



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

# **FOLLOW THE ANCIENT PILGRIM'S PATH ON THE WAY OF ST. JAMES**

*YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE ALONG THE*

# **CAMINO DE SANTIAGO**

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**May 13-24, 2024**





# A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

**Tekton Ministries** has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By taking time to slow down and prayerfully walk the last 100kms of the Camino, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although most of the days are filled with walking, daily Mass and visits to holy sites are an important part of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 5 - Friday, May 17**  
**Castromaior / Palas de Rei (10 mi)**

A short climb this morning will take us to the top of Alto do Rosario (Rosary Heights) – the highest point of our Camino. For centuries, pilgrims have prayed the Rosary at this very spot, overlooking the surrounding hills and valleys. The majority of our walk today is the descent from this sacred spot into the village of Palas de Rei. (*Overnight Sarria*)



- **Day 6 - Saturday, May 18**  
**Palas de Rei / Melide (9 mi)**

Today we cross four river valleys mostly on pathways through woodland. In Melide, a medieval township with close links to this pilgrimage, the Way temporarily becomes an urban route. Visit the town's medieval center and churches and try Melide's local delicacy: Pulpo (Octopus). (*Overnight Melide*)



- **Day 1 - Monday, May 13**  
**Depart USA**

Today you will depart on your overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, May 14**  
**Arrive Madrid / Sarria**

After our morning arrival in Madrid, we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us on our entire pilgrimage. Journey to Sarria, which is a popular pilgrims' starting point for the Camino de Santiago. (*Overnight in Sarria*)

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, May 15**  
**Sarria / Mercadoiro (11 mi)**

Today we will begin our walk along the Camino de Santiago. Leaving Sarria, we will meander along shady roads and tree-lined pathways, passing through many small hamlets that seem to blend seamlessly one into the next. Upon reaching our highest point of the day near Ferrieros, we will take in beautiful panoramic views of the Rio Mino valley before a short descent into the village of Mercadoiro. (*Overnight Sarria*)



- **Day 4 - Thursday, May 16**  
**Mercadoiro / Castromaior (10 mi)**

Today we continue our descent into the Rio Mino valley, crossing the river into Portomarin before beginning to climb once again. We will enjoy views of the lush valley from the other side as we wander through the wooded paths to the village of Castromaior, our stopping point for the night. (*Overnight Sarria*)



- **Day 7 - Sunday, May 19**  
**Melide / Arzua (9 mi)**

Today's walk takes us through meadows, oak and eucalyptus woodland, and countless small hamlets, some of which bear names that echo their historical connections with the Pilgrim's way. This is the county of Arzua, a land with a strong dairy production and known for its delicious cheeses. (*Overnight Melide*)



*Cathedral of Santiago*

- **Day 8 - Sunday, May 20**  
**Arzua / Santa Irene (10 mi)**

Today we leave Arzua behind and meander along natural pathways through oak forests and lush meadows. The path today is mostly flat, with few gentle up-and-downhill sections. We have the opportunity to visit the medieval shrine at Santa Irene, our stopping point for the evening. There are legends surrounding the Baroque fountain at this shrine and the curative properties of the water that flows here. (*Overnight Melide*)

- **Day 9 - Monday, May 21**  
**Santa Irene / Lavacolla (8 mi)**

The first part of our final stages into Santiago is through dense woodland. As we draw closer to Santiago, the path becomes less natural as asphalt roads become more commonplace. We will skirt around the Santiago airport and cross the famed Rio Lavacolla, the last place for medieval pilgrims to freshen up before reaching Santiago. (*Overnight Melide*)

- **Day 10 - Tuesday, May 22**  
**Lavacolla / Santiago de Compostela (7 mi)**

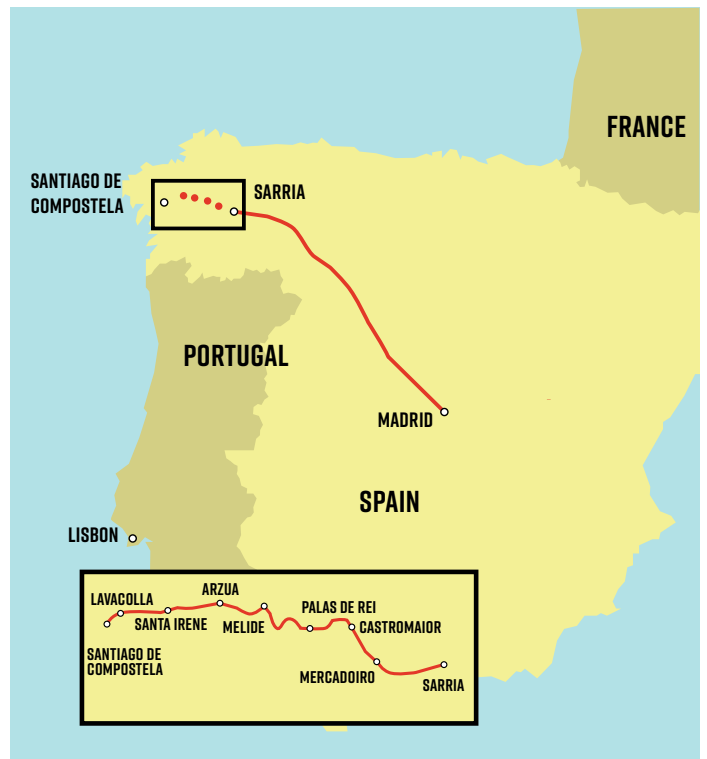
After leaving the town of Lavacolla, the Way approaches the Monte do Gozo (The Mount of Joy), a small hillock from which the ancient pilgrim was able to see, for the first time, the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago. This marks the halfway point of our day as we begin our descent into the city – walking first through the new town, through the old town, turning finally into the Plaza del Obradoiro spread out in front of the Cathedral de Santiago. (*Overnight in Santiago*)

- **Day 11 - Wednesday, May 23**  
**Santiago**

This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral, considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass, we may climb down the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. We will see the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece and walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city. We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral. (*Overnight in Santiago*)

- **Day 12 - Thursday, May 24**  
**Santiago / U.S.A.**

Today we transfer to the airport in Santiago to catch our return flight home.



B=Breakfast D=Dinner

# SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[TektonMinistries.org](http://TektonMinistries.org)

## PRICE PER PERSON

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Double occupancy with base airfare    | \$4,465.00 |
| Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges | \$96.65    |

*(subject to change until final ticketing)*

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| Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff | \$160.00 |
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*(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)*

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| ESTIMATED TOTAL COST | \$4,721.65 |
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## OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$579
- Land-only option: \$3,150 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

February 2024

## BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Iberia Airlines
- Bus transfers to and from Indianapolis and Chicago O'Hare airport
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary

*Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals*

**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 16 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Spain. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on Iberia Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included in base price:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$96.65 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund.

In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

**Trust Account Disclosure:** California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

**Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"):** George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

**Responsibility Clause:** Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar



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