



CAMINO Pilgrimage
Sarria to Santiago
June 19-29, 2024
Cost: \$4200 (includes airfare)

Departure and Return Information:

June 19: Flight overnight, Charlotte to Madrid

June 20: Arrive in Madrid, bus to Sarria

June 21: Sarria to Portomarin 14 Miles

June 22: Palas de rei 16 Miles

June 23: Melide 10 Miles

June 24: Azura 12 Miles

June 25: O Pedrouzo 9 Miles

June 26: San Lazaro 9 Miles

June 27: Arrive in Santiago 6 Miles

June 28: Santiago in Morning/Depart for Madrid (staying by Airport)

June 29: Madrid to Charlotte

Can families meet at the end/depart differently: (YES- if we know by Nov. 1)

There are only 2 options: (That portion of flight cost will be returned to you)

1) Drop off your youth at the Madrid airport on the morning of July 20 to join the group for the bus ride to Sarria.

Or

2) Meet them at the hotel in Madrid on the morning of July 29 or at the Madrid airport.

Families MAY NOT meet us in Santiago at the Cathedral. Those last few days are part of the experience and critical for reflection and good closure.

What do you need:

- 1) **PASSPORT.** *You will be asked for your passport information when you register. It cannot expire in 2024.*
- 2) **Backpack-** medium regular backpack.
This back-pack you will have to carry it on the trail with a few items, change of socks, windbreaker/rain jacket and a small first aid kit. Your suitcase will be transported each day to the next hotel.
- 3) **Trail Shoes.**
Most of the youth preferred trail shoes and not hiking boots, although that is of course an option. REI has many options for different feet. These shoes need to be purchased by the first of the year and used for camino hikes.
- 4) **Good Socks.**
This is the only thing to consider and we will go over what is needed as we get closer. They do NOT need all new clothes or hiking gear. They need a LOT less than they think they need.

Required Participation

Camino Hikes: November 26 (Short Hike 4:00-7:00), February 3, March 2

This is not just for training. Your young person may be active and fit but it is a chance for us to learn how to WALK together. Each hike has a different educational component and are critical for a good trip. It is here that they begin to process what the experience will be.

*They will need to wear the shoes they will use for the Camino on these hikes to break them in and to see if they give blisters.

Spirituality and Preparation Class (REQUIRED): Dec. 3, Dec.10 and January 21

This hike takes preparation beyond training. We will do faith practices together and read a book in preparation.

Where will we be sleeping/staying and Eating:

Hotels. We have reservations for each night. Roommates change every day. There are often 3 people in a very small room.

Meals: Each night we will have dinner together. Some nights it is a big feast and other nights it is pizza. We all eat the same thing. Please let us know if your young person is a vegetarian or has food issues.

Breakfast is a meal of breads, meats, cheese and coffee/tea. It is wonderful. Breakfast is a required meal time together, it is when we begin the day.

WHAT DOES THE COST COVER:

Airfare, Hotels, Transporting of luggage each day, Evening group meals.

How much EXTRA money should they bring: about \$120

Each day, we will stop for lunch/coffee. They can also purchase snacks each night.

