French Way

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León to Santiago de Compostela

Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival at León
In León you could visit such iconic places as the Cathedral, the “Barrio Húmedo” (tapas zone), the Main Square, the Collegiate Church of San Isidoro or the Contemporary Art Museum of Castilla y León.
Accommodation in León.

Day 2. León - Villadangos del Páramo (20.4 Km)
Breakfast in León.
Today’s stage is quite easy as you will walk on flat paths, surrounded by crop fields. Between León and Villadangos del Páramo, there is a small town called La Virgen del Camino, where you can visit the Sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin.
Accommodation in Villadangos del Páramo.

Day 3. Villadangos del Páramo - Astorga (27.9 Km)
Breakfast in Villadangos del Páramo.
You will start walking from Villadangos del Páramo and will go through Hospital de Órbigo. The main landmark in this town is the beautiful medieval bridge crossing the river Órbigo. Once you reach Astorga, you can visit the Church of Santiago Apóstol (which dates from the late 17th Century and the beginning of the 18th Century); and, in Astorga, you could see both the Cathedral and the Episcopal Palace, but also the historic Roman legacy that still remains in this town. Moreover, you will be able to taste the traditional gastronomy, specially the “Cocido Maragato” (a typical stew from the area).
Accommodation in Astorga.

Day 4. Astorga - Rabanal del Camino (20.2 Km)
Breakfast in Astorga.
This stage, from Astorga to Rabanal del Camino, gives the pilgrim the opportunity to enjoy the amazing views of León Mountains and the Bierzo Region, some of the most beatiful landscapes in Castilla y León.
Accommodation in Rabanal del Camino.

Day 5. Rabanal del Camino - Molinaseca (24.7 Km)
Breakfast in Rabanal del Camino.
The stage for this day will be from Rabanal del Camino to Molinaseca. Walking this stretch, you will pass by Cruz de Ferro, a point to take into account on the Way by the pilgrims. In Molinaseca, you will have lots of interesting places to see (the Sanctuary of Nuestra Señora de las Angustias, the Church of San Nicolás de Bari, the Bridge of the Pilgrims and the “cruceiro” of Santo Cristo).
Accommodation in Molinaseca.

Day 6. Molinaseca - Villafranca del Bierzo (31.9 Km)
Breakfast in Molinaseca.
You will leave the beautiful town of Molinaseca and will start the journey towards another magnificent village in the province of León: Villafranca del Bierzo. On the Way, do not miss the chance to visit Ponferrada and 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. 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 Mudéjar coffered ceiling, the Main Square and the Church of Santiago.
Accommodation in Villafranca del Bierzo.

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Breakfast in Molinaseca.
You will leave the beautiful town of Molinaseca and will start the journey towards another magnificent village in the province of León: Villafranca del Bierzo.
Accommodation in Villafranca del Bierzo.

Day 7. Villafranca del Bierzo - O Cebreiro (27,8 Km)
Breakfast in Villafranca del Bierzo.
From O Cebreiro you will depart towards Triacastela. In Triacastela you can visit a church from the 11th Century and other temples located in the village.
Accommodation in Triacastela.
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Day 9. Triacastela - Sarria (18.4 Km)
Breakfast in Triacastela.
Departing from Triacastela, the new stage will take you to 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. Accommodation in Sarria.

Day 10. Sarria - Portomarín (22.2 Km)
Breakfast in Sarria.
You will start the Way to Portomarín, a town located next to the River Miño. There, you will find the Chapel of “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 11. Portomarín - Palas de Rei (24.8 Km)
Breakfast in Portomarín.
The next step on the Way is 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 of Ulloa can demonstrate. Accommodation in Palas de Rei.

Day 12. Palas de Rei - Arzúa (28.5 Km)
Breakfast in Palas de Rei.
Moving forward on the Way, you will pass by Arzúa, a place which offers the opportunity to visit some places like the Convento of Magdalena and the Church of Santa Irene. Accommodation in Arzúa.

Day 13. Arzúa - O Pedrouzo (19,3 Km)
Breakfast in Arzúa.
Soon before arriving at Santiago, you will finish this stage in O Pedrouzo, belonging to the O Pino “concello”. Here you will find the memorable Chapel of Santa Irene. Accommodation in O Pedrouzo.

Day 14. O Pedrouzo - Santiago de Compostela (19,4 Km)
Breakfast in O Pedrouzo.
Ready for the last stage, you will leave O Pedrouzo heading to Santiago de Compostela. Once in Santiago, you will be surrounded by many landmarks. The main points of interest are 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 of Raxoi. Accommodation in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 15. Breakfast and end of services
Breakfast in Santiago de Compostela.

Includes

- Bed & Breakfast
- Luggage Transportation between stages
- Travel Insurance
- Full itinerary of the route
- Pilgrim Credentials
- Phone assistance on route
- VAT

Additional options

- Single Supplement (Inns/Guesthouses): 210 € / Person
- Half-Board Supplement (Inns): 210 € / Person
- Extra Night in Santiago (Hotels, Single Room, BB): 75 € / Person
- Extra Night in Santiago (Hotels, Double/Triple Room, BB): 50 € / Person
- Extra Night in Santiago (Inns & Guesthouses, Double/Triple Room, BB): 45 € / Person
- Extra Night in Santiago (Inns & Guesthouses, Single Room, BB): 60 € / Person
- Cancellation Insurance: 20 € / Person
- Airport Transfer (Santiago Hotel - Airport): 25 € / Person
León
Located in the centre of León, 800 m away from the Cathedral.
49 Bedrooms with heating, private bathroom, TV, telephone, free Wi-Fi.
Restaurant with traditional dishes.
24h Reception service, laundry service.

Hospital de Órbigo
Family and friendly ambient, with traditional surroundings.
5 Bedrooms with heating, private bathroom, hair-dryer.
Bar and restaurant.
Free Wi-Fi.
Laundry service.

Astorga
Located 300 m away from the historic centre of Astorga.
17 Bedrooms with heating, private bathroom, hair-dryer, TV and Wi-Fi.
Restaurant with typical dishes from León.
Cafeteria and shop with typical products from the region.

Rabanal del Camino
Old hay loft turned into an inn.
16 Bedrooms with heating, private bathroom and TV.
Bar and restaurant-tavern.
Laundry service.

Molinaseca
8 Bedrooms with heating, air-conditioning, private bathroom, hair-dryer, TV and telephone.
Lounge, dining room, fireplace and library.
Cafeteria, restaurant and terrace.
Free Wi-Fi.

Villafranca del Bierzo
Modern and comfortable guesthouse.
4 Bedrooms with heating, air-conditioning, private bathroom, hair-dryer and TV.
Outstanding views.
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O Cebreiro
Located in an idyllic place in the French Way. 6 Double bedrooms with heating and private bathroom. Restaurant-tavern with typical dishes from the region. Vegetable garden and outside recreation area.

Tricacastela
Building made of wood and stone, with slate roof. Double bedrooms with private bathroom. 20 Vacancies. Heating and Wi-Fi. Parking available.

Sarria
15 Bedrooms with heating, private bathroom, hair-dryer, TV, free Wi-Fi. Bar, cafeteria and restaurant with typical dishes. Laundry service. Spacious and comfortable facilities.

Portomarín
Bedrooms with en suite bathroom, TV and WiFi. This accommodation also has a terrace, bar and restaurant, where you will be able to taste the wonderful gastronomy of this area.

Palas de Rei
This is an accommodation with modern facilities and design, and located next to San Tirso Church, in Palas de Rei. Bedrooms with en suite bathroom, towels, heating, TV and Internet connection.

Arzúa
Accommodation located in the town centre of Arzúa. This guesthouse has bedrooms with en suite bathroom, TV and WiFi. It also has laundry service available as well as private parking.

700€ 14 nights / 15 days Walking

Guesthouses & Inns
**O Pedrouzo**

This guesthouse located in O Pedrouzo, has a 24h reception and bedrooms with heating and free WiFi. The bedrooms also has private bathroom, wooden floor, comfortable sofas, flat-screen TV and beautiful views to the garden or the mountains surrounding it. The accommodation has a spacious terrace with barbecue and garden.

**Santiago de Compostela**

Ancient monastery located in front of the Cathedral. Bedrooms with private bathroom, heating and desk.

Garden, restaurant, parking, 24h reception, tourist information, Wi-Fi.

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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 Nº 1/2007, of 16 November”, approving the Codified Text of the General Law for the Protection of Consumers and Users, other complementary laws (BDW 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 CARMI, CIF: 11964976H, 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.

> LOPD

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 CARMI, C/ Candelaria Ruiz del Árbol, 3, 3º Dcha. 49016 Zamora.