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EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

APRIL 17 TO 29, 2015

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Sunday, April 19  Attend a morning lecture before embarking on a walking tour of Pamplona’s Old Quarter. After lunch, drive to Roncesvalles, one of the main entrances to Spain for the St. James Way. Each traveler will receive a credencial (pilgrim passport) to mark the route. The group’s first walk is from Albergue to Espinal across the fertile plans of the Rio Ebro. Return to Pamplona for dinner at a local restaurant.
Approximate walking distance 4 miles

PAMPLONA | LAGUARDIA

Monday, April 20  Travel by coach to the Romanesque Church of Santa Maria de Eunate, one of the jewels of the Camino. From here, walk a short distance on the Camino to Puente La Reina, a medieval town where the two main routes on the Pilgrim’s Way converge. There will be time to explore the town and enjoy lunch on your own. Then drive to Estella to see the Palace of the Kings of Navarre and San Pedro de la Rúa with its beautiful 12th-century cloister. Continue to Laguardia, the historic capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region. The hotel Villa de Laguardia will be home for the next two nights. Dinner is at a local restaurant, featuring regional cuisine and wines. Approximate walking distance 2.75 miles

DEPART U.S.

Friday, April 17  Depart home independently on an overnight flight to Pamplona, via Madrid.

PAMPLONA

Saturday, April 18  Arrive this morning in Madrid and connect with the flight to Pamplona. Transfer to the five-star Gran Hotel La Perla, where Ernest Hemingway stayed when he wrote The Sun Also Rises. This evening gather for welcome remarks by Professor Fleming, followed by dinner.

Countryside near Pamplona

San Pedro de la Rúa, Estella

Pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago
LAGUARDIA | LOGRONO

Tuesday, April 21 Following a morning lecture, drive to the lively university city of Logroño to see its Old Quarter and the cathedral that boasts a painting by Michelangelo. Lunch is at Bodegas Baigorri where Rioja Alavesa is produced. Return to Laguardia, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

LAGUARDIA | BURGOS

Wednesday, April 22 Depart for Nájera, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre, to visit the Monasterio Santa María de la Real, the burial place of many of the kings, queens, and knights of Navarre. Continue walking the Camino to Azofra, then drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada for lunch and a visit to the historic cathedral and Pilgrims’ Hospital, declared a National Historic Interest Site. In Burgos, visit Las Huelgas Monastery where the Museo de Ricas Telas houses the unique Codex Las Huelgas, a famous music manuscript from 1300. Check in at Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, home for the next two nights. Dinner is at the hotel.

BURGOS

Thursday, April 23 This morning discover Burgos Cathedral, the largest in Spain, and visit the Gothic-style monastery Cartuja de Miraflores with its trio of sculptures by Gil de Siloé. Drive to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture, and experience a Gregorian chant performed by the monks of Silos. After a picnic lunch, walk along a delightful Camino path through an oak and pine forest leading to the peaceful valley of the Río Vena. Return to Burgos for dinner at the nearby Meson del Cid.

BURGOS

Friday, April 24 Drive this morning to the village of Calzado de Coto to begin a beautiful hike along this stretch of the Camino to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After a short refreshment break at a popular pilgrim restaurant, continue to León. Enjoy lunch at the splendid Parador de Leon San Marcos before checking into this architectural gem. The afternoon is at leisure. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Approximate walking distance 5.4 miles

LEON

Saturday, April 25 Today, follow the Camino within the walls of León to view Antoni Gaudí’s architectural masterpiece, the neo-Gothic palace Casa de Botines, and the soaring 13th-century cathedral. Then see the Basilica of San Isidoro, the most important Romanesque church on the Iberian Peninsula. Lunch is at a famous local restaurant, followed by the remainder of the day at leisure in León.

LEON | VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO

Sunday, April 26 A morning journey on the Camino ventures into the glorious open countryside of the páramo with its rich red earth. Then drive to Astorga, whose legacy is the result of its location at the crossroads of several major pilgrim routes. Admire Gaudí’s Bishop’s Palace before lunch. Continue to Ponferrada and the Castillo de los Templarios, the magnificent 12th-century Templar castle. Stroll on the Camino as it winds past other sights within medieval Ponferrada. Dinner and overnight are at the Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo.

Approximate walking distance 4.2 miles
Monday, April 27  See the historic sights of Villafranca del Bierzo before driving to Monte Do Gozo for lunch. The spires of the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela will be visible. Join other pilgrims walking the last few miles of the Camino and check-in at the renowned Hostal dos Reis Católicos. Later, an excursion is arranged to “the end of the earth” at Cape Finisterre, once thought to be the westernmost point on the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy the sunset from the Cape with a glass of Cava. Approximate walking distance 4.7 miles

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Tuesday, April 28  A morning walking tour includes this historic town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Complete the pilgrim experience at noon mass, where the famous Botafumeiro ritual will be performed specifically for the group. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner in the luxurious dining room of the hostal.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA | U.S.

Wednesday, April 29  Depart for the airport and return flights home, via Madrid.

PROGRAM RATE PER PERSON $7,495
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $975
RATE INCLUDES

- Eleven nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Buffet breakfast daily, eight lunches, and eight dinners with coffee / tea and local wine
- Escorted sightseeing with English-speaking guide, touring via private coach, and Camino walking tours
- Airport / hotel group transfers for all participants on suggested group flights
- Basic medical and evacuation insurance; taxes, service and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not Included in Rate  Passport fees; personal expenses; trip insurance; transfers for those not on suggested group flights; alcoholic beverages at meals other than local wine at lunches and dinners; any other items not mentioned as included.

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