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Camino de Santiago Wine Walking Tour with Albariño in Galicia



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Walk sections of the Camino de Santiago French and Portuguese routes on one journey, following ancient pilgrimage trails to the Rías Baixas coast of Galicia, home to Albariño white wines, fresh seafood and Atlantic landscapes.

Highlights

- Walk scenic portions of the Pilgrimage Way of St. James
- Enjoy monumental visits and some winery tours, etc..
- Food, Wine & Walking Guide to tell you all about Galicia

General Overview

Country: Spain
Region: Galicia
City: Santiago de Compostela
Duration: 10 Days / 9 Nights

Type: Private Group Tour
Theme: Food & Wine Tours
Group Size: 2 to 8+ People
Price from: €

Introduction



Wines, Walks & Seaside Flavors: A Culinary Camino Across Galicia

This unique **Camino de Santiago** trip combines iconic pilgrimage trails with the **stunning coastal beauty** of **Galicia's Rías Baixas**. Starting in **Santiago de Compostela**, head to Villafranca del Bierzo, stopping to explore the **ancient Roman-walled city of Lugo**. Along the way, stay in **historic paradors** and **charming manors**, enjoying the comfort of self-guided walks accompanied by professional drivers.

Walking through Galicia's countryside, you'll trace the most picturesque sections of the **French and Portuguese Camino routes**. Highlights include visits to local **Bierzo wineries** known for their **Mencía wines** and stays in traditional rural accommodations that showcase the **authentic charm of the region**. Each day is carefully designed for balance: scenic walks, cultural immersion, and the flexibility to rest or explore at your own pace.



Savor Galician Food, Albariño Wines, and Coastal Treasures

Galicia is famous for its **world-class gastronomy**, and this journey offers countless opportunities to indulge. After reaching Santiago, the day continues along the **Rías Baixas coastline** with a **food and wine expert**. This region is the **birthplace of Albariño**, the bright and citrusy white wine renowned for perfectly complementing the fresh local seafood. Visit wineries with **exclusive tastings**, where you'll learn about winemaking traditions and taste the best local wines.

Seafood lovers will be in paradise: from **fresh razor clams** and **mussels** to the popular **pulpo a la gallega (Galician-style octopus)**, every meal is a celebration of local ingredients. Dining experiences include stops at **traditional taverns**, **seaside restaurants**, and market-fresh feasts. Beyond the plate, the journey includes light coastal walks to lighthouses and hilltop ruins, lush nature, history, and culinary delights at every step.



Vigo: The Vibrant Coastal Heart of Galicia

The trip ends in **Vigo**, **Europe's largest fishing port** and a bustling city that perfectly blends **maritime tradition** with a cosmopolitan vibe. Here, you can explore **vibrant neighborhoods**, see **local markets**, and enjoy **traditional and innovative restaurants** that serve **fresh seafood** and **creative Galician dishes**. With its dynamic atmosphere, Vigo offers the perfect ending.

This experience is ideal for travelers looking for luxury Camino de Santiago tours, Galician wine and culinary vacations, or Spanish coastal walking adventures combining culture, cuisine, and scenery in one excellent, unforgettable package.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

VIGO AIRPORT OR SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AIRPORT OR PORTO AIRPORT - LUGO - VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO

- Your private driver will pick you at Vigo Airport/Santiago Airport/Porto Airport.
- Travel by highway (approx. 1hr 30mins. approx.) to the **city of Lugo**
- **Private walking tour of the Roman Walls of Lugo & Cathedral (Duration: 2hrs approx.)**
- **11:30AM:** Meet our local guide for a visit to the **Roman Walls, Pilgrimage Cathedral & Old Quarter**.
- **01:30PM:** Ending the tour in the old quarter
- Some free time for lunch on your own, there are many bars and restaurants in the old quarter of Lugo, our guide can recommend them to you!
- Meet up with our driver and continue on to the neighboring **region of El Bierzo**, where we will be staying in **Villafranca del Bierzo** and where tomorrow you will start following along **the French Pilgrimage Way to Santiago**. (**NOTE:** Driving time is about 1h 10 mins)

approx.)

- Our driver will drop you off at your accommodation.
- Check in to your accommodation.
- Free time to relax before dinner. You could take a walk around the village of Villafranca del Bierzo on your own.
- **08:30PM:** Dinner tonight will be at a recommended restaurant.
- Overnight in Villafranca del Bierzo.

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DAY 2:

THE FRENCH CAMINO WAY

VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO - O CEBREIRO - SAMOS - SARRIA

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel
- Wines of Bierzo & the French Way: A Journey Through Vines and Pilgrim Trails (**Duration: 8hrs approx.**)
- **10:00AM:** Meet your driver in the lobby and load your luggage in the minivan.
- Before leaving the region of Bierzo, you will visit a winery of the **D.O. Bierzo wine region**.
- This area is famous for a red variety of grape called Mencia, you will love it!
- After the winery visit and tasting, our driver will transfer you to **O Cebreiro** in Galicia. (**NOTE:** About a 45min. drive in total)
- Here you could take a walk around this mountain village and see the **Hermitage of O Cebreiro (Sanctuary of Santa María la Real de O Cebreiro)**.
- This village is also known for its artisan cheese **Queixo do Cebreiro**, so you can enjoy a taste of local cheese and some tapas for a light lunch on your own in one of the small bars before starting your walk. (**NOTE:** At a recommended restaurant.)
- Meet up with your chauffeur, and he can drop you off at a point in the trail so you can start the self-guided walking on your own, which follows down the mountain range of **O Cebreiro**. **The distance is about 9 km / 5.6 mi to Alto de Poio** with one steep climb to get there, but well worth it as it is the highest point of the Camino in Galicia, and there is a bar there too. It could take **about 2hrs approx. Depending on your pace.**
- Your driver can pick you up here, or you could walk some more; it is up to you since it is self-guided.
- After your walk, your driver will transfer you to Sarria, but you could stop in Samos to visit the Monastery on your own and get a stamp!
- Continue onto Sarria, where you will spend the night.
- **06:00PM approx.:** Drop off at your hotel
- Check in at your hotel.
- Explore this medieval village on your own.
- Dinner on your own. (**NOTE:** There are bars and restaurants to choose from.)
- Overnight in Sarria

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DAY 3:

SARRIA - MORGADE - PORTOMARIN - PALAS DE REI - MEIXIDE - ARZUA (SEDOR)

- Breakfast

- Check out of the hotel
- From Woodland Trails to Manor Elegance: A Galician Day from Sarria to Sedor (**Duration: 8hrs approx.**)
- **09:30AM:** Your driver will pick you up (and your luggage) and transfer you to the starting point.
- Drop off at the **Monastery of the Magdalena of Sarria**, this is the best place to start walking in the morning, and it is one of the best parts of the Camino from here through the medieval woodlands to Barbadelo, ending your walk at **Casa Morgade**, you could have lunch here, it is up to you. **Walking distance is about 12 km / 7.5 mi approx. to that point, depending on your pace, could be around 3hrs walking.**
- After lunch, you can decide if you want to walk more or call up your driver and get transferred to Portomarin.
- In **Portomarin**, you could visit the village and the medieval church, which was moved stone by stone (1956-1962) to its present location before the valley in which it lay was flooded to make a reservoir.
- Meet up with your driver after you walk around Portomarin, then transfer passing through other Pilgrimage villages like **Palas de Rei**.
- Drop off at your **charming Manor house in Sedor, Azrúa**. This area is famous for the **Tetilla Cheese**, you have to try it!
- Time to relax until dinner....
- **08:00PM:** Dinner will be in a recommended restaurant.
- Overnight in Azrúa.

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DAY 4:

ARZUA (SEDOR) - LAVACOLLA - MONTE DO GOZO - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel
- The End of the Way: Final Pilgrim Steps to the Cathedral of Santiago (**Duration: 4hrs approx.**)
- **09:30AM:** Your driver will pick you up (and your luggage) and transfer you to the starting point.
- You will pass by Lavacolla, which is the spot where all the pilgrims in medieval times used to stop and wash in the stream before the last stretch to Santiago de Compostela. (**NOTE:** Drive is about 30mins.)
- Your driver will drop you off at Monte do Gozo (The Hill to Admire from) at the **Pilgrim statue**, where you can see from there, on a clear day, the towers of Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.
- Then walk over to the **small church of San Marcos**. From there, you would walk along the last stage of the way to Santiago de Compostela. **The walking distance is about 5.5-6 Km / 3.5-3.8 mi, it would take, depending on your pace about 1h 15mins to 1h 30mins approx.**
- For through the Porta do Camino old entrance way into the old town and along Rua Casa Reis to Praza de Cervantes and down Rua Achebacteria, through the Arch of the Bishop's Palace into the amazing Praza do Obradorio, ending in the middle of the square looking at the amazing façade of the Cathedral!
- You will see the Hostal dos Reis Catolicos, this building was originally a Hospital built by the Catholic Kings to aid the Pilgrims, now it is a 5* Luxury hotel, one of the oldest operating

hotels in Europe.

- Since you will arrive before check-in time which is 03:00PM, you can just have some lunch on your own. I recommend along the street Rua do Franco, many bars and restaurants.
- **03:00PM:** Check in to your hotel.
- Relax and tonight, enjoy dinner on your own.
- Overnight in Santiago

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DAY 5:

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - WALKING DAY TOUR IN THE HISTORIC QUARTER OF THE ANCIENT PILGRIMAGE CITY

- Breakfast
- Today, enjoy a morning visit to Santiago de Compostela market and food Tour + Monumental Cathedral tour in the Afternoon.
- **Santiago de Compostela Food, Tapas & Wine Tour with a Food Expert Half Day (Duration: 3hrs.30mins.-4hrs. approx.)**
- 11:00AM: Meet your food & wine expert guide in the lobby of your hotel.
- We will walk to the Praza de Cervantes, which was the first open-air farmers market in the city.
- Then we go to the market, **Mercado Plaza de Abastos**, the 2nd most visited monument in the city, the Food Cathedral!
- We will take a stroll through the market to see the fresh fish, meats, etc...
- We offer you a guided tour of some of Santiago's finest tapas bars with commented tastings and an explanation of the different tapas savored.
- In the market, we will have a Galician cheese tasting.
- Our first tapas stop will be in the Food hall right in the market, we will try the Galician Octopus fair style and the peppers of Padron paired with Galician wines.
- The second stop will be at a Michelin-recommended Bib Gourmand restaurant. A pairing of 3 tapas and 3 wines with an innovative twist.
- The third and last stop on the food tour will be at a tapas bar on the Rua do Franco specializing in grilled meats and tapas. Here we will try 2 more tapas and wines, ending with dessert and coffee, a sweet end to the food tour.
- Our food guide will walk with you to meet up with our monumental guide...
- **Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage Cathedral and Historical Quarter Walking Tour Half Day (Duration: 2hrs. approx.)**
- 03:00PM: Meet your Private English-speaking official local guide in **Santiago de Compostela** at the front entrance of the Hostal Reyes Catolicos.
- Afternoon walking through the old quarter, stopping at various monuments to see from the outside, and of course, the cathedral (inside).
- 05:00PM: The tour will end in the old quarter.
- Free time to relax.
- Make your own way, walking or by taxi, for the dinner table reservation...
- **08:30PM:** Tonight, we have booked you a table at a recommended restaurant. (**NOTE:** You order and pay directly for the meal, table reservation only)
- Make your own way, walking or by taxi, back to your hotel
- Overnight in Santiago.

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DAY 6:

SANTIAGO - BAROÑA - CORRUBEDO - CATOIRA - ILLA DE AROUSA - CAMBADOS

- Breakfast
- Check out of the parador
- Celtic Coast & Albariño Wine Country: A Taste of Rías Baixas (**Duration: 9-10hrs approx.**)
- **09:00AM:** In the morning, meet your **guide specializing in the food & culture of Galicia** and your driver
- Follow down the upper portion of the Rias Baixas coastline, passing by many small rural fishing villages.
- We will make our first stop of the day at probably the most impressive ruins from Galicia's Celtic past, the **Celtic seaside ruins/hill-fort of Castro de Baroña**.
- The walk down from the parking to the fort is along a trail which takes **about 20-25mins approx. to arrive**.
- After this, we will continue driving down the coast for our next stop at the **Dolmen de Axeitos**, a prehistoric megalithic burial tomb, which is one of the best examples of a prehistoric monument in Galicia
- Then, driving we pass by the Dunes of Corrubedo, a natural beach park with large sand dunes, wild flora & fauna
- We also pass by the remains of the 17th-century defense towers in Catoira, where a battle took place to stop the Vikings from attacking up the river to Santiago. Every August, they have here a spectacular re-enactment of the Viking invasions that occurred a thousand years ago.
- For lunch, we will cross over to the **Illa de Arousa Island**, famous for the best seafood on the coast.
- We will have a traditional seafood lunch right on the port at a restaurant. The clams here are to die for, we will have a Clam noodle dish!
- After lunch, we now enter the **wine region D.O. Rias Baixas**
- The region is divided into sub-zones, and the zone we will be visiting today is the Salnes Valley.
- We will visit the first winery. A warm welcome with a winery & vineyard visit, then a tasting of their elegant Albariño wines. Pairing tasting accompanied by **gastronomical proposals**.
- Then we drive deeper into the Salnes wine country...
- Here we will visit our second winery and taste 3 of their estate wines.
- Ending our day in Cambados with a short walk around the main Praza de Fefiñáns and the quaint streets of this noble village down to the **Parador of Cambados** known as the Pazo Bazan, Parador del Albariño!
- Check in to your hotel.
- Evening on your own.
- Dinner on your own tonight, Cambados has a quaint old quarter where you could choose from one of the many restaurants for dinner.
- Overnight in Cambados

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DAY 7:

CAMBADOS - COMBARRO - PONTEVEDRA - BUEU - ALDAN - HIO - DONON (NATURE WALK AROUND MAN'S CAPE) - VIGO

- Breakfast

- Check out of your hotel
- Savor the Sea: Coastal Villages, Scenic Shores & Fresh Galician Seafood (**Duration: 9hrs approx.**)
- **09:30AM:** In the morning, meet your **guide specializing in the food & culture of Galicia** and your driver
- We drive along the coast to the next bay area, **Ria de Pontevedra**
- Stopping at one of the best examples of what all Galicia's fishing villages used to look like. **Combarro** stands out for its harmonious combination of popular Galician architecture, with traditional houses, granaries, and roadside crosses. The present-day layout dates from the eighteenth century.
- We will walk along the port promenade with Horreos (Stone Granaries), which hang over the bay
- Then next in Pontevedra city, we stop for a walk around the old quarter, which has won many awards for being a sustainable, eco-friendly pedestrian old town.
- Continuing on, we follow along the coast to the next **peninsula of O Morrazo** on the other side of Pontevedra Bay.
- In the small **village of Bueu**, we will visit the fish market.
- Then we have a seafood lunch in a local restaurant.
- After lunch in the small parish of Hio we visit the **Wayside Cross of Hio**, the most famous in Galicia and built from on solid block of granite. Beside the cross is the **Romanesque Church of San Andres (St. Andrews)**.
- Then off to what is known as **Cabo Home (Man's Cape)** in Donon here, we see a few lighthouses, including an **Ancient Celtic Fort and Lighthouse at the top of Monte Facho** all with an excellent view of the Cies Island in front.
- We will get some light exercise, walking up to the lighthouse on the coast with views of the golden beaches, **Cies Islands and Vigo Bay** with the city in the backdrop, our next stop.
- Then we make our way to Vigo city to check into your hotel.
- Some time to relax before dinner.
- Within walking distance from your hotel, just around the corner, make your own way to...
- **08:30PM:** For dinner, we have booked you a table at a recommended restaurant. (**NOTE:** You order and pay directly for the meal, table reservation only)
- Make you own way back to your hotel
- Overnight in Vigo

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DAY 8:

VIGO - VALENÇA DO MIÑO - TUI - O ROSAL - A GUARDA - ST. TEGRA - BAIONA - VIGO

- Breakfast
- **Portuguese Way Experience: Walk the Iron Bridge from Portugal to Galicia, Feast & Discover Baiona's Noble Past (Duration: 9hrs approx.)**
- **09:30AM:** This morning, meet your **guide specializing in the food & culture of Galicia**
- Today we start driving down to Minho-Miño region of Northern Portugal and Galicia.
- Stop in **Valenca do Minho**, and we will be dropped by our driver at the **Fort of Valenca**. (**NOTE:** About a 30min drive from Vigo)
- We walk through the streets of the old fort and stop at the lookout to take some great photos of where we will walk across to Tui, Galicia
- Then we will walk part of the **Portuguese Camino Way** over the old iron bridge into **Tui, Galicia, Spain. Walking Distance/Time: 2.5 km / 1.5 mi approx., 35-40 mins.**

depending on your pace and stops.

- We will visit the **Fortified Pilgrimage Cathedral of Tui** and take a walk around the old quarter.
- Meet up with our driver and transfer along the Galician side of the Miño river to the **O Rosal sub-zone of the D.O. Rias Baixas**.
- We stop to visit the vineyards, winery, and taste the wines at a prestigious Albariño winery. We will try 3 different wines.
- Then on to the last fishing village of the Galician Coast, **A Guarda**, known for the best Atlantic blue lobster.
- We will have a **traditional seafood lunch with lobster and rice**, of course with Albariño and O Rosal wines right on the port of this quaint fishing village.
- After lunch, we will make our way to the top of the **Monte St. Tegra** with remains of a **Celtic hill fort and amazing views of the coast** and the miño river meeting each other.
- Then we make our way to the point where we will start walking a part of the **Coastal Camino Portuguese route** from the **Playa de Area Grande** to the fishermen's traps along a picturesque coastal trail. **Walking Distance/Time: 2 km / 1.25 mi approx., 40 mins. walk, depending on the pace.**
- Then our driver will pick us up and transfer us along the beautiful coastal road, passing by **the lighthouse of Cabo Silliero**.
- Then we will stop in Baiona for a walk around the seawall trail of the **Parador Castle of Baiona** to see the views of the Cies Islands. **The walk is about 1.77 km / 1.1 mi, a 30 mins. walk all the way around. If we did the 3 walks would be around 5.77 km / 3.6 mi total today.**
- If you didn't want to walk around the sea path, we could explore the old quarter of Baiona, which has some stores, bars, etc..
- Then we will be transferred to our hotel in Vigo
- **06:30PM approx.:** Drop off back at your hotel in Vigo
- Dinner on your own tonight.
- Overnight in Vigo

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DAY 9:

VIGO - SALVATERRA - MONÇAO - MELGAÇO, PORTUGAL (VINHO VERDE WINE COUNTRY) - ARBO (CONDADO DE TEA WINE COUNTRY) - VIGO

- Breakfast
- Bordering wine country: Condado de Tea & Vinho Verde alongside Miño River (Duration: 8-9hrs approx.)
- **09:30AM:** This morning, meet your **guide specializing in the food & culture of Galicia**
- Today we drive by highway to the **Condado de Tea Valley**, another sub-zone of the **D.O. Rias Baixas** and the last on our journey through the Rias Baixas wine region, and hop over the river to the **Portuguese Vinho Verde wine country!**
- We will stop in **Salvaterra do Miño** for a nice walk along the riverside right to the winery. **Walking distance about 2.5 km / 1.55 mi, 45min walk approx right to the winery.**
- We will visit the first winery located in south-eastern Galicia in the border area between Spain and Portugal. We will enjoy a special visit to the vineyard and winery, and a tasting of their wines.
- Then we cross the border driving over into the **Vinho Verde wine region** of Portugal,

passing Monçao, then following along Minho river to **Melgaço**.

- We will stop at the 2nd winery. You will compare how the Albariño (or should I say Alvarinho as we are in Portugal!) grape variety tastes on this side of the border! Lunch at the winery after the visit, based on locally sourced traditional cuisine.
- After lunch, to get the best views of the wine regions on both sides of the Miño river, we will visit the **Castle Tower of Melgaço** in the old quarter of the town with panoramic views of the vineyards. A magical land, true wine country life on both sides of the border.
- Then we will go down to the natural border and cross the Miño River between Galicia, Spain, and Portugal. Here in the **village of Arbo** you see these special walls called **Pesqueira, where they catch lamprey eels**, a technique used since Roman times.
- Drive back to Vigo by highway (**NOTE:** Driving time: 50mins approx.)
- **05:30PM-06:30PM approx.:** Drop off back at your hotel in Vigo and **final goodbye from your Food & Wine Guide, as this is the last touring day.**
- Dinner on your own tonight.
- Overnight in Vigo

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DAY 10:

VIGO - VIGO AIRPORT OR SANTIAGO AIRPORT OR PORTO AIRPORT

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel
- Private transfer to the airport.
- Drop off at the airport and a final goodbye from your driver. (**NOTE:** If you want to add a short break or extend the trip to Porto or other cities, please let us know.)

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END OF PRIVATE TOUR SERVICES

Included

INCLUDES:

- 9 Night accommodations in Double, Single or Triple Room Occupancy at accommodations listed in **Lodging**
- (**B**): Breakfast included daily, except day of arrival
- (**L**): 4 Lunches based on a selection of restaurants in special locations (eg. picturesque coastal towns, etc...) offering cuisine from traditional to innovative style, tapas, tasting menus, seafood, etc... all accompanied by wines of each region visited.
- (**D**): 5 Dinners 4 of which will be at the Paradores and B&B's we are staying at offering traditional cuisine and as well 1 special dinner: a tasting gourmet tapas menu with live show-cooking from a young chef at a Michelin star restaurant in Vigo
- (**DR**): 1 Dinner table reservations at a Michelin-starred recommended restaurant (**NOTE:** Table reservation only you pay directly for what is ordered)
- Transportation as specified per itinerary
- English-Speaking driver as specified per itinerary (**NOTE:** Driver is not a guide although will

give commentary when driving and familiar with the area will not guide within wineries, monuments, etc...)

- English-speaking local guide in Santiago for monumental visits of the historic quarter
- English-Speaking foodie guide for tapas & wine tour in Santiago
- Accompanying guide for days 1-4 and days 6-9.
- Entrance fees included when with guides: Lugo Cathedral, Santiago Cathedral, Cathedral of Tui, Parador Castle Baiona, Santa Tecla, ..
- 6 VIP winery visits and tastings in the various wine region as specified in the itinerary (All wineries have been selected by our food & wine expert)
- Local Taxes

Excluded

EXCLUDES & OPTIONS TO ADD-ON:

- Any other meals not specified
- Entrance fees not specified
- *English-Speaking accompanying guide specializing in the food & culture of Galicia for designated days as per itinerary (*Optional costing for this service to be included and possible on certain days of the tour where we think it would enhance the experience even further to make fully-escorted for 4 days)
- Tips and Gratuities to Drivers and Guides (Not mandatory but given)

Pick up

- Santiago Airport
- Designated meeting point
- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Drop off

- Santiago Airport
- Designated meeting point
- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Transport

- Mercedes Benz E Class Sedan Car (1 to 2 People)
- Mercedes Benz Viano or Vito Minivan (1 to 6 People)
- Minibus or Bus (7 to 15 seater)

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

Map

