—and the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. Continue to Porto. (Breakfast)

DAY 11: PORTO

Take home with you spiritual growth and appreciation for simple things. This is your most important souvenir of the Camino. Your vacation ends with breakfast. (Breakfast)

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