

Coastal Portuguese Camino Guided Walking Tour 2026



Vigo to Santiago de Compostela

5 Walking Days 103 km

April 22nd to April 29th, 2026.

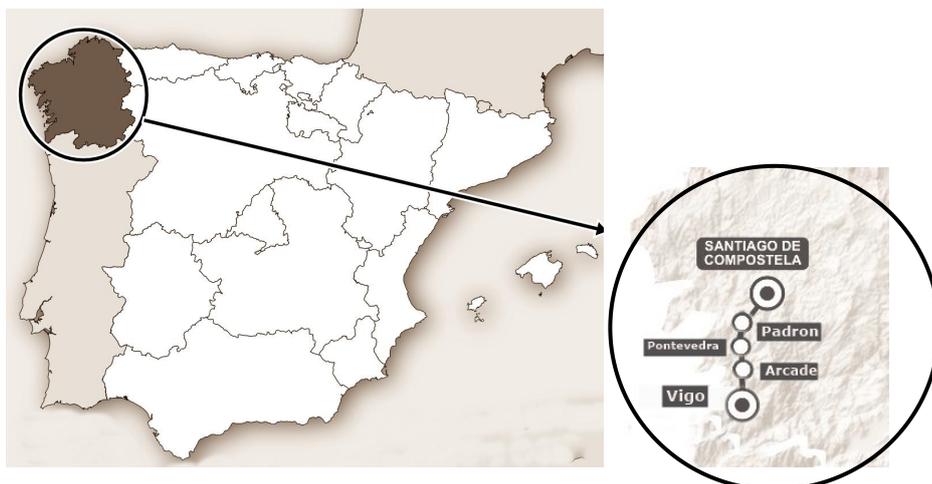
8 days/7 nights

Introduction

The final section of the Portuguese Coastal Camino follows a beautiful trail from the seaside town of Vigo to wonderful Santiago de Compostela. Enjoy great views of the Atlantic shoreline, distant Islas Cies and sheltered waters of the Vigo Estuary as you walk along the opening stage. The Portuguese Coastal Camino then converges with the original Portuguese Camino in the town of Redondela and continues through sloping forested valleys and clustered Galician farmsteads. The fishing village of Arcade awaits, as does the magnificent historic city of Pontevedra, the spa town of Caldas de Reis, the symbolic settlement of Padron and, finally, wonderful Santiago de Compostela where you can get your Pilgrim's Certificate, or Compostela.

Highlights

- Winding our way through the beautiful Galician landscape dotted with charming villages
- Finding out about the many historic churches and monasteries along the way
- Soaking up the Camino's unique atmosphere of friendship and solidarity
- Reflecting on our journey in the famous Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela



Itinerary

April 22nd Arrival to Porto's Airport.

Vigo, Spain's westernmost city and the largest city in Galicia is a vibrant and fascinating blend of styles. The spectacular Vigo Estuary, the southernmost and deepest of the Rias Baixas, is the city's lifeblood, and visitors can enjoy the splendid views it offers from almost any point in the city. An evening stroll along the boardwalk in Samil Beach, followed by dinner will set you up nicely for the walk ahead.

Overnight: Vigo

April 23rd **WALK.** Vigo – Arcade (24 km)

A chance to enjoy panoramic views of Vigo Estuary, Rande Bridge and the islands of San Simón and San Antón. At Redondela, the coastal Portuguese Camino joins the original inland route. You finally arrive at Arcade, where you can taste the oysters for which the town is famous or relax by the historic Sampaio Bridge over the River Verdugo.

Overnight: Arcade

April 24th **WALK.** Arcade - Pontevedra (12 km)

Set off through old narrow alleyways before entering lush forest and sloping cropfields. This is a short stage that ends in the city of Pontevedra, which boasts a beautiful old quarter characterised by charming streets, secluded plazas and such historic buildings as the symbolic Church of La Peregrina (Pilgrim Virgin).

Overnight: Pontevedra

April 25th **WALK.** Pontevedra – Caldas de Reis (23 km)

Walk along paved roads and trails through forests, small farmsteads and vineyards. Encounter bridges over streams and stone crosses until you get to the town of Caldas de Rei, where the Umia and Bermaña rivers meet, also known for its hot springs

Overnight: Caldas de Reis

April 26th **WALK.** Caldas de Reis – Padrón (19 km)

Today's trail meanders northward through a typical landscape of villages, cultivated fields and wooded valleys. You finish in Padrón where, according to tradition, the disciples of Saint James landed ashore with the Apostle's remains. Don't leave without trying the tasty peppers for which the town is famous.

Overnight: Padrón

April 27th **WALK.** Padrón – Santiago de Compostela (25 km)

Today you trace the original journey of Saint James' followers as they transported the Apostle's body from their landing site in Padrón to the site of his burial at Campus Stellae (Compostela). Hike through clustered villages and farms until you get to the outskirts of Santiago de Compostela. Enjoy the thrill of arriving in bustling Obradoiro Square where the famous Cathedral is located.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

April 28th Free day in Santiago de Compostela

Time to relax and enjoy all the things this wonderful city has to offer. Some like to reflect on their journey in the magnificent Cathedral, where they can also visit the shrine containing the relics of the Apostle Saint James. Others may choose to explore the narrow cobbled streets of the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or kick back in a terraza with fellow pilgrims. The vibrancy and beauty of Santiago is a fitting reward for all that walking.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

April 29th Transfer to Porto Airport . Flight back home

Price

€975 per person sharing	Single Supplement €225
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Price based on minimum of 15 people. Booking Subject to Availability
Prices might change during peak times of Easter Week or August

What's Included

- . 7 nights' en suite hotel accommodation
- . Breakfast every day
- . Evening dinners the first 5 nights
- . All Private Transfers
- . Daily luggage transfer (1 bag per person)
- . Pilgrim passport and shell
- . Detailed information prior to start
- . Experienced guiding services
- . Pilgrim Certificate (Compostela)

Optional Extras:

- . Flights and travel insurance

Bookings

Once you have decided to travel, it is then time to book your flights. Once your flights are booked, we will arrange all the services provided in your Camino package.

Our agent will then contact you to explain our straightforward booking process.

All bookings are handled by J. Barter Travel, a fully licensed and bonded travel agent (License no. TA 0720).

- . A deposit of €150 per person is required to confirm booking

The following cancellation charges apply:

Period before Departure	Cancellation Fee Per Person
120-70 days	Loss of Deposit
69-45 days	50% of total cost
44-31 days	75% of total cost
30 days or less	100% of total cost

About CaminoByTheWay

- We have led groups comprising people of **all ages**, from adolescence right up to late seventies. So far everyone who has ever walked the Camino with us has arrived safely in Santiago de Compostela. We are very proud of that fact.
- While initially a walk of over 20km may seem daunting, it is important to remember that nobody is expected to complete a day's walk in one go. We split our walks into two carefully selected **breaks**, where people can relax, grab a tea or coffee, or catch up with the rest of the group. For longer distances, we incorporate a third stop for lunch into our stage. It is worth noting that it is common to have a stage completed by lunchtime, thus giving pilgrims an opportunity to explore the town in which they are staying that evening.
- **Our record.** We have many years' experience of guiding walking groups of all sizes along the Camino and other hiking trails. These include national charities such as the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Irish Hospice Foundation and Diabetes Ireland, as well as diocesan groups, hillwalking clubs and schools such as St Angela's College, Cork.
- **Our guiding method.** Our system is simple, efficient and designed to make sure everyone is monitored and escorted safely along the correct path. There is always a guide in front of the group and another at the back. We are in constant contact with each other to assess the group's progress, energy levels and general well-being.
- In the event of a walker getting into difficulty, we have a **strict safety response protocol** designed to ensure that the person in question is treated quickly and correctly. Rest assured that professional medical attention is never far away on the Camino.
- Camino guides also take care of all post-walking **logistics** such as coordinating hotel check-ins, assisting at evening meals, etc.
- After breakfast, we have a **clinic** to treat the most common ailment to befall a Camino pilgrim—namely, blisters. Having guided groups for many years, we are well used to attending to these and other minor walking-related injuries such as cramps or soreness.
- In addition to navigation and safety concerns, we are responsible for creating a sense of **solidarity and generosity** among a group—in keeping not only with the true spirit of the Camino de Santiago, but also with the philosophy of our company.
- **CaminoByTheWay** operates in partnership with **J. Barter Travel**, 92 Patrick Street, Cork, Ireland..