



Total Sun Eclipse and Finisterre's Sunset

Finisterre Camino to Santiago de Compostela

4 Walking Days. 76 km

August 10th - August 17th, 2026

Introduction

The Camino Finisterre to Santiago [Reverse] or Camino de Fisterra is a unique route traditionally starting in Santiago. However, in this route we have the option to start in Finisterre, believed to be the 'Edge of the World', and finishing up in Santiago de Compostela. This trail takes pilgrims east from the stunning Atlantic coast of Galicia. What makes this route particularly impressive is the prominent role played by the Atlantic Ocean and the beautiful Galician coastline. Four years ago the Cathedral of Santiago made the reverse route official which allow us to obtain the Pilgrim Certificate (Compostela)

This Camino route pre-dates Christianity, as pagans would head to mythical Cape Fisterra on the Costa da Morte (Coast of Death) where they believed the sun died and the worlds of the dead and the living became closer. Prayers would be said and offerings would be made to please the gods. It was a place rich in pagan rites, myths and legends. Fisterra is also believed to be the location of Ara Solis, a magical place and altar dedicated to the dying sun

A total solar eclipse will occur on August 12, 2026, and Finisterre will be one of the best places in the world to view it.

To celebrate this event, we have customized our popular Finisterre Route so that our clients can enjoy the solar eclipse and, later, the **famous sunset** from a boat.

We will depart from the port of Finisterre at 19:30. The totality phase will begin around 20:28-20:30 p.m. and it will last just under two minutes.

Once the sun rises again after the total eclipse, we will continue sailing, enjoying wine and tapas, until we reach Cape Finisterre, where we can admire the famous sunset from the ocean at 21:44 p.m.

Highlights

- Experiencing the unique opportunity to witness two of nature's most spectacular phenomena from the ocean: a **Total Solar Eclipse and the famous Finisterre's Sunset**
- Walking through the beautiful and unspoilt Galician landscape
- Encountering wonderful historical sites such as the medieval bridge in Ponte Maceira or the Romanesque Church of Santa Maria das Areas in Finisterre
- Sampling some of Spain's tastiest seafood dishes



Itinerary

10/08 **Arrival to Finisterre** [Transfer to our hotel in Finisterre from Santiago Airport \(2 hours\)](#)

Time to relax and visit the fishing village of Finisterre before heading to Finisterre's Cape (4 km walk and back) and wait for the sunset, one of the most emblematic rituals for any pilgrim who arrive in Finisterre and part of Galician Celtic Culture.

Dinner and first night in Finisterre

11/08 **Free day in Finisterre.**

On our free day in Finisterre we recommend going for a loop walk along the cliffs (10 kms) ending in Langosteira's Beach, one of the longest and most beautiful beaches in Galicia and just 1 km away from our hotel.

Dinner and second night in Finisterre

12/08 **Walk FINISTERRE to CEE. 13 km. Total Sun Eclipse and Sunset from our Boat**

Short and flat stage along the coast, beautiful beaches, cliffs and coves of the bay. The coastal town of Cee is our stop for today. [Transfer back to Finisterre \(15 minutes\)](#).

2-hour boat trip in Finisterre Bay to watch the **total sun eclipse and the sunset** from the boat where we can taste some wine and tapas on board.

Dinner and third night in Finisterre

13/08 **Walk CEE to OLVEIROA. 22 km**

[Transfer to Cee \(15 minutes\)](#). We start on the coast to gradually walk inland through beautiful oak and eucalyptus forests, demanding terrain but with spectacular views of the coast. As we climb Monte Aro, we will enjoy great views of Fervenza's dam before we enter the wild Serra de Castelo and the Xallas valley. Small hills and green pastures welcome us on our way. [Transfer to Negreira \(25 minutes\)](#).

Dinner and first night in Negreira

14/08 **Walk SANTA MARIÑA to NEGREIRA 20 km**

[Early transfer to Santa Mariña \(15 minutes\)](#). We will come across bucolic green landscapes dotted with pastures and small villages. River Xallas Valley offers some fine examples of Galician pastoral architecture.

Dinner and second night in Negreira

15/08 **Walk NEGREIRA to SANTIAGO 21 km**

Our last and always special stage is our arrival in Santiago. Explore Santiago's UNESCO-listed old town and its wonders after you have embarked on your journey from the 'End of the World'!

You will finish your walk from Fisterra at the Praza do Obradoiro, home to Santiago's Cathedral. Along today's section of the Camino, you will walk past small villages and cross ancient Roman bridges.

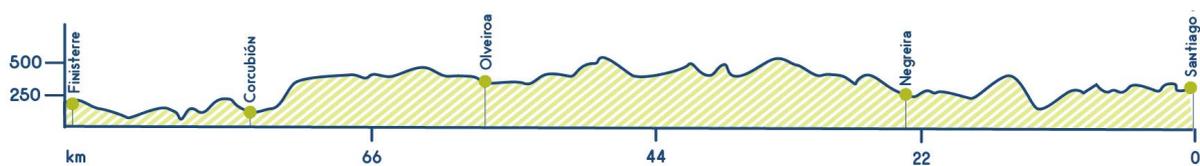
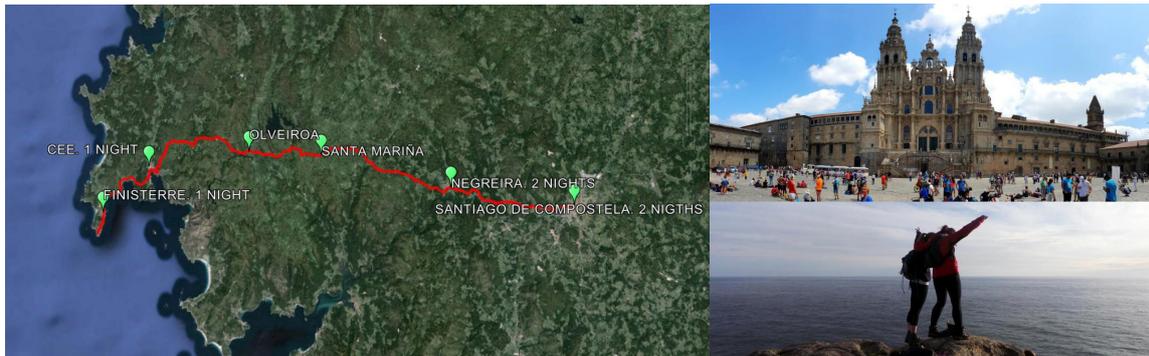
First night in Santiago de Compostela and Compostela Ceremony

16/08 **Free day in Santiago**

Time to relax and enjoy all the things this wonderful city has to offer. You may like to reflect on your journey in the magnificent Cathedral, where you can also visit the shrine containing the relics of the Apostle Saint James. Exploring the narrow cobbled streets of the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, sampling some local dishes, and kicking back in a terraza are other popular activities, not to mention a fitting reward for all that walking.

Second night in Santiago de Compostela

17/08 **Flight back home**



Price

Per Person Sharing (double or triple room)	Single Supplement
€1225	€295

Booking Subject to Availability

Notes about bookings: Once you have decided to travel, it is then time to book your flights. Once your flights are secured, we will book all the services provided in your Camino package. A deposit of €150 per person is required to confirm booking. Balance of payment is due ten weeks before date of departure.

Following cancellation fees apply:

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

In this case, the deadline for cancellation would be 120 days before departure (no cancellation fee). If cancellation falls within 120 days before departure, I'm afraid you would lose the €150 deposit

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What's included

- . En suite hotel accommodation
- . Breakfast every day and first 5 evening dinners
- . All private transfers
- . Daily luggage transfers (One bag per person, Max 20 kg)
- . 2-hour boat trip through Finisterre Bay
- . Pilgrim passport and shell
- . Guiding service
- . Comprehensive information on all aspects of your itinerary
- . **Flights not included**
- . **Travel insurance can be added to this package for an extra of around €25pp**

About CaminoByTheWay

- We have led groups comprising people of **all ages**, from adolescence 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..