

Cycling tour on the Way of St. James

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 270 KM
BOOKING CODE: ES-SPAS7

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



Cycling the Camino Francés

From Eur 749,-



Your tour

This cycle tour takes you along the most famous Christian pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago, from Astorga to Santiago de Compostela. Many thousands of people set out each year to walk the classic Camino Francés through northern Spain, describing it as a moving and in many ways rewarding experience. Enjoy the rugged landscape of Galicia from a bike, explore charming villages and get to know the diverse local cuisine. The spirit of pilgrimage accompanies you on this cycling tour on the Way of St. James through the individual villages to Santiago de Compostela.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Astorga
Day 2	Astorga – Molinaseca, approx. 50 km
Day 3	Molinaseca – Las Herrerías, approx. 50 km
Day 4	Las Herrerías – Sarria, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Sarria – Palas de Rei, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Palas de Rei – Rúa / O Pedrouzo, approx. 60 km
Day 7	O Pedrouzo – Santiago de Compostela, approx. 25 km
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	01.04. – 31.10.
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Daily arrival 01.04. – 31.10.2024

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 2* / 3*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Santiago de Compostela, max. 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Double room	749,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	219,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	199,-
Rental bike (24-gear)	99,-

Exemplary hotel list Standard

Astorga	Hotel Exe Astur Plaza Astorga	https://www.eurostarshotels.com/
	Hotel Ciudad De Astorga	https://www.portbluehotels.com/hoteles/hotel-spa-ciudad-de-astorga-by-portblue-boutique/
Molinaseca	Hostal Casa Palacio Molinaseca	http://www.casaelpalacio.com/en
	No Mad Green Hotel Molinaseca	https://no-mad-hotel.es/
Las Herrerías	Hotel La Pandela Las Herrerías	https://www.lapandela.es/
	Hotel Casa Lixa Las Herrerías	https://www.casalixa.com/
Sarria	Hotel Roma Sarria	https://hotelroma1930.es/
	Posada Casona De Sarria	https://www.lacasonadesarria.es/
Palas de Rei	Hotel Casa Benilde Palas de Rei	https://hotelcasabenilde.com/
	Pensión Casa Camiño Palas de Rei	https://pensioncasacamino.es/
Rua / O Pedrouzo	Hotel O Pino	https://hotelopino.com/
	Hotel O'Acivro O Pedrouzo	https://oacivro.com/
Santiago de Compostela	Hotel Herradura Santiago de Compostela	https://www.hotelherradura.es/en
	Hotel Alda Avenida Santiago de Compostela	https://aldahotels.es/rutas-del-camino-de-santiago/

Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.
Since family rooms are not available on this trip, the children's discount cannot be offered.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- In Spain, helmets are compulsory for cyclists.
- Return journey to Astorga: On your own by train, 2 x direct connections or 1 x change daily, takes approx. 5 hours. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.
- 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.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Bike lock
- Bottle cage
- Luggage rack
- Map holder
- Odometer
- Helmet for hire
- Air pump
- Multi-Tool
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Astorga

- Nearest airports: Santiago, Madrid
- Train station: Astorga

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Astorga

It's off to Astorga, a small town in north-west Spain at the foot of Montes de León. The people here have lived from trading for many years – the stony fields not allowing any agriculture. Confectionery manufacture also has a long tradition. Chocolate, hojaldres and mantecados, are just some of the many sweets produced here. In terms of sights – visit the cathedrals and the bishop's palace of Antoni Gaudí.

Day 2: Astorga – Molinaseca, approx. 50 km

Your tour today starts with a challenge: cycling to Montes de León and then up to Cruz de Ferro, a small iron cross that marks the highest point of the Camino Francés. In keeping with tradition, pilgrims leave a stone from their home country here. Next, enjoy a long downhill ride to Molinaseca and the lovely views on the way. Even in Roman times, this town was an important thoroughway.

Day 3: Molinaseca – Las Herrerías, approx. 50 km

Soon after setting off you arrive in Ponferrada whose castle is worth visiting. Very nearby is Las Médulas, a cultural landscape that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Through the wine-growing area of Bierzo you cycle on to O'Cebreiro, where, alongside the oldest pilgrim churches on the Way of Saint James, you will also see replicas of the Pallozas, the elliptical huts of the Celtiberians.

Day 4: Las Herrerías – Sarria, approx. 55 km

An easier cycle today as you descend to the town of Samos where we you find one of the oldest and most beautiful monasteries in Spain, the Benedictine monastery of Samos.

Day 5: Sarria – Palas de Rei, approx. 50 km

Today, a pleasant section awaits you through rural areas and small villages. The route mostly takes you westwards along roads lined with trees. You cross the Rio Miño, on the other side reaching Portomarín. In the 50s, this had to give way to the Belesar reservoir and was moved to a 50-higher location. Your destination, the small town of Palas de Rei is full of the spirit of the pilgrims.

Day 6: Palas de Rei – Rua / O Pedrouzo, approx. 60 km

Today's cycle tour on the Camino de Santiago takes you gently up and down to Melide. In this small town, the Camino Primitivo meets the classic Camino Francés and connects it with the coastal path. The popular Pulpería Ezequiel restaurant, where excellent octopus is

served, is famous among pilgrims. The Arzúa-Ulloa cheese, a Galician specialty, is produced around Arzúa. In Rua you will have reached today's destination.

Day 7: O Pedrouzo – Santiago de Compostela, approx. 25 km

The last section is only short, to give you enough time to enjoy the end of the Way of Saint James – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. But first you must tackle a rather hilly section. From Monte do Gozo, you can set your sights on the majestic cathedral of Santiago e Compostela for the first time.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.