

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

- The Coastal Route

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS | 12 June 2024



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DAY 1: 12 JUNE 2024

Welcome to Porto (2 nights)

A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues dot the city of Porto, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. You'll savour a typical meal with local aperitifs and wines and hear beautiful, traditional Fado singing, an expressive musical art more than 200 years old.

Meal(s): Welcome Dinner.

Hotel(s): Pousado do Porto Rua Das Flores or similar

DAY 2: 13 JUNE 2024

Porto sightseeing

Meet your Local Expert today who will show us the highlights including the Ribeira district, the incredible mosaics in Sao Bento train station, a visit to Livraria Lello (subject to availability) and Porto Cathedral, concluding at Sandeman's for a port tasting. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 3: 14 JUNE 2024

Porto to Sanxenxo (7 nights)

We have a late start today and head to Vigo, one of the largest and most important fishing ports in all of Europe. Also, it is possible to get the Pilgrim Certificate if you start the Camino from Vigo as it is the starting point of the last 100 km of the Portuguese Coastal Way. This evening have an early dinner before enjoying the rest of the night free.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.

Hotel(s): Gran Talaso Hotel

DAY 4: 15 JUNE 2024

Vigo to Redondela (15KM - 9.3miles pilgrimage

walk)

Our day starts in Vigo by walking through a series of villages as you climb steadily to the Chan das Pipas pine forest. Views of the Ria de Vigo estuary accompany your descent into Redondela, famous for its two viaducts and church of St. James.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 5: 16 JUNE 2024

Redondela to Arcade (8KM - 4.97miles pilgrimage walk)

The Redondela to Arcade route is the shortest walking day of your Camino, leaving you with ample time to enjoy the coast.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 6: 17 JUNE 2024

Acarde to Pontevedra (12KM - 7.45miles pilgrimage walk)

Along today's route we will cross the River Verdugo in Ponte Sampaio. On this bridge is where Napoleon's army suffered their greatest defeat in Galicia. From Ponte Sampaio we will continue on our way along a paved road that will take us to the Church of Santa Maria, built in the 13th century.

From here we can take in breathtaking views of the Bay of Vigo while en route to Pontevedra.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 7: 18 JUNE 2024

Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis (22KM - 13.67miles pilgrimage walk)

Once we leave Pontevedra, the route will take us through pine and eucalyptus tree forests until we reach the town of

Ponte Cabras, where we recommend visiting the parish house of Santa Maria de Alba. In Lombo da Maceira we can also visit a famous statue of Saint James the pilgrim with his walking stick showing him the way. Before reaching Caldas de Reis we will cross through Tivo, famous for its beautiful fountain and public washhouse.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner at the hotel.

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DAY 8: 19 JUNE 2024

Caldas de Reis to Padron (18KM - 11.18miles pilgrimage walk)

After leaving Caldas de Reis, we will come across the River Umia. The town of Caldas de Reis has been famous since Roman times for its hot springs. We will continue our route through forests then walk uphill to the village of Santa Marina.

Once we've reached the town, we will begin the descent until we cross the River Fontenlo, ultimately ending up in the town of Padron. Legend has it that when the body of Santiago was transported to Compostela by boat, Padron was the first place where it landed.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 9: 20 JUNE 2024

Padron to Teo (12KM - 7.45miles pilgrimage walk)

Our route from Padron to Teo (via the Romanesque church at Iria Flavia) takes us across the train tracks to see an entirely different style of religious architecture at the Marian church in A Esclavitud.

From there, there are more small villages before you get to Parada de Francos, a pretty village with an elaborately carved 14th century stone cross, one of the oldest in Galicia.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

DAY 10: 21 JUNE 2024

Teo to Santiago de Compostela (13KM - 8.07miles pilgrimage walk)

Our route from Teo to Santiago de Compostela will pass through an attractive wooded area to ease the gentle climb to the town of Milladoiro.

We will see many crosses all along the route as we continue on our way. From Agros dos Monteiros we can see the Cathedral of Compostela towers. We will then walk by the ruined Castle of A Rocha Vella as we approach Santiago de Compostela.

Once we arrive in Santiago, we will have the chance to admire its rich local architecture and let ourselves be captivated by its old quarter, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We should make sure to arrive to Santiago in time to participate in the Pilgrim's Mass.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): NH Collections Hotel Santiago de Compostela (1 night)

DAY 11: 22 JUNE 2024

Santiago de Compostela to Douro Valley (1 night)

This morning join a Local Expert in Santiago de Compostela who will share insights into the 'Way of Saint James' and explain why thousands of people attempt the life-changing pilgrimage annually. Visit the vast Cathedral, reputed to be the final resting place of Saint James the Great, and the Praza do Obradoiro, a square dominated by four architectural styles. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table Dinner, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a port wine tasting.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Douro Palace Hotel Resort and Spa or similar

DAY 12: 23 JUNE 2024

Douro Valley to Porto (1 night)

Journey to Guimarões to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cosy squares.

Next, continue on to Porto, Portugal's second city, a World Heritage town and where Portugal originates. This evening you'll join your Travel Director to see the pastel-painted houses in Porto's Ribeira district before cruising on a traditional Rabelo boat and finishing off the evening with a Portuguese dinner in the comfort of your riverside restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Celebration Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Pousado do Porto Rua Das Flores or similar

DAY 13: 24 JUNE 2024

Depart Porto

After breakfast, take your complementary group transfer to the Porto airport for your onward flight home.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Orientation of Porto and Santiago de Compostela with a Local Expert.
- Port tasting in Porto.
- Visit Livraria Lello and Porto Cathedral.
- Attend Pilgrim's Mass in Santiago de Compostela.
- Visit the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.



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