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Camino Frances planning resources

- [Camino Frances - a detailed guide](#)
- [14 tips for planning and walking the Camino de Santiago](#)
- [How to train for the Camino?](#)
- [10 easy steps to prepare for the pilgrimage.](#)
- [What to pack for the Camino de Santiago?](#)
 - [Best shoes to walk the Camino](#)
 - [Best backpacks for the Camino](#)
 - [Best sock for walking](#)
- [A completed guide to the albergues on the Camino de Santiago.](#)
- [The cost of walking the Camino de Santiago](#)

Camino Frances from Leon route overview

- **Total distance** – 318 km/197 mi
- **Average daily distance** - 16-20 km/10-12.4 mi
- **Days required** – 17 days
- **Walking surface** – 122 km/75.8 mi asphalt, 196 km/121 mi footpath/gravel road
- **Total ascent** (over 17 days) – 5434 m
- **Total descent** (over 17 days) – 5830 m

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Leon - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
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Hotel La Posada Regia	book here	\$\$
13 suites	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hotel SPA Paris	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 1. León to Villar de Mazarife, 21 km/13 mi

- Distance – 21 km/13 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours

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- Walking surface – 12.5 km/7.7 mi – asphalt/tar; 8.5 km/5.2 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 3 km/1.8 mi (very few cars)
- Ascent – 276 m
- Descent – 232 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Church of Virgen del Camino.

Challenges

- The first 8 km/5 mi walking through the populated area of the city.

Stops along the route stage 1

*MA - Municipal albergue

**PA - Private albergue

Distance	Name	Facilities
3.5 km/2.1 mi	Trobajo del Camino	Hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
7 km/4.3 mi	La Virgen del Camino	MA*, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe
9.5 km/5.9 mi	Fresno del Camino	Bar
11 km/6.8 mi	Oncina de la Valdoncina	PA**, hotel, restaurant
16 km/10 mi	Chozas de Abajo	Restaurant
21 km/13 mi	Villar de Mazarife	PA, restaurant, shop

Villar de Mazarife - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Jesús	+34 987 390 697	\$

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Albergue San Antonio de Padua	+34 607 372 686	\$
Albergue Tío Pepe	info here	\$
B&B La Santa	info here	\$\$

Stage 2. Villar de Mazarife to Santibáñez de Valdeiglesias, 20 km/12.4 mi

- Distance – 20 km/12.4 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Walking surface – 5 km/3.1 mi – asphalt/tar; 15 km/9.3 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 0 km
- Ascent – 80 m
- Descent – 100 m
- Difficulty level – 1 out of 5

Highlights

- Hospital de Órbigo – a beautiful little town with cobblestone streets, old houses and an impressive Medieval bridge Puente del Paso Honroso.
- Villares de Orbigo, a nice small town.

Challenges

- Nothing in particular, an easy walking day through the countryside with no hills.

Stops along the route stage 2

Distance	Name	Facilities
10 km/6.2 mi	Villavante	PA, hotel, restaurant

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15 km/9.3 mi	Hospital de Órbigo	MA (parroquial), PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
17.5 km/10.8 mi	Villares de Órbigo	PA, restaurant, bar, shop, pharmacy
20 km/12.4 mi	Santibáñez de Valdeiglesias	MA (very bad reviews), PA, bar

Santibáñez de Valdeiglesias - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue parroquial de Santibáñez	+34 987 377 698	\$
Albergue Camino Francés	+34 987 361 014	\$
L'abilleiru albergue rural	book here	\$\$

Stage 3. Santibáñez de Valdeiglesias to Murias de Rechivaldo, 16 km/10 mi

- Distance – 16 km/10 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Walking surface – 3 km/1.8 mi – asphalt/tar; 13 km/8 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 800 m (very few cars)
- Ascent – 250 m
- Descent – 200 m
- Difficulty level – 3 out of 5

Highlights

- The famous David's place; a great stop on the route about 5 km/3.1 mi before Astorga.
- The historical center of Astorga; the Cathedral, the Gaudi Palace, the Plaza Mayor, Old Roman Walls, etc. The city is not big and all the main sights are close to each other.

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Challenges

- Several ascents and descents throughout the day including a one long ascent at the end.

Stops along the route stage 3

Distance	Name	Facilities
8 km/5 mi	San Justo de la Vega	Hotel, restaurant, shop, pharmacy
11 km/6.8 mi	Astorga	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
13.4 km/8.3 mi	Valdeviejas	PA (temporarily closed)
16 km/10 mi	Murias de Rechivaldo	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant

Murias de Rechivaldo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Murias de Richavaldo	info here	\$
Albergue Peregrinos CasaFlor	book here	\$
Albergue Rural las Águedas	book here	\$
Alberguecasafior	book here	\$
Hostería Casa Flor	book here	\$\$
Hotel Rural La Veleta	book here	\$\$

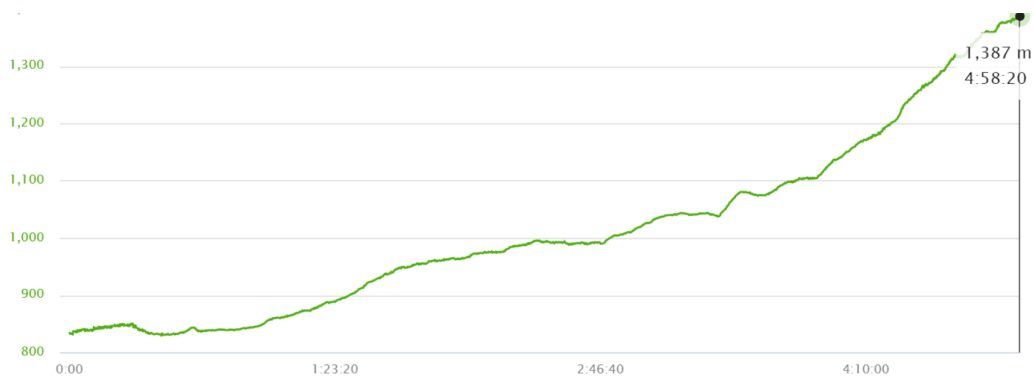
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Stage 4. Murias de Rechivaldo to Foncebadon, 20.5 km/12.7 mi

- Distance – 20.5 km/12.7 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 5.5 km/3.4 mi – asphalt/tar; 15 km/9.3 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 1.7 km/1 mi
- Ascent – 560 m
- Descent – 70 m
- Difficulty level – 3 out of 5

Elevation profile stage 4



Highlights

- Rabanal del Camino – a beautiful little village.
- Different from the Meseta scenery; green hills, forests, mountains.

Challenges

- A long gradual ascent from the start to the end of the day, 550 m up.

Stops along the route stage 4

Distance	Name	Facilities
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Santa Catalina de Samosa	PA, hotel, restaurant

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8.5 km/5.2 mi	El Ganso	PA, hotel, restaurant
15 km/9.3 mi	Rabanal del Camino	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant, shop
20.5 km/12.7 mi	Foncebadón	MA (parroquial), PA, hotel, restaurant, shop

Fonsebadon - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Parroquial Domus Dei	info here	\$
Albergue Monte Irago	+34 655 329 667	\$
Albergue El Convento de Foncebadón	+34 987 053 934	\$
Albergue la Posada del Druida	+34 696 820 136	\$
Albergue Casa Chelo	+34 693 328 571	\$
Albergue la Cruz de Fierro	+34 655 189 575	\$
La Posada del Druida	book here	\$\$
Convento de Foncebadón	book here	\$\$
El Trasgu de Foncebadón	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 5. Foncebadon to Molinaseca, 20 km/12.4 mi

- Distance – 20 km/12.4 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 7.5 km/4.6 mi – asphalt/tar; 19.5 km/12 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 1.7 km/1 mi
- Ascent – 200 m
- Descent – 880 m
- Difficulty level – 4 out of 5

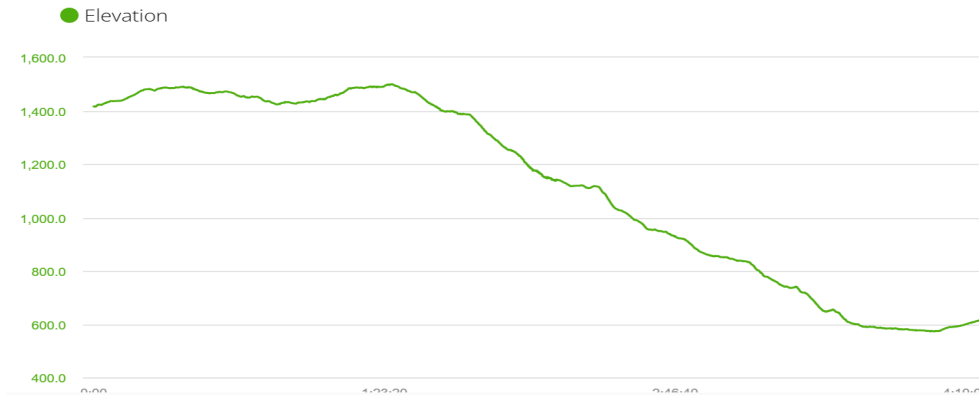
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Elevation profile stage 5



Highlights

- El Cruz de Ferro, a cross on the top of the hill.
- Beautiful forest/mountainous scenery.
- A couple of small beautiful towns; Riego de Ambrós, Molinaseca.

Challenges

- A short ascent at the start of the day from Fonsebadon to Cruz de Ferro, 100 m up.
- A steep and sometimes rocky and slippery descent in the second half of the day to Molinaseca, 900 m down.

Stops along the route stage 5

Distance	Name	Facilities
2 km/1.2 mi	Cruz de Ferro	A historical landmark
4 km/2.4 mi	Manjarín	Cafe
11 km/6.8 mi	El Acebo de San Miguel	MA (parroquial), PA, hotel, restaurant
15 km/9.3 mi	Riego de Ambrós	MA, hotel, restaurant

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20 km/12.4 mi	Molinaseca	PA, hotel, supermarket, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
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Molinaseca - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Santa Marina	book here	\$
Albergue Compostela	book here	\$
Albergue Señor Oso	book here	\$
Casa Morrosco	book here	\$-\$-\$
Hotel Rural Pajarapinta	book here	\$\$
Hotel Molina Real	book here	\$\$
The Way Hotel Molinaseca	book here	\$\$
Hostal Casa San Nicolas	book here	\$\$
Hotel el Palacio	book here	\$\$
Hotel Rural Virgen del Carmen	book here	\$\$
Ensueno (2-bedroom house)	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 6. Molinaseca to Cacabelos, 21 km/13 mi

- Distance – 21 km/13 mi
- Time – 6 hours
- Walking surface – 6 km/3.7 mi – asphalt/tar; 15 km/9.3 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 0 km
- Ascent – 250 m
- Descent – 220 m
- Difficulty level – 3 out of 5

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Highlights

- Beautiful scenery, green fields with occasional parts for forest surrounded by the mountains.
- The Historical center of Ponferrada; the castle, the square, etc.
- A couple of nice towns; Camponaraya, Cacabelos.

Challenges

- A couple of small ascents and descents throughout the day.

Stops along the route stage 6

Distance	Name	Facilities
4 km/2.4 mi	Campo	Restaurant
7 km/4.3 mi	Ponferrada	MA (parroquial), PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
12 km/7.4 mi	Columbrianos	PA, hotel, restaurant
14 km/8.6 mi	Fuentesnuevas	Hotel, restaurant
16 km/10 mi	Camponaraya	PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
21 km/13 mi	Cacabelos	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy

Cacabelos - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Cacabelos	+34 677 941 793	\$
Albergue La Gallega	book here	\$
Hostal Siglo XIX	book here	\$\$

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La Moncloa de San Lazaro	book here	\$\$
Hotel Villa de Cacabelos	book here	\$\$
Hotel Miralrio Cacabelos	book here	\$\$

Stage 7. Cacabelos to Trabadelo, 19 km/11.8 mi

- Distance – 19 km/11.8 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 14 km/8.6 mi – asphalt/tar; 5 km/3.2 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 4 km/2.4 mi (on a shoulder of a road)
- Ascent – 280 m
- Descent – 240 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Beautiful vineyards.
- Villafranca del Bierzo; the Collegiate Church of Santa Maria, the Convent of San Nicolás El Real, the Church of Santiago with its Puerta de Perdón (the Gate of Forgiveness) that get opened only in Holy Years.

Challenges

- A steep ascent from Cacabelos, 100 m up.
- Several short ascents and descents.
- A 70-meter descent to Vilafranca del Bierzo.
- Walking along the road for a couple of kilometers.

Stops along the route stage 7

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.5 km/0.9 mi	Pieros	PA, restaurant
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Valtuille de Arriba	PA

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10 km/6.2 mi	Villafranca del Bierzo	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
15 km/9.3 mi	Pereje	Hotel, restaurant
19 km/11.8 mi	Trabadelo	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant, pharmacy

Trabadelo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Trabadelo	+34 638 752 705	\$
Albergue parroquial Trabadelo	+34 624 674 904	\$
Albergue Crispeta	+34 987 566 529	\$
Albergue Camino y Leyenda	+34 669 228 265	\$\$
El Puente Peregrino	book here	\$\$
Os Arrozos	book here	\$\$
Hotel Rural Nova Ruta	book here	\$\$
Cabañas bungalow albergue camping valle do seo	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 8. Trabadelo to O Cebreiro, 19 km/11.8 mi

- Distance – 19 km/11.8 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 9 km/5.5 mi – asphalt/tar; 10 km/6.2 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 7 km/4.3 mi along the road with very few cars
- Ascent – 905 m
- Descent – 138 m
- Difficulty level – 5 out of 5

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Elevation profile stage 8



Highlights

- Many small villages along on the way; La Portela de Valcarce, Las Herrerías, La Faba etc.
- Stunning views on the way from Las Herrerías up to O Cebreiro.
- Beautiful scenery from the viewpoint in O Cebreiro.
- O Cebreiro is a tiny village with breathtaking views and traditional stone houses/constructions.

Challenges

- Walking on asphalt and along the road.
- A very steep and long ascent, about 700 m over the last 6 km/3,7 mi, the ascent starts at 21 km/13 mi after Las Herrerías. One of the toughest days on the Camino Frances.

Stops along the route stage 8

Distance	Name	Facilities
1 km/0.6 mi	Pradela (on the alternative mountain route)	PA
4.5 km/2.7 mi	La Portela de Valcarce	PA, hotel, restaurant

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6 km/3.7 mi	Ambasmestas	PA, hotel, restaurant
7.5 km/4.6 mi	Vega de Valcarce	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy
9.5 km/5.9 mi	Ruitelán	PA, restaurant
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Las Herrerías	PA, hotel, restaurant
14.5 km/9 mi	La Faba	MA, PA/pension, restaurant
17 km/10.5 mi	Laguna de Castilla	PA, restaurant
19 km/11.8 mi	O Cebreiro	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant, shop

O Cebreiro - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de O Cebreiro	info here	\$
Albergue Casa Campelo	+34 679 678 458	\$
Casa Navarro	book here	\$\$
Albergueira Frade	book here	\$\$
Habitaciones Frade	book here	\$\$
Venta Celta	book here	\$\$
Pensión Casa Carolo	+34 982 367 168	\$\$
Hotel O Cebreiro	+34 982 367 182	\$\$

Stage 9. O Cebreiro to Triacastela, 20 km/12.4 mi

- Distance – 20 km/12.4 mi
- Time – 5 hours
- Walking surface – 2 km/1.2 mi – asphalt/tar; 18 km/11 mi – footpath/gravel

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- Walking on the road – 0 km
- Ascent – 305 m
- Descent – 1063 m
- Difficulty level – 4 out of 5

Elevation profile stage 9



Highlights

- Great views on the way down from O Cebreiro.

Challenges

- Several ascents and descents at the start of the day.
- A long and steep descent to Triacastela.

Stops along the route stage 9

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi	Liñares	PA, restaurant, shop
5.5 km/3.4 mi	Hospital de Condesa	MA, restaurant
8.5 km/5.2 mi	Padornelo/Alto do Poio	PA, hotel, restaurant

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12 km/7.4 mi	Fonfría	Hotel, restaurant
14.5 km/9 mi	O Biduedo	Hotel, restaurant
17.5 km/10.8 mi	Fillobal	PA, restaurant
19 km/11.8 mi	Pasantes	Holiday home
20.5 km/12.7 mi	Triacastela	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy

Triacastela - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Triacastela	+34 982 548 087	\$
Albergue Berce do Camiño	book here	\$
Albergue Aitzenia	info here	\$
Albergue Refugio del Oribio	+34 982 548 085	\$
Casa David	book here	\$\$
Complexo Xacobeo	book here	\$\$
Pension-Albergue Lemos	book here	\$\$
Triacastela Sunset Terrace (4-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 10. Triacastela to Sarria through San Xil, 17 km/10.5 mi

- Distance - 17 km/10.5 mi
- Time - 4 hours
- Ascent - 178 m
- Descent - 280 m

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- Difficulty level - 2 out of 5

Stops along the route stage 10

Distance	Name	Facilities
2 km/1.2 mi	Balsa	PA, restaurant
6 km/3.7 mi	Montán	Bar
9 km/5.5 mi	Furela	Bar
10.2 km/6.3 mi	Pintín	Hotel, restaurant
12 km/7.4 mi	Calvor	MA
13 km/8 mi	Aguiada/San Mamede do Camino	Restaurant
17 km/10.5 mi	Sarria	MA, PA, hotel, supermarket, ATM, restaurant, cafe, bar, pharmacy

Sarria - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Sarria	info here	\$
Pensión Albergue Matias Locanda	book here	\$
Albergue los Blasones	book here	\$
Obradoiro	book here	\$
Pensión-Albergue Puente Ribeira	book here	\$
Albergue Mayor	book here	\$
Albergue Credencial	book here	\$
Andaina	book here	\$
Pensión La Estación	book here	\$-\$\$

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Pensión O Camiño	book here	\$\$
Pension Sarria	book here	\$\$
Pension Siete en el Camino	book here	\$\$
Pensión Casa do Gallo Sarria	book here	\$\$
Baixo a Lua Rooming	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Pensión CREDENCIAL	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
High Rentxacobeo penthouse apartment	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 11. Sarria to Mercadoiro, 16.5 km/10.2 mi

- Distance – 16.5 km/10.2 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Walking surface – 7 km/4.3 mi – asphalt/tar; 9.5 km/5.9 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 0 km
- Ascent – 420 m
- Descent – 240 m
- Difficulty level – 3 out of 5

Highlights

- A nice and peaceful countryside scenery; forest with chestnut and oak trees, small farms and villages, wheat fields.

Challenges

- The long ascent of 200 m at the start of the day.
- Several short ups and downs throughout the day.
- A steep descent to Mercadoiro, 150 m down.

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Stops along the route stage 11

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi	Vilei	PA, restaurant
4 km/2.4 mi	Barbadelo (O Mosteiro)	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant
5 km/3.1 mi	Rente	Guesthouse
7 km/4.3 mi	Molino de Marzan	PA
11.5 km/7.1 mi	Morgade	PA, restaurant
13 km/8 mi	Ferreiros	MA, PA, restaurant
14 km/8.6 mi	A Pena	PA/hotel, bar
16.5 km/10.2 mi	Mercadoiro	PA/guesthouse, restaurant

Mercadoiro - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Mercadoiro (dorm beds and private rooms)	info here	\$-\$\$

Stage 12. Mercadoiro to Ventas de Naron, 18.5 km/11.5 mi

- Distance – 18.5 km/11.5 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 8.5 km/5.2 mi – asphalt/tar; 10 km/6.2 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 500 m/0.3 mi
- Ascent – 370 m
- Descent – 400 m
- Difficulty level – 3 out of 5

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Highlights

- The beautiful town of Portomarín with its charming streets, inviting restaurants, a beautiful church, and stunning views of the Embalse de Belesar Lake. The town was completely flooded in 1963, and some historical buildings like San Nicolás Church or Chapel de la Nieves were moved uphill where you can find them nowadays.

Challenges

- A rocky and steep descent from Mercadoiro to Portomarín, 200 m down.
- A long and sometimes steep ascent from Portomarin to Ventas de Naron, 350 m up.

Stops along the route stage 12

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.5 km/0.9 mi	A Parrocha	Bar
3.5 km/2.1 mi	Vilacha	Restaurant
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Paradela	Guesthouse
5.5 km/3.4 mi	Portomarin	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
12.5 km/7.7 mi	Gonzar	MA, PA, guesthouse, restaurant
13.5 km/8.3 mi	Castromaior	PA, guesthouse, restaurant
17 km/10.5 mi	Hospital da Cruz	MA, guesthouse, restaurant
18.5 km/11.5 mi	Ventas de Naron	PA, restaurant

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Ventas de Naron - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue O cruceiro	+34 658 06 49 17 delinavazquez@hotmail.es	\$
Albergue Casa Molar	+34 696 794 507 casamolar.ventas04@gmail.com	\$
Casona de Ventas	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 13. Ventas de Naron to San Xulian, 16 km/10 mi

- Distance – 16 km/10 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Walking surface - 3 km/1.8 mi - asphalt/tar; 13 km/8 mi - gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – not really walking on the road but quite a lot of walking on the gravel path next to the road
- Ascent – 217 m
- Descent – 331 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Beautiful Galician forest.
- A couple of kiosks selling fruit, snacks and cool drinks for donation.

Challenges

- 100 m descent at the start of the day.
- A couple of stretches of walking next to the road on the gravel path.
- Several ascents and descents throughout the day.

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Stops along the route stage 13

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.5 km/0.9 mi	A Prebisa	Restaurant
3.5 km/2.1 mi	Ligonde	PA, restaurant
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Airexe	MA, guesthouse, restaurant
6 km/3.7 mi	Portos	PA, restaurant
6.5 km/4 mi	Lestedo	Guesthouse, restaurant
7.5 km/4.6 mi	Os Valos	Hotel
8.5 km/5.2 mi	A Brea	Restaurant
12 km/7.4 mi	Palas de Rei	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
16 km/10 mi	San Xulian	PA, guesthouse, restaurant

San Xulian - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue O Abrigadoiro (Albergue/restaurant)	oabrigadoiro1@gmail.com	\$
La Pallota de San Cristobal (guesthouse/restaurant)	book here	\$\$

Stage 14. San Xulian to Boente, 17 km/10.5 mi

- Distance – 17 km/10.5 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Walking surface – 7 km/4.3 mi - asphalt; 10 km/6.2 mi - gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 0 km
- Ascent – 280 m
- Descent – 360 m

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- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Melide is a pretty big town compared to the other places on the route from Sarria to Santiago. It's famous for its pulpo a la Feira (cooked octopus tentacles served with olive oil and spices), a must-try here. The [Camino Primitivo](#) merges with the Camino Frances in Melide.

Challenges

- A steep 100-meter ascent at the start of the day.
- Many short ups and downs throughout the day.

Stops along the route stage 14

Distance	Name	Facilities
1 km/0.6 mi	Ponte Campaña	PA
2 km/1.2 mi	Casanova	MA
5 km/3.1 mi	O Coto	Hotel, restaurant
9 km/5.5 mi	Furelos	Hotel, bar
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Melide	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
11.5 km/7.1 mi	Santa Maria de Melide	Restaurant
17 km/10.5 mi	Boente	PA, bar

Boente - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue El Aleman	book here	\$
Albergue Fuente Saleta	+34 981 501 853	\$

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Albergue y Pensión Boente (dorm beds and private rooms)	book here	\$-\$\$
Hostel Boente	book here	\$\$
Casa Ghoros (holiday home)	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Rectoral de Boente	book here	\$\$\$
AMC Boente	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 15. Boente to Salceda, 19 km/11.8 mi

- Distance – 19 km/11.8 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 6 km/3.7 mi - on asphalt; 13 km/8 mi - footpath/gravel.
- Walking on the road – 2 km/1.2 mi next to the road
- Ascent – 341 m
- Descent – 468 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Beautiful forest, small villages, fields.

Challenges

- A steep 80-meter down at the start of the day.
- A 120-meter down with a subsequent 100-meter up to Arzua.
- Several ups and downs throughout the day.

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Stops along the route stage 15

Distance	Name	Facilities
2 km/1.2 mi	A Fraga Alta (Castañeda)	PA, hotel, bar
5 km/3.1 mi	Ribadiso da Baixo	MA, PA, bar
8 km/5 mi	Arzúa	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Pregontoño	Bar
14.5 km/9 mi	As Quintas	Bar
16 km/10 mi	A Calle de Ferreiros	PA, pension, bar
19 km/11.8 mi	Salceda	PA, bar, pharmacy

Salceda - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue La Corona 1	book here	\$
Pension Albergue Alborada	book here	\$-\$\$
Casa Tia Teresa	book here	\$\$
Albergue Turistico Salceda	book here	\$\$

Stage 16. Salceda to Lavacolla, 18 km/11.1 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11.1 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours
- Walking surface – 8 km/5 mi - on asphalt; 10 km/6.2 mi - footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 2 km/1.2 mi along a very quiet road with no cars
- Ascent – 350 m
- Descent – 280 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

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Highlights

- The beautiful Galician forest.

Challenges

- A gradual 150-meter descent from Santa Irene to O Pedrouzo.
- A 150-meter ascent in the second half of the day.

Stops along the route stage 16

Distance	Name	Facilities
2 km/1.2 mi	A Brea	PA, bars
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Santa Irene	MA, PA, café
7 km/4.3 mi	A Rúa	Pension, bar
8.5 km/5.2 mi	O Pedrouzo	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
12 km/7.4 mi	Amenal	Hotel, pension, bar
16.5 km/10.2 mi	San Paio	Guesthouse, bar
18 km/11.1 mi	Lavacolla	PA, hotel, bar, shop, pharmacy

Lavacolla - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Lavacolla	+34 981 897 274 reservas@alberguelavacolla.com	\$
Albergue A Fabrica	book here	\$
A Concha	book here	\$\$

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Hotel Garcas	book here	\$\$
Hotel Ruta Jacobea	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Pension Xacobeo Lavacolla	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 17. Lavacolla to Santiago de Compostela, 10.5 km/6.5 mi

- Distance – 10.5 km/6.5 mi
- Time – 3 hours
- Walking surface – 8.5 km/5.2 mi - on asphalt; 2 km/1.2 mi - footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 1.5 km/0.9 mi along a very quiet road
- Ascent – 150 m
- Descent – 180 m
- Difficulty level – 2 out of 5

Highlights

- Walking through Santiago de Compostela.
- Arriving at the Cathedral usually accompanied by the sounds of the Galician bagpipe. From morning till evening (in the season) there is a musician playing at the Palace Arch.

Challenges

- A 100-meter descent from Monte de Gozo.
- A stretch between 1 km/0.6 mi and 5 km/3.1 mi is a bit monotonous, it always feels long but after Monte do Gozo you enter the city, and the last 5 km/3.1 mi go very fast.

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Stops along the route stage 17

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.5 km/0.9 mi	Vilamaior	Guesthouse
5 km/3.1 mi	San Marcos	Hotel, bar, shop
5.5 km/3.4 mi	Monte do Gozo	MA (all year), PA, bar, shop
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Santiago de Compostela	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar

Santiago de Compostela - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue San Lazaro (3 km/1.8 mi from the cathedral)	+34 981 571 488	\$
Albergue Seminario Menor	book here	\$
Dream in Santiago	book here	\$
Albergue O Fogar de Teodomiro	book here	\$
Albergue Porta Real	book here	\$
Albergue The Last Stamp	book here	\$
Santiago KM-0	book here	\$
Hostal San Pelayo	book here	\$\$
Hotel A Tafona do Peregrino	book here	\$\$
Hotel Alda Avenida	book here	\$\$
Pensión Residencia Fornos	book here	\$\$
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3. [Old town walking tour in a small group.](#)
4. [Tapas Tour of Santiago de Compostela.](#)