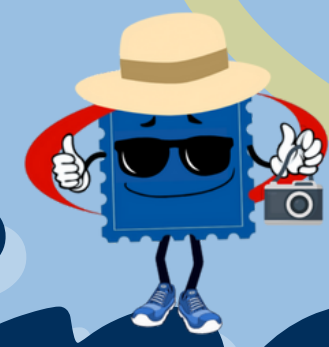


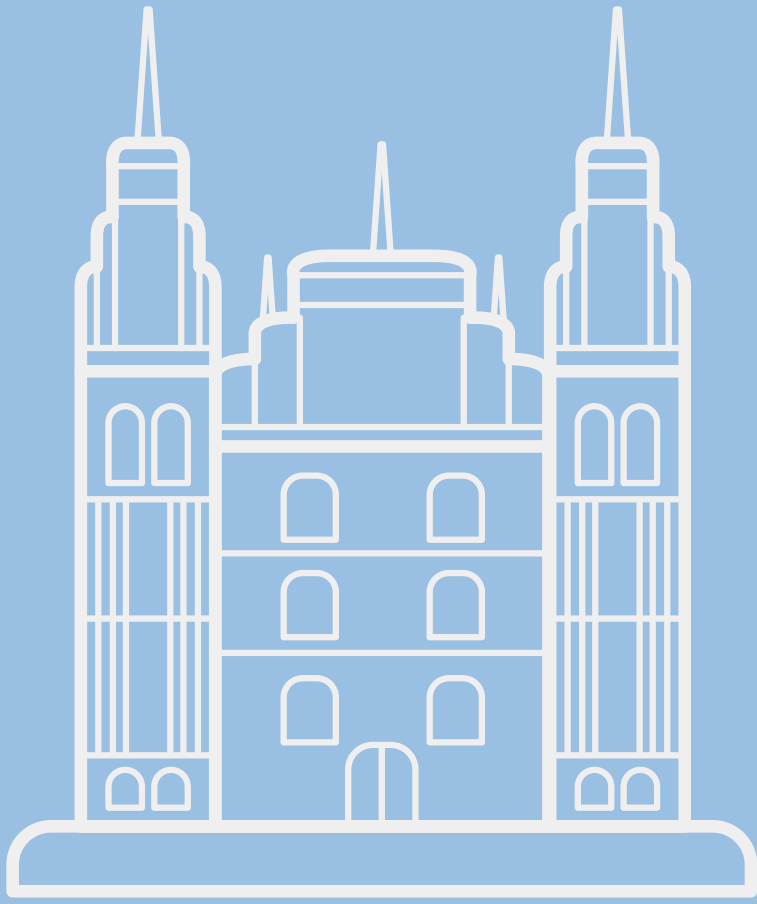


The Camminos

The Camino de Santiago routes



The Camino routes are a set of pilgrimage journeys that converge at the Santiago de Compostela cathedral, the supposed burial place of St. James's tomb, and signify a multitude of things such as quality time with companions, memories, personal fulfilment and spiritual purposes; it provides both a cultural and physical adventure.



The Camino routes centralise around Portugal, France and predominantly The routes can be either walked or cycled, with about 18km to 25km travelled each day. A passport is provided at the start of the journey, with stamps retrieved along the way until the final destination at Santiago de Compostela is reached, whereby a Compostela award is achieved at the end.

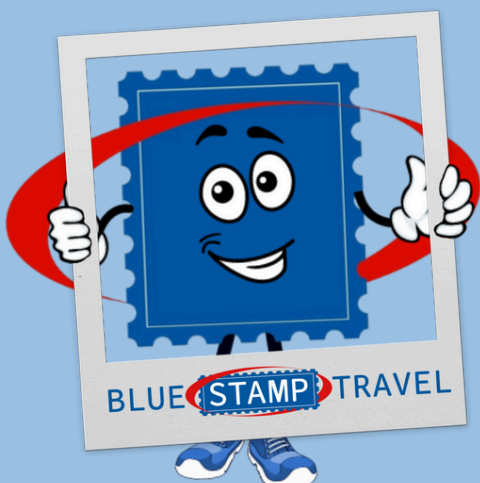
Santiago de Compostela Cathedral

The Santiago de Compostela Cathedral is the final destination for the majority of the Camino Routes, besides Camino Finisterre which starts at this location. The origin of the cathedral dates back to 1075 and was built on top of the remains of previously dated churches that were devoted to the saint. A St. James the apostle sculpture is seen at the main entrance, called La Gloria portico, and is portrayed to be welcoming the pilgrims.



FACTS ABOUT THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO:

- The Camino de Santiago routes are one of the oldest pilgrim trails to date.
- The Old Town of Santiago de Compostela is recognised for its protection of medieval structures and is thus labelled as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The University of Santiago de Compostela is up there with the oldest of Europe's oldest universities and was founded in the 15th century.
- Annually, the Santiago de Compostela celebrates Saint James on July the 25th and is transformed for the 'Feast of St. James'; the celebrations include religious ceremonies and traditional music.



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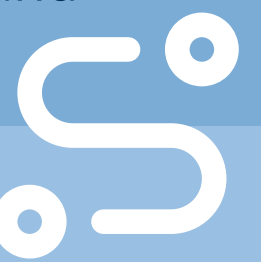
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The Caminos

The Camino de Santiago routes

1 VIA DE LA PLATA

This Camino route, also known as the Silver Way, reaches from Seville to Santiago. It is the longest Camino route, reaching a distance of around 1000km, with an estimated time of 6 weeks to complete.

2 CAMINO FRANCES

The Camino Frances is also known as the French way and is the most famous of the Camino de Santiago routes. The route starts in a town in France called Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port and is about 790km and takes between 4-6 weeks to complete.

3 CAMINO DEL NORTE

This Camino route is also known as the Northern Way and is the initial starting point for the Camino Primitivo. The distance from start to finish is estimated at about 825km, with a total time frame of 5 weeks to complete.

4 CAMINO PRIMITIVO

The Camino Primitivo, also called the Original Way, is thought to be the first pilgrimage route to Santiago, surrounded by beautiful Galician countryside and is one of the most challenging routes because it is very mountainous. The beautiful scenery and views make the hard work worthwhile though! This Camino route is approximately 320km long and takes about 2 weeks to complete.

5 CAMINO INGLES

This Camino route is known as the English way, with the starting point in Ferrol or A Coruna in Spain. It is the shortest of the Camino routes, with a total distance of 75km (3-5 days) from Ferrol and 25km (1-2 days) from A Coruna.

6 CAMINO PORTUGUES

This Camino route has a start point located in Lisbon, Portugal. The entire route from start to finish is 620km, and takes about 4-5 weeks to complete.

7 CAMINO PORTUGUES COASTAL

The Camino Portugues Coastal is a more modern take on the Camino routes and starts in Porto in Portugal. It trails along the Atlantic coast before entering the Galician countryside. The total distance is 270km, and it takes approximately 11-12 days of walking to complete.

8 LE PUY CAMINO

This Camino route is located with a starting point in Le Puy-en-Velay, France, which is home to the famous Notre Dame du Puy Cathedral and the Notre Dame statue. The trail joins with the Camino Frances at Saint-Jean-Pied de Port (3), with a total distance of 736km from start to its finish in Santiago and takes about 4 to 5 weeks to complete.

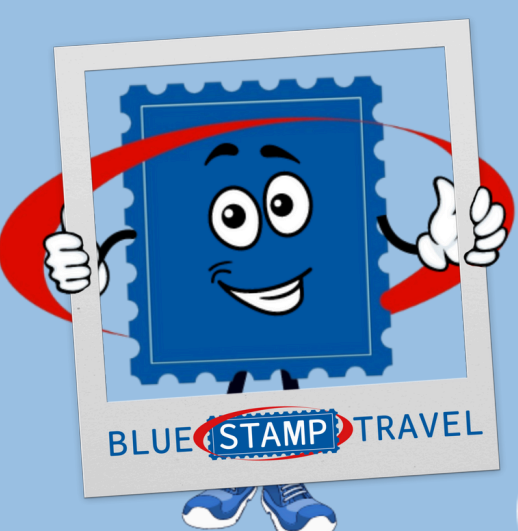
9 CAMINO FINISTERRE

The Camino Finisterre is unusual because it starts from Santiago de Compostela and ends in Cape Fisterra. This route is the only camino trail that starts in Santiago de Compostela, rather than finishing there. This location has before been believed as the 'Edge of the world', located on the Atlantic coast of Galicia as "Finisterre" literally translates to "End of the Earth" in Latin. The trail is 90km long and takes around 4 days to complete.

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