

# Comfortable Hiking Holidays

Hike an adventure. Rest in Comfort.

## Trip Itinerary: Camino de Santiago, Spain Holiday

April 25 to May 7, 2016

- Day 1** HOLA  
Upon arrival at the Santiago de Compostela airport, we shall transfer to village of Ambasmestas (approx. 2.5 hours).
- Day 2** O'CEBREIRO TO TRIACASTELA  
The day starts with a steady climb to the Alto do Poio, the highest point of the Camino de Santiago in Galicia. Our destination is Triacastela (a village meaning "three castles"). Although there are no castles remaining, there is an 18th century church still standing. (Moderate, 21.2km)
- Day 3** TRIACASTELA TO SARRIA  
From Triacastela, the picturesque trail soon starts to climb, as we ascend the Alto de Riocabo. From here it's a gradual descent into the town of Sarria. (Moderate, 18km)
- Day 4** SARRIA TO PORTOMARIN  
Today's section of the Camino is one of the most picturesque. We walk through rural countryside, traversing enchanted forests and small patches of farmland to the banks of the Mino River. En route to Portomarin, we'll pass the 100km marker. (Moderate, 21.5km)
- Day 5** TOUR OF LUGO  
Guided by an art historian, we shall visit the UNESCO city of Lugo. This small town is unique for its perfectly conserved, 50ft high, city wall, which still surrounds the center of Lugo.
- Day 6** PORTOMARIN TO PALAS DE REI  
Today, we'll be passing through small villages decorated with cruceiros, meeting other peregrinos on the trail. (Moderate, 24km)
- Day 7** PALAS DE REI TO CASTANEDA  
We'll trace the Camino as it weaves along country lanes and ancient stone pathways called *corredoiras*. Farmers tend their fields and the chimes of cow bells accompany the sounds of our footsteps. (Moderate, 23km + 1.5km)
- Day 8** COOKING CLASS  
Our cooking class will be at O Muino de Pena, a tranquil rural restaurant/inn housed within a restored water mill and located on the banks of the Mera river.
- Day 9** CASTANEDA TO RUA  
Today's section of the Camino weaves through meadows and forests of eucalyptus, passing through tranquil villages along the way with curious names such as Xen, Ras and Brea. We'll stroll under shady fig trees and fragrant eucalyptus to reach O Pino. (Moderate, 24km + 1.5km)
- Day 10** RUA TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA  
Walk through rolling terrain towards Lavacolla to ascend the Monte del Gozo ("Mount of Joy"), the point where pilgrims first catch sight of the spires of the Cathedral of Santiago. And finally, we arrive in Obradoiro square, in front of the immense Cathedral; it is an exciting moment. (Moderate, 19km)

Day 11

GUIDED TOUR OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Day 12

TOUR OF COSTA DA MORTE

This full day guided excursion will have us exploring the spectacular Costa da Morte (the ominous sounding "Death Coast"), home to rugged cliffs, beautiful sandy beaches and tranquil fishing towns. We shall stop in Finisterre - the final destination for many pilgrims or "the end of the earth".

Day 13

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