

A Slow Camino: Food & Walking Adventure on Coastal Portuguese Way to Santiago de Compostela



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Porto

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Price from:
2480.00 euros

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Highlights

- Walk the most scenic portions of the **Coastal Way to Santiago**
- A more **slow-paced walk** with rest days in between for **foodie activities**
- **Camino Expert Guide** for the duration of the trip
- **Luxury Transportation** with Driver whenever you want to take a break from walking

General Overview

Country: Portugal
Region: Northern Portugal
City: Porto
Duration: 12 Days / 11 Nights

Type:
Theme: Food, Wine Tours and Cultural Adventures
Group Size: 2 - 16 People
Price from: 2480 €

Introduction

You're going to be walking on the beautiful **Portuguese Coastal Way** tackling the last 150 km of it from Oia to Santiago de Compostela. As well as enjoying beautiful coastal and typical Galician countryside scenery you'll be sampling the local gastronomy with an experienced, locally-based English speaking Camino and food guide. Discover the wild Atlantic coast and its beaches and the Rias Baixas estuaries along with the seafood and local wine from the region. Stay in pretty coastal fishing resorts and beautiful country retreats and expect to be spoilt on your adventure. Your luggage will be transported between hotels and you will have your own chauffeur on call for you in case you need transport back to the hotel.

Some of the highlights include at the start where we commence the Camino from **Oia Monastery** where Sir Thomas Becket stayed in 1167. You'll get a special tour of the monastery from the inside (as it's closed to the general public). The first stage of the walk which follows the stunning coastline takes you to **Baiona** where the mayor will be waiting to offer an official welcome. In the evening your experienced and passionate guide will take you on his favourite tapas tour. The following day involves more walking along the coast passing golden sandy beaches before arriving in the city of **Vigo** where you will visit its Sea Museum. After another beautiful days walk through dense woodland and cascading mini waterfalls following Vigo estuary you will get to Redondela where the Camino joins the main central Portuguese Way where you will meet a lot more pilgrims who've travelled from Lisbon or Porto.

When you get to the beautiful city of **Pontevedra** with the most impressive Old Town in Galicia after Santiago you're in for another treat tasting the local shellfish with a local fisherman and seafood restaurant owner who will even take you to the local market to help you select your lunch! Then after another nice walk between vines, you will get to **Caldas de Rei** where you will be staying in a beautiful old manor house in extensive grounds. You will have time to go for a bathe in the local thermal waters. After passing **Padron** you'll be in for one of the highlights of your trip a special guided visit of **Pazo de Faramello with** the owner, Gonzalo, of one of the most important Manor Houses in the whole of Galicia.

The final stage of your walk sees you get to the majestic UNESCO heritage site **Santiago de Compostela Cathedral** and its square where your walk finishes. Steep yourself in its history and visit the remains of Saint James in the crypt and celebrate your achievement as have your fellow pilgrims since medieval times. It will be an unforgettable experience you will forever cherish.

DAY 1:**PORTO AIRPORT - BAIONA**

- You will be picked up today from Porto Airport, Train Station or hotel by our English-Speaking Chauffeur.
- You will be transferred by highway up to Baiona in Galicia (Driving time 1hr45mins-2hrs. approx.) (NOTE: If you arrive early enjoy and would like to start touring/walking today you could add on our coast walk and winery tour from Valença do Minho, see **Tour Add-ons** for details)
- Drop off at hotel for check in
- Dinner on your own best to eat at the restaurant of the parador
- Overnight in Baiona

DAY 2:**BAIONA - OIA - BAIONA**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning.
- You will be given a daily walking schedule by our guide and your Pilgrims Credentials.
- You will be transferred down to Oia
- Here you will take a look at the Monastery of Oia (NOTE: It is closed to the public but our guide might be able to get us in to see the inside of the Monastery, which is privately owned)
- Then you will walk the coast route depending on how much you want to **walk you could do 16kms approx.** and there is a choice at one point to go along the bike path to Baiona or over a hill range through a trail which spectacular views and through the village of Baredo. The 2nd option is a bit more up hill but better views.
- For lunch during the day our guide will recommend the best stop for lunch along the way.
- Upon arrival to Baiona you will stop to learn a bit about the discover of America, when La Pinta arrived near the Playa de America.
- Since our guide has done a lot to promote Baiona and the Coastal Camino way, the Mayor of the town would like to meet and welcome you to Baiona, and would like to give you each a gift to remember your trip.
- Then you will have time to relax in your hotel
- **07:30PM:** Then our Camino Specialist Guide who is also a local food expert will meet you and take you on a food tour of the old quarter of Baiona for Dinner visit 2 or 3 spots for local food, plus will explain to you what you will do over the next days on the Camino Portuguese along the coast.
- Overnight in Baiona

B, D**DAY 3:****BAIONA - SAMIL - VIGO**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur-Minivan will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will be given a daily walking schedule by our guide
- You will start today walking along the bay area of Baiona toward the Playa de America and our guide will take you a picturesque part of the trail.
- Today it will be **about 16kms of walking** again since you will have the chauffeur-minivan at your disposition for the 6hrs during the day you could stop at any time if needed.
- During the day our guide will recommend where you can get some lunch in a local restaurant
- The best would be to end at Samil beach in Vigo where the Sea Museum is located
- You will have some time to visit this interesting museum
- Then our chauffeur-car will transfer you thru the city to your hotel in the city centre
- Check in hotel and free time
- Tonight we can book you a table at a recommended restaurant traditional cuisine.
- Overnight in Vigo

B, DR**DAY 4:****VIGO**

- Breakfast
- Day to relax and explore the Urban Coastal city of Vigo. You could spend the day on the Cies Islands (NOTE: We can purchase ferry tickets for you in advance, please inquire for details)
- For the Foodies that would like to get a taste of Vigo you could do our tapas tour of the old quarter of Vigo. You could even take a hands-on cooking class with a Galician Chef and learn the secrets of the Coastal Gastronomy of the area.
- If you did want a more active day you could join our small group boat ride and coastal fishing village walking tour in Cangas (NOTE: See option in **Add-ons** section)
- Table reservation for dinner tonight at the Michelin-starred restaurant Maruja Liron.
- Overnight in Vigo

B, DR**DAY 5:****VIGO - REDONDELA - PONTEVEDRA**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will be given a daily walking schedule by our guide
- Today you will be transferred to the starting point of the walk today and follow along the way to Redondela.
- The walk today is thru trail and parts on road and is **around 14kms of walking**
- You will have time for lunch during the day on your own
- In Redondela our chauffeur-minivan will pick you up and transfer you to Pontevedra city
- This would be best option for overnight stay
- Check in hotel
- Dinner on your own best is to explore the old quarter for tapas our guide will recommend for you tonight
- Overnight in Pontevedra

B**DAY 6:****PONTEVEDRA - REDONDELA - PONTEVEDRA**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- Today you will be transferred back to near where you left off yesterday and walk the train on to Pontevedra
- The distance today is **about 22kms**, but again you will have the chauffeur-minivan and can stop when you please and be transferred to your hotel
- You will have time to visit the Church of La Persegrina and Santa Maria la Mayor Basilica
- Lunch will be special as we will visit the local market to buy nice fresh, locally caught fish/shellfish with the owner of O Bioco restaurant where we will go after to enjoy it!
- Drop off at hotel in Pontevedra.
- Dinner on your own. If not in the old quarter there are many options for dining.
- Overnight in Pontevedra

B, L**DAY 7:****PONTEVEDRA - CALDAS DE REI**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will be given a daily walking schedule by our guide
- Today you will be transferred back to the starting point of the trail
- The trail to Caldas de Rei is **about 23kms** but again can stop when you please and be transferred to your hotel
- Free time for lunch during the day your guide will recommend a spot to eat.
- Caldas de Rei is famed for its mineral water and there are a couple of Spas.
- After check in to a quaint manor house 1km from the village centre, you could go to one of the Spas to enjoy the mineral waters after your day of walking.
- Dinner at the Manor house tonight with local cuisine
- Overnight in Caldas de Rei

B, D**DAY 8:****CALDAS DE REI - PADRON - CALDAS DE REI**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will be given a daily walking schedule by our guide
- Today you will from Caldas de Rei to Padron which is **about 18kms**, as other days you can stop when pleased and your chauffeur-minivan can transfer you to your hotel
- Lunch on your own during the day, guide will recommend a spot
- When you arrive in Padron you will then be transferred back to the Manor house near Caldas de Rei
- Check in and time to relax
- Dinner at the manor house this evening
- Overnight in Caldas de Rei

B, D**DAY 9:****CALDAS DE REI - PADRON - PAZO FAREMELLO (ROIS) - CALDAS DE REI**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will be transferred back to Padron (15mins drive) where you will walk the on the trail
- Today you will **walking about 11kms** arriving at the beautiful **Pazo de Faramellos**
- You will enjoy a visit with the owner of the Manor house to get the idea of what a noble Galician Manor is like, one of the very best in all of Galicia.
- Lunch will be in a traditional restaurant nearby Manor house.
- Then you will be transferred to the manor house which you stayed at yesterday near Caldas de Rei
- Dinner at the manor house this evening
- Overnight in Caldas de Rei

B, L, D**DAY 10:****CALDAS DE REI - PAZO FAREMELLO (ROIS) - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

- Breakfast
- **09:00AM:** Our Camino Guide and Chauffeur will meet you at your hotel this morning
- You will walk today from Pazo de Faramello the final stretch to Santiago de Compostela which is **14kms today walking**
- You will make your way to the centre of the Plaza de Obradoiro to celebrate your arrival to Santiago
- You will take a peek inside the cathedral but tomorrow you will have a detailed morning visit of the **Cathedral** and old quarter
- Final Goodbye from your Camino guide today.
- Check in your hotel
- Lunch on your own
- Time to relax
- **08:30PM:** Dinner table reservation at recommended restaurant
- Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

B, DR**DAY 11:****SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

- Breakfast
- In the morning you will meet our local guide for a 3hr. approx. tour of the Cathedral and old quarter
- Then walk to market Plaza de Abastos and take a look around.
- Then try tapas around the area (NOTE: If you would like to add our food tour.... see the **Optional add-ons** cost for **Santiago de Compostela Food, Tapas & Wine Tour with a Food Expert**)
- Rest of the day to explore Santiago as you please
- Dinner on your own *Recommended: **Casa Marcelo** Michelin star restaurant)
- Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

B**DAY 12:****SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - PORTO**

- Breakfast
- Make your own way to the airport of Santiago or Optionally today we can transfer you to Santiago Airport or Train Station or even back down to Porto (See **Add-ons**)

B**END OF CUSTOMIZED TOUR SERVICES**

Included

- 11 Nights stay in Double Room or Single Room Occupancy (See **Lodging**)
- (B) Breakfast daily (except day of arrival)
- (D) 4 Dinners one based on tapas and wines in Baiona and then another 3 with traditional local cuisine at the manor houses.
- **(L)** 2 Lunches based on local traditional cuisine with wines included.
- (DR) Dinner table reservations at recommended restaurant as per itinerary (NOTE: Meal not included you pay directly for what is ordered)
- Transportation in fully-equipped vehicle which changes depending on group size (See **Transportation** section) for transfer from Porto to Baiona and support for 8hrs per day for the Camino until Santiago on Day 9.
- Optional: Private transfer Santiago to Porto at the end
- Your luggage will travel in the minivan from accommodation to accommodation.
- 8 Days with English-Speaking Camino & Food Guide who has walked the Caminos many times and lives in Baiona. As well will guide the tapas tour on the arrival day to explain as well about the route you will be doing.
- 3h30min privately guided tour of Santiago including entrance fees when with guide
- Entrance fee and tour of the Pazo de Faramellos
- Details final tour itinerary with accommodation vouchers, maps, etc....
- Local Taxes

Excluded

- Transfers not specified in itinerary
- Entrance fees when not with guide
- Beverages not specified in selected meals
- Meals not specified in itinerary
- Laundry Expenses
- Personal & Travel Insurance
- Optional excursions
- Room Service
- Gratuities to the Chauffeurs and Local Guides

Pick up

- Porto Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Vigo Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Santiago Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Other pick up location on request

Drop off

- Santiago Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Porto Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Vigo Airport, Train Station or Hotel
- Other drop off location on request

Lodging

*Or similar accommodation types depending on availability at time of booking.

Transport

- Mercedes Benz E Class Sedan Car (1 to 2 People)
- Mercedes Benz Viano or Vito Minivan (3 to 6 People)
- Minibus or Bus (7 to 20+ seater)

NOTE: Or similar type vehicles in the same class as mentioned above.

Add-ons

Tours

Private Driver Chauffeur Car Services and Transfers in Porto

Deluxe Chauffeur Driven Tour to Porto and Douro wine region from Lisbon

Galician Coastal Cooking Class and Boat Ride on Vigo Bay

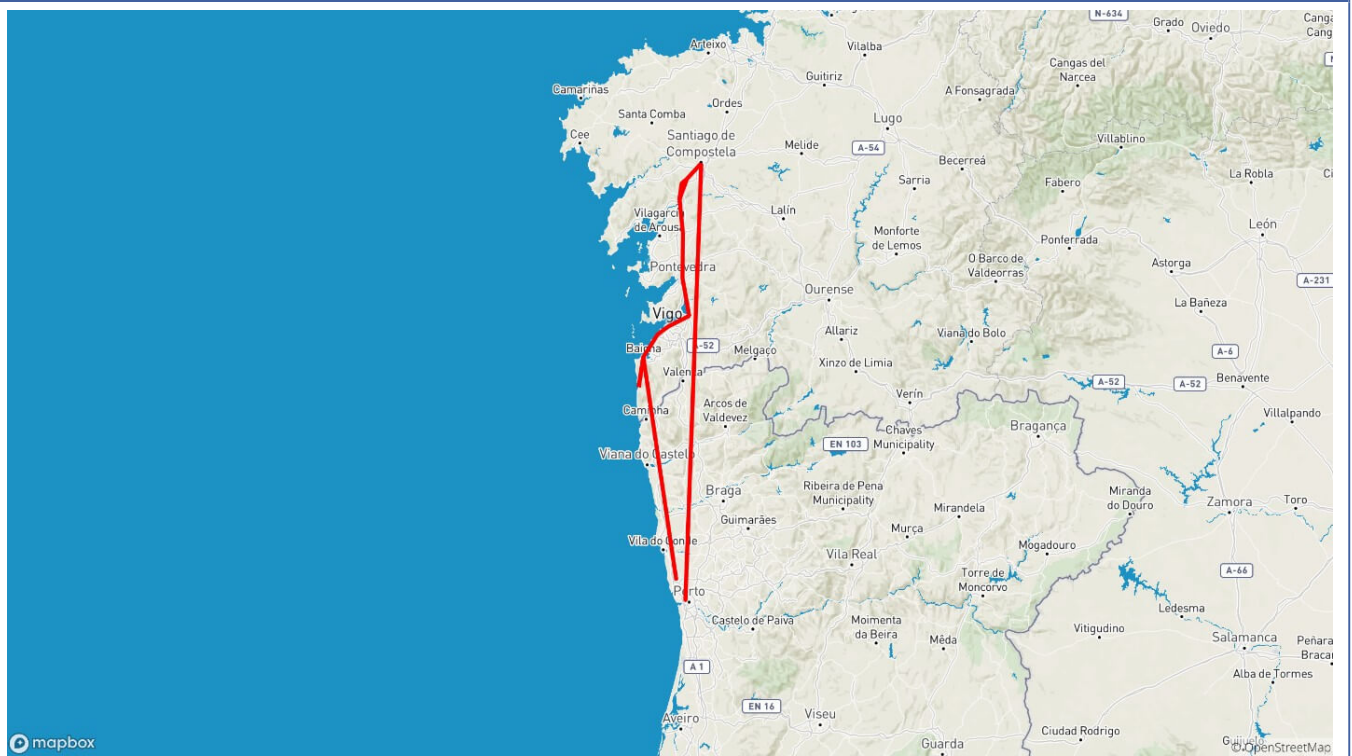
Tour from Porto to Santiago (or viceversa) stopping in Braga and Guimaraes

Small Group Foodie Tapas Walking Tour of Vigo

Coastal Walk and Tapas Tour of Cangas from Vigo

Day Experience on Camino Portuguese Coastal Way with Winery Tour

Map



Reviews

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mike McDonagh (18 April 2019)

Thank you Sean for organising a flawless tour for our party of 5 people .The itinerary was interesting and all the bookings and transport links worked seamlessly. In addition my thanks to you for responding by return email to any enquiries and confirmation of driver pick up .

On the trip our guide Mark and driver Pedro looked after us extremely well and we felt like locals rather than tourists with Baiona and Pontevedra where we discovered the oyster restaurant with the very hospitable patron to be amongst the highlights of our memorable trip .

Without hesitation when we are next in Portugal and Spain we would use Sean and his team at EATour Specialist to organise the trip especially if you have a small group of people .

Mike McD
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