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Walking the Camino Primitivo

A Jubilee Year Pilgrimage through Galicia, Spain

with Fr. Mullaney

June 6 – 17, 2027

This pilgrimage invites you to walk one of the oldest and most historic routes to the tomb of the Apostle James — the Camino Primitivo, the "Original Way." Beginning with our arrival in Madrid and a transfer to the rural Galician village of Castroverde, we will walk more than 100 kilometers through rolling countryside, ancient forests, and stone villages, arriving at last in the magnificent city of Santiago de Compostela. As pilgrims of the Jubilee Year 2027, we will enter the Cathedral through the Holy Door — opened only during Jubilee Years — and venerate the relics of St. James the Apostle. We will then spend two full days celebrating our arrival together in Santiago before returning home.

Daily Mass, daily luggage transfer, private rooms with private bathrooms, and a ProRome Tour Manager will be included throughout, with emergency car support available should the need arise.

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$3,190 per person, land-only

($1,268 airfare from IAD)

For more information or to register, contact ProRome Tours at (434) 953-1112 or office@prorome.com https://prorometours.com/camino-fr-mullaney

THE ITINERARY



Please note: All Masses, site visits, tours, and activities listed below are subject to change based on availability, local conditions, and the needs of the group. ProRome will communicate any updates in advance whenever possible.

Sunday, June 6
Departure from USA

This evening we depart from our local airport for an overnight transatlantic flight to Porto. International flight details will be provided once airfare is booked.

Meals: In-flight

Monday, June 7
Arrival in **Porto** | Transfer to Lugo

We arrive this morning at Porto and are met by our ProRome tour representative before boarding our private motorcoach for a scenic drive to Galicia — approximately three and a half hours. Upon arrival in Lugo, one of the great cities of the Camino Primitivo and our home for the next four nights, we check into our hotel and have time to settle in and purchase provisions for tomorrow's walk. The evening begins with a welcome dinner and orientation meeting with our local guide. We receive our official Pilgrim Credentials (credenciales), to be stamped at each overnight stop, and are given an overview of the week ahead — including the spiritual significance of our Jubilee Year pilgrimage and a full logistics review.

Meals: Dinner
Overnight: Lugo

Tuesday, June 8
Castroverde to Lugo — 23 km / 14.2 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast, the Camino officially begins! Our motorcoach transfers us to Castroverde, a charming rural Galician village that serves as our pilgrimage starting point, and we set out on foot back toward Lugo. We walk through agricultural lands and gently rolling Galician countryside, passing through the small villages of Vilar de Cas, Gondar, and Castelo, with traditional hórreos (Galician granaries) dotting the landscape. We arrive in Lugo, one of the great cities of the Camino Primitivo, returning to our hotel. We celebrate Mass at Lugo Cathedral before walking atop the city's magnificent Roman walls — a UNESCO World Heritage Site, nearly 2,000 years old and the most complete Roman walls in the world. Dinner and an evening reflection on our first day as pilgrims.

Walking: 23 km / 14.2 miles (relatively flat with one gentle uphill at beginning)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Lugo

Wednesday, June 9
Lugo to San Romão da Retorta — 20 km / 12.4 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast we depart Lugo on foot — today marks the official beginning of the final 100 kilometers to Santiago, the qualifying distance for the Compostela certificate. We walk peaceful country roads through generally flat, wooded terrain, passing through San Lázaro and San Vicente do Burgo, with beautiful forest walks offering ample opportunity for contemplative prayer and quiet reflection. Along the way we will encounter the characteristic stone crosses and markers that have guided pilgrims for over a millennium. We arrive in San Romão da Retorta, a small village of Roman origins, where we visit the 12th-century Romanesque church of Santa Cruz da Retorta, with its preserved original floors and Trinitarian Christogram carved above the doorway. Our motorcoach returns us to our Lugo hotel for the night, with departures at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 7:00 PM to suit each pilgrim's pace. Mass, dinner, and evening reflection in Lugo.

Walking: 20 km / 12.4 miles (mostly flat, some road walking)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Lugo

Thursday, June 10
San Romão to As Seixas — 14 km / 8.7 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast our motorcoach returns us to San Romão da Retorta to resume the Camino. Today is our shortest walking day — a gift for tired legs! We set out through gentle rolling terrain, walking without the larger crowds of pilgrims that join us later on the Camino Francés. Beautiful sections of shaded forest line the route, and several cafés and restaurants offer stops for coffee or lunch along the way. The shorter distance allows time for rest, prayer, journaling, or foot care — whatever the pilgrim needs most. Upon reaching As Seixas, our motorcoach returns us to our Lugo hotel for our final night in the city, with departures at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. This evening we share Mass and dinner together, with time for reflection on the journey so far.

Walking: 14 km / 8.7 miles (gentle rolling terrain)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Lugo

Friday, June 11
As Seixas to Melide — 15 km / 9.3 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast we check out of our Lugo hotel, and our motorcoach transfers us to As Seixas to resume walking. We walk through well-trodden dirt paths and aromatic eucalyptus groves, passing stone villages that have witnessed generations of pilgrims — through Casacamino and Irago de Arriba before arriving in Melide. This is a significant moment: here the Camino Primitivo merges with the Camino Francés, and from this point forward we walk with pilgrims from around the world on the French Way. Melide is famous for its pulperías — restaurants specializing in the beloved local dish of pulpo (octopus with paprika and olive oil). We also visit the Iglesia de San Pedro, formerly the Franciscan convent of Sancti Spiritus, with its tombs of the prominent 15th-century Ulloa family. Mass and dinner together — tonight we sleep in Melide, beginning the stretch of nights in the villages along the Way.

Walking: 15 km / 9.3 miles (gentle terrain, easy walking)

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Melide

Saturday, June 12
Melide to Arzúa — 15 km / 9.3 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast we walk the Camino Francés alongside hundreds of fellow pilgrims from around the world — a vivid and moving experience of the universal Catholic pilgrimage tradition. The route passes through Boente, A Fraga Alta, and Ribadiso da Baixo, winding through eucalyptus forests and green Galician countryside. Good services are available approximately every five kilometers. We arrive in Arzúa, known for its local cheese

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production. We are now just over 40 kilometers from Santiago — the anticipation is building! Evening Mass and dinner, with reflection on what graces we carry with us into the final days.

Walking: 15 km / 9.3 miles (easy walking with good services)
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Arzúa

Sunday, June 13
Arzúa to O Pedrouzo — 19.7 km / 12.2 miles

After Morning Mass and breakfast we set out on our penultimate walking day. The route takes us through classic Galician countryside via Calle, Salceda, Mojon, O Empalme, Santa Irene, and A Rua — a mix of eucalyptus forests, open fields, and small villages. We arrive in O Pedrouzo (also known as Arca), our final overnight stop before Santiago. Just 20 kilometers now separate us from the tomb of the Apostle. Many pilgrims choose to attend evening Mass here to contemplate tomorrow's arrival. Our final group dinner before Santiago — a time for sharing expectations, prayers, and intentions for the journey's end.

Walking: 19.7 km / 12.2 miles (gentle terrain)
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: O Pedrouzo

Monday, June 14
O Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela — 20 km / 12.4 miles

An early breakfast — no Mass this morning, as we will celebrate together in the Cathedral of Santiago. Today is our final walking day, and emotions run high among all pilgrims. We pass through San Antón and Lavacolla (where medieval pilgrims traditionally bathed before entering the holy city) before ascending Monte do Gozo — the Hill of Joy — where pilgrims first catch sight of Santiago's Cathedral spires. By centuries-old tradition, we shout with joy at our first glimpse of the towers. We make our final descent into Santiago through the historic old town and arrive at the Plaza del Obradoiro.

We enter the Cathedral through the Holy Door — opened only during Jubilee Years — and walk to the high altar to embrace the statue of St. James, a pilgrim tradition stretching back centuries. We then descend to the crypt to venerate the relics of the Apostle himself. After checking into our accommodations in Santiago's historic center, the evening is free to rest, explore, and absorb the grace of what we have accomplished.

Walking: 20 km / 12.4 miles
Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

Tuesday, June 15
Santiago de Compostela

After a leisurely breakfast we make our morning visit to the Pilgrim's Office to obtain our official Compostela certificates — earned by every step we have walked. At noon we attend the Pilgrim's Mass at Santiago Cathedral, where our group will sponsor the Mass, with prayers and intentions dedicated specifically for us. If scheduled, we witness the famous Botafumeiro — the giant incense thurible swung in a great arc through the nave of the Cathedral. The afternoon is free to explore Santiago at leisure: optional visits include the Cathedral Museum, the Monastery of San Martín Pinario, the Parque da Alameda, and the city's excellent shops and restaurants. Consider visiting the Church of San Francisco to obtain the Franciscana certificate, commemorating St. Francis of Assisi's own pilgrimage to Santiago. The evening is free for personal reflection and dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

Wednesday, June 16
Santiago de Compostela — Free Day

A full day in Santiago, to spend exactly as you wish. Take advantage of special Jubilee Year events — concerts, art exhibitions, and cultural programs. Return to the Cathedral for quiet prayer now that the overwhelming emotions of arrival have settled. Walk the Alameda park, explore the Mercado de Abastos for a taste of daily Galician life, or simply sit in the Plaza del Obradoiro and watch the next wave of pilgrims arriving — their faces a mirror of what we ourselves experienced just days ago. This evening we gather for our farewell dinner together, celebrating all that we have experienced and accomplished on this sacred journey.

Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner
Overnight: Santiago de Compostela

Thursday, June 17
Santiago | Return to USA

We celebrate our final Mass at the Cathedral and enjoy breakfast before bidding farewell to Santiago de Compostela. We transfer by private motorcoach to the Porto airport for our return flights home, arriving the same day depending on connections. We carry home our Compostela certificates, our memories, and the graces of this Jubilee Year pilgrimage.

Meals: Breakfast





Payment Schedule

- $300 - Due at Registration
- $1445 First Installment - Due Six Months Prior to Departure
- $1445 Second Installment - Due Five Months Prior to Departure
- Airfare $1268 - Due Four Months Prior to Departure
- $645 Single Occupancy Surcharge - Due Three Months Prior to Departure

Price Inclusions

- 10 nights comfortable hotel and guesthouse accommodations in private rooms with private bathrooms (double occupancy)
- Daily breakfast at accommodations
- 9 dinners (dinner not included on Day 10 in Santiago, to allow freedom for personal dining)
- Private motorcoach available throughout for safety and support
- Coach transfer from Madrid Airport to Castroverde on arrival
- Coach transfer from Santiago to Santiago Airport on departure
- Daily luggage transfer service (bags transported to the next accommodation while you walk)
- Professional local guide throughout the pilgrimage
- ProRome Tours Manager (pending group decision)
- Daily Mass coordination and support
- Official Pilgrim Credential (credencial)
- Assistance obtaining Compostela certificate
- Pre-departure materials and preparation guidance
- Tour of Lugo's Roman walls and Cathedral
- Guided tour of Santiago Cathedral and historic center
- Sponsorship of Pilgrims' Mass with prayers dedicated for the group
- 24/7 support throughout the pilgrimage

Price Exclusions

- Round-trip airfare to Porto
- Lunches along the Camino route
- Dinner on Day 10 in Santiago
- Personal expenses (souvenirs, additional snacks and beverages, etc.)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended — available through ProRome)
- Tips for local guides and drivers (recommended €2–5 per person, per day, for each)
- Optional activities or entries not listed in the itinerary

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