



El Camino de Santiago

The Portuguese Way · Porto to Santiago de Compostela

14 - 27 September 2027

Fourteen days · Accompanied by
Father Matthew Flatley

A Catholic Pilgrimage · A Spiritual Quest

Dear Friends in Christ,

For more than a thousand years, men and women have walked across the top of Spain to stand before the tomb of the Apostle James. Kings walked it. Beggars walked it. St. Francis of Assisi is said to have walked it. The scallop shells they carried have been dug out of graves from Ireland to Poland.

We are going to walk the last hundred kilometres of it.

This is a pilgrimage, not a hiking holiday. We begin in Porto, cross into Galicia, and walk the Camino Portugués stage by stage through Redondela, Arcade, Pontevedra, Caldas de Reis and Padrón until we come down into Santiago de Compostela on foot. We celebrate Mass each day. We pray at the relics of the Apostle. Afterwards we drive to Finisterre, then east through O Cebreiro and Astorga to Ávila, the city of St. Teresa, before a last evening in Madrid.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord." — Psalm 122:1



THE PILGRIMAGE AT A GLANCE

Seven walking stages · ~100 km · longest day 22 km · luggage sent ahead · coach always nearby
Daily Mass · optional Centering Prayer each morning · **Optional 11th Step / AA meeting each evening**
You need not be an athlete — only willing to walk a country road, at your own pace, several days running.

Day One · Monday, 13 September — Departure from the United States

Our pilgrimage begins the way pilgrimages have always begun: by leaving home. We gather at the airport and board the overnight transatlantic flight, carrying the intentions entrusted to us by family and friends. Somewhere over the Atlantic, the ordinary week starts to loosen its hold.

Overnight flight. Meals and service aboard the aircraft.



Day Two · Tuesday, 14 September — Arrival in Porto · Exaltation of the Holy Cross

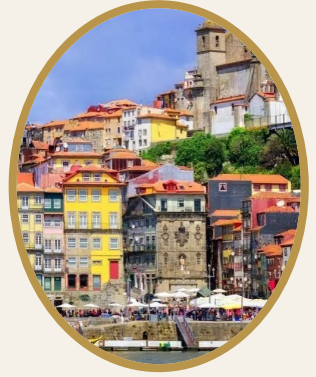
We land in Porto above the Douro. A panoramic tour of quays, bridges and baroque towers. Mass together as a company of pilgrims. Welcome dinner, then the Camino kit: pilgrim passport and the scallop shell that marks its bearer as one who is on the way.

Welcome dinner and overnight in Porto. Schedule may shift with flight timings.



Day Three • Wednesday, 15 September — Porto to Vigo

After breakfast we celebrate Mass in Porto before leaving Portugal. Free morning in the old quarter; lunch on your own. In the afternoon we cross the Minho into Spain and continue to Vigo, the great fishing port on the Atlantic ría. The light changes, and so does the language. Evening at leisure. Optional crossing to the Cíes Islands — not included.



Breakfast included. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Vigo.



Day Four • Thursday, 16 September — Vigo to Redondela

We lace our boots and step onto the Camino Portugués. The yellow arrow appears on a wall, a kerbstone, a fencepost — and from here to Santiago it will not leave us. The way climbs through pine and eucalyptus, opens onto the ría, then descends into Redondela, where the coastal and central routes converge. Mass at a local church. Fifteen kilometres. The first day always teaches you something about your feet.



Walking approx. 15 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Redondela.

Day Five • Friday, 17 September — Redondela to Arcade

A short and forgiving stage. We climb gently out of Redondela, cross a wooded ridge, and drop down to the medieval bridge at Ponte Sampaio, where the river runs out to meet the tide and pilgrims have crossed for centuries. Arcade is famous for its oysters. Mass at the local church; evening at leisure.



Walking approx. 8 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Arcade.



Buen Camino. You walk at your own pace. The coach is never far away. Luggage travels ahead to the next hotel.

Day Six • Saturday, 18 September — Arcade to Pontevedra

Old stone tracks and river paths through hamlets and vineyards into Pontevedra — one of the loveliest towns in Galicia, its historic centre closed to cars. At its heart stands the Santuario de la Virgen Peregrina, a church built in the shape of a scallop shell. Our Lady is shown not enthroned but walking, staff in hand, on the road with her people. Mass in the city; evening at leisure.



Walking approx. 12 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Pontevedra.



Day Seven • Sunday, 19 September — Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis • The Long Day

Our longest stage, and the one pilgrims remember. The way runs north through oak woods and river valleys, past wayside crosses and hórreos raised on stone legs, through villages where someone is always leaning on a gate to wish you buen camino. Caldas de Reis takes its name from the Roman hot springs; the fountains still run warm. After Mass we return to our hotel in Pontevedra — a comfort the medieval pilgrim would have envied. Twenty-two kilometres is a real day of walking. It is also the day most people stop worrying about whether they can do this.

Walking approx. 22 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Pontevedra.



Day Eight • Monday, 20 September — Caldas de Reis to Padrón

We rejoin the way and walk the valley of the Umia toward Padrón. Tradition holds that the stone boat bearing the body of the Apostle James came up this estuary and was moored to the pedón — the Roman altar stone that still lies beneath the high altar of the parish church. Everything that follows in Galicia follows from here. Mass in Padrón; evening in the town.

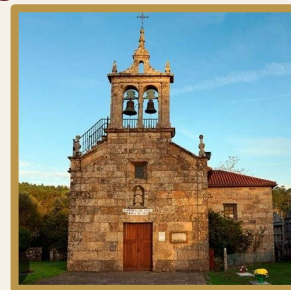
Walking approx. 18 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Padrón.



Day Nine • Tuesday, 21 September — Padrón to Teo • The Last Quiet Stage

A gentler day through the parish of Teo, on lanes lined with dry-stone walls and hydrangeas, past chapels barely larger than a room. By now the group has found its rhythm: the fast walkers ahead, the talkers in the middle, the quiet ones at the back who have come to prefer it there. Mass in Padrón. Tomorrow we walk into Santiago, and tonight everyone knows it.

Walking approx. 12 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Padrón.



Day Ten • Wednesday, 22 September — Teo to Santiago

The final stage. Through Teo and Milladoiro the countryside becomes a city, the road a street, the street the old town — and then you are standing in the Praza do Obradoiro with the west front of the cathedral before you and nowhere further to walk. Some arrive laughing. Some sit down on the stones. A great many are crying and could not tell you exactly why. Whatever you carried up from Vigo, you set it down here. Mass this evening in Santiago.

Walking approx. 13 km. Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela.



Day Eleven • Thursday, 23 September — The Apostle and the End of the Earth

This morning we enter the cathedral as pilgrims: to venerate St. James, to descend to the crypt and pray at the silver reliquary, and to take our place at the Pilgrim's Mass, where arriving pilgrims are read out by nation and starting point. We hope to concelebrate at the high altar. In the afternoon we drive west to Cape Finisterre — the western limit of the world, a lighthouse on a headland, the Atlantic without interruption. Medieval pilgrims came here after Santiago to burn their clothes and watch the sun go into the sea. Group dinner this evening in Santiago.

Breakfast and group dinner included. Cathedral entrance included. Finisterre excursion approx. 6 hours. Overnight in Santiago.



Come and walk with us, pray with us and be in community with us.

Every day includes the celebration of Mass. Particular churches are arranged locally and confirmed as we approach the date.

Day Twelve • Friday, 24 September — O Cebreiro and the Miracle

We leave Galicia by road, climbing to O Cebreiro, a village of round stone-and-thatch houses on a high pass. In its small pre-Romanesque church we celebrate Mass at the site of the Eucharistic Miracle: a peasant who struggled up through a blizzard, a priest who privately doubted the worth of the effort, and the host and wine that became visibly flesh and blood. The chalice and paten are still there. Descend to Ponferrada for lunch — Templar castle and the Basilica of Our Lady of the Oak — then Astorga: the Museum of the Camino and Gaudi's Episcopal Palace.

Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight in Astorga.



Day Thirteen • Saturday, 25 September — Ávila, City of St. Teresa

South to Ávila, ringed by the most complete medieval walls in Europe: eighty-eight towers and nine gates, the colour of honey. Mass in the city. Guided tour of the old quarter and the cathedral — half church, half fortress, built into the wall itself. The Convent of St. Teresa stands on the site of the house where she was born in 1515. The Monastery of the Incarnation is where she lived nearly thirty years, received her visions, and began the reform that remade Carmel. Her cell is preserved. It is very small.

Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on your own. Cathedral, Convent and Incarnation entrances included. Overnight in Ávila.



Day Fourteen • Sunday, 26 September — Ávila to Madrid • The Last Evening

A short drive to Madrid. Afternoon free: the Prado, the Royal Palace, or a last unhurried walk and a table in a square. Farewell dinner. Two weeks ago most of us were strangers. It is a strange and good thing, at the end of a Camino, to look down a table and find that this is no longer true.

Breakfast and farewell dinner included. Overnight in Madrid.



Day Fifteen • Monday, 27 September — Return to the United States

After breakfast we transfer to Madrid airport, carrying our Compostelas, a passport full of stamps, a shell, and the particular tiredness that only comes from having walked somewhere on purpose. Buen camino.

Breakfast included. Today's schedule may shift with flight timings.



✚ WHAT IS INCLUDED ✚

- Group airfare coming in November of 2026
- 13 nights in 3 - 4-star and comparable hotels
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Private air-conditioned coach throughout
- English-speaking Catholic tour escort
- Daily Mass arrangements
- Local guides in Porto, Santiago and Ávila
- Travel Tyme Host
- Cathedral of Santiago entrance
- Ávila Cathedral, Convent of St. Teresa, Monastery of the Incarnation
- Finisterre excursion
- Porterage of one suitcase per pilgrim
- Audio headsets for guided visits
- Wi-Fi aboard the coach
- Luggage transferred hotel to hotel on walking days

YOUR CAMINO KIT

Every pilgrim receives a pilgrim passport with cover, a Camino scallop shell, detailed walking notes for each stage, an accreditation of the distance covered on foot, and – on completing the required kilometres – the Compostela itself, issued by the Pilgrim's Office in Santiago.

WHERE WE STAY • hotels currently held; substitutions of comparable standard if required

Porto – Mercure Porto Gaia, or similar • Vigo – Los Galeones, Affiliated by Meliá, or similar
 Redondela – Pazo Santa Teresa, or similar • Arcade – Hotel San Luis, or similar
 Pontevedra (2 nights) – Hotel Rías Bajas, or similar • Padrón (2 nights) – Hotel Rosalía, or similar
 Santiago (2 nights) – Eurostars Gran Hotel Santiago, or similar (~1 km from the old town)
 Astorga – Silken Luis de León, or similar • Ávila – Palacio Valderrábanos, or similar
 Madrid – Novotel Madrid, or similar

On two occasions we stay two nights in one town and walk out and back – from Pontevedra and again from Padrón – which spares you a hotel change on the longest walking days.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare - coming November 2026 • travel insurance • lunches • gratuities for escort and • church donations, including the Botafumeiro • optional Cíes Islands excursion • beverages beyond those specified, laundry, and items of a personal nature.

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EARNING THE COMPOSTELA

The Latin certificate of completion is granted to pilgrims who cover the final hundred kilometres on foot and collect the required stamps. Our seven stages are designed to meet that threshold. Those who ride the coach for part of a stage still receive an accreditation of distance walked, but may fall short of the Compostela itself.

THE BOTAFUMEIRO

The great silver censer of Santiago, swung the length of the transept by eight tiraboleiros, is not part of every Mass. It is used on principal feasts and when a group arranges it by donation. If our group wishes to request it, the current donation is approximately €650, shared among those taking part. Speak to us early if this matters to you.

ON YOUR FEET

Bring boots or trail shoes you have already broken in — the Camino is no place for new footwear — with a light rain shell, a day pack, and a water bottle. September in Galicia is mild and green, which is a polite way of saying it rains. Terrain is country lanes, farm tracks and village streets, with gentle climbing and cobbles. You walk at your own pace.

A NOTE ON THE SCHEDULE

This is a pilgrimage, and pilgrimages breathe. Holidays, weather, roads and the availability of particular churches can move things about. Arrival and departure days are shaped by flight timings. We will tell you promptly of anything that affects the group, and we will always work to preserve the heart of the itinerary.

+ YOUR INVESTMENT +

Per pilgrim	\$ 4489.00 per person, twin or double occupancy + \$105.00 in tax & Surcharges
Single room	\$ 848.00 single supplement — very limited availability
Airfare	Group Airfare coming November 2026
Deposit	\$ 400.00 per person to reserve your place
Final payment	Due June 14, 2027

Single rooms along the Camino are genuinely scarce. They are allocated strictly in order of booking. Space is limited by the rooms held in the small towns along the route. Reserve early.



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Departing the United States 13 September • Fourteen days, thirteen nights

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Travel Tyme requires a deposit per person sent with the application at booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment, which must be received no later than 65 days prior to departure. Seats and rooms along the Camino are limited; early booking is strongly suggested.

CANCELLATIONS

Please make all cancellations in writing. If cancelled 120 days or more prior to departure, a \$75 administration fee is charged. If cancelled 119-61 days prior, a \$300 penalty will be charged. If cancelled 60 days or fewer prior, no money is refunded. Once airline tickets are issued (about 90 days prior to departure), the air cost is non-refundable.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend travel insurance to recuperate penalties charged for cancellation for health reasons. You would be fully covered, except if pre-existing conditions are evident. The insurer waives the exclusion for pre-existing conditions if insurance is purchased within 15 days of deposit received by Travel Tyme.

PASSPORT AND VISA

A valid passport is required for all U.S. citizens traveling to Portugal and Spain. Passports should remain valid at least six months beyond the return date. For those holding passports of other countries, visas may be required. Please check with Travel Tyme.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

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AIRFARES & TOUR PRICES

Airfares and land prices quoted are based on prices and exchange rates in effect at printing and are subject to change caused by currency exchange and fuel costs.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Air transportation is in economy class on scheduled carriers. Upgrades are paid outside the group ticket, upfront. You can purchase or Travel Tyme can assist.

WALKING AND FITNESS

This pilgrimage includes approximately 100 km on foot over seven stages. You walk at your own pace; a coach is available. By enrolling you confirm that you have considered the walking required and any personal physical limitations noted on your application.



Know your options when it comes to Travel Insurance.

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Trip Cancellation & Interruption

Protect your deposit and final payment if you must cancel or cut the pilgrimage short for a covered reason.

Emergency Medical Transportation

Coverage toward evacuation and medically necessary transport if a covered illness or injury occurs abroad.

Emergency Medical Expense Coverage

Help with eligible medical expenses should you need care while walking or traveling in Portugal or Spain.

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Reimbursement toward delayed, lost, or damaged luggage, boots, and personal belongings.

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