

Bike Tour on the Portuguese Way of St. James

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 240 KM
BOOKING CODE: ES-POPS7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

This tour starts in Porto, Portugal, and takes you to one of the most important cities of Christianity, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Most of the time you cycle along the beautiful coastal landscapes of the Atlantic and get to know traditional fishing ports as well as picturesque villages and historic towns on the way. You will mainly follow the almost ascent-free course of the Portuguese Way of St. James, which connects two countries and cultures on this journey.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Porto
Day 2	Porto – Caminha, approx. 50 km + Transfer
Day 3	Caminha – Baiona, approx. 40 km
Day 4	Baiona – Pontevedra, approx. 30 km
Day 5	Pontevedra – Cambados, approx. 30 km
Day 6	Cambados – Carril, approx. 40 km
Day 7	Carril – Santiago de Compostela, approx. 45 km
Day 8	Transfer Santiago de Compostela – Porto and individual departure

Travel time

Season A	04.03. – 29.04.	07.10. – 25.11.
Season B	06.05. – 30.09.	

Arrival Monday 04.03. – 25.11.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, 4 x national 3* / 4* level and 3 x in Paradores
- Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- Guided tour and wine tasting at an award-winning traditional winery in Cambados
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Santiago de Compostela, max. 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 23 kg / piece
- Rental bike, surcharge for ebike
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Transfer Airport Porto – Hotel Porto
- Transfer Porto – Esposende
- Transfer Santiago de Compostela – Airport Porto

Not included services

- City or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1699,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1749,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	549,-

Additional services per person

Surcharge E-bike / Pedelec	199,-
Rental bike (27-gear)	incl.

Notes

- Minimum number of participants: 2 persons

Exemplary hotel list Standard

Porto	Neya Porto	https://porto.neyahotels.com/de/
Caminha	Hotel Porta do Sol Caminha	https://hotelportadosol.com/
Baiona	Parador de Baiona	https://paradores.es/es/parador-de-baiona
Pontevedra	Hotel Rías Bajas Pontevedra	https://www.hotelriasbajas.com/es/
Cambados	Parador de Cambados	https://paradores.es/es/parador-de-cambados
Carril	Hotel Carril	https://www.aldahotels.es/alojamientos/alda-carril
Santiago de Compostela	Parador de Santiago	https://paradores.es/es/parador-de-santiago-de-compostela

Child reduction on basic price

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina. Since family rooms are not available on this trip, the children's discount cannot be offered.

Languages Travel documents

→ English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- The transfer to and from Porto airport is already included in the tour price. The transfer from Santiago de Compostela to the airport starts at approx. 11 am, duration approx. 3 hours.
- In Spain, helmets are compulsory for cyclists.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.
- Extra nights: availabilities and prices on request

Equipment of our rental bikes

- 1 x handlebar bag per room
- Bike lock (per room)
- Luggage rack
- Air pump (per room)
- Multi-Tool
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Porto

- Nearest airports: Porto, Lisbon

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Porto

After your arrival at Porto airport, the adventure of your cycling holiday in Portugal can begin! You will be transferred to your booked hotel, from where you can visit the former cultural capital either on foot or already from the saddle of your rental bike. The historic centre and the Douro riverbank on the Gaia side, where the port wine cellars are located, are classified as World Heritage Sites. Discover the lively city where the train station is housed in a former monastery and the facades of the houses are so colourful that they immediately put you in a good mood! Optional wine tasting in a historic wine cellar in Porto (Not included in the tour price).

Day 2: Porto – Caminha, approx. 50 km + Transfer

The first section of today's stage of your cycle tour on the Portuguese Way of St James is completed with a transfer (included), which takes you to Esposende. Let's get going! A first stopover is in Viana do Castelo. Visit the Praça da República, one of the most beautiful medieval squares in Portugal, and enjoy an outstanding view of the city and the River Lima from the pilgrimage church on Monte Santa Luzia. We continue along the Atlantic coast to Caminha. The town is surrounded by a mighty city wall, behind which you will discover small, picturesque alleyways.

Day 3: Caminha – Baiona, approx. 40 km

Right at the start of your cycling day today, you are spoiled for choice: you can cross the Rio Minho by ferry (not included) or cycle over the Ponte da Amizade bridge in Vila Nova de Cerveira to the other bank of the river. In both cases, you cross the border to Spain almost unnoticed. You continue cycling along the Atlantic coast to your destination for the day, the harbour town of Baiona. After a stroll through the town, savour freshly caught seafood, sit back with a glass of wine and enjoy the view of the sea at sunset.

Day 4: Baiona – Pontevedra, approx. 30 km

Today's cycling day on the Portuguese Way of St James takes you along the Atlantic coast of Galicia. Along the way, enjoy the view over the sea and the fresh sea breeze blowing in your face. Along the way, oyster lovers will get their money's worth in the fishing village of Arcade. Your destination for the day, Pontevedra, is a town steeped in history with a long seafaring and trading tradition. Take a tour of the town, which is characterised by numerous squares, churches and museums - well worth seeing!

Day 5: Pontevedra – Cambados, approx. 30 km

You cycle at a relaxed pace towards the Atlantic, passing the vineyards of the Rías Baixas. The wine region is known for Albariño, one of Portugal's most important white wine varieties. In your destination for the day, Cambados, wine-growing and fishing are omnipresent. Stroll along

the Praza de Fefiñans, visit the fishing district of San Tomé and enjoy a guided tour of a traditional winery, including a wine tasting (included) of Galicia's tangy, fresh wine.

Day 6: Cambados – Carril, approx. 40 km

Your cycle tour on the Portuguese Way of St James takes you to the wide estuary of the Ría de Arousa, a bay. Cross a bridge to reach the small island of A Illa de Arousa. Enjoy sunbathing on the kilometre-long sandy beaches or treat yourself to a refreshing dip in the sea. From the Con do Forno viewpoint, you can enjoy a beautiful view over the island. Back on the mainland, we head to Carril. The fishing village is famous for its mussels, which are farmed on wooden platforms off the coast - try them!

Day 7: Carril – Santiago de Compostela, approx. 45 km

Today you cycle inland through forests and wetlands and first reach Padrón. Legend has it that the ship carrying the body of St James the Apostle, who was later buried in Santiago de Compostela, docked in this small town. Over the centuries, Santiago de Compostela has developed into one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in the world. The cathedral, which was built in the 11th century as the burial church of St James, is particularly impressive. On the last evening of your cycle tour on the Portuguese Way of St James, treat yourself to typical Spanish empanadas and a Galician wine - perfecto!

Day 8: Transfer Santiago de Compostela – Porto and individual departure

Your cycle tour on the Portuguese Way of St James ends after breakfast. A transfer (included) will take you from Santiago de Compostela to Porto airport.