

# Walking the Camino to Spain

## November 11-21, 2019

### Itinerary

**DAY 1, Monday, November 11, 2019** – We depart on our trans-Atlantic flight to **Lisbon, Portugal. M**

**DAY 2, Tues.** – Upon arrival in **Lisbon**, we meet our driver and guide and our pilgrimage journey begins. We enjoy a panoramic tour of some of Lisbon's famous sights. Dinner and overnight **Fatima. B**

**DAY 3, Wed.** – After breakfast we visit the **Sanctuary of Fatima**, a world renown pilgrimage site famous for the Marian Apparitions and built on the site where the Virgin Mary visited Lucia Santos and her 2 cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto in 1916. This afternoon, we walk along the **Stations of the Cross** and to the tiny village where the three young children lived. After dinner, we participate in the nightly **torchlight procession**. Dinner and overnight **Fátima. BD**

**DAY 4, Thurs.** - Our journey continues to the beautiful pilgrim town of **Ponte de Lima**, one of the oldest towns in Portugal. We continue on to **Valencia do Minho**, the last Portuguese town on our journey, the starting point of our **Camino Walk**. After lunch, we walk 3 km across the **River Minho**, by way of the metal bridge inspired by the work of the famous Gustave Eiffel, from **Portugal to Tui, Spain**. We visit the **Cathedral of Santa Maria de las Asunción de Tui**, a late Romanesque and Gothic-style Roman Catholic church located in the center of town. Dinner and overnight **Tui. B**

**DAY 5, Fri.** - **Tui to Mos** (approx. 23 km). The walk today is not strenuous. It is a good start that gives you time to set your pace. Once everyone arrives in **Mos**, the bus returns us to **Tui** for overnight. **B**

**DAY 6, Sat.** - **Mos to Pontevedra** (30 km). We have an early morning departure. Today is the most challenging of our pilgrimage walks. We pass through busy towns and coastal villages. Dinner and overnight **Pontevedra. B**

**DAY 7, Sun.** - **Pontevedra to Caldas de Rei** (22 km). After the storm comes the calm. We enjoy a lighter walk today through beautiful scenery. It is a great moment to reflect and let your inner thoughts guide your day. **Caldas de Rei** is a small medieval spa town. The famous **hot thermal springs** will be a treat for the feet. Dinner and overnight in **Caldas de Rei. BD**

**DAY 8, Mon.** - **Caldas de Rei to Padron** (approx. 19 km). We walk through hamlets, forests, and vineyards today. **Padron**, one of the most emblematic sites on the **Camino** known as **Iria Flavia**, is the town where the boat with the body of St James arrived just after his death. This boat was moored to a 'pedron', hence this name becoming more popular and the town, centuries ago, became known as **Padron**. We visit the **Church of Santiago** to see the **Pedron Stone**. Dinner and overnight **Padron. BD**

**DAY 9, Tues. - Padron to Santiago de Compostela** (approx. 25 km). Today our destination is reached. The path has been the same but the journey so different for every one of us. Our walk ends at **Obradoiro Square**, one of the largest squares in **Galicia**, which serves as an important symbol of **Santiago de Compostela**. Overnight **Santiago de Compostela**. **BD**

**DAY 10, Wed.** – We enjoy a morning visit to the **Pilgrim Office** to collect the **Compostelanas** (certificate of completion of the **Camino de Santiago**) and attend the **Pilgrims Mass** at the **Cathedral**. This afternoon, we travel to **Finisterre**, end of the world, as it was known in centuries past. Here we walk the last couple of kilometers that takes us to the lighthouse. It is here, after walking a further 4 days from **Santiago de Compostela**, that many pilgrims end their journey. It is here, also, that we shall have our final reflection, share our thoughts and enjoy the sunset before returning to **Santiago** for overnight. **BL**

**DAY 11, Thursday, November 21, 2019** - We have an early morning departure for **Santiago de Compostela Airport** where we board our flight to **Madrid**. There we transfer to our flight back home. **BM**

**B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner M – Meal on Aircraft**

*\* Itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions or at the discretion of the leaders.*