



French Way

The most well-know route heading to Santiago. Get the chance to visit Navarra, La Rioja, Castilla y León and Galicia.



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Walking



6 nights/7 days

Charming
Hotels**550€**

Ponferrada to Santiago de Compostela (by bike)



Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival at Ponferrada

Once you arrive at Ponferrada, you will be able to enjoy the charming places this town offers, such as Los Templarios Castle, the Basilica of Nuestra Señora de la Encina, the Main Square or the Clock Tower.

Accommodation in Ponferrada.

Day 2. Ponferrada - Vega de Valcarce (40,5 Km)

Breakfast in Ponferrada.

You will start walking from Ponferrada, passing by the towns of Villafranca del Bierzo and Trabadelo. Villafranca is the historic capital of El Bierzo, and it preserves its majestic appearance. In this town you can visit the Church of San Francisco, which has a beautiful Mudejar coffered ceiling, the Main Square and the Church of Santiago. The stage finishes in Vega de Valcarce, which main feature is the Castle of Sarracín.

Accommodation in Vega de Valcarce.

Day 3. Vega de Valcarce - Triacastela (32,3 Km)

Breakfast in Vega de Valcarce.

From Vega de Valcarce you will depart towards Triacastela, going through O Cebreiro. In this last village you will find the church of Santa María La Real del Cebreiro (pre-romanesque style), and also the Ethnographic Museum of O Cebreiro. In Triacastela you can visit a church from the 11th Century and other temples located in the village.

Accommodation in Triacastela.

Day 4. Triacastela - Portomarín (40,6 Km)

Breakfast in Triacastela.

Departing from Triacastela, the new stage will take you to Portomarín. On the way, you will be able to see the town of Sarria, which is the starting point chosen by many pilgrims to begin the Way, and it has remarkable buildings such as the Church of Santa Mariña, the Church of El Salvador and the Convent of Magdalena". In Portomarín, which is located next to the River Miño, you will find the Chapel of "La Virgen de las Nieves", the church-fortress of San Nicolás, the church of San Pedro and the Pazos of Conde da Maza and dos Pimentales.

Accommodation in Portomarín.

Day 5. Portomarín - Arzúa (53,3 Km)

Breakfast in Portomarín.

Today's stage will lead you from Portomarín to Arzúa. On the Way, you will have the chance to visit Palas de Rei, which has a "concello" with a strong artistic heritage, as the Church of San Tirso, the Castle of Pambre and the Pazo de Ulloa can demonstrate. In Arzúa, you have the ancient Convent of Magdalena and the Church of Santiago.

Accommodation in Arzúa.

Day 6. Arzúa - Santiago de Compostela (38,7 Km)

Breakfast in Arzúa.

Ready for the last stage, you will leave Arzúa heading to Santiago de Compostela. On the way, O Pedrouzo, the most important town before arriving at Santiago, offer some places to visit. It belongs to the "concello" of O Pino, where you will find the Chapel of San Irene. Once in Santiago de Compostela, you will have the opportunity to see an endless amount of landmarks. The main one is the Cathedral and the Square of Obradoiro, but that does not mean those are the only remarkable places, as it is also recommendable to take a stroll around the historic district, to taste the gastronomy and to visit some other iconic buildings such as the Catholic Monarchs Inn, the Monastery of San Martín Pinario or the Pazo de Raxoi.

Accommodation in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 7. Breakfast and end of services

Breakfast in Santiago de Compostela.

Includes

- ▶ Luggage Transportation between stages
- ▶ Travel and Cancellation Insurance
- ▶ Airport Transfer (Santiago Hotel - Santiago Airport)
- ▶ Full itinerary of the route
- ▶ Pilgrim Credentials
- ▶ Phone assistance on route
- ▶ VAT

Additional options

- ▶ Single Supplement (Hotels):
130 € / Person
- ▶ Half-Board Supplement (Hotels):
120 € / Person
- ▶ Extra Night in Santiago (Hotels, Double/Triple Room, BB):
50 € / Person
- ▶ Extra Night in Santiago (Hotels, Single Room, BB):
75 € / Person
- ▶ Upgrade to Parador in Santiago (Double/Triple room, BB):
90 € / Person
- ▶ Upgrade to Parador in Santiago (Single room, BB):
130 € / Person

Map



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Ponferrada

Hotel restored in 2010. located close to the shopping district, the Templar Castle and Bierzo Museum.

39 Bedrooms with en suite bathroom, Wi-Fi, TV, tele-phone and air conditioning. Laundry service, reading corner, cafeteria. Buffet breakfast.



Vega de Valcarce

Traditional house turned into a hotel, preserving the original structure and the stone walls.

23 bedrooms with flat-screen TV, en suite bathroom and telephone. Cafeteria, restaurant specialized in Galician cuisine, two dining rooms, living room with fireplace and free parking.



Triacastela

Rural house from the 17th century, next to the Way of St. James.

5 Double bedrooms with heating, en suite bathroom, TV and telephone. Dining room with fireplace, living room, patio, garden and swimming pool. Wi-Fi.



Portomarín

32 Bedrooms with heating, en suite bathroom, TV, telephone, sound system, mini bar, hair-dryer, internet and strongbox. Restaurant, cafeteria, sauna, gym, laundry service, and air conditioning in the common areas.

Outdoor swimming pool, garden and terrace.



Arzúa

Country house from the 18th century with a 35.000 m2 garden.

16 Bedrooms with private bathroom, heating and safe.

Living room, library, Wi-Fi in common areas.



Santiago de Compostela

Building located in the historic centre of Santiago, 5 minutes walking from the Cathedral.

20 Bedrooms with private bathroom, heating, air-conditioning, hair-dryer, TV, telephone and Wi-Fi. Bar, 24h reception service, laundry service



Terms & Conditions

Reservation and contracting of any of the trips included in this program involves the full acceptance of these general conditions.

The present general conditions shall be governed by the "Royal Legislative Decree N° 1/2007, of 16 November", approving the Codified Text of the General Law for the Protection of Consumers and Users, other complementary laws (BOW 287 of 30 November 2007) and any other provisions currently in force.

The contractual relation between the Organizing Agency and the customer is subject to the present general conditions or to the particular clauses that agree in the contract of the combined trip and in the label of the product (the trip) which details its final content.

The customer is under obligation to check the documentation received from the Organizing Agency, and any questions concerning the booking must be consulted before the trip begins.

Organization

Technical Organization of the trips included in this program has been carried out by AGENCIA DE VIAJES CARMÍ, CIF: 11944976H, based on C/Candelaria Ruiz del Árbol, 3, 3º Dcha 49016, Zamora. This is an Online Travel Agency properly registered at the Directorate General for Tourism in the Castilla y León region, with license CICL. 49-030. The Agency is covered by a compulsory civil liability insurance and compulsory endorsement in the Public Administration. The Agency is wholesaler.

Reservation and Management

The services included are the ones offered in each catalogue or brochure. In case there is a modification of the trip by either of the two parts involved, the services included and no included shall be notified. In the moment the customer accepts the reservation, he/she will have to pay a 60€/person deposit as administration charge, which is non-refundable. Once the booking is confirmed, the deposit will be discounted of the final price of the trip. In case the Agency is not able to offer the trip requested, the deposit will be returned to the customer. If the information and the trip itinerary have been sent, the deposit of the booking and management will be not refundable.

Method of Payment

The full payment must be done by the client 15 days before the trip begins. If the payment is not done, the Agency will understand that the client is no longer interested in the trip and he/she will not be able to receive a refund of the deposit.

Modification of the Reservation

Any kind of modification or booking by Viajes Carmi, for the various reasons such as overbooking and other, will be notified to the client, who will be able to accept or desist. If the client desists, the Agency will not make any penalization; but in case the modification is done by the client, Viajes Carmi reserves the right to penalize the customer with 30€ per client and modification.

Cancellation by the Customer

At any time the customer will be able to desist of the services, having the right to be refunded what he/she has paid but also has to indemnify the Travel Agency unless the cancellation was due to cases of force majeure, in accordance with the following:

- a) If the cancellation happens between 10 – 15 days before the trip begins, the client must pay the management expenses and a penalization of 5% of the trip costs.
- b) If cancellation happens between 3 – 10 days before the trip, there is a penalization of 15%.
- c) If cancellation happens 48 or less previous to the departure, there is a penalization of 25%.

In failing to appear at the beginning of the trip, the client will have to pay 100% of the booking price.

In case that the Travel Agency is forced to cancel any of its programs for reasons not attributable to the client, it will compensate the customer with a full refund.

There will be no obligation from the Agency to compensate the client when the booking cancellation is due to reasons of force majeure, meaning such conditions beyond those who relies abnormal and unpredictable consequences of which could not have been avoid, despite having acted with diligence.

In case the travel execution is due to have a minimum of participants, the Agency will be able to cancel the trip if the minimum number of participants is not reached, notifying it 10 days before the scheduled departure date.

Cession of the Reservation

The principal contractor or the beneficiary is allowed to freely transfer his/her booking to another person who meets the requirements for it, giving written notice 15 days before the scheduled departure date. The transferor of the package and the transferee shall be jointly and severally liable to the organizer or retailer party to the contract for payment of the balance due and for any additional costs arising from such transfer.

Documentation

All persons enrolled in the trip are responsible their documentation is in order for the country they are visiting (D.N.I., passport, visa, health insurance...) with regard to consultations, the Agency acts as informer, but it is the customer's responsibility to confirm the documentation to the competent authorities. In case the client was forced to cancel or leave the trip for lack or inaccuracy of the required documentation, the Agency will apply the conditions specified in the cancellations by the customer paragraph.

Jurisdiction

For interpretation, application or complaint of the terms, both the client and the Organizing Agency convey expressly to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Zamora, renouncing to any other jurisdiction.

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According to the Organic Law 15/1999, of Personal Data Protection Information, this establishment informs that:

1. The personal data provided by our clients are inserted in our private files registered in the Spanish Data Protection Agency, being the Agency Viajes Carmi responsible for it.
2. We guarantee confidentiality of the personal data registered in our files.
3. We have the security document where is set out the technical and organizational measures for the security of the data contained in our files.
4. You can exercise your rights of access, amendment, cancellation and opposition of your personal data, writing to the following address: VIAJES CARMÍ, C/ Candelaria Ruiz del Árbol, 3, 3º Dcha. 49016 Zamora.