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# **SPAIN & PORTUGAL**



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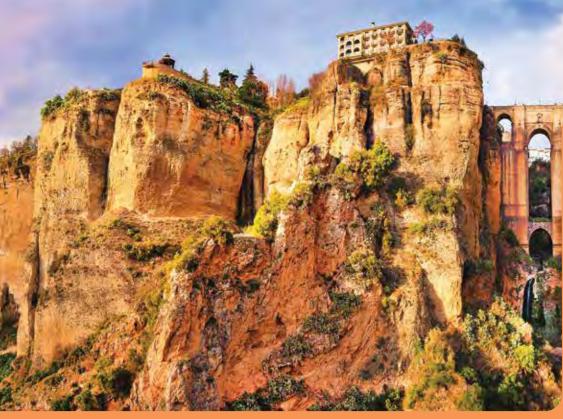
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# 8 DAYS 6 NIGHTS

# SPAIN'S HEART & "SOL' Madrid, Merida, Seville, Cordoba, Granad

# DAY 1, SATURDAY: EN ROUTE

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

# DAY 2, SUNDAY: MADRID

Arrival at Madrid airport. After clearing simple immigration and customs formalities, you will be transferred to your hotel. We suggest you take advantage of the free time to get to know one of Europe's most dynamic capital cities. In the early evening, enjoy an "Illuminated Madrid" drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. This area is home to some of the most typical restaurants and taverns, which serve the delicious "tapas". **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a Tapas Dinner tonight.** Return to your hotel at your own convenience.

# DAY 3, MONDAY: MADRID

Buffet breakfast. This morning's escorted sightseeing tour will allow you to get a glimpse of some of Madrid's most outstanding attractions, like the Puerta del Sol, the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the stately Alcala Gate, the busy Gran Via, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente. Time for lunch on your own. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a lunch today.** Highly recommended this afternoon, is an optional tour to the Imperial former capital city of Toledo, where you will be escorted through its narrow cobblestone streets, soaking up the medieval atmosphere. Touring will include the interior of the magnificent Gothic cathedral and a visit to St. Tome Church, where El Greco's masterpiece painting is displayed. There will also be some time for shopping for the unique typical local artisanry. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes the tour to Toledo.** Return to Madrid.

# DAY 4, TUESDAY: MADRID - MERIDA - SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. Departure through the once-remote region of Extremadura, home to many of the "Conquistadores". Arrival in ancient Merida. Free time for lunch. Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Roman amphitheatre archeological site before continuing to Seville.

## DAY 5, WEDNESDAY: SEVILLE

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning's tour of the "Pearl of Andalucia" will explore this gracious city, Spain's third largest. See the Tower of Gold, the tranquil and extensive Maria Luisa Park, the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter, and finally the huge cathedral (one of the worlds largest) with its Giralda Tower (a former minaret). Time for lunch on your own. **Lunch Included in PREMIUM PACKAGE.** The afternoon is free to continue to explore or shop. This evening an optional Flamenco Show is suggested, with the enjoyment of local wine. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Flamenco Show.** 

# DAY 6, THURSDAY: SEVILLE - CORDOBA - GRANADA

Buffet breakfast. Depart to Cordoba. Visit one of the world's marvels, the former Great Mosque (now a cathedral). Time for lunch on your own. Continue to Granada, passing thousands of acres of olive groves. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner tonight. This evening, an excellent suggestion would be to visit (optional) the quaint and typical Albaicin Quarter for a night view of an illuminated Alhambra and where Andalusian customs, music and wine join to create an enchanting atmosphere. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes this visit and Zambra show.

# DAY 7, FRIDAY: GRANADA - MADRID

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning, enjoy an escorted tour of the amazing Moorish palace and fortress complex of the Alhambra and the verdant Gardens of the Generalife. Departure to Madrid, crossing the Plains of La Mancha, land of Don Quixote. Arrival in Madrid.

# DAY 8, SATURDAY: EN ROUTE

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Madrid airport.



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Prices per person - Double occupancy				
COMFORT Class SUPERIOR Class				
\$ 875	\$ 940			
\$ 815	\$ 895			
\$ 790	\$ 865			

\$ 1,025

# TOUR CATEGORIES

\$ 950

**COMFORT class hotels:** 3 & 4-star **SUPERIOR class hotels:** 4 & Sup. 4-star

#### OPTIONAL Premium Package: \$ 260 per person

- "Tapas" dinner in Madrid
- Lunch in Madrid or Toledo
- Tour to Toledo
- Lunch in Merida
- Lunch in Seville
- Flamenco show in Seville
- Dinner in Granada
- Evening tour/Zambra show at the Albaicin, Granada



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Feb	23				
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Prices per person - Double occupancy COMFORT Class SUPERIOR Class

## **TOUR CATEGORIES**

**COMFORT class hotels:** 3 & 4-star **SUPERIOR class hotels:** 4 & Sup. 4-star



# \$ 255 per person

**OPTIONAL Premium Package:** 

- Lunch in Esporao Winery
- Lunch in GuimaraesLunch in Tomar
- Lunch in Porto
- Lunch in Fatima
- Dinner in Lisbon
- Tour of Sintra and Cascais
- Tour and winetasting Esporao Winery
- Fado show in Lisbon

# ETERNAL PORTUGAL

Lisboa, Evora, Óbidos, Batalha, Tomar, Coimbra, Guimaraes, Braga, Bom Jesus, Val Do Douro, Peso da Regua, Lamego, Oporto, Aveiro, Fátima, Lisboa

# DAY 1, SATURDAY: EN ROUTE

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

# DAY 2, SUNDAY: LISBON

Arrival at Lisbon airport. Transfer to your hotel. Free day in Lisbon to get to know the picturesque Portuguese capital.

# DAY 3, MONDAY: LISBON

**Buffet breakfast.** Morning tour of this ancient and lovely city overlooking the Tagus River. Admire its splendid avenues and monuments like the Tower of Belem and the Jeronimos Monastery. Afternoon free, with a strong recommendation to visit the graceful hilltop village of Sintra and the vibrant seaside resort town of Cascais. **This tour is included in the PREMIUM PACKAGE.** 

## DAY 4, TUESDAY: LISBON - EVORA - LISBON

**Buffet breakfast.** As we depart Lisbon, we will cross the April 25 Bridge, making a brief stop at the Cristo Rey. We will continue our journey to Evora, a historic city in the heart of the Alentejo. Free time to have lunch. Optionally, we can visit the Esporão winery, where we will have 3 wine tastings, and then a typical lunch. **Visit and lunch included in the PREMIUM PACKAGE.** As we return to Lisbon, we will cross the Vasco da Gama bridge to reach the Parque das Nações.

# DAY 5, WEDNESDAY: LISBON - OBIDOS - BATALHA -Tomar - Coimbra

**Breakfast buffet.** Departure from Lisbon towards the medieval walled town of Obidos, one of the most beautiful and preserved villas in Portugal. We will continue our trip to Batalha to visit the monastery of Santa María de Victory and we can enjoy the changing of the guard. We depart to Tomar, city of the Templars and one of the most beautiful cities in central Portugal, where we can visit the Convent of the Christ of Tomar. Free time for lunch. Lunch included in the PREMIUM PACKAGE. We continue to Coimbra, known worldwide for its University. Dinner at the hotel.

# DAY 6, THURSDAY: COIMBRA - GUIMARAES - BRAGA

**10 DAYS** 

**8 NIGHTS** 

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning we visit Coimbra with a local guide, where we can see part of the university enclave and the Santa Cruz neighborhood, which is the heart of the city (entrance not included). Continue our journey to Guimarães, birthplace of Portugal, famous for its walls and narrow streets, palatial houses and especially the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança Portugal. Free time for lunch. Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE. After lunch, we continue to Braga, the Archbishop's city. Arrival and dinner at the hotel.

# DAY 7, FRIDAY: BRAGA - BOM JESUS - VAL DO DOURO - PESO DA REGUA - LAMEGO - PORTO

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning we visit Bom Jesus, and as we continue our tour we cross one of the incredible and picturesque areas of northern Portugal until we reach Peso da Regua. Free time for lunch. We continue to Lamego to see the Church of Los Remedios, and then to the city of Porto.

# DAY 8, SATURDAY: PORTO

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning enjoy a guided tour of this city on the banks of the Douro river including a visit to a local Port winery. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes lunch.** 

# DAY 9, SUNDAY: PORTO - AVEIRO - FATIMA - LISBON

Buffet breakfast. Departure to Aveiro "city of canals", the Venice of Portugal. Continue to Fatima, one of the pilgrimage centers of Christianity. Free time to visit the basilica and enjoy lunch before continuing to Lisbon. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes lunch.** Tonight, enjoy an optional opportunity to listen to the hauntingly beautiful Fado music while enjoying a delicious dinner. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Fado show and dinner.** 

# DAY 10, MONDAY: EN ROUTE

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Lisbon airport.





# 10 DAYS 8 NIGHTS

# CHARMING SPAIN Madrid, Merida, Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona

# DAY 1, SATURDAY: EN ROUTE

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

# DAY 2, SUNDAY: MADRID

Arrive at Madrid airport. Transfer to your hotel. Free time. In the early evening, enjoy an "Illuminated Madrid" drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a Tapas Dinner tonight.** 

#### DAY 3, MONDAY: MADRID

Buffet breakfast. Morning sightseeing tour of Madrid's attractions: Puerta del Sol, Neptune and Cibeles fountains, Alcala Gate, Gran Via, Plaza de España and Plaza de Oriente. Lunch on your own. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a lunch today. This afternoon we recommend an optional tour of Toledo, with its cobblestone streets and medieval atmosphere. Tour will include the Gothic cathedral and a visit to St. Tome Church, where El Greco's masterpiece painting is displayed. There will also be some time for shopping for the unique typical local artisanry. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes the tour to Toledo.

#### DAY 4, TUESDAY: MADRID - MERIDA - SEVILLE

**Buffet breakfast.** Depart through the region of Extremadura, home to many of the "Conquistadores". Arrive in ancient Merida. Free time for lunch. **Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE.** Visit the impressive Roman amphitheatre archeological site before continuing to Seville.

## DAY 5, WEDNESDAY: SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. This morning's tour will explore this gracious city. See the Tower of Gold, the tranquil Maria Luisa Park, the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter, and finally the huge cathedral with its Giralda Tower. Time for lunch on your own. Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE. The afternoon is free. This evening an optional Flamenco Show is suggested, with the enjoyment of local wine. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Flamenco Show.

# DAY 6, THURSDAY: SEVILLE - CORDOBA - GRANADA

Buffet breakfast. Depart to Cordoba. Visit one of the world's marvels, the former Great Mosque. Lunch on your own. Continue to Granada, passing thousands of acres of olive groves. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner tonight. This evening we suggest an optional visit to the quaint and typical Albaicin Quarter for a night view of an illuminated Alhambra and where Andalusian customs, music and wine join to create an enchanting atmosphere. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes this visit and Zambra Show.

# DAY 7, FRIDAY: GRANADA - VALENCIA

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning, enjoy an escorted tour of the amazing Moorish palace and fortress complex of the Alhambra and the verdant Gardens of the Generalife. Mid-day departure to the east coast of Spain arriving in Valencia.

#### DAY 8, SATURDAY: VALENCIA - BARCELONA

Buffet breakfast. Panoramic morning tour of Valencia and the new area of Museums. In the early afternoon continuation along the Mediterranean coast north to Barcelona, one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities. In the evening, it is suggested to dine at the Pueblo Español, featuring architectural replicas from all of Spain's regions. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes entrance and dinner tonight at Pueblo Español.

# **DAY 9, SUNDAY: BARCELONA**

**Buffet breakfast.** Morning tour of one of Europe's most beautiful cities. See the Gothic Quarter with its magnificent cathedral. Admire the exterior of Gaudi's masterwork, the Basilica of the Sacred Family (Sagrada Familia). Continue to Montjuich Hill (site of the Olympic Stadium), to enjoy a spectacular view of Barcelona and its port area. Free time for lunch, perhaps in the Olympic Port area. **Lunch included today in PREMIUM PACKAGE.** Afternoon free.

#### DAY 10, MONDAY: BARCELONA

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Barcelona airport.



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#### Prices per person - Double occupancy

<b>COMFORT Class</b>	SUPERIOR Class
\$ 1,265	\$ 1,320
\$ 1,225	\$ 1,285
\$ 1,175	\$ 1,235
\$ 1,375	\$ 1,445

# **TOUR CATEGORIES**

**COMFORT class hotels:** 3 & 4-star **SUPERIOR class hotels:** 4 & Sup. 4-star

## OPTIONAL Premium Package: \$ 335 per person

# • "Tapas" dinner in Madrid

- Lunch in Madrid or Toledo
- Tour to Toledo
- Lunch in Merida and in Seville
- Flamenco show in Seville
- Dinner in Granada
- Evening Zambra show in Granada
- Entrance and dinner in Barcelona's Pueblo Español
- Lunch in Barcelona



# Pamplona Santiago Barcelona 1 Valladolid Madrid Zaragoza Salamanca

# **Departures - 2018**

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Apr	13	20	
May	4	18	
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Jul	13	27	
Aug	10	24	
Sep	7	14	
Oct	5	19	

# Prices per person - Double occupancy

<b>COMFORT Class</b>	SUPERIOR Class
\$ 1,345	\$ 1,450
\$ 1,365	\$ 1,435

# **TOUR CATEGORIES**

COMFORT class hotels: 3 & 4-star SUPERIOR class hotels: 4 & Sup. 4-star

# **OPTIONAL Premium Package:** \$ 250 per person

- Dinner in Barcelona's Pueblo Español ٠
- Lunch in Barcelona ٠
- Lunch in Salamanca •
- "Pintxos" dinner in Pamplona .
- Dinner in Valladolid •
- Dinner in Santiago
- "Tapas" dinner in Madrid
- Entrance to Pueblo Español
- Walk along the route of the "encierro" • of San Fermín in Pamplona

León, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Madrid

# DAY 1. FRIDAY: EN ROUTE

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

## **DAY 2, SATURDAY: BARCELONA**

Arrival at Barcelona airport. Transfer to your hotel. It is suggested that you take advantage of the free time to get to know one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities. In the evening, it is suggested to dine at the Pueblo Español, featuring architectural replicas from all of Spain's regions. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes entrance and dinner tonight.

# **DAY 3. SUNDAY: BARCELONA**

Buffet breakfast. Morning tour of one of Europe's most beautiful cities. See the Gothic Quarter with its magnificent cathedral. Admire the exterior of Gaudi's masterwork, the Basilica of the Sacred Family (Sagrada Familia). Continue to Montjuich Hill (site of the Olympic Stadium), to enjoy a spectacular view of Barcelona and its port area. Free time for lunch, perhaps in the Olympic Port area, Lunch included today in PREMIUM PACKAGE. Afternoon free.

## DAY 4, MONDAY: BARCELONA - ZARAGOZA - PAMPLONA

Buffet breakfast. Departure into old Aragon and into the proud city of Zaragoza. Pause downtown in a main plaza where you will have free time to visit the impressive Basilica of El Pilar and have lunch on your own. Continue to Pamplona, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Navarre and world famous for its fiestas de San Fermín and its famous bullfights. Free time to get to know the city. We suggest taking a walk through the famous San Fermín enclosure and taste the typical "pintxos". PREMIUM PACKAGE included Tour and "pintxos" dinner.

# DAY 5. TUESDAY: PAMPLONA - SAN MILLAN DE LA COGOLLA - LA RIOJA - BURGOS - VALLADOLID

Buffet breakfast. Departure from Pamplona, touring the historic Camino de Santiago. We will arrive at San Millán de la Cogolla and visit the Monastery of Yuso, cradle of the Spanish language. We will visit a winery of the Rioja region, learn about the elaboration of these delicious wines and taste them along with a typical Riojan lunch. Continue to Burgos, city of "El Cid". Free time to get to visit its gothic Cathedral. Departure to Valladolid where upon arrival we will enjoy a tour of the city. Free time to get to know the city. We suggest enjoying a typical Castilian dinner. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Dinner this evening.

# DAY 6, WEDNESDAY: VALLADOLID - LEON - SANTIAGO

Buffet breakfast. Departure through the lands of Castille

to the capital of the ancient Kingdom of León where we will have the opportunity to visit its cathedral where its beautiful stained-glass windows stand out, the church of San Isidoro, the Plaza Mayor or the famous Hostal San Marcos. We can enjoy the gastronomy in its famous Barrio Húmedo where we will have free time to have lunch. In the afternoon we continue our journey to the city of Santiago de Compostela. (Accommodations the nights of May 30 and 31, June 27 and 28, October 10, 11, 24 nd 25 will be in Vigo and not in Santiago de Compostela.)

# DAY 7, THURSDAY: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Buffet breakfast. Today enjoy a guided tour of the old university city of Santiago, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the majestic Cathedral on Obradoiro square and the impressive "mercado de abastos". Tonight, there is an optional traditional dinner at your hotel. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner. (Accommodations the nights of May 30 and 31. June 27 and 28. October 10. 11. 24 nd 25 will be in Vigo and not in Santiago de Compostela.)

# DAY 8. FRIDAY: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA -**SALAMANCA - MADRID**

Buffet breakfast. Departure to Salamanca, home to Spain's oldest University and its most impressive Plaza Mayor. Time for lunch on your own before continuing this afternoon to Madrid. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes lunch in Salamanca.

# DAY 9. SATURDAY: MADRID

Buffet breakfast. Free in Madrid. In the early evening, enjoy an "Illuminated Madrid" drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a Tapas Dinner tonight. Return to your hotel at your own convenience.

## DAY 10. SUNDAY: MADRID

Buffet breakfast. This morning's escorted sightseeing tour will allow you to get a glimpse of some of Madrid's most outstanding attractions, like the Puerta del Sol, the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the stately Alcala Gate, the busy Gran Via, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente. Time for lunch on your own. Highly recommended this afternoon, is an optional tour to the Imperial former capital city of Toledo. Return to Madrid.

# DAY 11, MONDAY: EN ROUTE

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Madrid airport.



# 10 DAYS 8 NIGHTS

# SPAIN & PORTUGAL HOLIDAY Madrid, Avila, Salamanca, Santiago, Porto, Coimbra, Obidos, Fatima, Lisbo

## DAY 1, SUNDAY: EN ROUTE

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

## DAY 2, MONDAY: MADRID

Arrive at Madrid airport. Transfer to your hotel. Free time. In the early evening, enjoy an "Illuminated Madrid" drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a Tapas Dinner tonight.** Return to your hotel at your own convenience.

## DAY 3, TUESDAY: MADRID

**Buffet breakfast.** This morning's escorted sightseeing tour will allow you to get a glimpse of some of Madrid's most outstanding attractions like the Puerta del Sol, the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the stately Alcala Gate, the busy Gran Via, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente. Time for lunch on your own. Highly recommended this afternoon is an optional tour to the Imperial former capital city of Toledo. Afternoon free to explore Madrid's famous art museums.

# DAY 4, WEDNESDAY: MADRID - SEGOVIA - AVILA - SALAMANCA

**Buffet breakfast.** Depart into old Castile and the magnificent medieval city of Segovia, with its 2000 year old Roman aqueduct and impressive Alcazar Castle. Pause in Avila to admire the perfectly preserved 11<sup>th</sup> century city walls before continuing to the charming old university city of Salamanca. Afternoon city tour. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a typical dinner.** Tonight a walk through the beautiful main plaza is recommended and always lively.

# DAY 5, THURSDAY: SALAMANCA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**Buffet breakfast.** Depart to the mystical pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the old city of Santiago and its beautiful Cathedral on Obradoiro Square. Dinner at your hotel is optional. (Accom-

modations the nights of May 31, June 28, October 11 and October 25 will be in Vigo and not in Santiago de Compostela.) **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

# DAY 6, FRIDAY: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - VIANA DO CASTELO - PORTO

**Buffet breakfast.** Depart south along the coastal "Rias Baixas" into northern Portugal. We will visit the town of Viana do Castelo, at the mouth of the Rio Lima with its historic old town and castle. We finish in the charming city of Porto, famous for its namesake Port wines.

## DAY 7, SATURDAY: PORTO

Buffet breakfast. Morning guided tour of this city on the banks of the Douro river including a visit to a local Port winery. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes lunch.** Afternoon free.

# DAY 8, SUNDAY: OPORTO - AVEIRO - FATIMA - LISBON

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# DAY 9, MONDAY: LISBON

**Buffet breakfast.** Morning tour of this ancient and lovely city overlooking the Tagus River. Admire its splendid avenues and monuments like the Tower of Belem and the Jeronimos Monastery. Afternoon free, with a strong recommendation to visit the graceful hilltop village of Sintra and the vibrant seaside resort town of Cascais. **Tour included in PREMIUM PACKAGE.** 

# DAY 10, TUESDAY: LISBON

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Lisbon airport.



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\$ 1,155	\$ 1,250			
\$ 1,140	\$ 1,240			
\$ 1,065	\$ 1,165			
\$ 1.280	\$ 1.375			

## TOUR CATEGORIES COMFORT class hotels: 3 & 4-star SUPERIOR class hotels: 4 & Sup. 4-star

#### OPTIONAL Premium Package: \$ 250 per person

- "Tapas" dinner in Madrid
- Dinner in Salamanca
- Dinner in Santiago
- Lunch in Porto
- Lunch in Fatima
- Dinner in Lisbon
- Fado show in Lisbon
- Tour of Sintra and Cascais





Fatima, Lisbon, Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona

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# DAY 4, WEDNESDAY: MADRID - SEGOVIA - AVILA -**SALAMANCA**

Buffet breakfast. Depart into Castile and the medieval city of Segovia, with its 2000 year old Roman aqueduct and impressive Alcazar Castle. Admire in Avila the perfectly preserved 11th century city walls before continuing to the charming university city of Salamanca. Afternoon city tour. Evening free. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a typical dinner.

# DAY 5, THURSDAY: SALAMANCA - SANTIAGO

Buffet breakfast. Depart to the mystical pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela. Afternoon guided tour of the old city of Santiago and its beautiful Cathedral on Obradoiro Square. (Accommodations the nights of May 31, June 28, October 11 and 25 will be in Vigo and not in Santiago de Compostela.) PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 6. FRIDAY: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - VIANA **DO CASTELO - PORTO**

Buffet breakfast. Depart along the coastal "Rias Baixas" into northern Portugal. Visit the town of Viana do Castelo at the mouth of the Rio Limia with its historic old town and castle. We end in the charming city of Porto, famous for its namesake Port wines.

# DAY 7, SATURDAY: PORTO

Buffet breakfast. Morning guided tour of this city on the banks of the Douro river including a visit to a local Port winery. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a lunch. Afternoon free.

### DAY 8, SUNDAY: PORTO – AVEIRO - FATIMA – LISBON Buffet breakfast. Departure to Aveiro "city of canals", the Venice of Portugal. Continue to Fatima, a pilgrimage centers of Christianity. Free time to visit the basilica and enjoy lunch before continuing to Lisbon. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes** lunch. Tonight, optional opportunity to listen to the hauntingly beautiful Fado music while enjoying a delicious dinner. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Fado show and dinner.

# · Lunch in the Olympic Port of Barcelona

DAY 9, MONDAY: LISBON

Buffet breakfast. Tour of this ancient and lovely city overlooking the Tagus River. Admire its splendid avenues and monuments like the Tower of Belem and the Jeronimos Monastery. Afternoon free, with a strong recommendation to visit the graceful hilltop village of Sintra and the vibrant seaside resort town of Cascais. This tour is included in the PREMIUM PACKAGE.

**14 NIGHTS** 

# DAY 10, TUESDAY: LISBON - MERIDA - SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. Depart toward the Spanish border, and pause in the Roman city of Merida, founded in 25 BC as "Emerita Augusta", to admire the impressive Roman Amphitheatre archeological site. Lunch is included in PREMIUM PACKAGE. Continue to Seville.

# DAY 11, WEDNESDAY: SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. Morning tour including the Tower of Gold, the tranguil Maria Luisa Park, the guaint Santa Cruz Quarter, and finally the huge cathedral with its Giralda Tower. Lunch on your own. Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE. The afternoon is free. Evening optional Flamenco Show is suggested, with the enjoyment of local wine. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes Flamenco Show.

DAY 12, THURSDAY: SEVILLE - CORDOBA - GRANADA Buffet breakfast. Depart to Cordoba. Visit one of the world's marvels, the former Great Mosque. Lunch on your own. Continue to Granada. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner tonight. Optional visit to the Albaicin Quarter for a night view of an illuminated Alhambra and where Andalusian customs, music and wine join to create an enchanting atmosphere. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes visit and Zambra Show.

# DAY 13. FRIDAY: GRANADA - VALENCIA

Buffet breakfast. Morning escorted tour of the amazing Moorish palace and fortress complex of the Alhambra and Gardens of the Generalife. Departure to Valencia.

# DAY 14, SATURDAY: VALENCIA - BARCELONA

Buffet breakfast. Morning tour of the city and new quarter full of Museums. Continue to Barcelona. In the evening it is suggested to dine at the Pueblo Español, featuring architectural replicas from all of Spain's regions. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes entrance and dinner tonight.

# DAY 15. SUNDAY: BARCELONA

Buffet breakfast. Escorted tour including the old Gothic Quarter with its magnificent cathedral. Stop to admire the exterior of Gaudi's masterwork, the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia. Continue to Montjuich Hill to enjoy a spectacular view of Barcelona, Free time for lunch. Lunch included today in PREMIUM PACKAGE. Afternoon free.

## DAY 16, MONDAY: BARCELONA

Breakfast. Departure transfer to Barcelona airport.

# Prices per person - Double occupancy

COMFORT Class	SUPERIOR Class
\$ 1,850	\$ 2,000
\$ 2,090	\$ 2,210
\$ 2,050	\$ 2,175
\$ 1,930	\$ 2,060
\$ 2,265	\$ 2,385

## **TOUR CATEGORIES**

COMFORT class hotels: 3 & 4-star SUPERIOR class hotels: 4 & Sup. 4-star

# **OPTIONAL Premium Package:** \$470 per person

- "Tapas" dinner in Madrid
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- Dinner in Santiago • Lunch in Porto
- Lunch in Fatima •
- Dinner in Lisbon
- Fado show in Lisbon
- Tour of Sintra and Cascais
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- Flamenco Show in Seville
- Dinner in Granada
- Evening Zambra show in Granada Entrance and dinner in Barcelona's •





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# **CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - WALKING TOURS**

The "Camino de Santiago" has existed for centuries. Legend holds that St. James's remains were carried by boat from Jerusalem to what is today Santiago de Compostela. Thousands of pilgrims and travelers make their way to Santiago every year. The majority walk the "Way" for non-religious reasons, are on a spiritual adventure or retreat to remove themselves from the bustle of modern life.

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# **SARRIA TO SANTIAGO I** THE LAST 100 KMS - THE FRENCH WAY

Sarria, Portomarin, Palas de Rei, Arzua, Rua, Santiago

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium

WALKING STAGES: 5 **DEPARTURES:** Daily For avid walkers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

# **DAY 1: SARRIA**

Arrive to Sarria on your own. (Consult with Petrabax for private car transfer prices from Santiago airport or rail station to Sarria). Your information packet containing complete route descriptions, materials and your Pilgrims Passport will be waiting for you at your hotel. Sarria is the second most populated town on the French Way after Santiago. Sarria offers a historic old guarter and a river sector with cafés and antique shops. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 2: SARRIA - PORTOMARÍN (22 KM)

Breakfast. Depart Sarria leaving the convent of A Magdalena behind. Walk past trees, meadows and farmland. The route descends to the Miño River, where we can find some vineyards. Before reaching Portomarín we cross the bridge over the Belesar reservoir, and catch a glimpse of the ruins of Portomarín: an old town which disappeared under the waters of the reservoir. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 3: PORTOMARÍN - PALAS DE REI (24 KM)

7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS

Breakfast. Due to the construction of a dam on the river Miño, the former village of Portomarin was abandoned and now its remains rest under the water. The imposing church of San Nicolás was moved stone by stone to a new location. In this stage villages are spaced farther apart. In the town of Ligonde, important examples of traditional architectural styles can still be seen. Our last village is Palas de Rei, whose name comes from a supposed roval palace built in the surrounding area. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

# DAY 4: PALAS DE REI - ARZÚA (28 KM)

Breakfast. This stage runs through A Ulloa, a land of meadows and known for its delicious cheeses. Today we will pass through several small beautiful villages such as Leboreiro, Furelos and Ribadiso. In Melide we will find one of the oldest 'cruceiros' (stone wayside crosses) in Galicia dating from the 14th century. PRE-MIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 5: ARZÚA - RÚA (19 KM)

Breakfast. In this stage we will pass by a landscape marked by farming. The eucalyptuses give way to oaks. We will pass by the chapel of St. Irene before



descending to the locality of Rúa. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner.

# DAY 6: RÚA - SANTIAGO (21 KM)

Breakfast. We will pass Pedrouzo, then Amenal to Lavacolla and reach Monte do Gozo, where you can see the towers of the Cathedral. Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis Catolicos.

# **DAY 7: SANTIAGO - DEPARTURE**

Prices per person	Double
COMFORT Class from:	\$ 668
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 743
Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:	\$ 182

# TUI TO SANTIAGO CLASSIC LAST 100 KMS - THE PORTUGUESE WAY

8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS

Tui, O Porriño, Redondela, Pontevedra, Caldas de Reis, Padron, Santiago

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium WALKING STAGES: 6

**WALKING STAGES:** 6 **DEPARTURES:** Daily For avid walkers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

# DAY 1: TUI

Arrive in Tui on your own. (Consult with Petrabax for private transfer prices). Your information packet and Pilgrims Passport will be waiting for you at your hotel. The first spot of the Portuguese Way in Spain is Tui, notable for its collection of historical buildings, in particular the Cathedral. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador de Tui.** 

# DAY 2: TUI - O PORRIÑO - TRANSFER TO TUI (15 KM)

Breakfast. You will today have the chance to choose between two different routes to reach O Porriño. Leaving the medieval town of Tui, you can follow the original Way or turn to the left and walk over a new path that runs along the rural landscape. In Porriño, meet your driver at the designated point at 14:00 hours for your return transfer to Tui for overnight. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador de Tui.

# DAY 3: TUI TRANSFER TO 0 PORRIÑO -REDONDELA (16 KM)

**Breakfast.** Morning transfer to Porriño to resume your walk. The route crosses the Louro river, leading to the nice spot of Santa Eulalia and the Marquis of Mos

palace. A gentle climb leads us at the chapel of Santiaguiño de Antas, before entering Redondela. From this point we take you to a wonderful Galician manor house to spend the night. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 4: REDONDELA - PONTEVEDRA (19 KM)

**Breakfast.** After a short transfer back to the Way, we could enjoy nice views of the ría (inlet) de Vigo in our way to Arcade. Cross the historic bridge of Ponte Sampaio, taking us to the Romanesque church of Santa María. We enter in Pontevedra, one the most beautiful cities in Galicia. Do not miss the sanctuary of the Virxe Peregrina, the ruins of San Domingos, the Santa María A Grande church and the small squares and narrow alleys in the old city. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador de Pontevedra.** 

# DAY 5: PONTEVEDRA - CALDAS DE REIS (21 KM)

**Breakfast.** After leaving Pontevedra via the Ponte do Burgo bridge you will meet the Galician countryside. On your way, you will walk along the parish of Alba and the village of Briallos, arriving in the heart of the Salnés Valley, filled vineyards. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 6: CALDAS DE REIS - PADRÓN (19 KM)

**Breakfast.** After leaving behind Caldas de Reis you will walk along the countryside. O Pino and San Miguel de Valga are the two hamlets you will find on your way



before reaching the town Pontecesures, where the river Ulla forms the natural border (provinces of Pontevedra and A Coruña). After crossing the river, you will head to Padrón, known by their "green peppers". **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 7: PADRÓN - SANTIAGO (23 KM - 6 H)

**Breakfast.** Our last stage will lead us into a constant ascent crossing small settlements with beautiful heritage, before arriving to the historical city of Santiago. **Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis Catolicos.** 

# **DAY 8: SANTIAGO - DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, departure and end of our services.

Prices per person	Double
COMFORT Class from:	\$ 1,028
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 1,103
Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:	\$ 244

# LEON TO SANTIAGO BY MOUNTIN BIKE - LAST 200 KMS

Leon, Astorga, Ponferrada, O Cebreiro, Portomarin, Arzua, Santiago de Compostela

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium to High BIKING STAGES: 5 DEPARTURES: Daily

For avid bikers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

# DAY 1: LEON

Arrive to Leon on your own. Your information packet containing complete route descriptions and materials will be waiting for you at your hotel. **PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 2: LEON - ASTORGA (29.5 MI)

**Breakfast.** This morning (or perhaps the night before) we will deliver your 24-gear aluminum frame mountain bike. Depart Leon and submerge into a chain of tranquil and flat rural roads. Pass the Orbigo river and climb to the crossroads of Santo Toribio. Your marker will point you to Astorga, the rest of your journey will be downhill until you reach Astorga. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 3: ASTORGA - PONFERRADA (32.5 MI)

**Breakfast.** After coasting in the Maragateria area, start a beautifully yet intense climb to the mythical Cruz de Ferro (Iron Cross). Say goodbye to the mountains

of Leon, descent until you reach the picturesque and fertile Valley of El Bierzo and the city of Ponferrada. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 4: PONFERRADA - O CEBREIRO (32.5 MI)

Breakfast. Today's journey takes you through vineyards and Valcarce river. Before you reach your final destination, climb along spectacular mountain scenery to the Alto de O Cebreiro, one of its most magical villages. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 5: O CEBREIRO - PORTOMARIN (37.5 MI)

Breakfast. Take a short hilly climb followed by an amazing descent towards Triacastela. Continue along scenic country roads surrounded by gentle green hills until reaching Sarria and finally Portomarin. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 6: PORTOMARIN - ARZUA (33 MI)

Breakfast. Departure uphill to the Monte de Ligonde and along a unique route filled with several beautiful country hamlets and villages. After passing the charming enclave of Ribadiso, a brief ascent awaits you to reach your final destination of the town of Arzua. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.



# DAY 7: ARZUA - SANTIAGO (23.5 MI)

**Breakfast.** Today is the final leg of your journey. From Rua you will ascend twice until reaching the top of the Monte do Gozo (Mountain of Joy). From here you will see the Towers of the Cathedral of Santiago. Reach Santiago after a short ride. **Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis Catolicos.** 

# **DAY 8: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Prices per person	Double
<b>COMFORT Class from:</b>	\$ 1,147
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 1,222
<b>Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:</b>	\$ 198

# **O CEBREIRO TO SANTIAGO** 9 DAYS **8 NIGHTS**

O Cebreiro, Triascastela, Sarria, Portomarin, Palas de Rei, Arzua, Rua, Santiago

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium to High WALKING STAGES: 7 **DEPARTURES:** Daily

For avid walkers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

# **DAY 1: 0 CEBREIRO**

Arrive in O Cebreiro on your own. (Consult with Petrabax for private transfer prices). Your information packet and Pilgrims Passport will be waiting for you at your hotel. This small village is one of the most emblematic spots of the French Way due to its natural beauty. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# **DAY 2: O CEBREIRO - TRIACASTELA - TRANSFER** TO SARRIA (21 KM)

Breakfast. We will walk through oak and walnut tree forests. Once we face the demanding Alto de San Roque and Alto do Poio, you will reaching the village of Triacastela, bordered by Mount Iribio. At 4:00 PM transfer to Sarria for overnight. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 3: SARRIA - TRANSFER TO TRIACASTELA -SARRIA (17 KM)

Breakfast. At 9:00 AM transfer to Triacastela to begin your walking stage. We pass a succession of small old settlements and rural landscape of lush beauty. Reach the village of Sarria, one of the landmarks of the Way which offers a historic old guarter and a river sector. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 4: SARRIA - PORTOMARÍN (22 KM)

Breakfast. Depart Sarria leaving the convent of A Magdalena behind. Walk past trees, meadows and farmland. The route descends to the Miño River, where we can find some vineyards. Before reaching Portomarín we cross the bridge over the Belesar reservoir. and catch a glimpse of the ruins of Portomarín: an old town which disappeared under the waters of the reservoir. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 5: PORTOMARÍN - PALAS DE REI (24 KM)

Breakfast. Due to the construction of a dam on the river Miño, the former village of Portomarin was abandoned and now its remains rest under the water. The imposing church of San Nicolás was moved stone by stone to a new location. In this stage villages are spaced farther apart. In the town of Ligonde, important examples of traditional architectural styles can still be seen. Our last village is Palas de Rei, whose name comes from a supposed royal palace built in the surrounding area. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 6: PALAS DE REI - ARZÚA (28 KM)

Breakfast. This stage runs through the region of A Ulloa, a land of meadows and known for its delicious cheeses. Pass through several small beautiful villages such as Leboreiro, Furelos and Ribadiso. In Melide we will find one of the oldest 'cruceiros' (stone wayside crosses) in Galicia dating from the 14th century. PRE-**MIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

> 8 DAYS **7 NIGHTS**



# DAY 7: ARZÚA - RÚA (19 KM)

Breakfast. In this stage we will pass by a landscape marked by farming. The eucalyptuses give way to oaks. We will pass by the chapel of St. Irene before descending to the locality of Rúa. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 8: RÚA - SANTIAGO (21 KM)

Breakfast. We will pass Pedrouzo and walk up to Amenal, from here to Lavacolla and finally reach Monte do Gozo, where you can see the towers of the cathedral in the distance. Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis Catolicos.

## **DAY 9: SANTIAGO - DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, departure and end of our services.

Prices per person	Double
<b>COMFORT Class from:</b>	\$ 895
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 970
<b>Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:</b>	\$ 231

# SANTIAGO TO FISTERRA & MUXIA THE WAY TO FISTERRA & MUXIA - UNESCORTED

Santiago, Negreira, Olveiroa, Corcubion, Fisterra, Lires, Muxia

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium WALKING STAGES: 6

**DEPARTURES:** Daily For avid walkers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

## **DAY 1: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Arrive in Santiago on your own. (Consult with Petrabax for private car transfer prices). Your information packet containing complete route descriptions and materials will be waiting for you at your hotel. Superior **Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis** Catolicos.

# DAY 2: SANTIAGO - NEGREIRA (22 KM)

Breakfast. We depart from Praza do Obradoiro, Santiago's most emblematic square, through narrow streets until the oak forest of San Lourenzo. Enjoy the peaceful scenery of Ponte Maceira, or the beautiful manor house of A Chancela. Once in Negreira we can visit the medieval fortress of Pazo O Cotón. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 3: TRANSFER AND WALK TO OLVEIROA (23 KM)

Breakfast. The landscape in this stage will be composed by meadows and crop fields. We could also admire some examples of traditional architecture, like the hórreos

(raised granaries) or the small settlement of Olveira, where today's route comes to an end. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 4: OLVEIROA - CORCUBIÓN (20 KM)

Breakfast. Today's itinerary will bring us to the Atlantic seaside. Our first glimpse of Cape Fisterra will be on the hillock of O Cruceiro da Armada, and not far we will reach the coastal villages of Cee and Corcubión. The latter holds a well-preserved old quarter.

# DAY 5: CORCUBIÓN - FISTERRA (14 KM)

Breakfast. After the sand dunes of Langosteira beach. the pilgrim arrives in Fisterra. On our way to the westernmost point of Europe, we will find the medieval church of Santa María and an unusual cemetery. Finally the pilgrim will reach Cape Fisterra, a mythical and symbolic site rich in pagan rituals, where we can admire the sun vanish into the sea. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 6: : FISTERRA - LIRES (14 KM)

Breakfast. Start in Fisterra crossing several hamlets with genuine samples of the rural architecture before arriving at O Rostro beach, ending in Lires. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.



# DAY 7: LIRES - MUXÍA (17 KM)

Breakfast. The Way ascends As Aférroas with magnificent coastal views. Before reaching Muxía, pilgrims can follow the tradition of washing themselves in the Monte Corpiño fountain. After Muxía, we reach the sanctuary of Virxe da Barca, famous for religious and pagan rituals. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.

# DAY 8: MUXÍA - DEPARTURE

Prices per person	Double
<b>COMFORT Class from:</b>	\$ 933
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 1,008
Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:	\$ 235



**13 NIGHTS** 

# **PORTO TO SANTIAGO** *THE PORTUGUESE WAY - UNESCORTED*

Porto, Vilar do Pinheiro, Arcos, Barcelos, Balugaes, Ponte de Lima, Pecene, Tui, O Porriño, Redondela, Pontevedra, Caldas de Reis, Padron, Santiago

# LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Medium to High

WALKING STAGES: 12 DEPARTURES: Daily For avid walkers, prior training highly recommended. Moderately uneven grade, some dirt and stone roads.

# DAY 1: PORTO

Arrival in Porto on your own. (Consult with Petrabax if you wish to add a private car transfer). Your information packet containing complete route descriptions, materials and your Pilgrims Passport will be waiting for you at your hotel. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

# DAY 2: PORTO - VILAR DO PINHEIRO - ARCOS (19 KM)

**Breakfast.** Morning private transfer from your Porto hotel to the small village of Vilar do Pinheiro where you'll start your walk to the town of Arcos. Overnight in Arcos. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

# DAY 3: ARCOS - BARCELOS (20 KM)

**Breakfast.** This morning's stage take you through lush valleys before arriving to Barcelos, entering the town by it's medieval bridge. Barcelos has many historical treasures and medieval legends. A walk through the old quarter of town is recommended. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

#### DAY 4: BARCELOS - BALUGAES (16 KM)

**Breakfast.** Today you'll pass through small hamlets filled with vegetable gardens and find several interesting Baroque chapels. Finally arrive to the tranquil village of Balugaes. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.** 

## DAY 5: BALUGAES - PONTE DE LIMA (17 KM)

Breakfast. Little by little you'll get closer to the Lima river valley, where the beautiful town of Ponte de Lima awaits, the oldest village in Northern Portugal, with its towns perfectly preserved historical quarter. You are sure to enjoy this lovely town. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.

# DAY 6: PONTE DE LIMA - PECENE (19 KM)

**Breakfast.** This morning you'll leave Ponte de Lima behind, crossing it's historical bridge. You'll walk on a slight uphill towards the town of Portela Grande and you'll enter Rubiaes on it Roman way. From here you'll descend along fertile valleys to the charming hamlet of Pecene. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner.**  DAY 7: PECENE - TUI (15 KM)

Breakfast. Today's stage is highlighted by mountaineaus terrain that take you slowly towards the fortress of Valenca do Minho on the Portugal-Spain border. Here, you cross the Miño river on the international bridge to the Galician town of Tui with it's impressive cathedral overlooking the town. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador Tui.

# DAY 8: TUI - O PORRIÑO - TRANSFER TO TUI (15 KM)

Breakfast. You will today have the chance to choose between two different routes to reach O Porriño. Leaving the medieval town of Tui, you can follow the original Way or turn to the left and walk over a new path that runs along the rural landscape. In Porriño, meet your driver at the designated point at 14:00 hours for your return transfer to Tui for overnight. PREMIUM PACK-AGE includes dinner. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador de Tui.

#### DAY 9: TUI- TRANSFER TO O PORRIÑO -REDONDELA (16 KM)

**Breakfast.** Morning transfer to Porriño. The route crosses the Louro river, to Santa Eulalia and the Marquis of Mos palace. A gentle climb leads us at the chapel of Santiaguiño de Antas, before entering Redondela. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 10: REDONDELA - PONTEVEDRA (19 KM)

Breakfast. After a short transfer back to the Way, enjoy nice views of the ría de Vigo in our way to Arcade. Cross the historic bridge of Ponte Sampaio. We enter in Pontevedra, one the most beautiful cities in Galicia. Do not miss the sanctuary of the Virxe Peregrina and the small squares and narrow alleys in the old city. PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening. Comfort and Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador de Pontevedra.

# DAY 11: PONTEVEDRA - CALDAS DE REIS (21 KM)

**Breakfast.** After leaving Pontevedra via the Ponte do Burgo bridge you will meet the Galician countryside. Walk along the parish of Alba and the village of Briallos, arriving into the Salnés Valley, filled with vineyards. **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 



# DAY 12: CALDAS DE REIS - PADRÓN (19 KM)

**Breakfast.** After leaving behind Caldas de Reis you will walk along the countryside. O Pino and San Miguel de Valga are the two hamlets you will find on your way before reaching the town Pontecesures, where the river Ulla forms the natural border (provinces of Pontevedra and A Coruña). After crossing the river, you will head to Padrón, known by their "green peppers". **PREMIUM PACKAGE includes dinner this evening.** 

# DAY 13: PADRÓN - SANTIAGO (23 KM - 6 H)

Breakfast. Our last stage will lead us into a constant ascent crossing small settlements with beautiful heritage, before arriving to the historical city of Santiago. Superior Class includes lodging at the Parador dos Reis Catolicos.

# DAY 14: SANTIAGO - DEPARTURE

Prices per person	Double
<b>COMFORT Class from:</b>	\$ 1,871
SUPERIOR Class from:	\$ 1,946
Optional PREMIUM PACKAGE:	\$ 448

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# **REGULAR SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES**

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# **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**1. TOUR OPERATOR**: The Tour Operator referred to hereafter is Petrabax/PTB Hotels.

2. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$300 is required at time of booking. Final payment is due 45 days prior to the departure date. It is the responsibility of the traveler (or his agent) to determine that final payment reaches the Tour Operator on time. For bookings made within 45 days of departure date, full payment is due at time of reservation. No booking will be considered confirmed until deposit and/or full payment is received by the Tour Operator.

**3. PRICES**: Prices indicated are based on US Dollars and subject to change without notice.

**4. TOUR ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Tour Operator reserves the right, if necessary, to substitute similar hotels for hotels listed. Such substitutions may be made at any time and without prior notice. The Tour Operator cannot be held responsible for hotel over - bookings; should such occur, the Tour Operator will undertake to find similar accommodations in the same area.

#### 5. ESCORTED TOURS: ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT: A

professional bilingual, English and Spanish, tour director will accompany Escorted Tours while traveling by coach. Most Escorted Tours will operate in both English and Spanish on the same coach. In the unusual event that a group numbers less than 15 persons, the Tour Operator reserves the right to operate the tour in minibus, minivan or private car with a bilingual driver-escort, or by first class rail transportation.

OUR TOURS DO NOT INCLUDE: Airfare.

**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES:** In the unlikely event, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control your tour becomes suspended or is inoperative, Petrabax will protect you on a similar alternate tour without a price increase or give you the option to cancel without penalty.

6. PRIVATE TOURS: All Private Tours include the services of a minivan with English speaking driver-escort. In the event that the size of the Private Tour falls below 4 participants, a smaller vehicle will be used. Local guides will be used for sightseeing as indicated on the itinerary.

7. WALKING TOURS: Walking Tours are unescorted. The traveler walks on his or her own, from town to town. Complete route descriptions and materials are provided. Includes luggage transportation from hotel to hotel while you walk (1 piece, maximum 44 Lbs per person).

**8. HOTELS:** Unless otherwise stated, prices are per room and based on one, two or three persons sharing a room with private bath. A limited number of single rooms are available at additional cost. Triple rooms are not recommended.

**9. MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING**: As indicated in the itineraries. Meals do not normally include beverages except coffee or tea with breakfasts.

**10. PASSPORT AND VISAS:** A valid passport is required for United States citizens. Citizens of other countries require a valid passport and may require additional documents. Such persons should contact consulates of countries to be visited and obtain proper documents before departure. The possession of required and valid passport and visas is the sole responsibility of the traveler. The Tour Operator assumes no liability for lack of proper documents.

**11. BAGGAGE**: The Tour Operator will accommodate only one normal size suitcase plus one small overnight bag on motorcoach or private tours. Only one suitcase on walking tours.

12. CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND RE-FUNDS: Cancellations received more than 45 days prior to departure date will have a penalty of \$50 per person; those received between 45 and 31 days will have a penalty of 25% per person; those received between 30 and 6 days will have a penalty of 50% per person; those received 5 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund.

**13. INSURANCE**: The Tour Operator highly recommends that each traveler purchase

travel and cancellation insurance. Such insurance can be obtained through your professional travel agent.

**14. CHANGES:** Travelers holding confirmed tour or hotel package reservations may request a change of date to another Petrabax tour or hotel package of equal or greater value. Changes can be made up to 45 days before departure and are subject to availability. There will be a charge of \$25 for such changes if accepted by the Tour Operator.

**15. RESPONSIBILITY:** The Tour Operator holds itself free of any responsibility for any cause, in all matters connected with hotels, accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by air, rail, bus, motorcar, boat or any other means. The Tour Operator and/or its agents will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any of the traveler's belongings. The Tour Operator reserves the right to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour unless insured.

16. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: The Tour Operator and its agents act only as agents for the traveler's hotels, restaurants, sightseeing and transportation (such as railroad, aircraft, boat, motorcoach, automobile, or any conveyance). The Tour Operator and its agents shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, neglect, accident, error or default of any company or person engaged in providing such hotel, restaurant, sightseeing, transportation or other services of the tour. The Tour Operator and its agents shall not be responsible or liable for alterations of the tour itinerary or arrangement, if such alterations become advisable or necessary for the comfort or well being of any passenger, or for any reason whatsoever. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours or portions thereof.

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