

Annual Walk to Santiago of Compostela - 2017

March 19 – March 31, 2017

Day-by-Day Itinerary



March 19 - Fly from Pearson International Airport to Lisbon

Mar 20 - Arrival in Lisbon and a panoramic tour of the city. Lunch. Check-in at hotel. Free afternoon. Dinner and “Fado Night”.

Mar 21 – Depart to Fátima. Visit Our Lady of Fátima site. Lunch in Fátima. Continue to Chaves. Check-in at hotel. Spiritual gathering of the Group at hotel’s private church. Dinner at hotel

Mar 23 - We begin the "Camino de Santiago" 1km. Continue to S. Caetano Sanctuary with a short stop to visit and drink the famous water. Walk approximately 2 km to Vilar de Perdizes, a route used both by pilgrims and smugglers and that today is well known for its popular medicine. After lunch, a brief Workshop on the unique characteristics of the local herbal teas. Tour the Vilar de Perdizes and then drive to Montalegre and visit the Castle and the Eco Museum of Barroso. Rest of afternoon free. Check in to our hotel and dinner.

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Mar 24 - Leave Portugal and enter Spain crossing the border to Santiago de Rubias at Couto Misto. Walk approximately 3 km to Rubias using the "Privileged Path"- one that is full of history in a region that was neither Portuguese nor Spanish. We take the bus to Coedo. We walk from Coedo to Allariz 6 km, through two small villages (San Salvador & Paiocordeiro) in a beautiful valley full of trees and wild mushrooms. Lunch. Visit to Allariz and museum of Sacred Art. Free afternoon. Opportunity to attend mass. Dinner on your own.

Mar 25 - Walk from Allariz to Pedreiros 10 km. It is a path through dense oak and chestnut tree woods as well as by swamps and streams. Visit Santa Marina de Augas Santas. Continue to Ourense. We will walk to the cathedral of Ourense (about 1 km.) which is a mandatory stopping point for those who pass through the Trails of Santiago. Lunch. Tour the city of Ourense. Check in to our hotel. Rest of afternoon free (bath as BURGAS). Dinner at hotel



Mar 26 - Depart by bus to Ouseira. We will walk from Cudeiro to Sargedigos (about 4 km) using a rural path that crosses villages offering a beautiful view over the valley of Ourense. We take the bus to Bouzas and from there we walk to Faramontaos approximately 4.5 km. The trail passes over the River Barbantino via a beautiful medieval bridge. Lunch. After lunch we go to Ouseira to view its Monastery and continue to Lalin. Check in to the hotel and the rest of the day is free. Dinner at the hotel.

Mar 27 - Depart by bus to Prado and walk from there to Silleda (about 7 km) passing by the medieval bridge of Taboada and Pazo de Transfaontao - a unique area of natural beauty. After lunch we drive to Pineiro and from there we walk to Santiago de Compostela, approximately 4 km. We enter Santiago

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through the Door of Mazarelos-the only one remaining of the ancient walls of the city. Check in to our hotel and rest of the afternoon is free. Dinner at the hotel.

Mar 28 - Visit the Historical Center of Santiago de Compostela. At noon celebrate mass in the Cathedral. Lunch. Free afternoon. Dinner at Fogar de Santiso (Queimada Gallega)

Mar 29 - Depart to Porto. Lunch. Visit to a Port Wine Cellar. One hour 6 bridges cruise on the Douro River. Check in and dinner at the hotel.



Mar 30 - In the morning: visit the Bolhão Market, Lello Library and Old Stock Exchange Palace. Lunch. FREE

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AFTERNOON. Dinner at the hotel.

Mar 31 - After breakfast transfer to airport for flight back to Toronto.

Please note: The Santiago Paths are also fundamentally Cultural Paths. These Paths enable senior participants, who may not be in the best of health, to easily enjoy the benefits of the Walk. It makes no sense to walk 200 -300 km. by foot and be crippled in the process.

Instead of doing 30 km in a day we walk an assisted route of about 10km a day. This makes the journeying more interesting from the point of view of landscape and culture, while at the same time maintaining the theme of pilgrimage but reducing the physical effort. Basically we preserve the health of those who walk and add to it a cultural component.

Besides the local cultural guide, a massage and sports therapist will accompany the pilgrims so that they receive the necessary physical support along the Way.

This means the program will have the following format: The bus leaves the participants at the beginning of the given route and will collect them at the end, spending the rest of the day doing cultural visits.

Thus the program is lighter in terms of physical effort, but loaded with the same symbology. It has been successfully offered for the past three years and is now part of publications concerning the Paths or Trails of Santiago.

IMPORTANT: minimum 15 participants.

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