

Self-Guided Camino: The French Way

Trip Code: SGFW

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WALK & TREK



SELF-GUIDED



MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Complete the Camino Frances from Leon to Santiago de Compostela
- Feast on delicious Galician cuisine
- Discover Gaudi's famous architecture in Leon and Astorga
- Walk to the Crus de Ferro, the highest point of the French Camino for fantastic panoramas

AT A GLANCE

- Self-Guided
- 12 days walking
- 315 km of the French Way
- Daily departures available
- Join at Leon / End in Santiago

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 14 Breakfasts
- 14 Dinners
- 14 nights Hotel

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Introduction

Take a journey through history on this 2 week self-guided Camino de Santiago. Walking the final 315km of the Camino you will make your way from Leon to be presented with your 'certificate of distance' in Santiago de Compostela. Following the iconic scallop shell markers, your route will take you through peaceful rolling landscapes to the iconic Crus de Ferro and through the rich vineyards of Bierzo before reaching the unique region of Galicia and your final goal, the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. One of the most magical parts of undertaking this famed route is the people you meet along your way and the experiences you share as you submerge yourself in the culture and tradition of the route. Staying in a selection of Guesthouses and family run hotels on a half board basis you can be sure of a warm welcome at the end of your day. With specially selected accommodation close to your route and your luggage transfers included you can relax in the knowledge that we have taken care of all the arrangements so all you need to do is choose the date which suits you and enjoy your journey.

Is this holiday for you?

This 2 week Camino is perfect for those looking to take on a new challenge, whether it is a spiritual journey or a long distance walking route. Guided by the iconic scallop shells and your route notes, you will make your way through the fantastic rolling hills of the Spanish countryside, discovering small villages and the history of the French Camino as you make your way to Santiago de Compostela. You should be comfortable walking for 5-6 hours each day and distances up to 25-35km in a day on quiet paths, byways and cobbled tracks. The route takes you through undulating terrain with one longer ascent on day 5 when you will reach Cruz de Ferro (1500m), the highest point of the French Way. Staying in a great selection of hotels and guesthouses, we will transport your luggage for you so all you need to do is relax and enjoy the journey.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Arrive in Leon and discover the city's fantastic architecture.

Arrive in Leon, check into your hotel in the heart of the wonderful city and receive the first stamp in your 'Camino Passport'. Depending on your time of arrival we recommend taking time to immerse yourself in the history of Leon's stunning architecture. From the famous Convento de San Marcos, considered to be the most important Spanish Renaissance building in the country; to its beautiful French style gothic cathedral; and the basilica of San Isidoro with its royal pantheon decorated in colourful frescoes; the city's architecture tells a fascinating story of its history and is bursting with charm for you to discover. It is also home to Gaudi's Casa Botines. The famous architect not only produced master pieces in Barcelona but in the north of Spain too. Casa Botines is the first example of his work you will see along your Camino. As the evening draws in the city truly comes alive with the vibrant bars and restaurants bustling with locals, pilgrims and tourists alike.

Meals: **D**



Accommodation
Hotel

DAY 2

Begin your Camino, taking you to Hospital de Orbigo.

The first day of your Camino takes you through some spectacular scenery as you make your way towards Hospital de Orbigo, and the silhouettes of the spectacular Picos de Europa mountain range begin to appear on your skyline. As you approach the town your route will take you over the famous Passo Honroso Bridge. Famed for its 20 arches, this fantastic 204m long medieval bridge has been a passing point for pilgrims over the Orbigo River since the 13th Century. Legend has it that noble knight Don Suero de Quinones was imprisoned by his love for Dona Leonor, and in order to win her affections promised to challenge all knights who passed the Passo Honroso Bridge to a jousting duel and a festival is held annually in his honour. Having completed the longest day of your trip you can enjoy a tasty dinner at your accommodation and perhaps a glass of wine too.

FESTIVAL: Each year, on the first weekend of June, the locals celebrate this legend with the Passo Honroso Medieval Jousting Festival. The town comes alive with people dressed as knights, monks, peasants and archers, while jousting shows, medieval dances and games take place. It is a true Spanish Fiesta.

NOTE: If you would prefer, it is possible to shorten your walk today to 27km. This is easily managed by taking a public bus from Leon to La Virgen del Camino where you can begin your Camino journey.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
9 hours



Distance
35KM

DAY 3

Walk through the Valley of Churches to Astorga.

Today's stage of the way will take you through the gently rolling farmlands of the so called Valley of the Churches passing first through the village of Villares de Orbigo, to the hamlet of Santibanez de Valdeiglesias, nestled on the fertile plain of the Orbigo River. From here your route becomes somewhat rural with only the scallops' of St James to lead you through the farmlands, first to the village of San Justo de la Vega and just a few kilometres further, the splendid town of Astorga. You will have time to check into your hotel and take a stroll through the streets of this popular pilgrim town. Perched upon a hilltop, with a backdrop of mountains to the west, Astorga has much to offer; from its beautiful cathedral to the second Gaudi designed building of your way, the Bishops' Palace. You will have time to explore before enjoying an evening meal at your hotel.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
4 hours



Distance
17KM

DAY 4

Walk to Rabanal del Camino through hills of Monts de Leon.

Your way today will take you steadily uphill through the region of la Maragateria, crossing the hills of Monts de Leon before arriving in Rabanal del Camino. This charming little stone-built village has been a popular stopping point for pilgrims throughout the centuries as a final resting point before the terrain becomes more rugged. It has played an important role in the Camino's history with the Knights Templar settling here and in the larger town of Ponferrada on the opposing side of the mountains to ensure that pilgrims made a safe journey. You too will stay here for the evening, enjoying an evening meal at your accommodation and enjoying the bohemian feel the town now holds.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
5 hours



Distance
20KM

DAY 5
Discover the Cruz de Ferro and the Knights Templar castle of Ponferrada.

Your route today will take you past one of the key landmarks of the French Camino, the Cruz de Ferro (1500m); the highest point of the French Way and arguably the best panoramas of the entire route. The metal cross atop a 5m high wooden pole acts as a welcoming beacon for pilgrims helping them on their way, however its original purpose is somewhat of a mystery to historians. The most popular theory is that St. James himself erected the cross. Today, the cross is part of a tradition of the pilgrimage with pilgrims bringing a stone from their home to leave at the foot of the cross to symbolise leaving the burdens behind, hence the mound of stones which now surround the cross.

Having absorbed the views and tranquillity the Cruz de Ferro offers you descend through Manjarin and on through El Acebo and Molinaseca. You will soon reach your final goal of the day and the second outpost of the Knights Templar, Ponferrada, with its magnificent castle which once housed them. Having completed your way for today you can soak up the town's historic atmospheric centre with a glass of wine over a selection of tapas. We recommend the house wine; it will likely be from the fantastic local vineyards!

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
7-8 hours



Distance
32KM

DAY 6
Walk through the vineyards of Bierzo to reach Villafranca del Bierzo.

This morning you will have opportunity to further explore the beautiful old quarter of the town where the 16th century town hall and Torre de Reloj dominate over the Plaza del Ayuntamiento. Heading off on your way, today offers contrasting landscape as you first walk through Compostilla, a former mining town and on through the wine region of Bierzo. Passing through small villages you will reach the town of Cacabelos where the Archaeological Museum is worth a quick visit before continuing on to Villafranca del Bierzo. With its impressive 12th century Church of Santiago Villafranca it is here where ill pilgrims could be gifted the same indulgencies as if they had reached the Cathedral in Santiago including the jubilee blessing. Your journey for today ends in Villafranca del Bierzo.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
6 hours



Distance
25KM

DAY 7

Reach O Cebreiro, the border town of Galicia and explore the fascinating Palloza houses.

Today will take you along the so called 'queen' of the stages of the St James as you ascend to the town of O Cebreiro, the first town of Galicia. Your route will take you over the rolling landscape offering fantastic views along valleys, across farmlands and over the small hamlets below. The landscape here is scattered with small hamlets many of which have just 50 inhabitants or less, making your way a particularly peaceful one today. This is a symbolic stage as you cross into Galicia and reach ever closer to Santiago de Compostela and is often a point of reflection as you recall how far you have come on your journey, the people you have met, the landscapes you have seen and that you are already at the half way point of your journey. Completing a final ascent you will reach O Cebreiro recognisable by its Palloza dwellings. These fascinating circular buildings topped with thatched roofs date back to Neolithic origin and were typical of this region up until the 20th century when modern building concepts were introduced to the area. You will have time to explore the Pallozas before checking in to your accommodation for the evening.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
8 hours



Distance
27KM

DAY 8

Descend through the Galician countryside and villages to Triacastela.

Your day begins on the most beautiful crest of a ridge offering fantastic morning views. From this point your route is largely downhill, as you make your way down through the green countryside of Galicia and pine and eucalyptus woodland. This section of your Camino is much more populous than yesterday providing many opportunities to stop off and enjoy a coffee in the villages along the way. Finally you reach the small town of Triacastela from where you will take a short private transfer to your accommodation in neighbouring Samos.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
6 hours



Distance
23KM

DAY 9

A choice of routes from Triacastela to Sarria.

Today begins with a short transfer back to Triacastela to pick up your way where you left. From Triacastela you have an option of choosing one of two ways to Sarria. The first takes you north of the village of Samos and through the countryside. This option is the most direct and 6 km shorter, however, we recommend making the additional effort and taking your second option.

Your second option will take you along a scenic route and is relatively easy under foot as you make your way through the villages of San Cristob, Lucio and Renche before reaching Samos where you stayed the previous evening. While Samos is a small village it has a magnificent abbey which warrants the extra kilometres; there has been a monastery here since the 6th century but keen architects will note the one which stands today dates to the 18th century following a fire in 1536 when the original was destroyed. You will have time to absorb this fantastic building before continuing on through rural landscapes to Sarria, a popular starting point on the French Camino as it marks the final 100km to Santiago. You will spend the evening here and the opportunity to enjoy the buzz of the excitement of those who have made it to the last 100km and those who are yet to begin their journey.

Meals: **B D**

	Accommodation Hotel		Time 5 hours		Distance 18KM
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DAY 10

Walk through the heart of Galicia and cross the Mino River to reach Portomarin.

Feeling rested, your route today will take you through the green heartland of Galicia where the landscape is scattered with pretty stilted grain stores known as horreos. As you pass through this bewitching landscape and quaint little villages you will have plenty of opportunity to stop and enjoy tasty Galician delicacies in one of the local cafes before crossing the fantastic Roman bridge over the Mino River to your final goal; Portomarin. This lovely village was completely moved, brick by brick in 1962, to its current location following the construction of a dam which would flood the village's original location. During the dry season, when water levels drop, some of the remains of the village can still be seen. Spending the night in the village you can enjoy a relaxed evening meal in your accommodation.

Meals: **B D**

	Accommodation Hotel		Time 6 hours		Distance 23KM
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DAY 11

Discover Castro history as you walk to Palas de Rei.

This morning will comprise of a steady ascent as you make your way through the village of Gonzar to Castromaior where there is a fortified settlement providing a taste of what Castro culture was like before the invasion of Roman culture, which too has left its mark on the village with its small Romanesque church. Continuing you will pass through small villages where you can enjoy a spot of lunch. Your route soon levels out taking you through fragrant eucalyptus plantations and leading you to Palas de Rei. The town was a major hub for pilgrims during the Middle Ages as they gathered to face the final stretch of

their journey together. Today, the town remains a popular overnight stop for pilgrims and is a hive of activity. You too will spend the night in the town before taking the final few days of your journey

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
6-7 hours



Distance
25KM

DAY 12

Walk to Arzua joined by pilgrims from the Camino Primitivo as the two ways meet for the final stages of the journey.

Today you say farewell to Palas de Rei passing the modern Santiago Peregrino statue to re-join the French Way through the verdant landscape and the beautiful traditional houses known as pazos, each with a raised granary much like the horreos. You will soon reach Melide where the Camino Primitivo which originates in Asturias, and the French Camino join together. Melide is an interesting town and you may wish to pay a visit to the museum housed in the former Hospital de Peregrinos showcasing its history. As you leave the town you will also pass the 12th century Iglesia de Santa which has an impressive stone altar and beautiful frescoes which are worth a look. Finally you arrive in Arzua and your home for the evening. The town has a long history of welcoming pilgrims and although now in ruins the 14th century convent of La Magdalena once provided shelter for poor pilgrims. You will have time to appreciate this special town before enjoying an evening meal and resting for the final stages of your Camino journey.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
8 hours



Distance
29KM

DAY 13

Discover the healing waters of Santa Irene as you walk to Lavacolla.

Your penultimate day on the French Camino will take you to Lavacolla, where it is tradition for pilgrims to carry out the ritual of washing their feet in the river. Leaving Azura you will follow broad tracks and through short sections of woodlands, passing through quaint hamlets. You will notice the Camino is a little busier now that not only the Camino Primitivo has joined this route but also the Camino del Norte which joins shortly after Arzua. Walking together with pilgrims who have taken a different path you will make your way ever closer to Santiago de Compostela. You will pass through Santa Irene with its hermitage dedicated to the Portuguese holy martyr and baroque fountain which is said to have healing waters. Not long after you will arrive in Lavacolla where you can enjoy your final evening on the trail.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
7-8 hours



Distance
29KM

DAY 14

Stand proud before the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in the knowledge you have completed your Camino.

Today is the day you complete the French Camino from Leon. Having followed tradition and bathed your feet in the river you begin your final day on the Camino Frances. A final ascent over the Monte de Gozo, which at an elevation of 370m, provides the most satisfying first glimpse of Santiago de Compostela and the towers of the cathedral. Descending from Monte de Gozo the final few kilometres soon pass as you enter the city and reach your final goal; the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. This is often an emotional moment as the realisation of your way sinks in. Heading to the Pilgrims' Office you can exchange your Pilgrims Passport for your well-earned Compostela certificate. You will have time to explore this magnificent city, visit the cathedral, the Plaza de Obradoiro, the Hostal de los Reyes Catolicos and the cloister before making your way to your hotel to enjoy an evening meal.

PILGRIMS MASS: Each day a pilgrims mass is held in the cathedral at 12pm and 7.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10pm and 9.30pm on Sundays or public holidays.

PLEASE NOTE: the Cathedral de Santiago is undergoing restorations in preparation for the 2021 holy year celebrations. The exterior of the cathedral is now complete and works have begun on the interior. While the cathedral remains open as usual access to some sections of the interior will be restricted while works are undertaken and the daily pilgrims mass will be held at the nearby San Francisco Church.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Hotel



Time
2-3 hours



Distance
12KM

DAY 15

Departure Day.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and further explore the historical city of Santiago de Compostela before making your onward journey.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Luggage transfers
- Transfers as described
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to Leon
- Travel from Santiago
- City taxes (payable locally - usually under 5 Euros per person per night)
- Optional public buses and taxis
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit, about the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook and all your relevant documents no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start date. We will send your documents using signed for courier so that you can track your package and know that they are safely on their way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our sales team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker so please remind them to pack it before you set off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start date, please do inform our sales team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking holiday for your family, a centre based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a days walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool or visiting museums is calling.

Please discuss this further with our sales team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

This trip starts at your accommodation in Leon. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a land only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is either Madrid Airport, Bilbao Airport or Santiago de Compostela Airport with many departures from regional UK airports.

If you are flying into Madrid Airport you can travel via train to Leon which will take approximately 3 to 4 hours with a single change at Madrid-Chamartin train station.

If you are flying into Bilbao it is possible to travel by bus to Leon. The journey takes approximately 5 hours with one change at Bilbao's main bus station.

Alternatively, we offer a private transfer from Santiago de Compostela Airport to your accommodation. Please ask our sales team for a quotation.

The trip ends in Santiago de Compostela. It is possible to return to Madrid by train. The journey takes approximately 6 - 7 hours for more information visit www.rome2rio.com Alternatively, it is possible to fly direct to London from Santiago de Compostela Airport.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a half board basis.

Food & Water

Water is drinkable from the taps on this holiday. Please fill your personal bottles for your day in the morning. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Castilla y Leon is the largest region of Spain and the cuisine in this region is much different to the coastal regions with less fish based dishes and more stews often featuring chickpeas or morcilla (a type of blood sausage). The real speciality of this region is it's Cochinillo Asado (suckling pig) or Cordero Asado (suckling lamb), for meat eaters this is a must! Simply cooked and full of flavour you are sure to enjoy this treat after a day of walking.

Bread in this region is fantastic and was often a communal affair in the villages where communities gathered to use the communal oven. We recommend visiting the local bakery for your picnic supplies so that you can enjoy a taste of this long standing staple with a view.

As you cross into Galicia and edge nearer to the coast you will see the countries love of seafood arises. A popular dish is the delicious Pulpo a la Gallega, a traditional dish which comprises of succulent boiled octopus on top of a bed of thinly sliced potatoes and topped with oil and paprika. And let's not forget the tasty treat of Santiago, the Tarta de Santiago made from ground almonds and covered in icing sugar and the cross of Santiago. Yummy!

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Accommodation

On this trip you will stay in a selection of comfortable guesthouses and 2* or 3* hotels each offering warm hospitality and close proximity to your route. Each hotel brings its own charm whether it's a small family run guesthouse offering beautiful gardens to relax or a 3* hotel close to the many restaurants.

All our accommodations are booked on half board basis in a twin or double room.

It is possible to arrange additional nights accommodation if you would like to extend your time in Leon or Santiago. Please speak to our sales team for more information.

Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your pilgrimage. We ask that you please ensure you only have one piece of luggage weighing no more than 20kg and that your luggage is ready for collection each morning. You will also need a daypack to carry your daily essentials with you.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations.

GHIC / Medical cover

UK residents should carry a free Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This entitles you to state provided medical treatment when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland. This is not a substitute for medical travel insurance which is vital when travelling overseas.

Severe Allergies

Please inform our KE Sales and support team of any severe allergies you may have before travel. We will always do our best to help but we are unable to guarantee an allergy free environment on our KE trips. We advise that you always carry your own treatment for the allergy with you such as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' if required. We also recommend that you discuss this with your accommodation on arrival so that they can better assist you.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided walking holiday is that you decide the pace however getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable your walks will be. You should be comfortable with walking 6-7 hours for consecutive days with some occasionally longer days.

Climate

This region of Spain enjoys a warm Mediterranean climate with cold winters and some frosty days and hot summer months where temperatures can reach up to 30 degrees.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

- A practical & mystical manual for the modern day pilgrim. Camino Francs: St-Jean-Pied-de-Port Santiago de Compostela.
- 'The Way' (2010 film), starring Martin Sheen and directed by Emilio Estevez 'life is too big to walk it alone'

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Please note that a paper copy of your travel insurance is required if you are travelling to Huaraz and the Huayhuash region.

Equipment Information

Self Guided Equipment List

- Hiking boots with good grip soles
- Functional base layer
- T-shirts
- Hat
- Windproof jacket
- Fleece / extra layer
- Long/short hiking trousers
- Hiking socks
- Waterproof Jacket
- Waterproof Trousers
- Rucksack (approx. 20 l)

- Small first aid kit for your rucksack
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Camera (batteries/memory card)
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Sun glasses
- Personal wash kit
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Tupperware for picnics
- Walking poles
- Headtorch & spare batteries
- Your self-guided route notes

Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers. [>> Find out more](#)

Land Only Information

Please note our 'from price' listed is based on 4 persons on twin or double occupancy, however we can quote for any number of travellers, including solo travellers, contact our sales team for a quote.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this trip part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights accommodation before or after your self-guided trip, ask our sales team to find out more about this.

Our sales team will be happy to provide you a quote for scheduled flights or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

We offer some transfers to your hotel from the nearest airports, please refer to the 'joining arrangements and transfers' for further details for this trip.

Why Choose KE

why KE?

Experience a slice of history with KE as you walk in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims from Leon to stand proud beneath the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela with your certificate of distance. On a half board basis and with your luggage transfers included, all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and enjoy your journey.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 16/06/2024 and the trip is subject to change