

Camino de Santiago | Camino Frances: Leon to Santiago

Daily Companion Itinerary

Date	Departure City/Time	Arrival City/Time
July 2	Home Airport	MAD
July 18	Madrid, Spain (MAD)	Home Airport

DAY 1 | Thursday, July 2, 2026

Depart USA to Spain

Begin your pilgrimage with an overnight flight to Spain, preparing your heart and mind for the Camino Francés.

DAY 2 | Friday, June 3, 2026

Land in MAD - Train to Leon

Arrive in Spain and travel by train to Leon. Taxi to Astorga to meet up with the group. Settle into your accommodations and prepare for your journey.

DAY 3 | Saturday, July 4, 2026

Walking Day 1 | Astorga to Rabanal del Camino | 20.6 km / 13 miles

Begin climbing toward the mountains again, arriving in the small stone village of Rabanal del Camino, known for monastic prayer and chant.

DAY 4 | Sunday, July 5, 2026

Walking Day 2 | Rabanal del Camino to Molinaseca | 25.6 km / 16 miles

Cross the famed Cruz de Ferro, where pilgrims traditionally leave a stone as a symbol of burdens laid down at the Cross, then descend to Molinaseca.

DAY 5 | Monday, July 6, 2026

Walking Day 3 | Molinaseca to Villafranca del Bierzo | 30.6 km / 19 miles

Walk through Ponferrada and onward to Villafranca del Bierzo, often called "Little Compostela," with its historic churches and pilgrim traditions.

DAY 6 | Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Walking Day 4 | Villafranca del Bierzo to Las Herrerías | 20 km / 12 miles

Follow the valley of the Río Valcarce, gradually approaching the mountains leading into Galicia.

DAY 7 | Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Walking Day 5 | Las Herrerías to Triacastela | 27 km / 17 miles

A challenging ascent into Galicia, climbing through O Cebreiro's mountain passes before continuing on to Triacastela.

DAY 8 | Thursday, July 9, 2026

Walking Day 6 | Triacastela to Sarria | 25 km / 16 miles

Walk through forests and hamlets toward Sarria, where many pilgrims begin the final 100 km to Santiago.

DAY 9 | Friday, July 10, 2026

Walking Day 7 | Sarria to Portomarín | 22.7 km / 14 miles

Enter lush Galician countryside, crossing medieval bridges and lanes before reaching Portomarín, above the Miño River.

DAY 10 | Saturday, July 11, 2026

Walking Day 8 | Portomarín to Palas de Rei | 24.5 km / 15 miles

Continue on rolling paths and rural roads toward Palas de Rei, a traditional pilgrim stop.

DAY 11 | Sunday, July 12, 2026

Walking Day 9 | Palas de Rei to Melide | 15 km / 9 miles

A shorter day into Melide, renowned for its pulpo (octopus) and welcoming pilgrim atmosphere.

DAY 12 | Monday, July 13, 2026

Walking Day 10 | Melide to Ribadiso / Arzúa | 12 km / 7 miles

Walk through forests and farms to the riverside area of Ribadiso and into Arzúa, another classic Camino town.

DAY 13 | Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Walking Day 11 | Ribadiso / Arzúa to Pedrouzo (A Rúa) | 23.7 km / 15 miles

Your final full day before reaching Santiago. The path winds through eucalyptus forests and small villages as anticipation builds.

DAY 14 | Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Walking Day 12 | Pedrouzo (A Rúa) to Santiago de Compostela | 14 km / 9 miles

Walk the last stretch to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Enter the historic center, arrive at the Plaza del Obradoiro, and complete your pilgrimage at the tomb of St. James. Explore the city, attend the Noon Mass, and visit sites such as the cathedral museum or pilgrim office.

DAY 15 | Thursday, July 16, 2026

Day Trip to the Coast (Muxia / Finisterre)

Optional excursion to the "end of the world" along the Atlantic, visiting Marian shrines and coastal chapels.

DAY 16 | Friday, July 17, 2026

Santiago - Free Day

Opportunities for guided city tours, museum visits, and additional pilgrim activities.

DAY 17 | Saturday, July 18, 2026

Depart Spain to USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flights home, carrying the graces and memories of the Camino Francés.

Price || \$4,200*

Includes round-trip airfare from your home city, lodging along the Camino, in Santiago, major transportation (ie, trains), excursions in Santiago, and a dedicated Mass in Santiago.

All pilgrims receive a free Pilgrim Pack provided by Follow My Camino.

