

Original way / Camino Primitivo Section 2


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Walk From Lugo to Santiago de Compostela - 100km

7 Days/6 Nights



Half Board

hotels en-suite

year round

From €500

This Walking Holiday explores the second section of the Camino Primitivo / Original Way, following the iconic Camino de Santiago de Compostela; the famous Way of Saint James.

Beginning in the walled city of Lugo, this walking holiday catches up with the Camino Frances in Melide and finishes in Santiago de Compostela. You will walk through heavily forested rural Galicia, witnessing the Roman influence on Spain's roads and bridges.

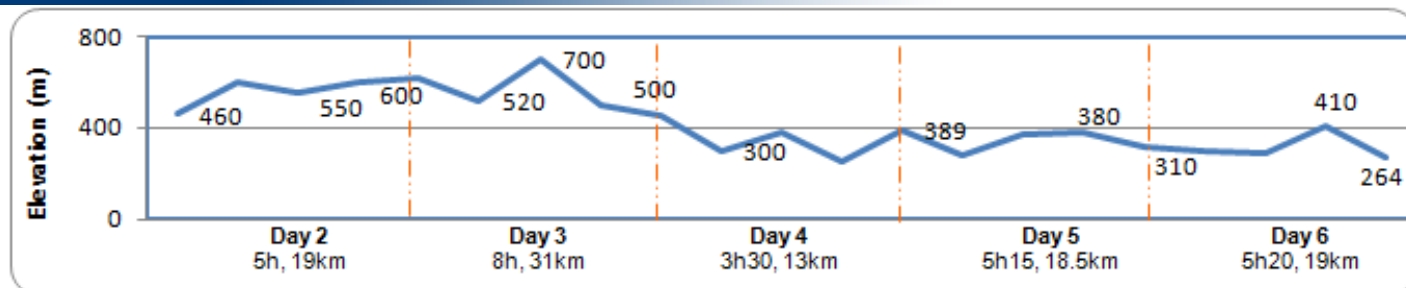
Every day, during the walk, you are guaranteed a high level of comfort and fine food. This section requires a reasonable level of fitness. However, it's a highly rewarding walk, that includes numerous cultural highlights.

[maps](#)


Original way in Green

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Day By day



» Day 1 - Lugo

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

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: 3* hotel, en-suite.

» DAY 2 – From Lugo to San Romao de Retorta (19km 5h +210m -50m)

After leaving Lugo through the Porta Mina, the oldest gate of the wall, the Camino heads towards the old Roman bridge and the quarter of San Lazaro. A couple of kilometres later, it passes Santa de Boveda; a national monument and a museum where the most interesting early medieval paintings of the Iberian Peninsula can be seen. The Camino continues

» DAY 4 – From Melide to Arzua (13km 3h30 +220m -284m)

The Camino follows a forest track and crosses several streams, bringing you to the village of Boente and its church of Santiago. The next stop is the medieval village of Ribadiso, and finally Arzua (389m). This small town has two churches that you can visit; Santa María and La Magdalena.

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: 2* hotel, en-suite.

Meal: Half Board

» DAY 5 – From Arzua to Rua (18.5km 5h15 +100m -169m)

This section of the Camino will pass through shaded

through a mix of farmland and forest.

Please note that you will be sleeping in the same hotel in Lugo again tonight, due to a lack of appropriate accommodation in St Romao de Retorta. You will be transferred back to Lugo by taxi once you arrive in San Romao.

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: same hotel as previous night.

Meal: Half Board

» DAY 3 – San Romao de Retorta to Melide (31km 8h30 +100m -246m)

After a brief transfer back to San Romao de Retorta, we begin our walk again. On the road from the hamlet there is a Roman milestone, which would appear to indicate that the present-day Camino was laid out following an ancient Roman road. Further on, you will pass a 13th-century Romanesque church, one of the many which are characteristic of the area surrounding Santiago. The Camino Primitivo follows ancient paths that are still in use today and connects an endless number of small rural villages such as Seixalbo, Xende, Ferreira, and Merlan. Finally, the Camino enters the province of A Coruna through the borough of Toques to the historic pilgrimage town of Melide.

Coming to Melide (454m), you can stop in one of the many restaurants to try the traditional octopus dish, "Pulpo a la Plancha".

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: 2* hotel, en-suite.

Meal: Half Board

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 Rua/Opino is on a quiet country road. This will be your last night before Santiago. Rúa (310m) is certainly less crowded than other stops before Santiago. Enjoy a good night's sleep, the last stretch is coming...

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: 2* hotel, en-suite.

Meal: Half Board

» DAY 6 – From Rua to Santiago de Compostela (19km 5h20 +110m -166m)

You are nearly there! First, the Camino passes by Amenal. The next stage will be Lavacolla where pilgrims traditionally washed in the river before reaching Santiago de Compostela. The tall eucalyptus trees will line your route to Monte del Gozo (368m) with its huge modern sculpture, from here you can see the Cathedral of Santiago. You are on the "Mount of Joy" and can now start your final descent to Santiago de Compostela (264m, population 80000). Take some time to visit the cathedral before settling down in your luxurious hotel for the last night of your walking holiday.

Town: Internet, ATM, shops, all facilities.

Accommodation: 3* hotel in the historical center, en-suite.

Meal: Half Board

» DAY 7 – Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast we bid you farewell.

Meal: Breakfast

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. [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.

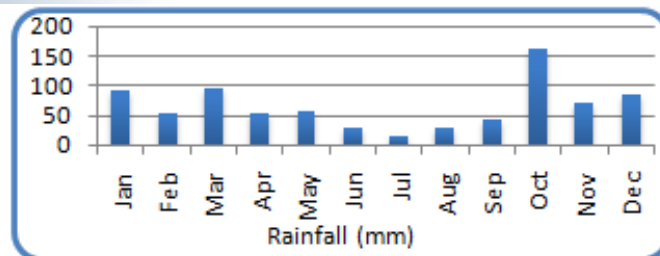
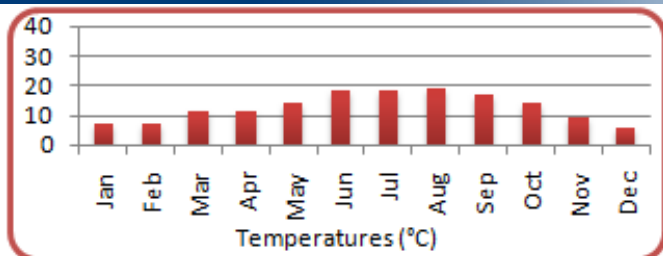
To begin your walking holiday: Lugo

From Santiago airport to Lugo there are several buses every day, costing about €15pp. See www.empresafreire.com

Back home

There are regular shuttle buses from Santiago city centre to the airport (20mins)

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about the walking holiday

hotels

All of our hotels have been carefully selected for their comfort, location, friendliness and character, and are subject to availability. If the hotel described is not available we will provide you with an alternative of 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
- Dinner first and last nights
- Transfers from/to airport

prices & Options

Period	Price (€)	Single Room (€)	Solo departure (include single room) (€)
High Season April, May, June, September	670	140	240
Mid Season July, August, October	600	120	220
Low Season January, February, March, November, December	500	100	220

Options

Transport To Lugo from Santiago (€pp) For info on transfers for more passengers or from other airports, please ask us .	Extra Night in Lugo		Extra Night in Santiago				Picnic lunches (€)
	3* Hotel B&B (€)		3* Hotel B&B (€)		5* Hotel B&B (€)		
	Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	
2-8 people €55pp	95	65	95	65	205 or Upgrade last night +110	145 or Upgrade last night +110	50
Special rates for groups of 6+							

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