

Hidden Trails

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*Equestrian Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails*

About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Camino - French Route F8 - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HK-ESCAM08

7 days / 6 nights ~\$850.00

Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging: ●●●●

Tack: --

Horses: --

Pace: 5-8.5 hours per day, 115 km total

Airport: Santiago de Compostella



Introduction

Galicia, Spain

This Camino explores the eighth and final section of the Camino Frances, the French Way, is the most traditional of all pilgrims' ways to Santiago de Compostela, and is the best-known route internationally.

The route begins in Sarria and finishes in Santiago de Compostela, traversing the hilly landscapes of Galicia. Reward your efforts in Santiago de Compostela, the heart and hub of all pilgrimages on the Way of St James.

Everyday, during your Camino walk, you're guaranteed a high level of comfort and gastronomy. The Camino de Santiago is clearly marked with the scallop shell, showing you the way. This walk can be physically demanding and requires a reasonable level of fitness. However, it's a highly rewarding route that includes numerous cultural highlights and a tremendous feeling of achievement when you receive your Compostela, your Latin certificate of completion, at the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage Certificate.

Accommodation

Accommodations

Our accommodation is selected based on a number of criteria, including location, comfort, services, price and character.

Please note, in case of non-availability of the below mentioned Hotels on the requested dates, similar ones will be used.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel in Sarria

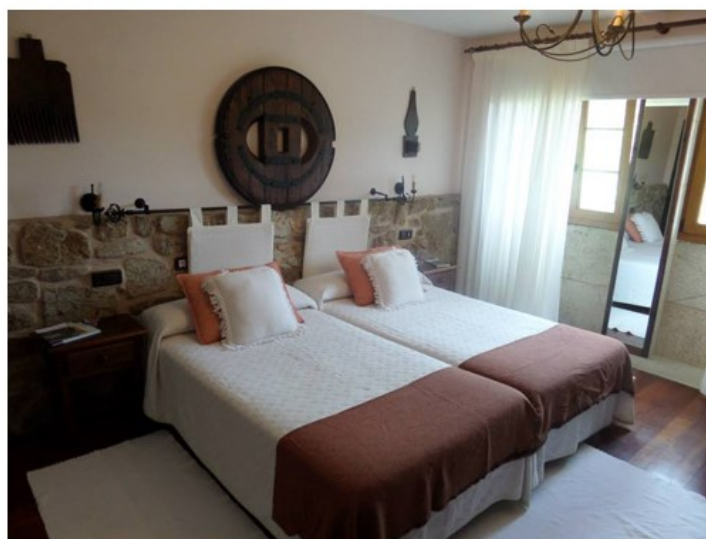
Night 2: Hotel in Portomarin

Night 3: Hotel in Palas de Rei

Night 4: Guesthouse in Arzua

Night 5: Hotel in Rua

Night 6: Hotel in Santiago de Compostela



Sarria - Alfonso IX

Hotel Alfonso IX is a modern hotel in the center of the town of Sarria, on the popular Camino de Santiago. The hotel has its own fitness center and pool. Surrounded by gardens and close to the river, this well-equipped hotel features a lovely natural setting.

The hotel has a total of 57 rooms, 2 Junior Suites and 1 Luxury Suite, spread over 3 floors. All rooms feature internet access, air conditioning / heating, ensuite bathroom with hairdryer, safety box, TV and a phone.

Portomarin - Pousada De Portomarin

The Hotel Pousada de Portomarin is the oldest hotel in Portomarin. It is an old Parador de Turismo built in 1962, enlarged, reformed and reconverted in the year 1992 in a Hotel.

The 32 bedrooms are equipped with full bathroom (with bathtub and hairdryer), minibar, digital TV, telephone, safe, central heating.

Free WiFi and a 24-hour front desk are offered.

Palas de Rei - Complejo La Cabana

La Cabaña is a cozy accommodation totally built in wood. It is located on a large estate surrounded by gardens, pine trees and chestnut trees. The accommodations consists of three buildings, two of them housing 30 rooms with bathroom, telephone, television, hair dryer and heating, and a third building that houses the self-service restaurant with capacity for 200 diners. The hotel also has Wi-Fi network in common areas and laundry.

Arzua - Casa Brandariz

The home, dating back from 1553, is built on an abrupt terrain and adapts perfectly to the rural and natural environment that surrounds it. This restored country-style house offers 7 rooms (6 doubles and 1 simple) with a bathroom, a balcony and views across the surrounding landscape.

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Guests can relax in Casa Branda's lounge area, where there is a TV and small library. There is also a springwater fountain in the lounge. Free Wi-Fi is available.

Rua - Casa De Acivro

The rural hotel brings to this accommodation a touch of modern that bumps with the natural surroundings in which it is situated. Each one of the rooms has its private bathroom, heating, air conditioned, TV and free WIFI. The thematic of each room is different.

Santiago de Compostela - Hotel Pombal

Just 300 m from Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, Hotel Pombal is opposite Alameda Park and has free WiFi. The stylish rooms offer views of the old town, and satellite TV. The bathroom comes with bath or shower.



Meals

Breakfasts and 4 or 5 dinners (depending on the package) are included. Breakfast are eaten at the hotels and evening meals in the restaurant's hotel or a restaurant nearby. It is usually a set menu.

Special diets and dietary restrictions:

We can only request dietary requirements to our suppliers for the following diets:

- Diabetic - Suitable for reduced sugar, hyperglycemic, hypoglycemic and carbohydrate controlled meal requests.
- Gluten Intolerant/Celiac also known as low gliadin, non-tropical sprue, Celiac disease, low wheat, wheat free, gluten restricted diet. A Gluten Intolerant Meal eliminates all foods prepared with wheat, rye, barley and oats.
- Vegetarian (No meat – no fish). Nuts may be used as a protein substitute.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - Subject to changes

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French Route 8/8 - From Sarria to Santiago de Compostela - 115km

Day 1: Sarria – Start of your journey

Make your way to your hotel in Sarria in time to enjoy your first evening meal.

Meals included: none

Overnight in Sarria

Day 2: Sarria to Portomarin

Expect a peaceful walk in shady oak woods and pretty villages on quiet country roads. The village of Barbadele (580m) has a beautiful Romanesque church that is worth a visit. The next significant village is Ferreiros. When you arrive in Portomarin (550m) you can relax on one of the numerous terraces of the main plaza.

Distance: 22km / approx. 6 hours (ascent: 230 m / descent: 300 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Portomarin

Day 3: Portomarin to Palas de Rei

From the village, the Camino crosses the river Minho and climbs steadily uphill. On your way, you'll be crossing Gonzar and passing the Romanesque Church of Santa María, Castromaior. The calm of the Galician Cemetery in Ligonde on a sunny day is a rest in itself. In Eirexe, the Romanesque portal of the church is a beauty, featuring a sculpture of Daniel and animals, as well as a statue of Santiago de Peregrino. You will then arrive in Palas de Rei (565m).

Distance: 25km / approx. 6 hours (ascent: 340 m / descent: 140 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Palas de Rei

Day 4: Palas de Rei to Arzua

Today, the Camino continues slightly downhill, passing the village of Casanova and the charming village of Leboeiro. At Melide (454m), stop in one of the many restaurants to try some local specialties. Later today, the Camino will follow a forest track and cross several streams bringing you to the village of Boente with its church of Santiago. Then, you'll encounter the medieval village of Ribadiso, and finally Arzua (389m). This small town has two churches that you can visit, Santa María and La Magdalena.

Distance: 29km / approx. 8 hours (ascent: 140 m / descent: 340 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Arzua

Day 5: Arzua to Rua-O Pino

This shaded section of the Camino will pass through woods, along streams and through sleepy villages. Take your time and visit the chapel of Santa Irena, with its unique statues of Santiago. The rest of the way to Rua-O Pino is on a quiet country road. Rua (310m) is one of the less crowded stopping points before Santiago de Compostela.

Distance: 18km / approx. 5 hours (ascent: 50 m / descent: 130 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Rua

Day 6: Rua to Santiago de Compostela

You're nearly there! The next stage will be Lavacolla where pilgrims traditionally washed in the river before reaching Santiago de Compostela. The tall eucalyptus trees line your way to Monte del Gozo (368m), or Mount of Joy. From here you can see your goal, the Cathedral of Santiago. After a descent to the city (984m), population

Joy. From here, you can see your goal – the Cathedral of Santiago! After a descent to the city (204m, population 80,000) you'll be able to witness this UNESCO World Heritage Site up-close. Marvel at the architecture and relish the wonderful atmosphere in this cultural and spiritual mecca.

Distance: 20km / approx. 5.5 hours (ascent: 150 m / descent: 186 m)

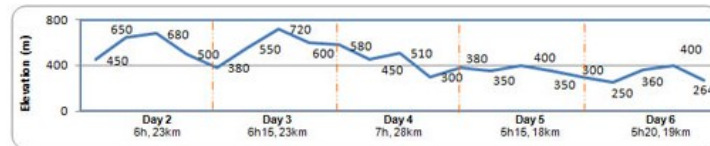
Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

Day 7: Santiago de Compostela, end of the Camino!

After breakfast, we bid you farewell.

Meals included: Breakfast



Other Info

Meeting: Sarria

Airport: Santiago de Compostella

Distance: 2 hrs 15 min.

Because this is a self-guided trip, participants are expected to arrive independently to their accommodation in Sarria.

Tack: --

Horses: --

Pace: 5-8.5 hours per day, 115 km total

Level: 🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 3 out of 5) Moderate

Riders: Min 1 riders Max 16 riders

Guided Trips

The last 100km towards Santiago: the final effort

Every year we offer a number of "guided" departures on the Section 8 of the French Route of the Camino de Santiago - ending in Santiago de Compostella.

Our guides are English speaking, highly experienced individuals who are there to support and encourage you during the holiday and make sure you get the most out of the experience!

Split Day & Airport Transfer French Way section 8

We've listened intently to feedback from our many loyal customers and decided to add the Split Day in Melide as a standard stop in our guided walks on the French Way Section 8. This extra overnight stop will allow the group to spread the longest walking day (28km) over 2 days.

What's more, we will include a late afternoon airport transfer for the French Way section 8 guided walks from Santiago airport straight to your hotel in Sarria! This will run from May-Sept to match the Aer Lingus flight.

Detailed Itineraries



Section 1 [Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Pamplona](#)

Section 2 [Pamplona to Logrono](#)

Section 3 [Logrono to Burgos](#)

Section 4 [Burgos to Sahagun](#)

Section 5 [Sahagun to Leon](#)

Section 6 [Leon to Ponferrada](#)

Section 7 [Ponferrada to Sarria](#)

Section 8 [Sarria to Santiago de Compostela](#)

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-HK-ESCAM08

Rates include: Accommodations in standard hotel (2-3*), All breakfasts, Luggage transfer, Detailed walking notes and map, Pilgrim passport & 24/7 customer service

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	7 day hike	€770	\$850

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Upgrade to 4* accommodation, dbl, pp - please inquire		
2024	Upgrade to 4* accommodation, single - please inquire		
2024	Upgrade to 5* accommodation, dbl, pp - please inquire		
2024	Upgrade to 5* accommodation, single - please inquire		
2024	Extra night, dbl, pp ~ Please inquire		
2024	Single supplement	€235	\$260

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day hike

Min/Max: 1/16

Guided trip options for Section 8 in 2012:

May 5, June 9, July 14, Aug 6, Sept 10

Rates do not include:Lunches and Dinners, Drinks & Airport transfers



Reservation Form

Tour : _____ Code #: _____ from: _____ to : _____

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets													
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Inter.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking				
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Special Diets: _____

Your fitness level: Excellent ☐ Moderate ☐ Poor ☐ How long have you been riding? _____

How often do you ride? _____ Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES ☐ NO ☐

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone (wk) _____ (hm) _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Date _____ Signature (mandatory) 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA ☐ or Mastercard ☐ (no debit cards)

Cardholder: _____

Card # _____ 3 digit Security # _____

Exp.Date: _____ Signature _____

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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