







# Madrid and the Pilgrimage Walk of Santiago

Day 1: USA / Spain

• Fly through the night to Madrid, Spain

#### Day 2: Madrid

- Apon arrival at "Barajas" Madrid airport, meet your Imagine Tour Manager who will remain with you throughout your stay.
- Transfer to your centrally located hotel for check-in and to freshen up.
- Head on a guided walking tour through the old Madrid: Plaza de España, Gran Vía, Puerta del Sol and Calle de Alcalá.
- Enjoy some free time to relax, take a stroll or just savor some "chocolate con churros" at **San Ginés**.
- Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Return to your hotel and overnight accommodation in Madrid.

#### Day 3: Madrid

- After breakfast at your hotel, meet your Imagine Tour Manager.
- Today, partake in a guided visit to **El Prado Museum located in central Madrid.** It features one of the world's finest collection of European art, based on the former Spanish Royal Collection. Admire the numerous works of the internationally renowned Spanish painters: Diego **Velázquez and Francisco de Goya**.
- Afterwards, visit the **Retiro Park** and see the **Crystal Palace**.
- Lunch at the Mercado de San Miguel.
- In the afternoon, visit the **Royal Palace** which was the residence of the Spanish kings.
- Free time for shopping in La Gran Vía.
- After, visit the **Círculo de Bellas Artes** and admire the views of Madrid from its roof.
- Dinner with you group at a local restaurant.



#### Day 4: Madrid - Burgos (3/4 hours)

- After breakfast at the hotel, meet your Imagine Tour Manager to board your private motor coach to travel to **Burgos**.
- Upon arrival, you will go to the Pilgrim Office in Burgos to register and collect the offical 'Pilgrim passport' to walk the Camino de Santiago. The official passport needs to be stamped along the way.
- Lunch with your group at a local restaurant.
- After lunch, visit the **Cathedral of Burgos**. Burgos is the city of the historical warrior "El Cid Campeador" and the cathedral is an excellent example of Spanish Gothic architecture.
- After, board your private motor coach to travel to Leon (2 hours aprox.).
- Dinner at Leon's "Barrio Húmedo", where you will taste "Cecina", a typical ham.
- Overnight accommodation in Leon.

#### Day 5: León - Astorga

- After breakfast at the hotel and meet your Imagine Tour Manager.
- Head to the center of Leon. Take time to admire it's Cathedral, also known as The House of Light or the Pulchra Leonina with its beautiful windows, another masterpiece of Spanish Gothic art.
- Afterwards, board your private motor coach to travel to Astorga and visit the Castrillo Polvazares, where you will taste Leon's typical lunch "Cocido Magarato".
- Transfer to your hotel for check-in and freshen up.
- Later, visit **Astorga town**. Astorga is a worthwhile place to visit, since its Episcopal Palace is next to the Cathedral and its surroundings have been declared a Historic Artistic Monument. Both being the main attractions of the town. The Palace is the work of Gaudí and it backs onto the old wall, in the upper part of the city; it is the site of Los Caminos Museum.
- Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation in Astorga.











#### Day 6: Sarría Pilgrimage to Portomarín (22 km)

- After a hearty breakfast, you will begin your walk along the "Camino de Santiago". Get ready to be carried away by the magic of the road!
- We suggest that you wear previous worn shoes (not new ones), comfortable sportswear, windbreaker and brig a water bottle and a picnic (on the way you will pass by shops where you can buy food).
  Also, to avoid blisters, we advise you to moistorise your feet and carry a change of socks.
- Your luggage will be taken by bus to the next stage of **Portomarín**.
- You will live the real Pilgrim experience!
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Portomarín.



#### Day 7: Portomarín to Palas del Rey (25 km)

- After breakfast, walk from Portomarín to **Palas del Rey** like a pelgrim. (Your luggage will be taken by bus).
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Palas del Rey.

### Day 8: Palas del Rey to Castañeda (22 km)

- After breakfast, walk from Palas del Rey to **Castañeda**. (Your luggage will be taken by bus).
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Castañeda.



### Day 9: Castañeda to Santa Irene (22 km)

- After breakfast, walk from Castañeda to **Santa Irene**. (Your luggage will be taken by bus).
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Santa Irene.

### Day 10: Santa Irene to Monte do Gozo (19 km)

- After breakfast, walk from Santa Irene to **Monte do Gozo**. (Your luggage will be taken by bus).
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Monte deo Gozo.



#### Day 11: Monte do Gozo to Santiago (6 km)

- After breakfast, walk from Monte do Gozo to Santiago de Compostela. (Your luggage will be taken by a bus).
- You will arrived at Santiago and you will follow the road that leads to the Plaza del Obraidoro. There you will visit the Cathedral and see the Santiago's Chapel.
- Time for lunch and walk through the streets of Santiago.
- Check-in in your hotel and freshen up.
- In the afternoon, you will take your "Pilgrim Diploma", certifying that you are a true Pilgrim.
- Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Santiago.

#### Day 12: Santiago de Compostela

- After breakfast at the hotel and meet your Imagine Tour Manager.
- This morning, you will visit the **Market of Santiago**, a market that dates back to 1822 and your will enjoy a "churromania" breakfast ("chocolate con churros").
- Have free time to discover Santiago on your own.
- Tonight, get ready for a farewell dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Santiago.

### Day 13: Santiago de Compostela / A Coruña

- After breakfast, meet you Tour Manager.
- Board your private motor coach to A Coruña airport for flight back home.





