

THE PORTUGUESE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 7, 2024

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN PORTO, WELCOME DINNER, ORIENTATION, AND OVERNIGHT

DAY 2: TRANSFER VIA TRAIN TO VALENCA, PORTUGAL.
WALK TO TUI, SPAIN, FOR DINNER AND OVERNIGHT

DAYS 3-9: ON THE CAMINO, BREAKFAST, DINNER, AND OVERNIGHT

DAY 10: BREAKFAST, DEPART FROM SANTIAGO

TWO PERSONS/COUPLE SHARING A ROOM: \$1750 PER PERSON

SINGLE: \$2,150 PER PERSON

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HOST: JEFF LINCICOME IS THE PASTOR AND HEAD OF STAFF AT GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH, IN GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN. HE HAS BEEN A PASTOR IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) FOR 24 YEARS, SERVING CHURCHES IN WISCONSIN, WASHINGTON STATE, AND NOW THE GREAT STATE OF MICHIGAN. A NATIVE OF SEATTLE, JEFF HOLDS DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (BA, ENGLISH), PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (MDIV), AND GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY (DMIN). HE LOVES LIVING LIFE WITH HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, KRISTI, AND TOGETHER THEY HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS AND ONE CORGI. WALKING THE CAMINO HAS BEEN ON HIS BUCKET LIST FOR MANY YEARS, AND HE IS EXCITED TO SEE IT COME TO FRUITION.



CO-HOST AND CAMINO GUIDE: THE REV. DR. STEVE DANZEY. AN EPISCOPAL PRIEST FROM THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA (WASHINGTON) CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S DIOCESE OF EUROPE. IN ADDITION TO SERVING PARISHES IN ALABAMA, TEXAS, ILLINOIS, AND THE SEATTLE AREA, HE HAS LED OVER TWO DOZEN TRIPS AND PILGRIMAGES, INCLUDING PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY LAND AND THE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. HE AND HIS FAMILY RESIDE IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

WALKING THE WAY OF ST. JAMES – THE PORTUGUESE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO COMPOSTELA

DAY 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: PORTO – UPON ARRIVAL AT PORTO, CLEAR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION BEFORE MEETING YOUR HOST, FR. STEVE DANZEY IN THE ARRIVALS AREA. TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL. PILGRIMS WILL ENJOY A 3-COURSE DINNER FOLLOWED BY A PILGRIMAGE ORIENTATION AND COMPLINE. AN OPTIONAL PORT WINE TASTING ENDS OUR EVENING TOGETHER. (OPTION: FLY INTO LISBON, TRANSFER TO TRAIN TO ARRIVE AT ESTAÇÃO SÃO BENTO IN PORTO)

DAY 2: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: PORTO, PONTE DE LIMA, VALENCA, TUI – AFTER BREAKFAST WE WILL MAKE A BRIEF STOP AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF VENDOME (PORTO CATHEDRAL) FOR A BRIEF SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER AND A PILGRIM'S BLESSING. WE WILL TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO VALENCA, PORTUGAL, WITH A STOP IN PONTE DE LIMA FOR A SHORT WALK ON THE CAMINO AND THE MEDIEVAL BRIDGE FOR WHICH THE TOWN IS NAMED. AFTER DISEMBARKING IN VALENCA, WE WILL WALK ACROSS THE BORDER INTO TUI, SPAIN. AFTER THE GROUP DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT, AN OPTIONAL BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO NORTHERN PORTUGUESE CULTURE WILL BE OFFERED.

DAY 3: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: TUI TO O PORRIÑO (16.7 Km) – AFTER A LIGHT BREAKFAST, WE WILL EMBARK ON THE FIRST FULL DAY OF OUR WALKING PILGRIMAGE WHICH WILL TAKE US TO O PORRIÑO. OUR JOURNEY WILL TAKE US THROUGH A VARIETY OF LANDSCAPES, ENDING IN A PLEASANT WALK ALONG A RIVER INTO THE TOWN. AFTER CHECKING INTO OUR ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NIGHT, WE WILL ENJOY DINNER AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.

DAY 4: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1: O PORRIÑO TO RODONDELA (17.2 Km) – TODAY WE CLIMB AND DESCEND MONTE CORNEADO TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE PLEASANT RIVER VILLAGE OF ARCADE. DINNER, COMPLINE (OPTIONAL) AND SLEEP.

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2: RODONDELA TO PONTEVEDRA (19.6 Km) – THE DAY BEGINS WITH BREAKFAST AT OUR HOTEL, AFTER WHICH WE WILL WALK THE QUIET COUNTRY LANES AS WE MAKE OUR WAY TO PONTEVEDRA.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3: PONTEVEDRA TO CALDAS DE REIS (22.2 Km) – AFTER BREAKFAST, WE WILL LEAVE THE HOTEL TO BEGIN OUR WALK TO CALDAS DE REIS. THIS STAGE OF THE CAMINO IS ALONG NATURAL PATHWAYS WHICH TAKE US TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF OUR DESTINATION TOWN. ENJOY A BRIEF VISIT TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET OR A DRINK AT ONE OF THE CAFES IN THE CITY CENTER BEFORE MEETING OUR COACH FOR TRANSFER TO OUR HOTEL. DINNER AND AN INTRODUCTION TO GALICIAN CULTURE AND FOODS (OPTIONAL) ENDS OUR DAY.

DAY 7: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: CALDAS DE REIS TO PADRON (19.1 Km) – TODAY WE MAKE OUR WAY TO PADRON, THE LEGENDARY STARTING POINT OF ST. JAMES MINISTRY IN SPAIN. OUR ROUTE TAKES US ALONG TWO RIVER VALLEYS VIA MOSTLY NATURAL PATHWAYS AND QUIET. OUR WALK ENDS IN THE MARKET TOWN OF PADRON, WHERE WE WILL STOP FOR THE NIGHT.

DAY 8: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5: PADRON TO TEO (10.8 Km) – TODAY WE CAN START OUT A LITTLE LATER AS WE HAVE A SHORTER WALKING DAY. THIS SECTION OF THE CAMINO ENDS AT THE TINY VILLAGE OF TEO, THE SITE OF A MARIAN SHRINE AND AN ANCIENT ROMAN BRIDGE. WE WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO EXPLORE BOTH AS TIME ALLOWS.

DAY 9: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6: TEO TO SANTIAGO (14.8 Km) – TODAY WE REACH OUR DESTINATION, THE PILGRIMAGE CITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, IN TIME FOR ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL PILGRIM'S MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL. THE EVENING ENDS WITH A FAREWELL DINNER.

DAY 10: MONDAY, OCTOBER 7: DEPART SANTIAGO FOR HOME – AFTER BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL, DEPART SANTIAGO TO RETURN HOME OR CONTINUE TRAVEL.



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE? ACCOMMODATION AND HALF-BOARD (DINNER ON DAYS 1-9; BREAKFAST ON DAYS 2-10), LUGGAGE TRANSFER, WINE TASTINGS AND LECTURES, ON SITE TRAVEL COORDINATOR, CAMINO GUIDEBOOK, PILGRIM PASSPORT, TRANSFER FROM PORTO AIRPORT OR TRAIN STATION TO HOTEL ON DAY 1, TRANSFER FROM PORTO TO VALENCA ON DAY 2.

25% DEPOSIT REQUIRED AT BOOKING (SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES). TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE, TRAVEL INSURANCE (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED), LUNCH AND SNACKS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, OR TRANSFER FROM SANTIAGO TO DEPARTURE DESTINATION.

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