

City Breaks

NAME//**REFERENCE**

PREMIUM SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA//**CB-PS5N**

RECOMMENDED DURATION

6 days / 5 nights (SCQ/SCQ)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cathedral of Santiago
- Obradoiro Square, the Pilgrim's ultimate goal
- Galician gastronomy: Food Market (Mercado de Abastos)
- Galician "Pazos",
- Mussels and Wine tasting on a Boat trip in the Arousa Estuary
- Myths and legends of Costa da Morte, the end of the world.

ACCOMMODATION

5 nights Santiago de Compostela

SUGGESTED HOTELS

Area Central 3*, San Lázaro 4* or similar

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Seafood dinner and Queimada

REMARKS



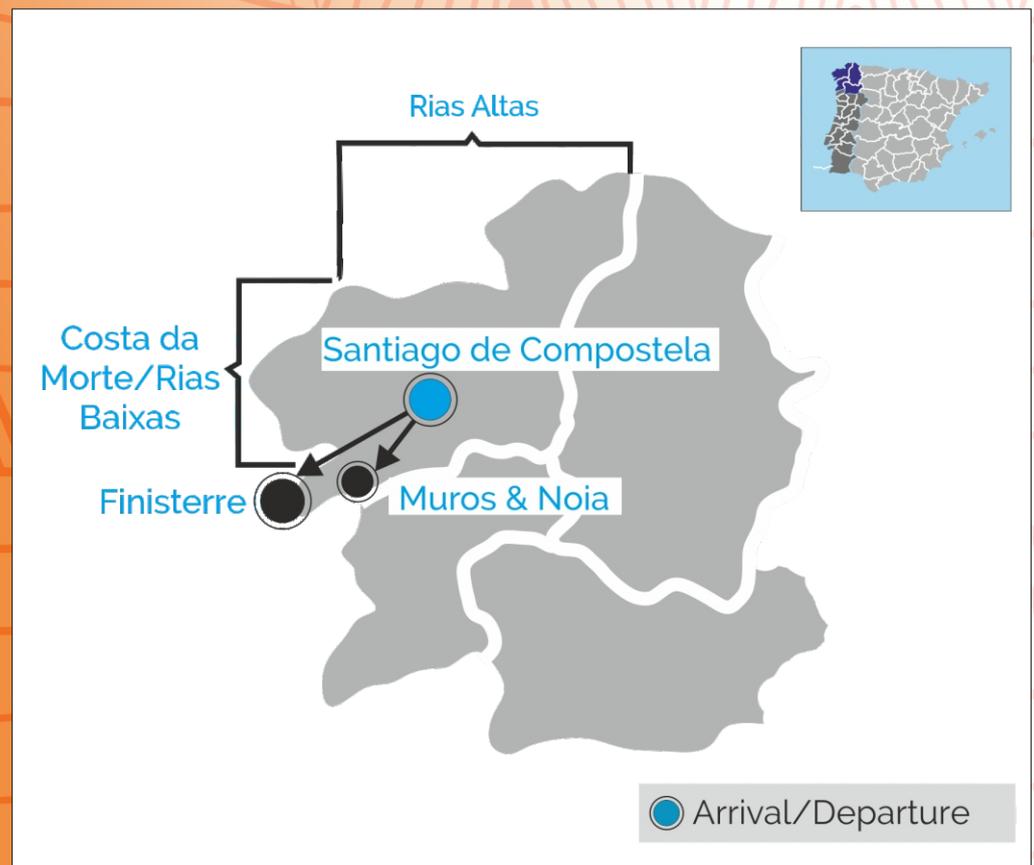
Obradoiro Square



Finisterre, Galicia



Santiago de Compostela Cathedral



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Itinerary

DAY 1, Arrival

Arrival at Santiago de Compostela airport, meeting with Local Tour Escort & Bus. Transfer to Hotel (Trip orientation).

Free time, dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 2, Santiago: The Pilgrim's ultimate Goal

Breakfast at hotel. Santiago is the capital city of Galicia and the culmination of St. James Way "Camino de Santiago". Both the Old Town and the Cathedral are listed as World heritage sites by UNESCO. The Old Town has plenty of charming streets: souvenir shops, former stables (now used as coffee houses), chocolate factories, ethnographic museums, black jet museums and the Pilgrim's Museum. For wine lovers we highly recommend to taste the Ribeiro, Albariño and Mencia wines, as well as the famous seafood in the restaurants of Rúa de Franco Street. At the end of this street (before arriving to the Cathedral) is the ancient building of the University of Santiago – founded in 1495. Morning discovery of the city, its history, old town squares and "rúas" (streets), to reach the mythical **Cathedral of Santiago**, the final destination for thousands of pilgrims. We will visit the **Plaza del Obradoiro**, chaired by the Cathedral, and, inside, we will be able to visit the **tomb of St. James** and to attend the pilgrim mass. Our guide will take us to discover the myths and stories about not only the Cathedral, but also the surrounding monuments such as the **Hostal of the Catholic Monarchs** (currently the Parador). Free Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3, The art of Gastronomy in Santiago: Mercado de Abastos (Food Market)

Breakfast at hotel. Today, we will have the opportunity of discovering a genuine market that will speak and transmit everything about Galicia typical recipes and customs, a building that is a monument itself. This gastronomic tour consists of a funny and didactic tour about Galicia's cuisine along the "**Mercado de Abastos**", including some local products tasting. We will also tour on the nearby Faculty of Geography and History, belonging to the yet over five hundred years-old University of Santiago, whose terrace will let us get and enjoy a **wonderful view of the historic city**. Free Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4, Rias Baixas: boat trip by Arousa Estuary with Mussels & Albariño Wine and Cambados

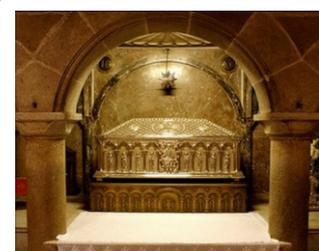
Breakfast at hotel. In the morning we will enjoy a boat navigation along a protected area from **A Toxa island (1hoom aprox from Santiago)**, and Cambados with the most beautiful and natural part of **Arousa Estuary** as destination. We will learn from the quirks and curiosities of the river where we will be shown and explained the culture of mussels, oysters and scallops (mejillón, ostra y vieiras), both on surface and underwater. While navigating, we will enjoy an appetizer of mussels accompanied by the locally produced Albariño wine, one of the best white wines in the world. We will head the complex of Umia - O Grove, special protection area with high natural values. It is this space, with huge biological variety, there is a feeding area for migratory waterfowl as well as an important flora. Free lunch. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour along Cambados, a beautiful historic town that houses one of the most relevant group of "**Pazos**" (ancient and manorial typical house in Galicia belonging to noble



Hostal of the Catholic Monarchs



Rias Baixas, Galicia



Tomb of St. James



Muros, Galicia

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manors), dating from the XI- XII centuries. Afterwards, we will visit a local cellar, where we will learn about the process of producing this wine with **Rias Baixas Denomination of Origin** and we will have the pleasure of tasting it. As optional, there's also the possibility of organizing a typical Seafood dinner (**Mariscada**) as well as a "**Queimada**", a punch made from Galician spirit, distilled from wine and flavoured with special herbs or coffee, traditionally prepared in a hollow pumpkin. Typically, while preparing it, a spell or incantation is recited, so that special powers are conferred to the queimada and those drinking it. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5, Costa da Morte, Rías altas, Noia, Muros and Finisterre

Breakfast at hotel. This tour is a combination of unique landscapes and deep immersion in the customs of its people and a trip through history. We will discover the origin of its name ("Costa da Morte" - Death Coast) as well as the legends and myths surrounding these lands. We will get towns like **Noia (40m aprox from Santiago)**, stately villa with a past full of history, located on the coast of Barbanza; or **Muros**, medieval village on the coast of Finisterre, with an historic center, declared an Historical Site. We will also visit the **fish market (Lonja)**, where we will realize how rich the Galician fish variety is, as well as how beautiful the beaches in this area are. Tapas based lunch. In the afternoon, next stop will be Ezaro, where there is the unique waterfall in continental Europe that flows directly into the ocean. Finally, we will arrive to the mythical village of **Finisterre**, where the Romans believed they found the end of the world, thanks to the elongated shape of Cape Finisterre and the situation of Galicia, for centuries it was known as the westernmost part of Roman Empire. We will visit its lighthouse and enjoy an amazing sunset in this place, where many legends make it a magical and mysterious location. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 Departure

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Airport at the scheduled time, end of services.



"Queimada Galega"



"Mariscada", Galician Seafood



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