

Camino del Frances NC2

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The inland route to Santiago, most travelled by pilgrims and steeped in history from start to finish.

Summary

Discover a Spanish interior untouched by mass tourism on this journey of contrasts. From the high mountains of Navarra you cross the arid plains of the Meseta, to the lush green hills of Galicia.

Lining the route are superb examples of religious architecture from humble parish churches to magnificent cathedrals. You also pass through the wine regions of Navarra, La Rioja, Bierzo and Galicia, home to the fantastic whites of Albariño.



Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- The 'Way of St James', steeped in history
- Monumental Cathedral cities; Burgos, Leon, Santiago
- Across six major wine producing regions
- Lofty mountains, arid plains, lush green hills
- Rich gastronomic heritage
- Las Médulas – dramatic red-rock landscape

Travel Tips

- **Stansted:** to Bilbao with Easyjet back from Santiago with Ryanair
- **Gatwick:** to Bilbao with Vueling-BA back from Santiago with Easyjet
- **Dublin:** to Santander with Ryanair or Bilbao with Aerlingus, back from Santiago with Aerlingus or Vigo with Ryanair
- Please consult for other travel options



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room *	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Bilbao		
1	Day 1 & 2	Navarra	Arizkun	HNAV7 17th Century Manor House in Baztán, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs 10mins from airport
2	Day 3 & 4	La Rioja	Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron	HCRT1 Theme hotel in C17th mansion in La Rioja, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs 20mins (via Pamplona)
3	Day 5	Burgos	Burgos	HBUR2 Palace at the heart of Burgos, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
4	Day 6 & 7	León	León	HLEO1 Historic hotel in the heart of Leon, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 50mins
5	Day 8 & 9	Galicia	Santiago de Compostela	HSAC6 Tradition, innovation and style in central Santiago, 1 x Double room 2 sharing	3hrs 45mins (via Ponferrada)
			Departing Santiago de Compostela		30mins to airport

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

Your Itinerary

What the tour includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own restaurant Guide and 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: North and central Navarra

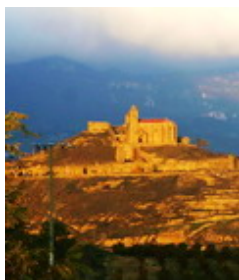
Gateway to the Camino de Santiago, steeped in history.
Excellent varietal and boutique wines not available at home
Fairytale castles at Olite and Artajona – bull runs & pintxos in Pamplona.
Soaring rocky Pyrenees and the immense Irati forest in the east
Rolling green valleys of Baztan & Bidasoa near the coast in the west
Spectacular lunar landscape of Las Bardenas in the south
La Ribera - Spain's finest peppers, artichokes, asparagus....

17th Century Manor House in the Baztán Valley

Set in a peaceful spot surrounded by lush, green mountain scenery, this delightful manor-house hotel is set on the outskirts of Arizkun, one of the loveliest of the many delightful villages for which the Baztán Valley is justly famous. The village's strategic position, at the crossroads of the Otsondo and Izpegi mountain passes, makes it the perfect base to explore the delightful Valley of Baztán as well as the French Pays Basque which ju...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: La Rioja wine region

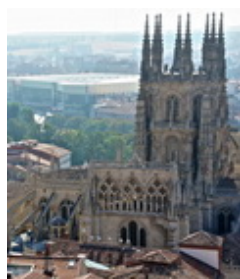
La Rioja Alavesa, where the mountains give shelter to the best wineries
Riojan cuisine- excellent local ingredients with a touch of Basque flair
A history of architecture from cave-dweller to Gehry
Medieval towns such as Laguardia, thriving centers of the wine trade
Dinastia Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture, one of the finest private collections in the world.
Izki Golf, two courses in the midst of the beautiful Nature Park of Izki

Magical theme hotel in C17th mansion in La Rioja

This fine 17th century mansion, in the centre of the picturesque, medieval village of Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron, in La Rioja Alta, has been recently restored but certainly has a history! Originally the home of a wealthy family, in the 1920's and 30's, the building was put to use as a bakery, theatre and cinema before, during the Civil War, being occupied by Italian troops who passed on their pasta recipes to the locals. The present owners, L...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Burgos Province

Major staging point on the Camino de Santiago

Burgos cathedral, a World Heritage Site, recently restored in all its glory

The city of El Cid, also known as El Campeador

Busy old town; lively squares lined with bars & restaurants

Spain's best lamb & delicious black pudding – Ribera del Duero wines

The excellent Museum of Human Evolution and nearby Atapuerca

Medieval villages of Burgos Province - Frias, Oña, Medina de Pomar, Santo Domingo de Silos, Covarrubias....

Palace at the heart of Burgos

A genuine medieval palace right in the centre of historic Burgos, just a short walk to the magnificent cathedral and the myriad tapas bars, restaurants and asadores for which the city is also famous. Built by the Counts of Berberana in the 16th Century, a golden age in Burgos which grew wealthy from the rich wool trade with England and the Low Countries, the Palace has recently been restored to a very high standard. All rooms are exceptional...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Leon

Crossing point of the Camino de Santiago and Via de Plata.

Cathedral of Santa Maria - beautiful stained glass Rose Window

Tapas in la Zona Humeda, 'the wet zone', in the old-town

See the true Holy Grail housed in the beautiful Colegiata de San Isidoro

Take a trip to lovely Astorga with its Gaudi palace

Visit Las Médulas & Ponferrada

Historic hotel in the heart of Leon

This very special hotel in a square in the Romantic Quarter in the heart of Leon, just a short walk to the magnificent Cathedral, is full of history and art. Forming part of the outstanding 11th century complex of the Real Colegiata de San Isidoro de Leon and the Panteon de Los Reyes with its amazingly vivid Romanesque frescos, amongst the best preserved anywhere, the hotel was at one time a monastery. The monastery houses the Caliz de Doña ...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Santiago & the interior

Santiago, journey's end, for centuries Europe's N° 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

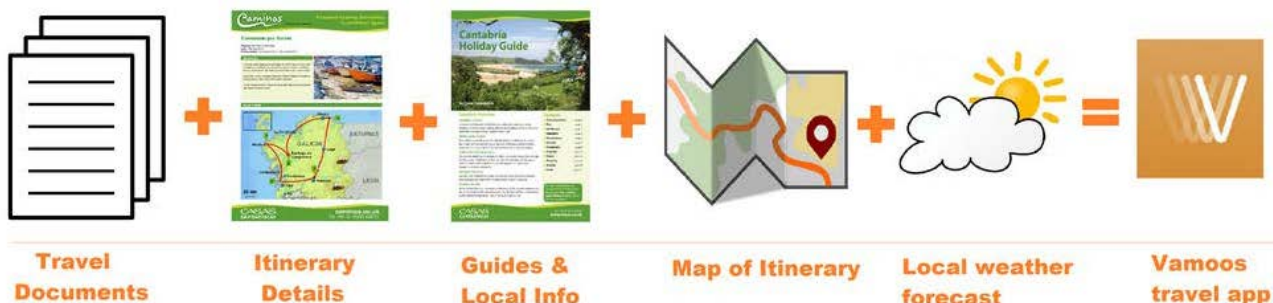
Los Ancares nature park, little discovered acres of native woodlands

City hotel with garden

In the heart of the medieval city of Santiago de Compostela, this charming and popular hotel combines traditional architectural features with modern comforts and has the added blessing of a lovely garden, where you can eat breakfast or enjoy an aperitif among the apple and lemon trees. There is also a "cristalera" - a glassed-in verandah - for breakfast and for sitting in, a coffee-shop/bar with old stone fireplace and a small library with an e...[Read More](#)



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