

Camino 2015

Join us for our 2015 trip to the Camino.



Villafranca del Bierzo
to
Santiago de Compostela
130 Km.
18th to 25th June 2015.



CAMINO HOLIDAY

We will be walking the camino from 18th to 25th June 2015. Beginning in Villafranca del Bierzo and walking to Portomarín over the course of 5 days and a final day from Amenal to Santiago. A proposed itinerary for each days walking is shown below but this is subject to change. It does however give you an idea of distances covered each day. As a guide allow €350 for transportation, accommodation and daily baggage transfer.

DESCRIPTION OF WALK DAYS	Distance	Total Distance
Day 1 Villafranca del Bierzo to O Cebreiro	31km	31km
Day 2 O'Cebreiro to Triacastela	21km	52km
Day 3 Triacastela to Barbadelo	23km	75km
Day 4 Barbedlo to Portomarín	19km	94km
Day 5 Portomarín to Palas de Rei	25km	119km
Day 6 Labacolla to Santiago	11km	130km



QUESTIONS

Q. How do I sign up for the holiday?

A. Let us know by email you want to join the group. Come along to our information evening to discuss any questions you may have. Then all you have to do is the following: 1. Book your flight. and then 2. Pay your fee to the club for your transport, accommodation and baggage transfer etc.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. The return flight is approximately €160 but expect this to increase as the flights fill up. You will need to pay €350 to the club for to cover the cost of your accommodation and private transport from Santiago to Villafranca. There will also be private transport from Portomarin to Amenal on day 5 of the trip. No meals are included. All meals, drinks, snacks etc. are bought individually. As a general estimate most walkers will spend from €15 to €25 on food and drinks a day but this is down to personal preference.

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. You will be walking a daily average of 25km. As well as that you will need to maintain it on an ongoing basis over the six days. The best option is to build up your stamina over a number of months until you can comfortably walk 4 to 5 hours a day. The club will be running a number of preparation walks from March onwards, details to follow on booking. Over 200,000 people walk the camino each year from every corner of the Globe so it is an easily attainable target with a little bit of preparation. So there's no time like the present to dust off those walking shoes!

Q. What if I cannot continue or need a rest day?

A. You can take a taxi to our next stop. It's approx €20 for a taxi journey from one hotel to the next. Rest days will be taken as free days for you to enjoy at your leisure. You can join the group for dinner after their day of walking if you choose.



Q. What pace will the walking be at?

A. There is no set walking pace. Each person will walk at their own pace until they arrive at their destination each day. A lot of the time the group walks together but you can walk at a pace that works best for you. At times people walk alone or with one or two others etc. Take time to stop for a drink or snack or to get to know some of your fellow walkers and to take in the scenery. There are many shops/stalls/cafes/restaurants and bars dotted along the trail.

Q. How does each day unfold?

A. We will meet each morning and either have breakfast at the accommodation or along the way. We will also stop for lunch along the route. Once our walk is finished for the day we go to the pre-booked accommodation. Then there will be time to shower, refresh etc. before meeting again in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant.

Q. How much for dinner?

A. Most restaurants provide the 'Menu del Dia', which is usually a three course meal with a bottle of wine for under €10. What you spend over and above this is down to personal preference.

Q. What do I bring with me?

A. A suggested list will be sent out to each person well before we travel. We are arranging baggage transfer between each of the stops so you only need to carry the basics while walking and will not need a large rucksack.

Q. What happens if I cancel after making payment?

A. If payment for the various facilities have been made on your behalf and you later cancel then you will most likely suffer the loss of all or most of those funds. Please remember before you commit that the people who organise the group are on their holiday as well and are organising the trip on a voluntary basis. They would not be expected to negotiate refunds from each hotel as they are all booked independently and rates received have been agreed based on your commitment. We understand the same situation would be the case with your airline booking, for full details check AerLingus Terms and Conditions.



You do not have to be a member of our club to join our group but first preference is given to club members.

N.B. We are not a tour operator or travel agent but a walking club and each person joins the group in such an understanding. We come together as a group to experience the camino in a spirit of friendship while at the same time we take personal responsibility for ourselves. The club serves to facilitate the group without obligation.

If you would like more information then email us at info@corkhillwalkers.com