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El Camino de Santiago

A Walking Tour in Northern Spain

April 9 - 21, 2027



Trip Highlights

Walk only selected sections of the **Camino**, one of the world's two UNESCO-recognized pilgrimage routes, from **Roncesvalles** to **Santiago de Compostela**, while staying in comfortable hotels and historic properties along the way.

Travel with the guidance of Camino specialist **Diego Lamas**, who studied in Santiago de Compostela and has led guests along the route for more than 20 years.

Explore several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that line the Camino, including the French Gothic-style **Catedral de Burgos**, with its opulent Renaissance retablo.

Take a guided look at the **Santa María de Eunate**, a 12th-century octagonal Romanesque church in Navarre, then cross the 11th-century **Puente de la Reina**, built over the Arga River where major pilgrim routes joined.

Admire some of Spain's best-preserved Romanesque wall paintings at the **Basílica de San Isidoro**, whose 12th-century **Pantheon of Kings** is known as the "Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art."

Enjoy inside looks at two rare structures that **Antoni Gaudí** built outside of Catalonia, including **Casa Botines**, which hosts a collection of 19th- and 20th-century Spanish paintings.

Join a guided stroll atop the third-century, UNESCO-listed **Muralla Romana de Lugo**, the world's only fully intact Roman wall.

Attend the pilgrims' Mass at **Catedral de Santiago de Compostela** as the **Botafumeiro**, a giant incense burner, swings across the transept.



Map of the region

Dear National Trust Traveler,

From **April 9 to 21, 2027**, join us in northern Spain to experience one of the world's great pilgrimage routes. Walk only select sections of the UNESCO-listed Camino Francés, following the route that carried pilgrims, artists, patrons, merchants, monks, and builders toward Santiago de Compostela for over 1,000 years.

With stays in comfortable hotels and historic *paradores* in **Pamplona, Laguardia, Burgos, León, Lugo, and Santiago de Compostela**, enjoy inside looks at the art and architecture built specifically for the Camino.

Tour frescoed Romanesque churches, including the **Basílica de San Isidoro** and its 12th-century **Pantheon of Kings**, the "Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art"; Gothic cathedrals, including the UNESCO-recognized **Catedral de Burgos**, with its ornately decorated chapels; and royal tombs and monasteries that show how pilgrimage changed northern Spain.

Encounter both ancient and modern Spain as well: In Lugo, walk atop the third-century **Muralla Romana**, the world's only fully intact Roman city wall. Share guided explorations of rare **Gaudí** commissions outside Catalonia: **Casa Botines**, originally designed for León textile merchants and now a museum of modern Spanish paintings, and **Palacio Episcopal de Astorga**, the bishop's palace and now home to a Camino pilgrimage museum.

Finally, in Santiago de Compostela, attend an unforgettable event: the midday pilgrim Mass at the cathedral as the **Botafumeiro**, a giant incense burner, swings above the transept.

Travel with local guide **Diego Lamas**, a Camino specialist with more than two decades of experience along the route. **On this program for active travelers, daily walks average 3.5 miles, with one day reaching 5.5 miles.** Built-in rest days allow for cultural visits and independent exploration.

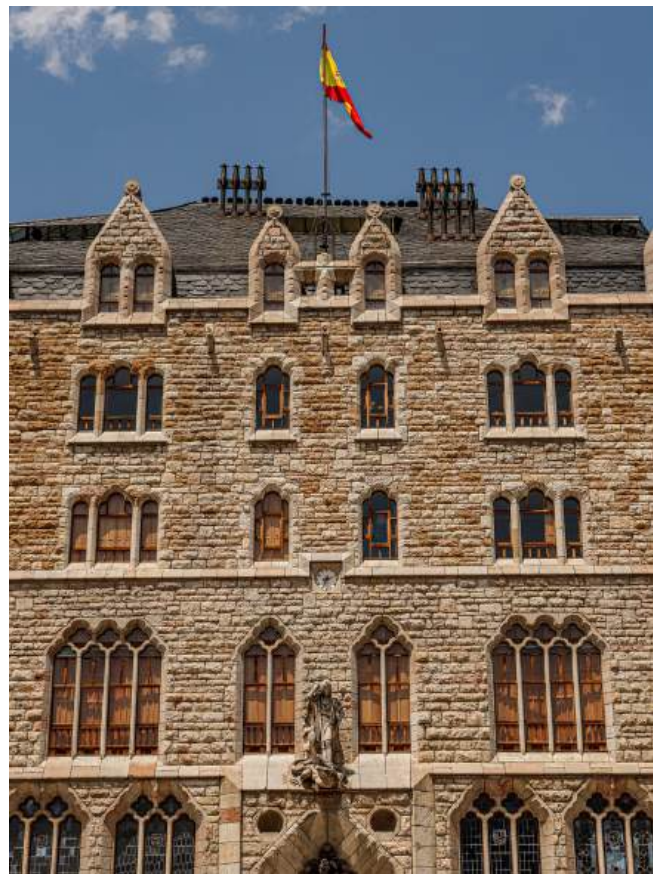
To reserve your place today, call National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785. We hope that you join this special curated walking tour through a millennium of fascinating European history.

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

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Casa Botines, León

Activity Level:
Adventurous



Pace Level:
Presto



Visit Arrangements Abroad's website for more information about Activity and Pace Levels at www.arrangementsabroad.com/faqs.



Botafumeiro, Catedral de Santiago de Compostela

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Friday, April 9:

Departure

Depart independently on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.

Saturday, April 10:

Pamplona, Spain

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Arrive in **Pamplona** and transfer to the **Hotel Tres Reyes Pamplona** overlooking Castillo Square. This evening, join fellow guests for an *apéritif* at a **festive welcome reception**.

Sunday, April 11:

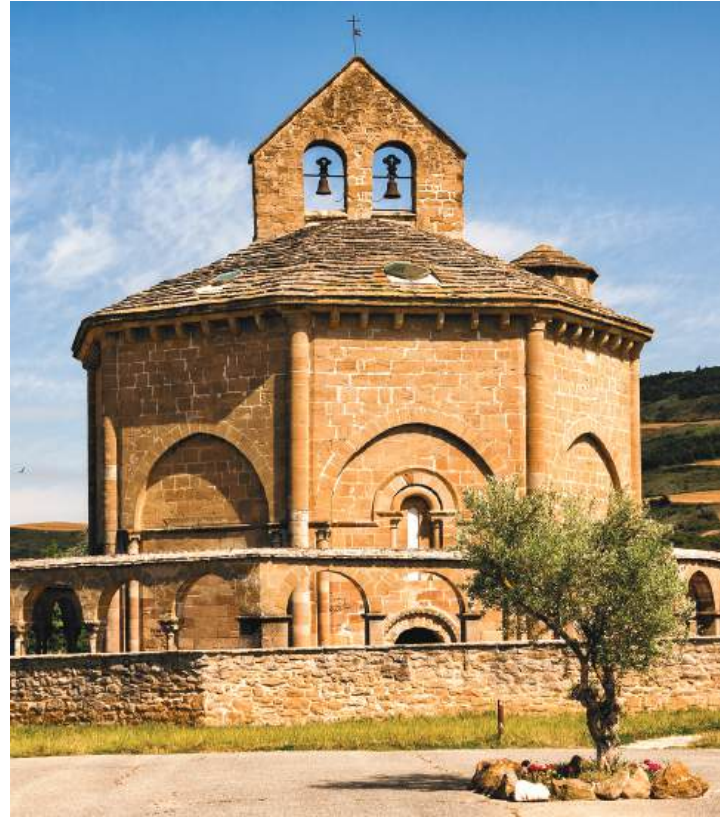
Pamplona / Roncesvalles / Pamplona

(B,L,D)

Rise for a walking tour through **Pamplona's** medieval **Old Quarter**. After lunch, drive to **Roncesvalles**, one of the main Camino entry points into Spain. Receive your *credencial*, or pilgrim passport, and walk your first stretch of the **Camino de Santiago**.



Old Quarter, Pamplona



Santa María de Eunate, Izarbe Valley

Return to **Pamplona** later this afternoon. You may opt to follow the route of the Running of the Bulls to the 19,000-seat **Plaza de Toros de Pamplona**, or stop at **Café Iruña**, frequented by Ernest Hemingway and featured in *The Sun Also Rises*. Gather this evening for a **warm welcome dinner**.

Approximate walking distance: 6.5 kilometers / 4 miles

Monday, April 12:

Pamplona / Eunate / Puente la Reina / Estella / Laguardia

(B,D)

Travel to **Santa María de Eunate**, an octagonal 12th-century Romanesque church in the **Izarbe Valley**. From there, walk along the Camino to **Puente la Reina**, where the two main pilgrimage routes meet.

Explore Puente la Reina's medieval streets and cross the Arga River over the 11th-century **Queen's Bridge**, the town's namesake. Lunch is at leisure.



Bodegas Baigorri, Samaniego

Transfer to **Estella** to visit **San Pedro de la Rúa**, known for its 12th-century cloister. Continue to **Laguardia**, the walled medieval capital of the Rioja Alavesa wine region.

Check into the **Hotel Silken Villa de Laguardia**, your home for the next two nights. Dinner is at a local restaurant, with regional cuisine and Rioja wines.

Approximate walking distance: 4.5 kilometers / 2.75 miles

Tuesday, April 13:

Laguardia / Logroño / Samaniego / Laguardia (B,L)

Transfer to the university city of **Logroño** and its **Old Quarter** for a visit to the **Concatedral de Santa María de la Redonda**. Inside, view a painting attributed to Michelangelo and carvings by Spanish Baroque sculptor Gregorio Fernández.

Continue to **Samaniego** for a guided tour and wine-pairing lunch at **Bodegas Baigorri**, a Rioja Alavesa producer known for its gravity-flow winery.

Return to Laguardia and visit the **Iglesia de Santa María de los Reyes**, known for its carved portico and hilltop setting. Walk the streets of this walled wine town, with time to enter underground cellars and taste or buy local Rioja wines. The rest of the day, including dinner, is at leisure.

Rest day (walking only for sightseeing)

Wednesday, April 14:

Laguardia / Nájera / Azofra / Santo Domingo de la Calzada / Burgos (B,L)

Depart for **Nájera**, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre, and visit **Monasterio de Santa María La Real**, the burial place of Navarrese, Castilian, and Leonese monarchs.

Walk the Camino to **Azofra**, then drive to **Santo Domingo de la Calzada** for lunch and a visit to the **Catedral de Santo Domingo de la Calzada**.

In **Burgos**, meet your local guide to see the **Cartuja de Miraflores**, a Carthusian monastery with Gil de Siloé's late-Gothic altarpiece, gilded with some of the first gold from the Americas. View the alabaster tombs of King John II and Queen Isabella of Portugal.

Check in for a two-night stay at the **Hotel NH Collection Palacio de Burgos**, with dinner at leisure.

Approximate walking distance: 5.8 kilometers / 3.6 miles

Thursday, April 15:

Burgos (B,L)

In **Burgos**, enter the UNESCO-listed **Catedral de Burgos**, begun in 1221 and known for its Gothic spires, decorated chapels, and the tomb of El Cid.

Continue to the **Monasterio de las Huelgas**, a 12th-century royal monastery and burial place of Castilian kings. Visit its museum of medieval textiles, including rare Islamic fabrics once worn by Castilian royalty.



Catedral de Burgos

After lunch, walk a Camino path through oak and pine forest toward the valley of the **Río Vena**. Dinner is at leisure.

Approximate walking distance: 6.1 kilometers / 3.8 miles

Friday, April 16:

Burgos / Calzada del Coto / Calzadilla de los Hermanillos / León (B,L,D)

Drive this morning to the small village of **Calzada del Coto** and begin a beautiful hike along this stretch of the Camino to **Calzadilla de los Hermanillos**, while basking in open countryside views.

Pause for a casual lunch of regional tapas before continuing to **León**, where you'll spend an afternoon at leisure. After checking in for a two-night stay at the **Parador de León**, enjoy a stroll to see the medieval Gothic **Palacio del Conde Luna** and the Renaissance façade of the **Casa de las Carnicerías** before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Approximate walking distance: 8.7 kilometers / 5.4 miles

Saturday, April 17:

León (B,D)

Follow the Camino within the walls of **León** to visit **Casa Botines**, Gaudí's neo-Gothic palace begun in 1891 and declared a Historic-Artistic Monument in 1969. Inside, view a Gaudí exhibition and 19th- and 20th-century paintings by Ramón Casas, Raimundo de Madrazo, Joaquín Sorolla, and Ignacio Pinazo.



Fresco painting, Pantheon of Kings Basílica de San Isidoro, León



Palacio Episcopal de Astorga

Visit the 13th-century **Catedral de León**, known for stained glass dating from the 13th through 20th centuries. Continue to **Basílica de San Isidoro**, a major Romanesque church on the Iberian Peninsula. See the **Pantheon of Kings**, known as the "Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art."

Enjoy time to walk through **León** on your own before dinner at the hotel this evening.

Approximate walking distance: 2.1 kilometers / 1.3 miles

Sunday, April 18:

León / Astorga / Ponferrada / Lugo (B,L,D)

Traverse the Camino's open **páramo**, a treeless grassland with red earth and wide views. In **Astorga**, a crossroads of major pilgrimage routes, visit Gaudí's **Palacio Episcopal de Astorga**, a late 19th- to early 20th-century neo-Gothic building that houses a museum devoted to the pilgrimage.

After lunch, continue to **Ponferrada** and tour the 12th-century **Castillo Templario**, built by the Knights Templar to protect pilgrims. The castle stands above the old quarter and houses the **Biblioteca de los Templarios**, with rare manuscripts and knightly artifacts.

Arrive in **Lugo** and walk atop the **Muralla Romana**, the world's only completely intact Roman city walls. This UNESCO World Heritage site encircles the historic center, with views of narrow streets on one side and the modern city on the other. Dine together this evening.

Approximate walking distance: 6.7 kilometers / 4.2 miles



Cape Finisterre

Monday, April 19:

Lugo / Santiago de Compostela

(B,L)

Visit Lugo's **Catedral de Santa María**, whose Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque elements reflect the cathedral's long history. Its doors stay open to pilgrims most of the time, and inside, see the lamp that burns continually before the altar.

After lunch, begin the final walk from **Monte do Gozo**, the hill where pilgrims first see the towers of Santiago's cathedral. Continue on foot into **Santiago de Compostela** with fellow pilgrims.

Check into **Hotel San Francisco Monumento**, a restored 18th-century convent with roots reaching back almost 800 years. Dinner is at leisure.

Later, you may join an optional excursion to **Cape Finisterre**, once thought to be the westernmost point of the Iberian Peninsula. Watch the sunset from the cape with a glass of Cava.

Approximate walking distance: 4.7 kilometers / 2.9 miles

Tuesday, April 20:

Santiago de Compostela

(B,D)

Walk through Santiago de Compostela's **Old Town**, a UNESCO-listed quarter that has drawn pilgrims across Europe since the Middle Ages. Along cobbled streets, see landmarks tied to the city's role as the Camino's final destination.

At noon, attend Mass at the **Catedral de Santiago de Compostela**. During the pilgrim liturgy, watch the **Botafumeiro**, the cathedral's large incense censer, swing high above the congregation. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather this evening for a **festive farewell dinner**.

Rest day (only sightseeing walking)

Wednesday, April 21:

Santiago de Compostela / Return

(B)

Following breakfast, transfer to the Santiago-Rosalía de Castro Airport early this morning for the flight home with a connection through Madrid.

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This program includes select, curated walks on the most interesting sections of the Camino route, totaling approximately 45 km. Please note that the official Certificate of Completion is reserved for pilgrims who walk 100 km or more.



Catedral de Santiago de Compostela

Accommodations

Hotel Tres Reyes Pamplona

Near Pamplona's Old Quarter, enjoy a two-night stay at this city hotel. Enjoy its lovely gardens, a seasonal pool, and a restaurant serving Navarran cooking.

Hotel Silken Villa de Laguardia

Amid the vineyards of Rioja Alavesa, spend two nights at this hotel. At your leisure, take advantage of its spa with wine and olive oil treatments, plus two restaurants.

NH Collection Palacio de Burgos

During your two-night stay inside this converted historic building along the Arlanzón River, near Burgos Cathedral, explore its 16th-century cloister, stylish rooms, restaurant, gym, and sauna.

Parador de León

Inside Hostal San Marcos, a Renaissance landmark, stay for two nights at this former convent and pilgrim hospital, which later housed the Order of Santiago.

Mercure Lugo Centro

Spend an overnight at this city hotel, which sits near Lugo's UNESCO-listed Roman walls. Enjoy its modern rooms, a garden terrace, 24-hour fitness center, and restaurant serving Galician cuisine.

San Francisco Hotel Monumento, Santiago de Compostela

Near the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, savor the last two nights of your Camino journey at this former 18th-century Franciscan convent, which features beautiful gardens, a heated pool, and a Jacuzzi in the former laundry.



Parador de León

RESERVATION INFORMATION

To secure your cabin, please call
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A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required
(of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for
administrative fees).



Walkers on the Camino trail

Program Rate
\$9,999 per person, double rate
\$10,999 single rate

Rate Includes

- 11 nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner).
- Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at all included lunches and dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE: International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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