Camino de Santiago
August 23 - September 4, 2019
$7,599 per person, double occupancy • $1,100 single supplement

Walk in the footsteps of St. James on this exclusive Princeton program, balancing hikes along the Camino with time to explore the art and architecture of medieval towns and some of Spain’s most impressive cathedrals.

From your starting point in Pamplona, you’ll stop in Laguardia, Burgos, León and Villafranca del Bierzo before culminating your journey in Santiago de Compostela, host to centuries of pilgrims seeking the tomb of St. James.

Highlights
- Burgos Cathedral, the largest church in Spain
- Antoni Gaudi’s neo-Gothic masterpiece, Casa de Botines
- The regional wine and cuisine of Laguardia, historic capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region
- The Basilica of San Isidoro, the most important Romanesque church of the Iberian Peninsula
- The Botafumeiro ritual, performed specially for our group

Jessica Delgado, Assistant Professor of Religion and specialist in Latin American history and the Catholic Church in colonial society, will bring a new dimension to this spiritual journey.

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Itinerary at a Glance:

**Friday, August 23 DEPARTURE**
Depart on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.

**Saturday, August 24 MADRID / PAMPLONA, SPAIN**
Arrive in Pamplona in the late afternoon and transfer to the Gran Hotel La Perla centrally located near Castillo Square. This evening gather with fellow travelers and your study leader for an aperitif followed by dinner. **R,D**

**Sunday, August 25 PAMPLONA**
Attend a morning lecture before a walking tour of Pamplona’s Old Quarter. After lunch, drive to Roncesvalles, one of the main entrances in Spain for the Way of St. James. Each traveler will receive a *credencial* (pilgrim passport) to mark their route. Our first walk on the trail is from Albergue to Espinal across the fertile plans of the Río Ebro. Return to Pamplona, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Approximate walking distance: 4 miles. **B,L**

**Monday, August 26 PAMPLONA / LAGUARDIA**
Depart for the Romanesque church of Santa María de Eunate, one of the jewels of the Camino. From there, walk a short distance to Puente La Reina, a medieval town where two main pilgrim routes 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 and check in to the Hotel Villa de Laguardia. Dinner is at a local restaurant, featuring regional cuisine and wines. Approximate walking distance: 2.75 miles. **B,D**

**Tuesday, August 27 LAGUARDIA**
Following a morning lecture, drive to the lively university city of Logroño to see its lovely Old Quarter and the cathedral that boasts a painting by Michelangelo. Enjoy lunch at Bodegas Baigorri, where Rioja Alavesa is produced, before returning to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Rest day (only sightseeing walking) **B,L**

**Wednesday, August 28 LAGUARDIA / BURGOS**
Depart for Nájera, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre. Visits include the Monasterio Santa María de la Real, the burial place of many of the kings, queens, and knights of Navarre. Continue on the Camino to Azofra, then drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada for lunch and a visit to the cathedral and Pilgrims’ Hospital, declared a National Historic Interest Site. In Burgos, visit the Gothic abbey of La Cartuja de Miraflores. Check in at Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, our home for the next two nights. Dinner is at leisure. Approximate walking distance: 3.6 miles. **B,L**

**Thursday, August 29 BURGOS**
This morning discover sumptuous Burgos Cathedral, the largest church in Spain and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View its richly decorated chapels and the cloister. Then drive to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture, and experience a Gregorian chant performed by the world-famous monks of Silos. Afterwards, walk along a delightful Camino path through an oak and pine forest leading to the peaceful valley of the Río Vena. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Approximate walking distance: 3.8 miles. **B,D**
Friday, August 30 BURGOS / LÉON
A morning drive takes us to the little village of Calzada del Coto to start a beautiful hike along this stretch of the Camino to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After a tapas buffet lunch at a popular pilgrim restaurant, continue to León. Check in to the Hotel Silken Luis de León. The afternoon is at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant. 
Approximate walking distance: 5.4 miles. B,L,D

Saturday, August 31 LEÓN
Today, follow the Camino within the walls of León to discover Antoni Gaudi’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 of the Iberian Peninsula. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Approximate walking distance: 1.3 miles. B,L

Sunday, September 1 LEÓN / VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO
Your morning journey on the Camino leads from León into the glorious open countryside of the páramo. Then, drive to Astorga, whose historic legacy is the result of its location at the crossroads of several major pilgrim routes. Admire Gaudi’s Bishop's Palace before lunch. Continue to Ponferrada and the magnificent 12th-century Templar castle. Stroll on the Camino as it winds within the medieval section of Ponferrada. Dinner and overnight are at the Parador of Villafranca del Bierzo.
Approximate walking distance: 4.2 miles. B,L,D

Monday, September 2 VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
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 as you join other pilgrims walking the last few miles of the Camino. Check in to the Parador de Santiago in the heart of the city. Later, an optional 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: 2.9 miles. B,L

Tuesday, September 3 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
A morning walking tour includes the highlights of this historic town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Complete the pilgrim experience at noon Mass, where the famous Botafumeiro ritual will be performed specially for our group. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather tonight for our farewell dinner. B,D

Wednesday, September 4 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / RETURN
Depart the hotel early this morning for the flight home.
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