

Camino Francés (The French Way)

Equipped with a **very complete network of services and with a large number of public hostels, correct signage and unique hospitality**, the Camino Francés is the perfect itinerary for the pilgrim who wants to discover the Camino de Santiago.

Although **it is one of the longest itineraries that go to Santiago, with about 800 km from the French town of Saint Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela**, the pilgrim will discover an extraordinary human, artistic and cultural wealth. It is about a total of about 30 stages of the Camino that cross the north of Spain and that are worth traveling once in a lifetime

A World Heritage RouteThe Camino Francés received in 2004 the Prince of Asturias Award for Concord, it is a World Heritage Site and the Council of Europe made it the first European Cultural Itinerary. Acknowledgments all that realize the importance of this pilgrimage route worldwide.

Active since the 9th century, the date on which the discovery of the Apostle's tomb is dated, the Camino Francés has a route that was fixed, as we know it today, at the end of the 11th century.

The French Route aroused such interest in Medieval Europe, that already in 1135 the famous Codex Calixtinus became a pioneering travel guide, collecting all the sections, sanctuaries, data of the local inhabitants and detailed notes of this itinerary that departs from France.

Four Routes from FranceThe Camino Francés crosses the Gallic country through four routes: Paris-Tours, Vezelay-Limoges and Le Puy-Conques, which enter Spain through Navarre. The fourth, Arles-Toulouse, crosses the border at Somport and continues to Jaca, starting the Aragonese Way. Crossed the border, the pilgrim will have to face a month's journey on foot, with thirty stages, until reaching Santiago. In Spain, the Camino Francés has two starting points: Roncesvalles if the pilgrim starts in Navarra, or in Somport if he starts his Way in Aragon. To give you an idea, here is a link where you can locate the French Way on the map.

Puente la Reina is the junction point between the two variants of the Camino Francés: those that arrive from Saint Jean Pied de Port and cross Roncesvalles and Pamplona; and those who walk from Somport through the provinces of Zaragoza and Huesca.

From this point, the Camino Francés crosses significant places such as Estella, Logroño, Nájera, Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Belorado, Burgos, Frómista, Carrión de los Condes, Burgo Ranero, Mansilla de las Mulas, León, Astorga, Ponferrada or Villafranca del Bierzo.

Through the Bercian region you can access Galicia, the mythical town of O Cebreiro. From there there is a week of travel through the lands of meigas, legends and green landscapes, until we reach the Praza do Obradoiro and pick up the Compostela.

From Sarria to SantiagoThe Camino Francés from Sarria to Santiago is the most popular section among the current pilgrim. This is the last 100 kilometers of the Jacobean Route, the ones necessary to get to the Compostela.

The section from Sarria to Santiago is usually covered in five stages, with stops in Portomarín, Palas de Rei, Arzúa and O Pedrouzo. However, like all Caminos, they can be adapted to your needs. Many pilgrims decide to go from Sarria to Santiago in 6 stages, dividing the Palas de Rei-Arzúa stage in two. This allows the pilgrim to go more rested and spend the night in the Jacobean town of Melide. Although it is perfect for people who have only a few days to do the Camino, it is advisable to extend the Route to

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enjoy the Camino and live the experience deeply.

The Camino Frances de Santiago by bike is also very popular. The minimum to get to Compostela, what many pilgrims mistakenly call the Compostelana, is 200 km, so the most used section of the Camino is León-Santiago.

The backpack transport service is available on the entire Camino Francés from Easter to October 31. And on the Sarria-Santiago section, the Paq Mochila is available all year round.

How to get to the starting point?

Please continue reading for information on how to arrive at the most important starting points for the Camino Francés or French Way.

- SAINT JEAN PIED DE PORT

How to get to Saint Jean Pied de Port by train: The only direct train reaching Saint Jean Pied de Port leaves from Bayonne, France, and takes 1 hour and 20 minutes.

How to get to Saint Jean Pied de Port by bus: Companies such as Conda or Alsa have daily buses from Pamplona or San Sebastian to Saint Jean Pied de Port. There are also buses from Roncesvalles, where a shared taxi can be hired as another option to reach Saint Jean Pied de Port.

How to get to Saint Jean Pied de Port by plane: The closest airport to Saint Jean Pied de Port is Biarritz (7 Espl. de l'Europe, 64600 Anglet, France). Several airlines fly from here to various destinations in Europe. The trip from the terminal to Saint Jean Pied de Port is around 50 kilometres by road.

-SOMPORT :

How to get to Somport by train: There is a high-speed train from Madrid and Barcelona to Saragossa, while Huesca has direct connections to Madrid. There are regional daily trains from both cities to Jaca, with some trains running up to Canfranc. From here you need to take a bus or other road transportation means to get to Somport. All timetables and routes can be checked at Renfe (+34 943 61 67 08).

How to get to Somport by bus: The company Alosa (+34 902 210 700) has buses to Jaca from Saragossa, Huesca and Pamplona. Jaca station (Av. Jacetania s/n) offers several daily buses to Somport, you can check the timetables at the Tourist Office (+34 974 360 098).

How to get to Somport by car: There are almost 500 kilometres from Madrid to Somport using the shortest route. This takes about 5 hours and 15 minutes along the highway A-2 and going through Saragossa and Huesca, up to the Somport port.

- LEÓN

How to get to León by train: León has been a traditional railway junction and has two railway stations with trains to cities like Madrid and Barcelona and towards Galicia and the north of Spain. All schedules and routes can be checked at Renfe.

How to get to León by bus: Bus company Alsa offers daily buses from León's bus station (Av. Ingeniero Sáenz de Miera) to various Spanish cities

How to get to León by plane: León's airport is located 6 kilometres away from the city and has direct flights to Barcelona with Air Nostrum. There are buses and taxis leading to the city centre.

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-ASTORGA

How to get to Astorga by train: There are daily trains by [Renfe](#) from Madrid, Barcelona, Pamplona, Burgos, León or Ponferrada.

How to get to Astorga by bus: Daily coaches reach Astorga from various points across Spain, all operated by [Alsa](#).

- PONFERRADA

How to get to Ponferrada by train: There are daily trains from Ponferrada to Madrid, Santiago de Compostela and neighbouring León operated by [Renfe](#).

How to get to Ponferrada by bus: Daily coaches reach Ponferrada from various points across Spain, all operated by [Alsa](#). If there are no direct connections, travelling to Madrid and then from there is an alternative option.

- SARRIA

Sarria, located in the Galician province of Lugo, is one of the most beloved departure points for pilgrims, as from here they can cover the 100 kilometres on foot needed to obtain the Compostela Certificate.

How to get to Sarria by train: This is one of the most comfortable options, as [Renfe](#) operates routes from Madrid and Barcelona. The train from Barcelona also goes through important cities such as Saragossa, Pamplona, Burgos and León, amongst others. In addition, there is a service linking Sarria with the city of Lugo, the provincial capital.

How to get to Sarria by bus: Companies such as [Freire](#) and [Monbús](#) reach Sarria from Santiago de Compostela and Lugo.

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