

Trip Information: Camino de Santiago 2026

The Portuguese Coastal Way | September 13 – 22, 2026

1. OVERVIEW & THE ROUTE

Join us for an unforgettable 8-night journey walking the historic Camino de Santiago! We will be traversing the beautiful **Camino Portugués Coastal Route**, starting in the seaside city of Vigo and finishing at the grand Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

- **Why this route?** We originally planned for the French Way, but we have switched to the Portuguese Coastal Route because it offers a much gentler experience without the longer days.
- **Daily Distance:** Averaging **7 to 13 miles per day** over 6 walking days.
- **Difficulty:** Moderate. We will be hiking through scenic coastal paths, historic towns, and shaded woodlands. Our luggage is transferred for us so you will only need a daypack while walking.

2. COST & PAYMENT DEADLINES

We have partnered with *CaminoWays.com* (a premier licensed tour operator) to handle all ground logistics, allowing us a completely hassle-free experience.

- **Total Land Package Cost: \$1,190.00 per person**
 - *Includes:* Hand-picked hotel accommodations (3-star/historic), daily breakfast, dinners on select nights, comprehensive route maps/digital guides, and **daily luggage transfers** (your main bag is moved from hotel to hotel for you automatically).
 - Also includes Trains from Madrid to and from the Camino.
- **\$300 Deposit due now.**
- **\$890 Final Balance Due: July 14, 2026.** (This could increase marginally with train prices)

NEXT STEPS TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:

1. Let Randall Curtis know you are in! (rcurtis@stphilips.org)
 2. Submit your **\$300 deposit by Check or Venmo**. (Your final payment to St. Philips of \$890 is due **Jul 15, 2026**)
 3. Book your American Airlines flight (using cash or miles) to lock in your price.
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INDEPENDENT TRANSIT LOGISTICS

Everyone is responsible for booking their own transportation to coordinate with the group:

The Required Flight (American Airlines / Iberia)

- **Outbound (Sept 13):** Fly nonstop from **Miami (MIA) to Madrid (MAD)**.
 - *Flight AA8740* | Departs MIA at 10:00 PM → Arrives MAD at 1:05 PM (Sept 14).
- **Return (Sept 22):** Fly nonstop from **Madrid (MAD) to Miami (MIA)**.
 - *Flight AA8645* | Departs MAD at 4:25 PM → Arrives MIA at 8:05 PM.
- **Current Price Baseline (6/24):** ~\$779.00 round-trip. Excellent for cash bookings or AAdvantage mileage redemptions!

The Train Connection (The church office will get these tickets)

- **Day 1 (Sept 14):** Upon landing in Madrid, we will take high-speed train straight to our first hotel in Vigo.
- **Day 9 (Sept 22):** We will take a morning high-speed train from Santiago back to Madrid.

Estimated Total Train Cost: ~\$90.00 total (Tickets will be purchased by the church office) These can increase.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

- **Sunday, Sept 13:** Depart Miami (MIA) on our overnight flight to Spain.
- **Monday, Sept 14 (Arrival):** Land in Madrid, take the high-speed train to **Vigo**, and check into our hotel.
- **Tuesday, Sept 15 (Day 1 Walk):** Walk **9.3 miles** from Vigo to **Redondela**.
- **Wednesday, Sept 16 (Day 2 Walk):** Walk **12.4 miles** from Redondela to **Pontevedra**, crossing the historic Verdugo River.
- **Thursday, Sept 17 (Day 3 Walk):** Walk **13.6 miles** from Pontevedra to the thermal spa town of **Caldas de Reis** (*Group Dinner Included*).
- **Friday, Sept 18 (Day 4 Walk):** Walk **11.2 miles** from Caldas de Reis to **Padrón**, the legendary arrival site of Saint James (*Group Dinner Included*).
- **Saturday, Sept 19 (Day 5 Walk):** Walk **7.5 miles** from Padrón through pine forests to the quiet village of **Teo** (*Group Dinner Included*).
- **Sunday, Sept 20 (Day 6 Walk):** Walk **8.1 miles** from Teo for our grand entrance into **Santiago de Compostela**. Check into our historic hotel right next to the Cathedral for a 2-night stay.
- **Monday, Sept 21 (Rest Day):** A full free day to explore the historic winding streets, local markets, and culture of Santiago.
- **Tuesday, Sept 22 (Departure):** Catch a morning high-speed train back to Madrid to board our afternoon flight home to Miami.