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Cycling Coastal Albariño Wine Country: Portugal to Santiago de Compostela



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🕒 8 Days / 7
Nights

📍 Braga

€
Price
from:
709.00
euros

Cycle from Northern Portugal to Santiago de Compostela on a self guided bike tour. Follow the Camino route through Minho and Rías Baixas, discover Albariño wine, coastal villages, and scenic countryside along one of the most beautiful cycling routes in Spain.

Highlights

- Cycle from **Northern Portugal** to **Santiago de Compostela**
- Explore the **Rías Baixas coast** and **Albariño wine region**
- Enjoy a **boat trip** along the **Camino de Santiago**
- Discover **historic towns, vineyards, and coastal villages**

General Overview

Country: Portugal
Region: Northern Portugal
City: Braga
Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Half Day Tours
Theme: Food & Wine Tours
Group Size: 2 or more People
Price from: 709 €

Introduction



Cycling from Portugal to Galicia: Braga to Pontevedra

Start your self-guided cycling tour in Braga, one of Northern Portugal's most historic cities, known for its Roman heritage and baroque architecture. Ride through the lush Minho region, passing scenic rivers, traditional villages, and key stops like Arcos de Valdevez and the fortified town of Valença. Cross the border into Spain and follow the Portuguese Coastal Camino cycling route to the vibrant Galician city of Pontevedra.



Explore the Albariño Coast and Rías Baixas

Continue your journey along the spectacular Rías Baixas, one of Galicia's most beautiful coastal regions, famous for Albariño wine, fresh seafood, and dramatic Atlantic landscapes. Cycle through iconic destinations such as Combarro, Sanxenxo, Portonovo, and O Grove, before reaching Cambados, the capital of Albariño. Enjoy a scenic ride around Arousa Island, surrounded by vineyards, beaches, and authentic coastal culture.



Santiago de Compostela Finale via the Camino Route

Experience a unique boat journey from Vilanova de Arousa following the historic maritime route of Saint James. Back on your bike, rejoin the Camino de Santiago and complete your cycling adventure in Santiago de Compostela. Arrive at the iconic cathedral, marking the perfect ending to this unforgettable Portugal to Santiago bike tour.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1: BRAGA

- Arrival in Braga, one of the oldest cities in Portugal, and the starting point of your cycling tour to Santiago de Compostela.
- Private transfer to your hotel and check-in.
- Free time to explore Braga's historic centre, including Sé Cathedral and Santa Bárbara Gardens.
- Optional visit to Bom Jesus do Monte, a UNESCO-listed sanctuary with panoramic views.
- Discover local gastronomy and traditional Portuguese cuisine in the evening.
- Overnight in Braga.

DAY 2

BRAGA - ARCOS DE VALDEVEZ

- Breakfast.
- Bike fitting, route briefing, and start of your self-guided cycling tour.
- Cycle through the scenic Minho countryside, known for vineyards, rivers, and rural landscapes.
- Follow sections of historic pilgrimage paths linking Portugal to Santiago.
- Suggested stop in Ponte da Barca, a charming riverside village.
- Continue cycling to Arcos de Valdevez near Peneda-Gerês National Park.
- Free time to explore the town and the riverside promenade.
- Distance: approx. 49 km.
- Overnight in Arcos de Valdevez.

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DAY 3

ARCOS DE VALDEVEZ - VALENÇA DO MINHO

- Breakfast.
- Ride through peaceful villages and green valleys of Northern Portugal.
- Pass traditional vineyards producing Alvarinho wine and historic rural architecture.
- Optional break along the Minho River with scenic picnic spots.
- Follow the Ecopista do Rio Minho, a dedicated cycling path along a former railway line.
- Arrival in Valença do Minho, a fortified border town overlooking Spain.
- Walk along the historic walls with views into Galicia.
- Distance: approx. 47 km.
- Overnight in Valença do Minho.

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DAY 4

VALENÇA - PONTEVEDRA

- Breakfast.
- Cycle across the Portugal-Spain border into Galicia via the international bridge.
- Stop in Tui, a historic town on the Camino de Santiago with a hilltop cathedral.
- Continue along forest trails and countryside routes shared with Camino pilgrims.
- Experience the transition into the Rías Baixas coastal region.
- Cross Ponte Sampaio, a historic bridge linked to Galicia's past.
- Arrival in Pontevedra, a lively town with a pedestrian-friendly old quarter.
- Evening at leisure to enjoy tapas and local cuisine.
- Distance: approx. 56 km.
- Overnight in Pontevedra (4-star hotel)

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DAY 5

PONTEVEDRA - O GROVE

- Breakfast.
- Follow the scenic Spiritual Variant of the Camino de Santiago cycling route.
- Visit Poio Monastery and continue to the coastal village of Combarro.
- Cycle along the Albariño Coast with views of traditional granaries and fishing villages.
- Pass through Sanxenxo and Portonovo, known for beaches and seaside atmosphere.
- Continue to the O Grove peninsula, famous for seafood and coastal landscapes.
- Evening free to enjoy fresh Galician seafood.
- Distance: approx. 53 km.
- Overnight in O Grove.

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DAY 6

O GROVE - VILANOVA DE AROUSA

- Breakfast.
- Ride through the heart of the Albariño wine region in Rías Baixas.
- Cycle via Cambados, the capital of Albariño wine production.
- Scenic coastal cycling with views of estuaries, beaches, and vineyards.
- Optional loop around Arousa Island, featuring quiet roads and ocean views.
- Continue to Vilanova de Arousa, a traditional fishing village known for seafood.
- Relaxed evening in a countryside hotel setting.
- Distance: approx. 50 km.
- Overnight in Vilanova de Arousa.

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DAY 7

VILANOVA DE AROUSA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Breakfast.
- Short ride to the harbour for a boat journey along the Ruta Translatio.
- Follow the maritime Camino de Santiago route linked to Saint James
- Continue cycling through rural Galicia towards Santiago de Compostela
- Share the final section with Camino pilgrims on quiet trails and country roads
- Arrival in Santiago and visit the iconic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Free time to celebrate the end of your Portugal to Santiago cycling tour
- Cycling distance: approx. 28 km
- Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

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DAY 8

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Breakfast.
- Free time to explore Santiago's historic centre
- End of your self-guided cycling holiday in Northern Spain
- Departure or optional extension

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END OF TOUR SERVICES

Included

- 7 nights in carefully selected accommodation, including daily **(B)** breakfast
- 6-day bike hire (Trek Marlin 6 MTB with 29" wheels, panniers, and helmet)
- Daily luggage transfers between each accommodation
- Comprehensive route guidance and navigation notes
- Mobile app with GPS tracks and trail details for easy navigation
- Personal welcome meeting at the start of your trip
- 24/7 English-speaking support line for assistance during your journey

Excluded

- Meals not specified, including lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Local tourist taxes
- Personal equipment
- Personal expenses
- Any services not listed in the "Included" section
- Gratuities

Pick up

- Pick up at your hotel in Porto. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)
- Pick up at your hotel in Santiago. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)
- Pick up at Porto Airport. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)
- Pick up at Santiago Airport. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)

Drop off

- Drop off at your hotel in Porto. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)
- Drop off at your hotel in Santiago. (**NOTE:** Advise for extra cost)
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