



PORTUGUESE WAY CLASSIC SELF-GUIDED



A unique journey from Portugal into the heart of Galicia. The Portuguese Way Classic Self-Guided follows the traditional inland Portuguese Way from Portugal into Santiago de Compostela with an average of 18 km per day. This means you get to visit two different countries, get your Compostela, visit some of the most historical places in Europe, walk in total liberty and... escape the crowds! Although the Portuguese Way is growing in popularity, 70% of pilgrims still choose the French Way. So, if you are looking for a bit more peace and quiet, wonderful accommodation, delicious seafood, stunning views, easier walking days, the proximity of the beach and the possibility to enjoy a thermal bath after a walking day this is the tour for you. But shhh let's keep this a secret between us and let us guide you through the best of the Portuguese Way.

PRICE & DATES

Can be organized on request for any number of participants including single departures on the date of your choice - subject to availability and price fluctuations.

€910 per person

- Single room supplement: +€250 per room
- Private Airport transfers from Porto Airport to Porto City or from Vigo Airport to Tui + from Santiago City to Santiago Airport: + €70 per car up to 4 passengers
- Extra night in Santiago: + €140 per room (dinner not included)
- Extra night in the 5* Parador of Santiago: + €300 per room (dinner not included - upgrade + €170)

FACT FILE

Accommodation Luxurious Manors & 2 to 4* Hotels

Total Walking Distance 116 km

Duration 8 days / 7 nights

Starts Tui

Stops (Valença), Porriño, Redondela, Pontevedra, Caldas de Reis, Padrón

Ends Santiago de Compostela

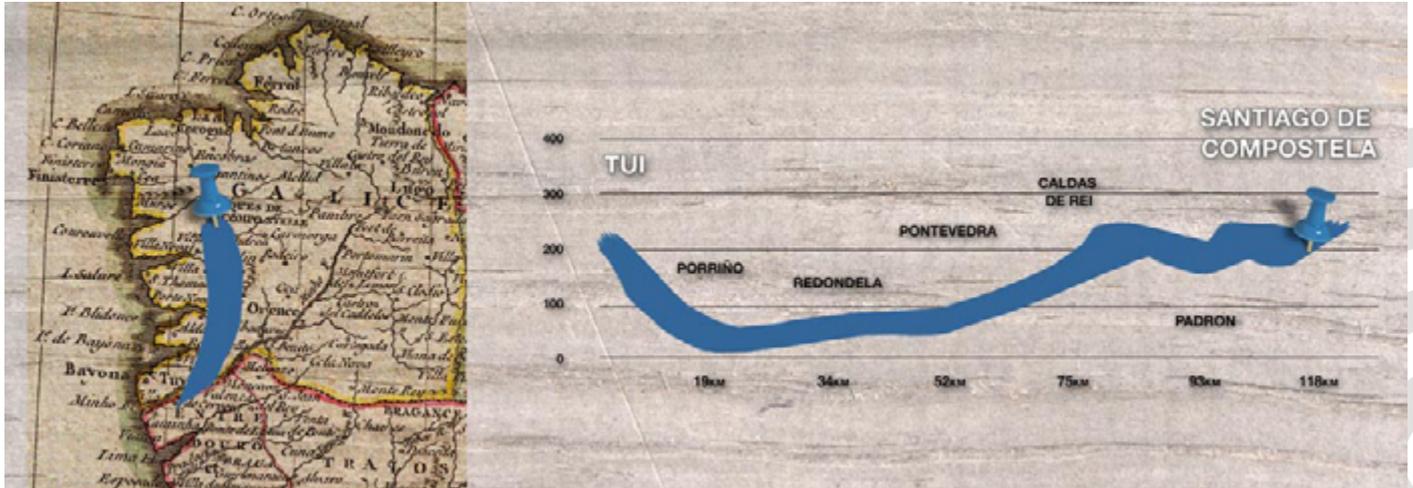
PORTUGUESE WAY CLASSIC SELF-GUIDED INCLUDES

- En-suite accommodation in charming luxurious guest-houses & 2 to 4* hotels
- All breakfasts and three-courses dinners (house wine included with dinners on request)
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Emergency support from our local team
- All taxes and gratuities for the hotels
- A detailed John Brierley guidebook per room
- A Pilgrim Kit per person including an official Pilgrim Passport (Credential)
- Walk between 9 km and 24 km per day



PORTUGUESE WAY DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

This 7 nights route brings you along the last 116 kilometers of the traditional Camino Portugues - Portuguese Way into Santiago de Compostela.



DAY 1 - MAKING YOUR WAY TO TUI

Make your way to Tui by taking a private taxi, bus or train from Porto (about 1h drive) or Vigo (20 min drive). You will be staying the next couple nights in a modern 3* hotel in the town center of the monumental City of Tui.

Tui is a walled cathedral from which in Medieval time emanated cultural, economic and military life, just on the Spanish side of the border with Portugal. If your time of arrival allows and before your first dinner with us in your hotel, visit Valença do Minho on the other side of the Portuguese border about a 3h walk return. This impressive 13th century fortress with stunning views onto the whole region will help you understand the huge battles that took place between Spain, Portugal and France in the region for control of the strategic River Miño and the visit will allow you to cross a very photogenic bridge between the two country.



DAY 2 - 16 KM - WALK FROM TUI TO O PORRIÑO

Finally, the day you start your pilgrimage on the Portuguese Way starting from the beautiful town of Tui. This area has been occupied since the Lower Paleolithic and has been a strategic defense point since the 6th century. So, before you leave, take your time to marvel at the old town architecture and visit the Cathedral to get your first Camino stamp.

Today's walk is fairly easy, mostly downhill all the way to O Porriño. The first kilometers will be exiting Tui through an old village. Half way to O Porriño, make sure you follow the new "Camino Natural" signs which will bring you through forests and joins a pretty riverbank, instead of the old alternative route that goes through an industrial area (even if recommended by locals).

After the walk, give our driver a call to drive you back in 15min to Tui for another night in the same hotel as the night before.





DAY 3 - 20 KM - WALK FROM O PORRIÑO TO SOUTOXUSTE

As you continue your adventure slightly uphill through peaceful forest paths, you will pass by some of the most interesting examples of Galician architecture: the church of Santa Eulalia del Monte and the Pazo de los Marquess in the parish of Mos. Enjoy on your left, beautiful views onto the City of Vigo, its bay, the Rías Baixas and the Cies Islands (known for having some of the best beaches in the world).

After a few hours walk, you will reach Redondela. If you still have time and energy, go for a walk along the boardwalk to see the end of one of the Rías Baixas. Your hotel for the night is another 3 km along the Camino de Santiago and has stunning views onto the Ría de Vigo and the Island of San Simon. You can decide to walk to the hotel along the Camino or ask for a pick up from Redondela.



DAY 4 - 16 KM - WALK FROM SOUTOXUSTE TO PONTEVEDRA

Today, expect two sceneries: half the day will be walking uphill by the coast with stunning views over the Vigo Bay and the second part will be downhill through peaceful oak forests. You will pass the infamous bridge of Ponte Sampaio, where during the War of Independence, Napoleon's army suffered one of its greatest defeats and cross several quaint medieval villages.

You are heading to the a 3* hotel in the center of the old town of Pontevedra, the Roman built city which has been dedicated to the Virgen Peregrina (the Pilgrim Virgin). In the afternoon, and before dinner in your hotel, take a walk through the well-preserved old quarter of Pontevedra, most of which has been pedestrianized, and visit Santa María la Mayor Basilica, a jewel of Gothic-Renaissance architecture, and La Virgen Peregrina Church, a chapel with a scallop-shaped floor plan and beautiful night lighting.



DAY 5 - 22 KM - WALK FROM PONTEVEDRA TO CALDAS DE REIS

Today's stage is one of the most beautiful of the Portuguese Way. You will walk through vineyards, small rural hermitage, chestnut groves and eucalyptus forests. About 8 km before Caldas de Reis, your destination for the day, make a 500m detour to see Muiñada De Barosa, a beautiful natural enclave with waterfalls and a lovely restaurant.

Your hotel tonight is right in the town center by the river and near the roman baths. To reward you for walking so far, tonight you will get a complimentary thermal bath in the hotel spa (don't forget your swimsuit and cap).



DAY 6 - 18 KM - WALK FROM CALDAS DE REIS TO PADRÓN

Today, the path enters the beautiful Bermaña Valley and its centennial forests towards the emblematic town of Padrón, where according to legends, the stone boat containing the remains of the Apostle moored.

Padrón is also famous for their mild green peppers that are sold all over Spain as Pimientos de Padrón and for it's Sunday Market. You will stay in a hotel in the town center whose restaurant attracts customers from Santiago de Compostela.





DAY 7 - 24 KM - WALK FROM PADRÓN TO SANTIAGO!

This is it! Only 24 km separates you from your goal: the resting place of the Apostle Saint James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The Camino will bring you through charming villages and hamlets as well as the Baroque sanctuary of A Esclavitude. You will get to walk by the mysterious, abandoned ruins on the hill-fort of Castro Lupario, of the castle A Rocha Vella and the Chapel of San Martiño were one of the most ancient Cruceiros of Galicia stands. Then, finally, from the hills of Agro dos Monteiros, you will get our first glimpse of Santiago de Compostela and start walking into the city of the Apostle.

This day can be cut in two to let you stay in a beautiful Galician Manor near Faramelo or you can make it straight to Santiago. As you enter the town a couple routes are offered to you, we recommend following the River Sarela instead of entering through the new town.

Soon enough you will reach the Plaza del Obradoiro, where the Cathedral will present itself to you, majestic and beautiful. Stop here for a while and breath in this moment, do whatever feels right.

You still have a few things to do today, after you check-in at your hotel just a couple minutes walk away - get your pilgrim certificate, attend Pilgrim Mass & marvel at the architecture of our beloved City.



DAY 8 - START OF YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

A wise pilgrim once told us "the real Camino starts where the Camino de Santiago finishes but I will not be afraid because the Camino will always be there for me."

We hope the Camino has brought you whatever you were looking for and wish to see you again soon in Galicia!





ABOUT ULTREYA TOURS

Ultreya Tours is an incoming Tour Operator specialized in **organizing comprehensive and highly personalized walking, cycling and horse-riding tours for groups and solo travelers on the Camino de Santiago**. Founded and based in Santiago de Compostela, at the end of the Camino, we know the region of Galicia and the secrets of the Camino by heart.

The Camino de Santiago is not just our business it is our way of life and we would love nothing more than to introduce you to our vision of the Camino.

Our name Ultreya comes from the Latin word for Onwards. "Ultreya, Suseya, Santiago" was the common greeting amongst pilgrims in Medieval times. It meant courage, further and higher is Santiago. We are already in Santiago so our goal is to bring you there & help you every step of the Way.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Fully bonded, ensured and registered as retail & wholesale Travel Agency in Spain
- ✓ We are based in Santiago and you can reach us 24/7 while you are on the Camino
- ✓ Founded by a women, we understand the concerns of single women traveling the Camino and are here to help!
- ✓ We carefully choose, rate and regularly visit all our providers & ONLY book quality accommodation
- ✓ Create your own Camino! All our tours are fully customizable to provide the most magical experience possible
- ✓ You will get a dedicated Camino Account Planner to assist at every step
- ✓ Excellent commission structure for resellers and travel agents



ONLY 4 STEPS AWAY FROM YOUR JOURNEY

- STEP 1** Get in touch with one of our Camino Planner for a personalized quote
- STEP 2** Once you are satisfied with the Terms & Conditions of your tour, we will invoice you for a 50% of the total price non-refundable deposit to process the booking
- STEP 3** Immediately after receiving the initial deposit we will start booking your accommodation, meals, activities, guides and any other services
- STEP 4** 30 days before the departure, we will request the 50% remaining deposit and you will receive the list of your accommodation, confirmation vouchers for extra services & activities, your pilgrim kits (including the Pilgrim Passports & guidebooks) will be sent to your first hotel

If you dream of walking the Camino de Santiago, don't delay it any further contact info@ultreyatours.com or visit our website to find the best Way for your group!