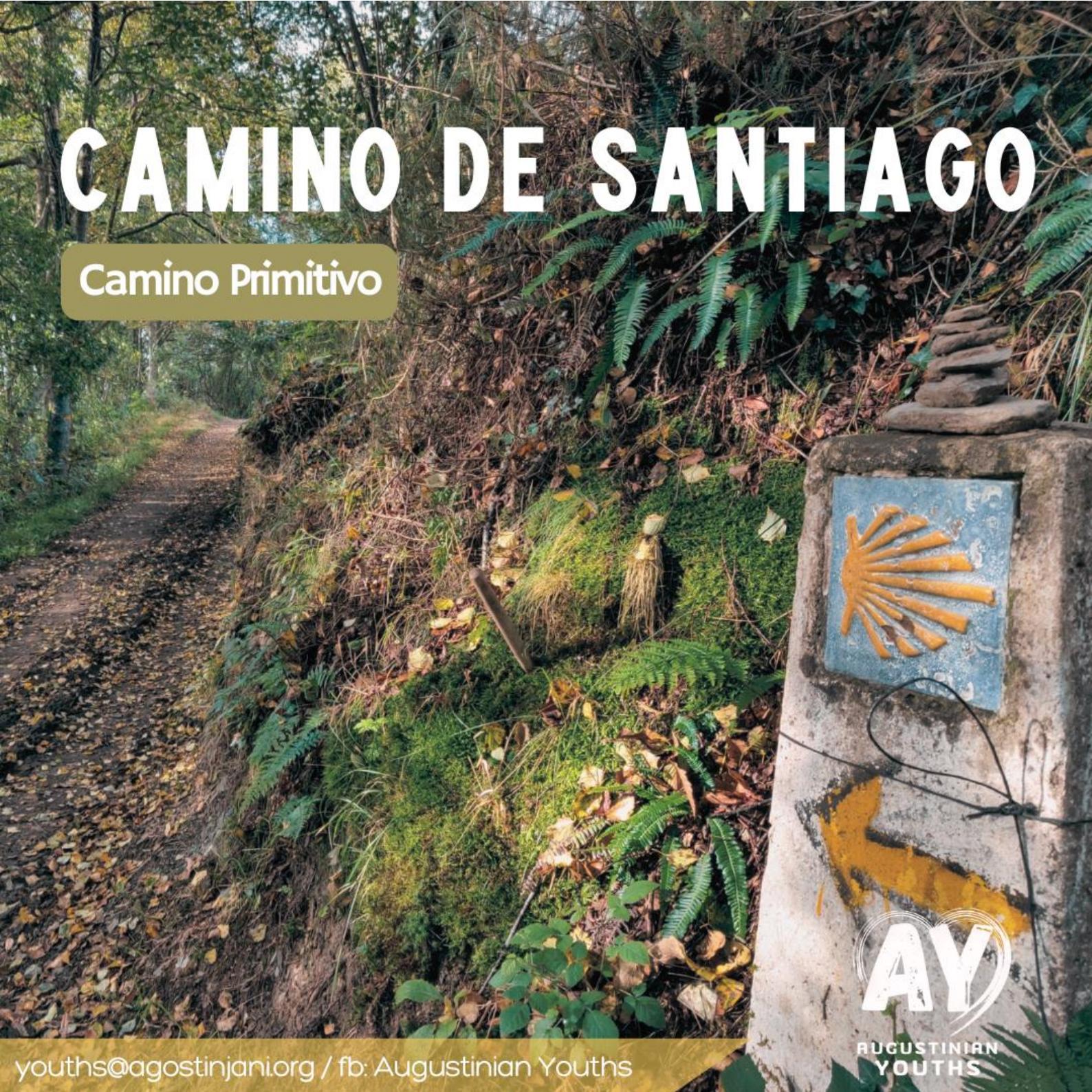


# CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

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 | Duration | Accommodation

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

**On 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **8<sup>th</sup> 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 €950/€1000 per person and covers:
  - a. Hostel accommodation, for the whole duration of the Camino.
  - b. Insurance
  - c. Flights: Malta – Barcelona – Oviedo – Santiago - Malta,
  - d. Airport transfers from Oviedo Airport to the first accommodation and from Santiago de Compostela to the Airport.
  - e. 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*

**<https://agostinjani.org/forms/ym-forms/camino-de-santiago-experience-augustinian-youths-participation-form/>**

*and make a non-refundable deposit of €300 until 30<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 8th June

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