

THE PORTUGUESE CAMINO to Santiago de Compostela

SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 3, 2026

Day I: Arrive in Porto, dinner and overnight, orientation

Day 2: Transfer via train to Valença, Portugal, walk to Tui, Spain, dinner and overnight

DAYS 3-10: ON THE CAMINO, BREAKFAST, DINNER, AND OVERNIGHT

Day 11: Breakfast, depart from Santiago

Two persons/couple sharing a room: \$3,295 per person (Deposit= \$823.75) Single room: \$3,800 per person (Deposit= \$950.00)

Note: Pricing Includes hotel accommodation, breakfast (Days 2-10) and Dinner (Days 1-9), Luggage transfer, transfer to valença, guidebook, wine tastings, lectures, Guide, and Support Vehicle. Pricing does not include Airfare, Passenger transfer from Porto Airport and from Santiago to other destinations, incidentals, Travel Insurance, and Alcoholic

BEVERAGES.

PRICING IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 10 PARTICIPANTS*

HOSTED BY:

The Rev. Dr, Steve Danzey. An episcopal priest from the Diocese of Olympia (Washington) currently serving in the Church of England's Diocese of Europe. In addition to serving parishes in Alabama, Texas, Illinois, and the Seattle area. He has led over two dozen trips and pilgrimages, including pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Canterbury, and the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. He and his family reside in Lisbon, Portugal







WALKING THE WAY OF ST. JAMES – THE PORTUGUESE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO COMPOSTELA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPT 24: PORTO – UPON ARRIVAL, CLEAR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION. TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL. AFTER A WELCOME PORT WINE TASTING AT 6:00PM, PILGRIMS WILL ENJOY A 3-COURSE DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

Day 2: Thursday, Sept 25: Porto, Valença, Tui (6km) – After breakfast we'll meet for orientation and then travel by Train for Valença, Portugal. After a Short Walk into tui, Spain, you can tour the town on your own or join a short walking excursion to the Cathedral. After the group dinner at a local restaurant, an optional introduction to northern Portuguese culture is offered. Overnight in Tui.

Day 3: Friday, Sept 26: Tui, Spain to O Porriño (17km) – After a light breakfast, we'll embark on the first full day of our walking pilgrimage which will take us to O Porriño. Our 11 mile journey will take us through a variety of landscapes, ending in a pleasant walk along a river into the town. Dinner and overnight in O Porriño.

Day 4: Saturday, Sept 27: O Porriño to Arcade (25km) – Today is our longest walk and we climb and descend Monte Cornedo to make our way to the pleasant river village of Arcade. Dinner and overnight in Arcade.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, SEPT 28: ARCADE TO PONTEVEDRA (12KM) – The day begins with breakfast at our hotel. Our walk will take us across two historic bridges and along farmland paths and quiet country lanes as we make our way to Pontevedra and our hotel. Dinner and Compline ends our day together.

DAY 6: MONDAY, SEPT 29: PONTEVEDRA TO CALDAS DE REIS (22KM) – After breakfast, we'll leave the hotel to begin our 13 mile walk to Caldas de Reis. This stage of the Camino is along natural pathways which take us to the outskirts of our destination town. Enjoy a brief visit to the parish church of St, Thomas a Becket or a drink at one of the cafes in the city center. Dinner and an introduction to Galician culture and foods (optional) ends our day.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, SEPT 30: CALDAS DE REIS TO PADRÓN (19KM) – TODAY WE MAKE OUR WAY TO PADRÓN, THE LEGENDARY STARTING POINT OF ST. JAMES MINISTRY IN SPAIN. OUR ROUTE TAKES US ALONG TWO RIVER VALLEYS VIA MOSTLY NATURAL PATHWAYS AND QUIET COUNTRY ROADS. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT OUR HOTEL IN PADRÓN. **DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, OCT 1: PADRÓN TO TEO (11KM)** – AFTER BREAKFAST, OUR WALK IS ONLY 7 MILES TODAY,

which gives us time to take a leisurely pace past a famous Marian shrine to our destination in Teo. Before dinner we'll celebrate the Eucharist at the site of an old roman bridge. Overnight and Dinner in Parado da Francos or nearby accommodation.

<u>Day 9: Thursday, Oct 2: Teo to Santiago (15km)</u> – Today we reach our destination, the pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela, in time for the traditional Pilgrim's Mass at the Cathedral. The afternoon is free to explore the historic city center. An optional Anglican/Episcopal Eucharist will be offered, followed by a celebration and farewell dinner.

DAY 10: FRIDAY, OCT 3: FOLLOWING BREAKFAST, WE'LL GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS TO HOME OR OTHER DESTINATIONS.

*Based on 10 persons. If group size falls below 10 persons, the cost will increase approximately 10%-20% (see terms and conditions at **www.aspirartours.com**). <u>Registration and Deposit Deadline IS</u> **Sept 1, 2025**. Beginning January 1, 2025, all payments must be made Electronically (Zelle, PayPal, Venmo, Bank Transfer).

For more information email <u>frstevedanzey@gmail.com</u>. Check out our website aspirartours.com for registration information, terms and conditions, and other offerings.

TESTIMONIAL – "There is something spiritual about putting one foot in front of the other as you walk the Camino. It gives you a chance to let your mind wander as you walk alone or the joy of meeting people from all around the world that are kind, thoughtful, engaging human beings walking through the beautiful countryside and small villages. I give Steve and Aspirar a 5+star rating!! He was well organized as I prepared for the pilgrimage, always prompt to respond to my questions. All of the logistics were taken care of, including our hotels, luggage transfers and dinners. Thanks to Steve's great organization, we were able to enjoy each day and focus on the walk. Steve is such a delightful person with a huge smile and a good heart. He really wanted his pilgrims to have the best experience and without a doubt, it was!!! " Debbie, USA—September 2024 Camino