

Camino Portugues PO8

The Portuguese Way - Lisboa to Santiago

Discover the best of northern Spain and Portugal; monumental cities, stunning scenery, wonderful wines - and lots of other special treats.

Summary

The Portuguese Way packs a lot into one of the shortest, and perhaps the prettiest, of the pilgrims' ways to Santiago de Compostela.

Never far from the Atlantic coast and with the lovely rolling scenery of central and northern Portugal and Galicia as backdrop, the route is certainly scenic. And with nine world heritage sites along the way it's truly crammed with cultural and historic highlights.

The regional gastronomy, from ocean and mountains is second to none and the wines are world-class from start to finish.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Lisboa, Coimbra, Santiago & Porto – four magnificent, vibrant cities
- Estremadura monasteries – Batalha, Alcobaça & Tomar
- Fado culture in Lisboa and Coimbra
- Alentejo & Douro to Ribeira and Albariño – a wine lover's paradise
- The Atlantic – Portuguese big surf to the sheltered estuaries of the Rias Baixas
- The Portuguese Way of St James – steeped in history

Travel Tips:

Fly to Porto or Lisboa from most airports in the UK. Rent a car and enjoy the hidden gems this region has to offer.

You can also fly via Santiago de Compostela starting in the Spanish side of the route.

Please consult for travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Porto or Lisboa		
1	Day 1 to 3	Lisboa	Lisboa	HLIS1 Classy, charming guesthouse in the heart of Lisboa, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	20mins from airport
2	Day 4 & 5	Estremadura	Batalha	HBAT1 Stylish hotel with view of magnificent monastery, 1 x Double with varanda	1hr 40mins
3	Day 6 & 7	Coimbra	Coimbra	HCOI3 City hotel in the heart of Coimbra, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	1hr
4	Day 8 & 9	Porto	Porto	HOPO2 Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto, 1 x Double room (Garden or Castle, two sharing)	1hr 20mins
5	Day 10 & 11	Santiago	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 Tradition, innovation and style in central Santiago, 1 x Double room 2 sharing	2hrs 30mins
6	Day 12 to 14	Minho / Costa	Vila de Punhe	HMIN2 Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast, 1 x One bedroom cottage (two sharing)	2hrs 10mins
			Departing Porto or Lisboa		1hr 10mins to Porto

* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class hire car for the duration
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and regional guidebook
- Our own regional guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: Lisboa and around

Hop a tram and explore Portugal's exciting capital
Rossio square and train station
Skip out to Sintra with its palaces and castles
Beaches of Cascais & Aldeia do Meo
Bar hop in Bairro Alto, dine in style in Chiado
World Heritage Mosteiro dos Jerónimos – a Manueline delight

Classy, charming guesthouse in the heart of Lisboa

Sleep like a king in this beautifully renovated neo-Moorish palace on the first floor of a 19th century building overlooking the Praça do Principe Real, one of Lisboa's loveliest and leafiest squares by the Botanical Gardens. The stunning, sunny rooms, looking onto either square or gardens, have original frescoes, azulejo tiles and ornate moulded ceilings, themed after the fascinating life of King Don Pedro V. Though termed a guesthouse, ...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: Estremadura and Ribatejo

The magnificent monasteries of Batalha and Alcobaça
São Martinho do Porto a little pearl set on a string of surf washed Atlantic beaches
The Convent at Tomar, delightful, historic city of the Templars
Escape to the Sierras de Aire y Candeeiros Nature Park – riddled with caves
Explore medieval Óbidos with its famous white houses

Stylish hotel with view of magnificent monastery

Set in a residential area above the town of Batalha, with its astonishingly beautiful C14th Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitoria, this delightful, family run hotel with great amenities including a swimming pool, small gym and even an art and craft's shop, will embrace you at once with its informal and relaxing atmosphere. The hotel is light, bright and colourful with a modern, elegant design and the owner's original paintings and objects d'art ...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Coimbra and around

Coimbra University - stunning buildings, stunning views
Sé Velha, Portuguese Romanesque at its finest
Take in a fado show - Coimbra style of course
Jewish Quarter - especially magical by night
Roman ruins at Conimbriga

City hotel in the heart of Coimbra

This three-star, family run, city hotel is ideally located in central Coimbra just a short walk from the old town, the riverside and the university. Nearly all the rooms offer wonderful views to the city and the breakfast room and roof-top terrace have one of the best views Coimbra has to offer. The staff are exceptionally helpful and friendly and will go out of their way to make sure you feel at home from the moment you enter and get the ...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Porto

Ribeira, Porto's fascinating historic centre, a World Heritage site
Cross the impressive Dom Luis I iron bridge to the Port Wine Lodges
Art for all from finest museums to simple galleries
Walk the lanes, sail the river, live and breathe Porto
Ferry to Afurada and the golden beach of Estrela

Elegant, baroque castle hotel in Porto

This gorgeously romantic, Baroque castle, full of character, set in its own beautiful gardens, is the perfect base to visit historic Porto. Built in 1887 as a private house, this listed building with its imposing tower is wonderfully atmospheric and, being set on a vantage point, commands lovely views of the city. The location is excellent - fairly near the centre (a twenty minute walk) with on site parking and the metro just a short walk a...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Santiago & the interior

Santiago, journey's end, for centuries Europe's Nº 1 pilgrim destination
Take a Catamaran trip down the magnificent Rio Sil
Ribeiro wines from vineyards on the steep river valleys of the Miño and Sil
Ourense, full of surprises, and Monforte de Lemos, both steeped in history
Take a trip around the monasteries of the Ribera Sacra Lugo, a thriving city with Roman walls
Los Ancares nature park, little discovered acres of native woodlands

Tradition, innovation and style in central Santiago

With the emphasis on personal service and designed using the oriental principles of 'Wabi-Sabi' this truly unique hotel in the old town of Santiago is an experience in itself. In one of the quieter parts of town, but within easy reach of the main sights, this 19th century house is a charming, perfect balance of old and new, creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony - its original old stone walls and oak beamed ceilings blending more than ha...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Minho/Costa

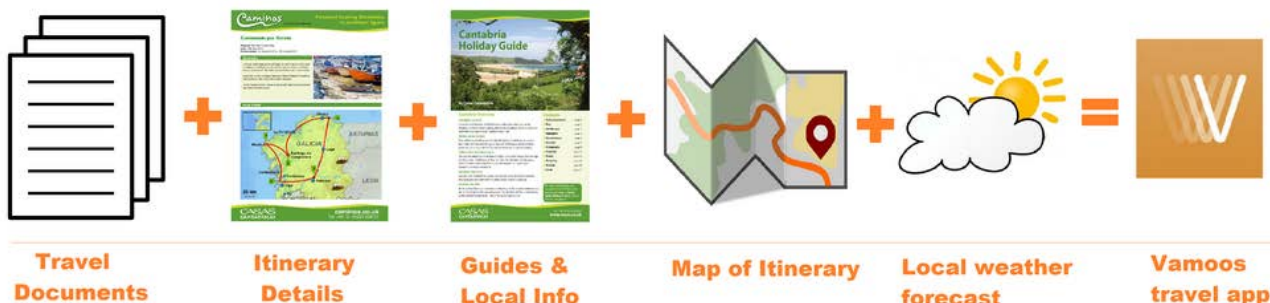
Imposing Viana do Castelo with its long, surfy windswept Atlantic coastline
Delightful towns and villages along the river Minho: Caminha, Valença, Monção and Melgaço
Historic step in the Portuguese Santiago pilgrim way
Graceful Ponte de Lima with its Roman bridge
Sample the Vinho Verde wine and hearty local fare

Manor house with pool, surrounded by vineyards near coast

As you come up the long vine-covered cobblestone drive to this grand C17th manor house, home to the Abreu Teixeira family for the last three hundred years, you immediately feel a certain magic, the pull of the past... Surrounded by vineyards and woodlands, the delightful grounds with courtyards, lawns, shrubberies, and a lovely pool area create a feeling of total relaxation and serenity. No better place to read a good book or wander in the ...[Read More](#)



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