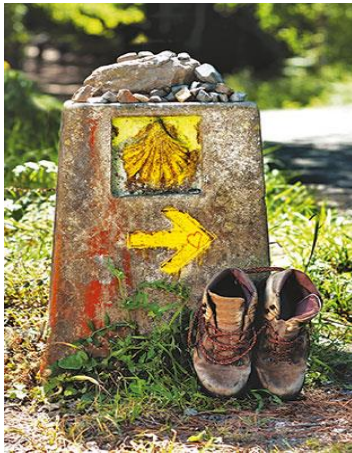




A TASTE OF CAMINO DE SANTIAGO WALKING AND HIKING TOUR **The way from Portugal to Spain**

Available dates: Tentative May 2021

It's a place of journey. Of transformation. Hike along the border between two countries. Discover tiny Spanish villages with surprising Celtic ties. Gaze out over the immense and powerful sea. Sip refreshing Vinho Verde, perfectly paired with the fresh seafood we sample along the coast. Join pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago. Find your path.



Exclusive departure for Destination Travel Club!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover two fascinating countries with their own cultures, cuisines and traditions in one amazing trip
- Experience handpicked sections of the Camino leading to Santiago, where pilgrims arrive from across the world
- Savor Galicia's unique gastronomy and culture, from *pulpo a feira* to ancient Druids and centuries of pilgrimage history

ITINERARY



Day 1 | Meet in Porto, a World Heritage city with a colorful history | Journey to Vitorino dos Piaes and hike a section of the Caminho Portugues (Portuguese Way) | Enjoy lunch at a traditional *quinta* (farm).

Day 2 | Venture through eucalyptus woodland in the Labruja Mountains | Green hills, forests and rural villages provide a tranquil backdrop en route to Rubiães | Listen to the passionate melodies and lyrics of fado, traditional Portuguese music.

Day 3 | Travel to Spain and hike to the hilltop ruins of circular stone castros, remains of an ancient Celtic settlement | From the summit of Monte Santa Tecla, take in views of the Minho River estuary | In atmospheric A Guarda, try the tasty local zamburiñas (scallops) | Walk a stunning coastal section of the Camino, savoring panoramic vistas of Galicia's rugged western seaboard | Soak up the charm of Baiona's fishing port and historic quarter.

Day 4 | Journey by private boat to explore Cíes Island Nature Reserve, one of Spain's most spectacular national parks | Relax on white-sand beaches or walk across pristine Monteagudo Island. Opportunity to hike to the lighthouse on the island.

Day 5-6 | Enjoy the lively pilgrimage atmosphere along the Camino Francés (French Way) en route to Santiago de Compostela | Tour the old quarter of beautiful Santiago | Enter the magnificent cathedral with hundreds of pilgrims—a memorable way to cap off your trip!

Tour rate: \$4299 US per person, based on double occupancy
Reduced rate is more guests. Single occupancy rates are available upon request.
This rate is based on a group of 10 passengers traveling. Subject to change.

INCLUDED:

- All breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- Accommodation at 5* hotels (see page 4)
- Expertise and services of our experienced Trip Leaders
- Snacks and beverages between meals
- Van shuttles to support a variety of route options
- Comprehensive Travel Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at museums, historic sites, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the Travel Planner
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Special events, including wine tastings and other select attractions as mentioned in the Travel Planner

- Park and other entry fees
- Baggage transfers and portorage
- Hiking poles and rain capes (if needed)

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare (ask us about flight options)
- Additional hotel nights
- Optional insurance
- Items of a purely personal nature (phone, laundry, etc.)
- Tips to the guides

Trip Start Porto, Portugal / **End** Santiago de Compostela, Spain or Porto, Portugal

Is this trip for you?

Although we'll be walking along parts of the Camino de Santiago, it's important to note that this experience will be quite different from that of its Compostela-seeking pilgrims, who are required to walk at minimum the last 100 kilometers into Santiago—often along long stretches of busy highway—and who typically stay in simple dormitories. This trip allows us to experience the essence and highlights of the Camino and surrounding landscape in comfort, with the region's best hotels, gourmet meals and excellent route support each day. It's also important to note that as we are walking the Camino, many of this historic pilgrimage are on paved paths, back roads or cobblestones. You can expect about half of the walking to be on a hard surface.

Activity Level: The routes on this trip are rated Levels 1 - 4.

ACTIVITY LEVEL Avg. Time in hours	WALKING Avg. Miles	Max. Elev. Gain Feet
1 2-3 hours	2 - 5 miles	800'
2 2-4 hours	4 - 7 miles	1300'
3 3-5 hours	5 - 9 miles	2000'
4 4-6 hours	6 - 11 miles	3000'

ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTIONS:



CARMO'S BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Ponte de Lima (2 nights)

At this chic and intimate boutique hotel—set in lush surroundings above the Lima River Valley—you'll feel like you're the guest at a luxurious private home. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. (pool, spa)



PARADOR DE BAIONA

Baiona (1 night)

Originally the castle of the Conde de Gondomar, this grand parador holds a spot in history as the first observation site of *La Pinta* as it approached Spanish soil with news of the New World. (pool)



HOTEL A QUINTA DA AUGA

Santiago de Compostela (2 nights)

Pure luxury and tranquility await at this elegant 18th-century estate, situated in a park-like setting near the Sar River. A Relais & Châteaux member. (pool, spa)