

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Camino Primitivo



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Introduction

The **Camino Primitivo**, or *Original Way*, is the oldest route of the Camino de Santiago. It begins in **Oviedo**, in northern Spain, and follows the path taken in the 9th century by **King Alfonso II**, the first pilgrim to travel to the tomb of Saint James in Santiago de Compostela.

This route is known for its **mountain landscapes, quiet paths, and challenging terrain**. Passing through forests, valleys, and small rural villages, the Camino Primitivo offers pilgrims a sense of solitude and simplicity that invites reflection and inner growth.

More demanding than other Camino routes, it rewards those who walk it with **breathtaking views, deep silence, and an authentic pilgrim experience**. The Camino Primitivo is not just a journey across northern Spain, but a journey back to the roots of pilgrimage itself. From Oviedo to Santiago it is over 320Km. We will be walking the last **180Km** of this beautiful camino. **Ultreya! The joy is in the journey.**

Flights I Duration I Accommodation

On 30th June: The group flies from Malta to Barcelona and then to Oviedo (Asturias) and travels by private taxi to **Grandas de Salime**.

On 10th July: The group returns to Malta from Santiago via Barcelona/Porto.

Accommodation is mainly in shared dormitories, with communal bathrooms and showers. Facilities are basic, and showers may be limited, especially at peak times.

Daily Itinerary

The Camino is from Grandas de Salime to Santiago de Compostela.

1st Jul: We walk from Grandas de Salime to Fonsagrada. Distance: < 25km.

- Long climb into Galicia with a high pass (Alto do Acebo) ~ 1,050 m elevation at the top.
- Rough net gain ~800–850 m and descent later in the stage.

2nd Jul: We walk from Fonsagrada to O Cadavo. Distance: < 24km

- Continued rolling terrain with climbs and descents typical of Galician mountains.
- Approx. total gain ~700–780 m for the stage.

3rd Jul: We walk from O Cadavo to Lugo. Distance: < 30km

- Long stage with moderate rolling profile — less steep than earlier mountain days.
- Approx. gain ~450–500 m overall

4th Jul: We walk from Lugo to A Ponte Ferreira. Distance: < 27km

- After Lugo the path becomes much easier, mostly gentle ups and downs through rural Galicia.
- Elevation changes are modest (undulating farmland terrain)

5th Jul: We walk from A Ponte Ferreira to Melide. Distance: < 20km

- Still gentle terrain as the Primitivo joins parts of the French Way near Melide.
- Rolling rural landscape with moderate small climbs/descents but nothing like the mountains earlier.

6th Jul: We walk from Melide to Arzua. Distance: < 14km

- Mostly easy and rolling, typical of the final Camino Francés stretch.
- Some minor ups/downs, but overall low cumulative elevation change.

7th Jul: We walk from Arzua to O Pedrouzo. Distance: < 19km

- Moderate and steady terrain with small hills typical of this part of Galicia.
- No major passes — gentle ups/downs.

8th Jul: We walk from O Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela. Distance: < 19km

- Final stretch includes a climb to Monte do Gozo (~350 m) followed by descent into Santiago.
- Final day has a few hundred metres of elevation gain and loss overall.

Contribution per person

1. The contribution is €1000/€1200 per person and covers:
 - a. Hostel accommodation, for the whole duration of the Camino. (*insurance is not included in this price*)
 - b. Flights: Malta – Barcelona – Oviedo – Santiago - Malta,
 - c. Airport transfers from Oviedo Airport to the first accommodation and from Santiago de Compostela to the Airport.
 - d. Daily baggage transfers (**10kg** per person). This allows pilgrims to only carry their day-pack on the Camino and not the full week's requirements.

If you are interested kindly fill this form in the link below

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and make a non-refundable deposit of €300 until 15th January 2026. Once you complete the form, you will receive an email with all the instructions on how to proceed with the form and payment.

Preparation days

Walks: Sunday 18th January
Sunday 15th February
Sunday 8th March
Sunday 19th April
Sunday 10th May
Sunday 8th June

Live-in: *Getting to know each other better:* Saturday 9th May - Sunday 10th May