

Portugal – Cycling the Portuguese Camino de Santiago Bicycle Tour 2022
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



Cycling the Portuguese Camino de Santiago allows you to appreciate the beauty of Portugal's Minho region and Galicia in Spain. The scenery is a glorious blend of greenery with woodland, rivers, valleys, vineyards, fields and traditional villages with their architecture and age-old rural farming practices. Sections of the Portuguese Camino share the ancient Roman road and you'll cross many a Roman bridge on your journey. You'll also discover attractive towns and cities with stunning ancient architecture and fascinating histories. To keep your energy levels up along the Way, tuck into Portuguese and Spanish cheeses, traditional cured meats, the freshest of fish and seafood and vinho verde wines.

Begin your incredible journey in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Porto. Learn how St. James and a cockerel saved a pilgrim's life in Barcelos, why Roman soldiers were terrified of crossing the river at Ponte de Lima and appreciate the significant part Valença's fortress played in defending Portugal's borders. On the other side of the River Minho the stunning Tui Cathedral awaits, as do Redondela's viaducts and the medieval center of Pontevedra. Riverside Caldas de Reis is famous for its soothing thermal waters while Padrón lays claim to St. James' first burial spot. His remains have since been relocated to what is now a monumental cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival to Porto

Free day in Oporto

Day 2: Porto - Barcelos 54 km

On this first stage you can appreciate the progressive transition from urban into rural areas. You will go through Vilarinho, Rates and Pedra Furada, and then on rural roads you will reach the town of Barcelos where the stage ends.

Day 3: Barcelos – Ponte de Lima 33 km

You will leave from Barcelos, and following minor roads you will enter in the rural area. This is a day of rural roads, and a magnificent journey until reaching Ponte de Lima, where you will be dazzled by the stunning landscape.



Day 4: Ponte de Lima - Valença 35 km

Leave the medieval town of Ponte de Lima and go into the rural world. On the middle of the stage you will arrive to Labruja Mountain - two kilometers uphill that are the most demanding of the whole Way. From the top until the end of the stage it is an easy ride.

Day 5: Valença – Pontevedra 56 km

Cross Rio Minho and enter in Spain. Go through the medieval town of Tui and before reach Pontevedra you pass through the cities of O Porriño and Redondela.

Day 6: Pontevedra – Padron 41 km

From the old city of Pontevedra continue along the beautiful Valley of the Gandra River until Caldas de Reis and from there along some enchanting stretches, along the side of the Valga River you reach Padron.

Day 7: Padron - Santiago 25 km

The last stage starts leaving Padron through Galician villages until the magnificent sanctuary of Nossa Señora da Escravitude. Continue to Teo and following broad streets and narrower shortcuts you finally arrive to the suburbs of Santiago that lead us through a labyrinth of streets to the Cathedral of Santiago.



Day 8: Departure

After breakfast - end of our services

Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Hard. Terrain is 40% asphalt and 60% dirt roads or unpaved roads, some narrow at times. We recommend cycling the Camino only if you have some cycling experience and essential bike maintenance knowledge.

Distance: 244 km

Travel Season: Daily departures from March 1 to October 31, 2022



Price per Person:

Double Occupancy B&B March 1 - June 30 and September 16 – October 31	€ 780.00
Double Occupancy B&B July 1 – September 15	€ 830.00
Single Supplement B&B March 1- June 30 and September 16 – October 31	€ 240.00
Single Supplement B&B July 1 – September 15	€ 260.00
Half Board Option (5x dinners including drinks)	€ 175.00
E-Bike Upgrade	€ 175.00
Extra Nights Oporto Double Occupancy	€ 61.00
Extra Nights Oporto Single Occupancy	€ 100.00
Extra Nights Santiago Double Occupancy	€ 61.00
Extra Nights Santiago Single Occupancy	€ 105.00
Upgrade to 4 and 5* Hotels and Paradores	On request
Private transfer Porto Airport/City Center (up to 3 persons)	€ 47.00
Private transfer Porto Airport/City Center (4 - 7 persons)	€ 70.00
Private transfer Santiago to Porto (up to 3 persons)	€ 350.00
Private transfer Santiago to Porto (4 - 7 persons)	€ 395.00
Helmet (to purchase)	€ 32.00
GPS Device with Route	€ 5.00 per day
Gel Pad for Saddle	€ 2.00 per day
Travel Bag for Handlebar	€ 4.00 per day

Accommodation:

3* hotels with private washrooms

Included:

- 7 nights of accommodation with breakfast
- 6 Days MTB bike rental - 20 gears bike with front suspension, disc brakes, 29" wheels and pannier bags
- Luggage transfers between hotels (1 bag per person – Max. 15 kg/bag)
- 24 hour emergency support
- Pilgrim Kit: passport (Credencial) and shell (Vieira)
- Journey documentation
- In-person welcome briefing
- Road book of the way with tips and information (in English)

Not Included:

- International flights
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Meals (where not listed as included in the itinerary)
- Optional additional tours or activities during free time
- Tips and items of a personal nature

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Bikes

Hybrid Bike

Cannondale Trail 5



E-Bike

BH Rebel Lynx 5.5

