



## THE PILGRIM'S WAY

### FOLLOWING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO FROM BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

In AD 1095, when a pilgrimage to Jerusalem became impossible during the First Crusade, the best alternative to guarantee a remission of half your time in purgatory was a trip to Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. This route became known as the Pilgrim's Way or the Way of St. James.

Chaucer's Wife of Bath went there and obviously enjoyed the experience as she then chose to go on a second pilgrimage to Canterbury. But it wasn't just a reduction of time in purgatory that made people take to the road on pilgrimages: social fashion, adventure, the opportunity to find a partner in marriage, or just company and good food (and sometimes even crime), were all lures which attracted people to set off. In fact, many of these are the same attractions and reasons why people go on tours today!

In more recent times, it has again become very popular to trace the ancient caminos (trails) to Santiago either by foot, horseback, pedal power or if none of those appeal, by motorized transport. Discover Europe's Gavin Miller has designed a tour following one of the east-west caminos, which we join just east of Burgos in northern Spain. Along the way we will have the opportunity to see some of the most exquisite medieval architecture ever built, both religious and secular. The stained glass windows in Leon cathedral are a must-see for any traveler.

Join us this spring for an opportunity to walk the section of the camino just before our arrival in Santiago. As always each day will reveal hidden treasures and unexpected adventures, set against a backdrop of stunning landscapes. With any luck, we will see some fabulous wildlife too.



SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CATHEDRAL

#### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$ 3540
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 760

*Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.*

#### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 7 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour director, Gavin Miller, throughout
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*





**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from your U.S. gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>** - You will be met on your arrival at Bilbao Airport and transferred to our country hotel outside the city. There will be time to unpack and relax before a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: BILBAO**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we head east to the 800 year old village of St Jean Pie de Port, just across the French border in the Pyrenean foothills and the starting point of the pilgrimage for the majority of pilgrims. Along the way, we will visit Guernica, the town annihilated by Hitler's Condor Legion during the Spanish Civil War. Continuing along the rugged Biscay coast, we will stop for lunch in San Sebastián. In St Jean, there will time

to stroll the Rue D'Espagne and mingle with the Pilgrims as they rest and prepare for the 500 mile trek to Santiago de Compostela. We return to our hotel for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BILBAO**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** - A full morning in the centre of Bilbao to enjoy Frank Gehry's stunning Guggenheim Museum and admire the miraculous transformation of what used to be the industrial heartland of the Basque Lands - the quayside of the Nervion river. After lunch, we will head south through the Rioja wine region. Before entering the medieval city of Burgos, we will join the Camino for the first of our short walks, San Juan de Ortega to Ages, approximately 4 kilometers. We will dine tonight in the Plaza Rey San Fernando, next to the Cathedral. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BURGOS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Today's excursion takes us southeast of Burgos. Our first stop is at Covarrubias, a superbly preserved medieval town. The streets are lined with half timbered houses, with shady arcades and the remnants of medieval fortifications, including a tenth-century tower. We continue on to the Benedictine Abbey of Santo Domingo de Silos, one of Spain's greatest Christian monuments. The jewel of the complex is the two story, 11<sup>th</sup>-century, Romanesque cloister, with pillars decorated with life size reliefs, including Christ on the road to Emmaus, dressed as a pilgrim to Santiago. After lunch we'll visit the Gorges of Yecla. We'll take a short walk along this dramatic gorge and have a chance to see the circling birds of prey high above us. If time permits, we'll also stop in Quintanilla to visit the incredible 8<sup>th</sup>-century, Visigothic hermitage of Santa Maria. The evening is free in Burgos. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BURGOS**



ASTORGA, THE BISHOP'S PALACE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Leaving Burgos, we continue along the line of the Camino, stopping at Villacazar de Sirga to visit a Knights Templar Church. The Templars originally came into existence to guard and protect the pilgrimage routes all over the Mediterranean. On arrival in Leon, we will explore the center of town; the Casa Botines, built by Antoni Gaudi, and of course the cathedral with its beautiful stained glass windows, Romanesque wall paintings, and historic Royal Pantheon. Tonight we will stay at the Posada del Marques just outside Leon. The posada is a converted pilgrim's hospital with a delightful garden reminiscent of an English rectory! Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CARRIZO DE LA RIBERA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning, there will be an excursion to Astorga. Astorga was originally settled by the Romans, sacked by the Moors, and then rebuilt as a pilgrim town in the Middle Ages. It is now a provincial capital boasting an excellent museum of the Camino. The museum offers all sorts of curios and sidelights on the story of the pilgrimage. A visit to the cathedral and Bishop's Palace will be followed by an early return to the Posada del Marques for free time to relax and enjoy the gardens before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: CARRIZO DE LA RIBERA**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - We leave the province of Leon this morning and head into Galicia. Not only is Galicia often compared to Ireland for its scenery and climate, but its culture is set deep in its Celtic past. First, a stop at Ponferrada, an old mining town with an exquisite old town center dominated by a Templar castle. Lunch will be in the picturesque village of Cebreiro; a wonderful example of a traditional Galician mountain settlement with its pallozas (thatched houses) surrounding a 9<sup>th</sup>-century church. This afternoon, we will visit the Monasterio de Samos, famous in the Middle Ages for its exceptional library, and we'll arrive in the late afternoon at our rural pazo just outside Santiago. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PAZO CIBRÁN**



BURGOS CATHEDRAL

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** - To complete our journey we head to Lavacolla and walk (optional) the penultimate leg of the pilgrimage. It is three miles from Lavacolla to Monte de Gozo (Mount of Joy), where the pilgrims were once rewarded with their first view of the cathedral spires of Santiago de Compostela. Lavacolla was where the pilgrims washed themselves in the river to prepare for their arrival at the cathedral. For many it was the first proper wash in months! The rest of the day will be spent in the heart of the old town of Santiago. A visit to the cathedral will be followed by free time to explore the surrounding district with its museums and warren of medieval squares and alleys. This evening we'll gather for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PAZO CIBRÁN**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfer to Santiago Airport for returning flights to the US. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner



**YOUR HOST: REV. ELSA WORTH**

The Rev. Elsa Worth will be our spiritual guide on the way, starting and ending our days together prayerfully, and by incorporating the spirit of pilgrimage, she hopes to encourage us to receive this journey as an experience of retreat and spiritual renewal.

Elsa is the priest and rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Keene, NH, where Santiago (or "St. James" in English) is the namesake of the church. She looks forward to meeting and learning from our experienced tour guide, Gavin Miller, who she has heard knows everything there is to know about the Camino de Santiago. Having always wanted to experience the Camino, Elsa is grateful to be taking part in this once in a lifetime journey with her fellow travelers.



## REGISTRATION FORM

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Please type or print.
- 2) Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 3) Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- 4) Complete both sides of this form.
- 5) Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Name(s).** Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

**Passport Details.** Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed up the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**Address.** If you have a different address, please provide us with the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**Special Dietary Requirements.** Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Health Information.** A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

This information is essential.

**INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of \$40 per ticket for this service.

**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



**PASSENGER DETAILS FOR THE PILGRIM'S WAY (0406/CSJ)**

PASSPORT NAME:

1. TITLE FIRST MIDDLE LAST

2. TITLE FIRST MIDDLE LAST

KNOWN AS: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT 1#: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP.DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT 2#: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP.DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
circle one

SECONDARY TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
circle one

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP DETAILS**

DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE AIRPORT OR CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to extend my trip to: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.  
95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## GENERAL

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., St. James Church of Keene their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

## TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to

make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the Euro by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 10-15 participants. Should we end up with less than 10 people, Discover Europe will work with Tufts University to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

## REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:  
90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person  
60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you by Tufts University upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *A Pilgrim's Way* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like a double twin-bedded room

## PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

## SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_