

## French way / Camino Frances Section 8



### From Sarria to Santiago de Compostela - 111km

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7 Days/6 Nights



Half Board

en-suite

year round

From €490

This Walking Holiday explores the eighth and final section of the Camino Frances / French Way, the most traditional of all the pilgrims' ways to Santiago de Compostela and the best known internationally.

The route begins in Sarria and finishes in Santiago de Compostela. Traverse the hilly landscapes of Galicia, certainly some of the most beautiful of all the caminos. Reward your efforts in Santiago de Compostela, the heart and hub of all pilgrimages on the Way of St. James.

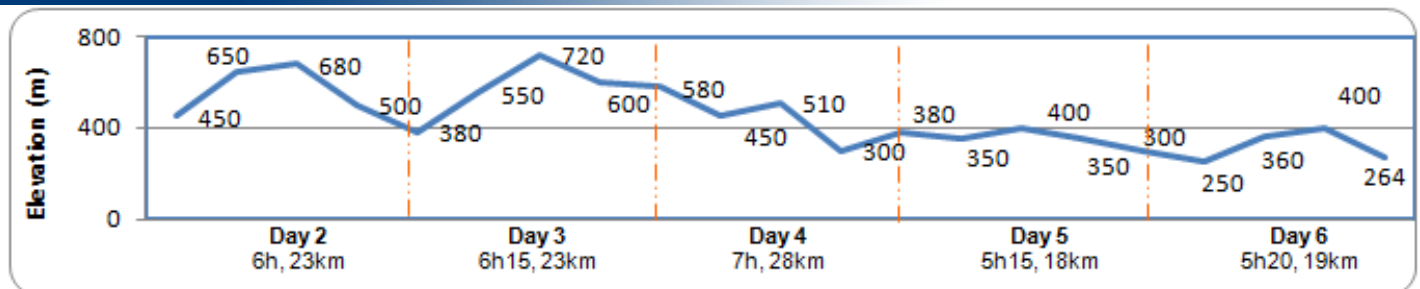
Everyday, during the walk, you are guaranteed a high level of comfort and gastronomy. The Camino is clearly marked with the "Scallop Shell" showing you the way. This walk can be physically demanding and requires a reasonable level of fitness. However, it's a highly rewarding walk that includes numerous cultural highlights.

[maps](#)


### French Way in Yellow

Use the navigation tools on the left to zoom-in

Day By day



#### » Day 1 - Sarria

You will be booked in a hotel in the heart of the lively town of Sarria. The rooms are en-suite.



**Town:** Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

**Hotel:** 3\* hotel 100m from the historical centre, en-suite.

#### » DAY 2 – Sarria to Portomarin (6h 23km +230m -300m)

Expect a peaceful walk in shady oak woods, pretty villages and on quiet country roads. The village of

#### » DAY 5 – Arzúa to Rúa-O Pino (5h15 18km +50m -130m)

This shaded section of the Camino will pass through woods, along streams and through sleepy villages. Take your time and visit the chapel of Santa Irena, with its unique statues of Santiago. The rest of the way to Rúa/Opino is on a good and quiet country road. Rúa (310m) is one of the less crowded stopping points before Santiago de Compostela.

Barbedelo (580m) has a beautiful Romanesque church that is worth a visit. The next significant village is Ferreiros. When you arrive in Portomarín (550m), you can chill out on one of the numerous terraces of the main plaza.

**Town:** Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

**Hotel:** 3\* hotel with lounge, sauna, outdoor swimming-pool, large garden and great views of the river below. Situated right in the heart of town. En-suite.

**Meals:** Half Board



### » DAY 3 – Portomarín to Palace do Rei (6h15 23km +340m -140m)

From the village, the Camino crosses the river Minho and climbs steadily uphill. On your way, you will be crossing Gonzar and passing the Romanesque Church of Santa María, Castromaior. The calm of the Galician Cemetery in Ligonde on a sunny day is a rest in itself. In Eirexe, the Romanesque portal of the church is a beauty and features a sculpture of Daniel and animals, as well as Santiago de Peregrino inside. You will then arrive in Palace do Rei (565m).

**Town:** Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

**Hotel:** 3\* hotel, close to the church, and in the middle of a big park. En-suite.

**Meals:** Half Board



### » DAY 4 – Palace do Rei to Arzúa (7h 28km +140m -340m)

Today, the Camino continues slightly downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the charming village of Leboreiro. At Melide (454m), stop in one of the many restaurants to try some local specialties. Later today, the Camino will follow a forest track and cross several streams bringing you to the village of Boente with its church of Santiago. Then the medieval village of Ribadiso, and finally Arzúa (389m). This small town has 2 churches that you can visit, Santa María and La Magdalena.

**NOTE:** If you wish to take your time, we can split this walking day in 2 (15km & 13km), staying overnight in the bustling market town of Melide. Here you will stay in a charming 2\* hotel in front of the "Refugio de Peligrino", in the centre of the town.



**Town:** ATM, shops, all facilities.

**Hotel:** 2\* hotel in a renovated 19th-century country house with a large garden and swimming pool. En-suite.

**Meals:** Half Board

### » DAY 6 – Rúa to Santiago de Compostela (5h20 19km +150m -186m)

You are nearly there! The next stage will be Lavacolla where pilgrims traditionally washed in the river before reaching Santiago de Compostela. The tall eucalyptus trees line your way to Monte del Gozo (368m). From the "Mount of Joy" you can see your goal - the Cathedral of Santiago! After a descent to the city (264m, population 80000) you will be able to witness this UNESCO World Heritage Site up-close. Marvel at the architecture and relish the wonderful atmosphere in this cultural and spiritual mecca.



**Town:** Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

**Hotel:** 3\* hotel in the historic centre. Renovated 18th-century family house, en-suite.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### » DAY 7 – Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast we bid you farewell.

If you wish to stay in the area, we recommend that you:

- Take your time and visit the magnificent historic centre.
- Continue with us along the wild "Camino Fisterra" (Finisterre Way), and stay overnight at the 2\* hotel in the light house!
- Visit the unspoilt sandy coves and beaches of the west coast. With very few tourists, you are guaranteed a very special experience. Ask us for more information.



**Meals:** Breakfast

**Town:** ATM, shops, all facilities.  
**Hotel:** Traditional 2\* hotel in the city centre, en-suite.  
**Meals:** Half Board



## how to get there

### It is best to fly to Santiago de Compostela

[Ryanair](#) and [Iberia/BA](#) fly direct to Santiago de Compostela from the UK. Ryanair fly from Stansted, Nottingham East Midlands and Liverpool and [Aer Lingus](#) operates from Dublin.

Many of the flights that arrive at the airport are from internal Spanish destinations. [Iberia](#) and [Spanair](#) offer the best selection of flights and you can fly to and from Santiago De Compostela from: Frankfurt, Paris and Rome and Barcelona, Bilbao, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Madrid, Malaga, Palma, Seville, Tenerife, and Valencia.

Ryanair now operates a year round service from Madrid to Santiago de Compostela, twice a day.

### To start your walking holiday: Sarria

You must take two buses to reach Sarria from Santiago, but the process is straightforward (€15pp).

1 - Santiago airport to Lugo 16h10, 18h40 (1hr45). See timetables in English: [www.empresafreire.com](http://www.empresafreire.com).

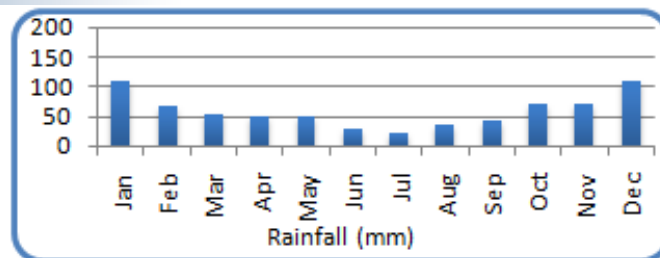
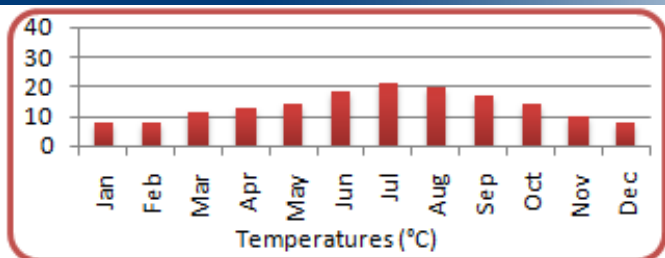
2 - Lugo to Sarria (30mins). Many buses every day, until late. See [www.monbus.es](http://www.monbus.es) and look for "Horarios" on the left.

From Monday to Friday Monbus operate a direct service to Sarria at 6pm (3hrs), but from the Bus station (20mins from the airport). See [www.monbus.es](http://www.monbus.es) and check "Horarios" on the left.

### Back home

Shuttle buses from Santiago city center to the airport (20mins).

## WEATHER



## about the walking holiday

### hotels

These hotels and guesthouses have been carefully selected for their comfort, location, friendliness and character, and are subject to availability. If the hotel described is not available we provide an alternative with the same standard of comfort & price.



## Luggage

We will transport your luggage from one hotel to the next. You only need to carry your backpack during the day!

## Included

- Luggage transferred from hotel to hotel
- Rooms en-suite
- Half Board during the hike
- Detailed Walking Notes
- Map
- Pilgrim passport

## Not Included

- Flights
- Insurance (recommended)
- Drinks
- Dinners in Sarria or Santiago
- Transfer from/to airport

## prices & Options

Period	Price (€)	Single Room (€)	Split Day 4		Picnic lunches (€)
			Single room (€)	Double room (€ pps)	
<b>High Season</b> April, May, June, September	650	140	116	95	(sandwich, fruit, chocolate bar)
<b>Mid Season</b> July, August, October	590	120	106	90	
<b>Low Season</b> January, February, March, November, December	490	100	106	90	

## GUIDED DEPARTURES\*

<b>Set departures</b> 28/03/2010 08/05/2010 12/06/2010 14/08/2010 11/09/2010 09/10/2010	730	140	
<b>Arriving on St James Day</b> 18/07/2010	950	140	

## Options

	<b>Extra Night in Santiago</b>	<b>Extra Night in Sarria</b>	<b>Transport To Sarria from</b>
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3*Hotel B&B (€)		5* Parador de Santiago, B&B (€)		2* Hotel B&B (€)		3*Hotel B&B (€)		Santiago (€pp) For info on transfers for more passengers or from other airports, please <a href="#">ask us</a> .
Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	
95	65	205 or Upgrade last night +110	145 or Upgrade last night +110	60	44	95	65	2-8 people €35pp
<b>Special rates for groups of 6+</b>								

\*Subject to minimum group requirements.

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