Portuguese Way

Whether you want to start from Oporto, in Portugal, or from Tui, in Spain, you will certainly enjoy this wonderful route.

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Oporto to Santiago de Compostela

Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival to Oporto

Oporto is the second most important city in Portugal, after Lisbon. It features an impressive historic heritage, being its most representative landmarks the Cathedral, the Church and Tower of the Clergymen, the City Hall and the Stock Exchange Palace. Make sure you also taste some of the famous Oporto wine.

Accommodation in Oporto.

Day 2. Oporto - Esposende (62 Km)

Breakfast in Oporto.

In this stage, you will cross Matosinhos and will have the chance to see the spectacular Church of Bom Jesus. After this, you will keep walking, passing by Labruge, a coast town, soon before arriving at Vila Do Conde, a town with many places worth a visit. You will cross the river Ave and see the Church of the Convent of Santa Clara, located next to an aqueduct.

You will follow the boardwalk until you get to Póvoa de Varzim, the next town, where you can visit the Church of Nuestra Señora de Lapa and the Fortress of Nuestra Señora de la Concepción. You will continue, passing by Apulia, and crossing the iron bridge over the river Cádavo. Finally, you will get to Esposende, a town that features some interesting landmarks such as its church, fortress and lighthouse.

Accommodation in Esposende.

Day 3. Esposende - A Guarda (66,6 Km)

Breakfast in Esposende.

Once you have pass by the Lighthouse of Esposende, you will continue towards Marinhas. After this, you will keep walking next to a Natural Park and will finish the stage crossing the Eiffel Bridge to enter the beautiful town of Viana Do Castelo. Leaving Viana Do Castelo, one of the most beautiful towns in Portugal, you will continue walking next to the coast, passing by many beaches and boardwalks. On the Way, you will be able to see some interesting landmarks such as the Fortress of Santiago de Barra or the Windmills of Montedor. Finally, you will reach Caminha, the last town before crossing the border between Portugal and Spain. Once you get to Caminha, you can take the ferry to A Guarda.

Accommodation in A Guarda.

Day 4. A Guarda - Baiona (33 Km)

Breakfast in A Guarda.

You will be now in Galicia, and the first stage on this land offers an amazing landscape of great beauty, as well as many interesting historic sites such as the Fort of Santa Tecla or the Monastery of Oia. The stage finishes in Viladesuso. You will leave Viladesuso and will start cycling towards Baiona. Soon before arriving at Cape Silleiro, the Way turns right towards the Mountains of Baredo. Once in Baiona, do not miss the chance to see its beautiful boardwalk and the old town.

Accommodation in Baiona.

Day 5. Baiona - Redondela (41,9 Km)

Breakfast in Baiona.

Leaving Baiona, you will enter an area called Santa Cristina de A Ramallosa, which features many characteristic bridges from the 15th Century, as well as the church and country house of Cadaval. After crossing the Romanesque bridge over the river Miñor, you will continue your Way to finally arrive at Vigo. This stretch goes parallel to the coast, offering stunning views to the estuary. On the Way, you will be able to see the Cíes Islands, Morrazo Peninsula, the Bridge of Rande and also the Cove of San Simón, full of beaches and islands. The stage finishes in Redondela.

Accommodation in Redondela.

Day 6. Redondela - Caldas de Reis (40,7 Km)

Breakfast in Redondela.

On this day you will arrive at the first city on the Portuguese Way in Spain. Walking around the historic district of Pontevedra, you can visit the Sanctuary of the Pilgrim Virgin. Going though the "porta do Camiño", you will enter the Ferrería Square, a place full of bars and terraces, where you can also find the Convent of San Francisco. Close to this, you can see the Square of the Star, the House of the Faces, the Gardens of Castro Sampedro and the Provincial Museum. Apart from being the birthplace of the King Alfonso VII of León, Caldas represents a place of relaxation, as its therapeutic thermal baths are really famous. You can also take a stroll around the town and visit places like the church of Santa María and the church of Santo Tomás Becket, or even the botanic garden.

Accommodation in Caldas de Reis.

Day 7. Caldas de Reis - Santiago de Compostela (42,3 Km)

Breakfast in Caldas de Reis.

Padrón is well-known for being the town where the lifeless body of St. James disembarked, in 44 AD.

Amongst the places to visit, you have the church of Santiago, the Bridge of Santiago, the Fountain of Carmen, the Convent of Carmen and the House A Matanza (Museum House of Rosalía de Castro). From this area are also typical the peppers of Padrón.

You will leave Padrón heading to Santiago de Compostela. Once in Santiago de Compostela, you will have the opportunity to see an endless amount of landmarks. The main one is the Cathedral and the "Plaza del Obradoiro", but that does not mean those are the only remarkable places, as it is also recommendable to take a stroll around the historic district, to taste the gastronomy and to visit some other iconic buildings such as "Hostal de los Reyes Católicos", "Monasterio de San Martín Pinario" or "Pazo de Raxoi".

Accommodation and Breakfast in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 8. Breakfast in Santiago de Compostela and end of services

Breakfast in Santiago de Compostela.

Includes

- Luggage Transportation between stages
- Travel Insurance
- Full itinerary of the route
- Pilgrim Credentials
- Phone assistance on route
- VAT

Additional options

- Half-Board Supplement (Hostels): 100 € / Person
- Extra Night in Santiago (Private Hostels, Shared room, BB): 30 € / Person
- Upgrade to Inn/Guesthouse in Santiago (Double room, BB): 20 € / Person
- Upgrade to Inn/Guesthouse in Santiago (Single room, BB): 35 € / Person
- Upgrade to Hotel in Santiago (Double room, BB): 25 € / Person
- Upgrade to Hotel in Santiago (Single room, BB): 50 € / Person

Map

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Accommodations Private Hostels

Oporto

Accommodation featuring cafeteria, swimming pool, garden and reading room. 45 Modern and functional bedrooms with heating, en suite bathroom, air-conditioning, telephone, TV, mini bar, safe and hairdryer.
Free Wi-Fi and laundry service are also available.

Esposende

Located in Fao, on the bank of the river Cávado. It has 88 bunk beds distributed in several rooms, some of them with private bathroom. Swimming pool and garden.

A Guarda

Located in Baiona town centre, the capital of the Rias Baixas. 14 bedrooms with en suite bathroom. Heating, TV and sound system.

Baiona

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Redondela

This accommodation is located in Cesantes, 3 km from Redondela.
It has 24 beds with fresh linen, free Wi-Fi, laundry room, dryer, library and board games.
Massage services and beach towels are also available.

Caldas des Reis

This Hotel and Spa is located in an historic building fully refurbished.
It features whirlpool baths, Jacuzzi and a swimming pool. The accommodation also offers a restaurant with stunning views to the river. 62 Bedrooms with en suite bathroom, heating, TV and telephone.

Santiago de Compostela

Hostel located in the historic centre of Santiago de Compostela, close to the Cathedral. Free WiFi, access to computers and printer, 24h reception service, vending machines.
Common area, kitchen fully-equipped, left-luggage facilities, bike parking and laundry room.

Terms & Conditions

Reservation and contracting of any of the trips included in this program involves the full acceptance of these general conditions.

The present general conditions shall be governed by the "Royal Legislative Decree Nº 1/2007, of 16 November", approving the Codified Text of the General Law for the Protection of Consumers and Users, other complementary laws (BOW 287 of 30 November 2007) and any other provisions currently in force.

The contractual relation between the Organizing Agency and the customer is subject to the present general conditions or to the particular clauses that agree in the contract of the combined trip and in the label of the product (the trip) which details its final content.

The customer is under obligation to check the documentation received from the Organizing Agency, and any questions concerning the booking must be consulted before the trip begins.

Organization

Technical Organization of the trips included in this program has been carried out by AGENCIA DE VIAJES CARMI, CIF: 11944976H, based on C/Candelaria Ruiz del Árbol, 3, 3º Dcha 49016, Zamora. This is an Online Travel Agency properly registered at the Directorate General for Tourism in the Castilla y León region, with license CICL. 49-030. The Agency is covered by a compulsory civil liability insurance and compulsory endorsement in the Public Administration. The Agency is wholesaler.

Reservation and Management

The services included are the ones offered in each catalogue or brochure. In case there is a modification of the trip by either of the two parts involved, the services included and no included shall be notified. In the moment the customer accepts the reservation, he/she will have to pay a 60€/person deposit as administration charge, which is non-refundable. Once the booking is confirmed, the deposit will be discounted of the final price of the trip. In case the Agency is not able to offer the trip requested, the deposit will be returned to the customer. If the information and the trip itinerary have been sent, the deposit of the booking and management will be not refundable.

Method of Payment

The full payment must be done by the client 15 days before the trip begins. If the payment is not done, the Agency will understand that the client is no longer interested in the trip and he/she will not be able to receive a refund of the deposit.

Modification of the Reservation

Any kind of modification or booking by Viajes Carmi, for the various reasons such as overbooking and other, will be notified to the client, who will be able to accept or desist. If the client desists, the Agency will not make any penalization; but In case the modification is done by the client, Viajes Carmi reserves the right to penalize the customer with 30€ per client and modification.

Cancellation by the Customer

At any time the customer will be able to desist of the services, having the right to be refunded what he/she has paid but also has to indemnify the Travel Agency unless the cancellation was due to cases of force majeure, in accordance with the following:

a) If the cancellation happens between 10 – 15 days before the trip begins, the client must pay the management expenses and a penalization of 5% of the trip costs.

b) If cancellation happens between 3 – 10 days before the trip, there is a penalization of 15%.

c) I cancellation happens 48 or less previous to the departure, there is a penalization of 25%.

In failing to appear at the beginning of the trip, the client will have to pay 100% of the booking price.

In case that the Travel Agency is forced to cancel any of its programs for reasons not attributable to the client, it will compensate the customer with a full refund.

There will be no obligation from the Agency to compensate the client when the booking cancellation is due to reasons of force majeure, meaning such conditions beyond those who relies abnormal and unpredictable consequences of which could not have been avoid , despite having acted with diligence.

In case the travel execution is due to have a minimum of participants, the Agency will be able to cancel the trip if the minimum number of participants is not reached, notifying it 10 days before the scheduled departure date.

Cession of the Reservation

The principal contractor or the beneficiary is allowed to freely transfer his/her booking to another person who meets the requirements for it, giving written notice 15 days before the scheduled departure date. The transferor of the package and the transferee shall be jointly and severally liable to the organizer or retailer party to the contract for payment of the balance due and for any additional costs arising from such transfer.

Documentation

All persons enrolled in the trip are responsible their documentation is in order for the country they are visiting (D.N.I., passport, visa, health insurance…) with regard to consultations, the Agency acts as informer, but it is the customer's responsibility to confirm the documentation to the competent authorities. In case the client was forced to cancel or leave the trip for lack or inaccuracy of the required documentation, the Agency will apply the conditions specified in the cancellations by the customer paragraph.

Jurisdiction

For interpretation, application or complaint of the terms, both the client and the Organizing Agency convey expressly to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Zamora, renouncing to any other jurisdiction.

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According to the Organic Law 15/1999, of Personal Data Protection Information, this establishment informs that:

1. The personal data provided by our clients are inserted in our private files registered in the Spanish Data Protection Agency, being the Agency Viajes Carmi responsible for it.
2. We guarantee confidentiality of the personal data registered in our files.
3. We have the security document where is set out the technical and organizational measures for the security of the data contained in our files.
4. You can exercise your rights of access, amendment, cancellation and opposition of your personal data, writing to the following address: VIAJES CARMI, C/ Candelaria Ruiz del Árbol, 3, 3º Dcha. 49016 Zamora.