

# WALKING THE CAMINO PORTUGUESE



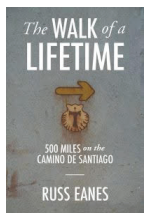
## APRIL 26-MAY 10, 2025



### LED BY RUSS AND JANE EANES

Russ Eanes is a writer, walker and cyclist from Harrisonburg, Virginia, a freelance publishing consultant and a travel coach and guide. His goal in living is to inspire others to more meaningful, peaceful and less consumptive lives.

At age 61, he spent 6 weeks walking 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago and found it life-changing. Writing *The Walk of a Lifetime* was as much of an adventure as walking the Camino de Santiago itself for Russ. Since he published it in late 2019, he has walked another pilgrimage route, the Way of St. Francis, in Italy.



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#### B-Breakfast

- \* Exact hotels and air will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.
- \*\* Please note that the sightseeing content may be amended or eliminated in order to facilitate the best arrangement for your group.
- \* Occasionally itinerary or flight changes happen outside of our control. We request your full cooperation on ensuring flexibility international group travel requires.

#### L-Lunch

#### D-Dinner

## ITINERARY

➔ **Day 1, Saturday, April 26: Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Porto** You may purchase group air with us or book your own airline ticket. Group air requires a minimum of 10 participants traveling together on all flights from a major gateway (Washington Dulles International Airport). With group air, we provide round-trip transfers from the airport to the hotel. Group air does not permit us to assign seats on the flights. If seat location is important, please book your own flights and purchase the "Land Only" package.

➔ **Day 2, Sunday, April 27: Arrive in Porto**

Join us for an optional two-hour guided walking tour of Porto, departing at 2PM from the hotel. This evening, we meet for orientation in the hotel lobby at 6PM. Dinner is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Porto.

➔ **Day 3, Monday, April 28: Porto - Wine and Villages of Northern Portugal**

Following breakfast, we have a full-day escorted excursion to wine estates and villages along the Duoro River. We return to Porto around 5 PM. This evening, we meet for a group dinner at the hotel. We also receive our Credentials (pilgrim passports) and scallop shells, evidence that we are actual pilgrims on our way to Santiago. Overnight in Porto. (B.D)

➔ **Day 4, Tuesday, April 29: Transport to Povoa de Varzim - walk to Esposende (24k)**

This morning, we check out of the hotel and take the metro to Povao de Varazim (tickets are provided) from where we start our walk. This is a delightful day along the wild and beautiful coast, much of it on a wooden boardwalk. Our luggage will be transported for us daily to the hotel where we will be overnighing. Breakfast and dinner are included daily. Overnight in the Esposende area. (B.D)

➔ **Day 5, Wednesday, April 30: Esposende to Viana do Castelo (21 k)**

We turn inland today with undulating paths through small towns. Midway through the day, we cross the Rio Neiva and climb up to the historic Igreja Santiago de Castelo Neiva, which has an inscription from the ninth century dedicating the church to Sant Iago. rom there, we descend through more hill towns until we reach Anha. At this point, there is an option to walk to Viana de Castelo (5k) or take transport. Upon arrival, you may wish to take the funicular to the beautiful church Monte Santa Luzia at the top of the hill overlooking the city. Dinner and overnight in Viana do Castelo. (B.D)

➔ **Day 6, Thursday, May 1: Viana do Castelo to Ancora (19k)**

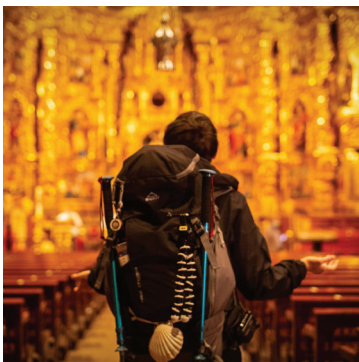
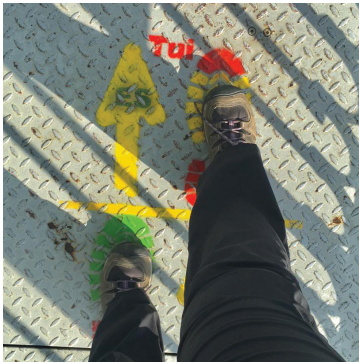
We depart Viano do Castelo after breakfast and walk inland for the morning until we reach Carreco at lunchtime. From here, we can take an option along the coast or continue inland to our destination for the day. Dinner and overnight in Vila Praia de Ancora. (B.D)

➔ **Day 7, Friday, May 2: Ancora to Caminha to Valenca/Tui (includes transport) (11 k)**

This is a short day of walking along the beautiful coastline to Caminha, which is at the mouth of the Minho, the river which separates Portugal from Spain. After lunching in Caminha, we take transport to Valenca. In the afternoon, take time to do laundry and/or explore the town inside the old walled fortress. Dinner and overnight in Valenca/Tui. (B.D)

➔ **Day 8, Saturday, May 3: Valenca/Tui to O Porrino (19k)**

Today we cross the Minho river into Spain and move our watches ahead one hour as we pass out of historic Tui and walk quiet country paths to O Porrino for dinner and overnight. (B.D)



### ➡ Day 9, Sunday, May 4: Porrino to Redondela (22k)

Today we make a gentle climb up to Mos along the ancient Roman Road, the XIX legion and pass an ancient Roman Milestone. Afterwards we begin a long descent into Redondela for dinner and overnight. (B.D) *Participants who wish to attend Sunday Mass will be provided with a schedule of local Mass services.*

### ➡ Day 10, Monday, May 5: Redondela to Pontevedra (15k)

Today we climb up above the Ria de Vigo and down along the estuary past Arcade. We gently climb more Roman roads until we make our final descent of the day, eventually following the Tomeza river into historic Pontevedra, a city with many landmarks for the pilgrimage to Santiago. Dinner and overnight in Pontevedra. (B.D)

### ➡ Day 11, Tuesday, May 6: Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis (21k).

Enjoy a beautiful day of walking into the historic Roman spa town, where we can soothe our tired legs in a geothermic pool or enjoy some time in a spa. (B.D)

### ➡ Day 12, Wednesday, May 7: Caldas de Reis to Padron (Iria Flavia) (20.2k)

Our next to last day takes us through the heart of Galician vineyards to historic Padron, said to be the place where Saint James' body arrived in Spain. (B.D)

### ➡ Day 13, Thursday, May 8: Padron (Iria de Flavia) to Santiago (24k)

Excitement builds as we gently ascend towards Santiago, while we simultaneously watch the kilometers descend until we reach our destination. We arrive in Santiago de Compostela, joyous that we have completed our journey, having reached our goal of standing in front of the Santiago Cathedral as thousands of pilgrims over thousands of years have done before us. We receive our Pilgrims' certificates, then celebrate with dinner and an overnight in Santiago. (B.D)

### ➡ Day 14, Friday, May 9: A day at leisure

Today we have a day at leisure in Santiago to hang out and watch other pilgrims walk into the city, explore the area, or just relax. You may wish to join the Friday evening "Pilgrim's Mass" at St. James Cathedral, during which the massive and impressive Botafumeiro, the symbol of the Cathedral and the city, may be swung. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (B.Special dinner)

### ➡ Day 15, Saturday, May 10: Return to USA

We say goodbye to our newfound friends as we are transferred to the airport for our flights home (B)

## COST BREAKDOWN

**LAND & AIR**  
**\$4995.00**

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**\$4195.00**

#### YOUR DESIRED & COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Professional guiding and cultural hosting by Russ Eanes, writer/walker/cyclist, and his wife Jane.
- Zoom meetings and assistance with detailed preparation for the trip on group and individual basis with Russ and Jane
- Training guidance and packing tips
- On-site storytelling and daily stage tips
- Round trip group airfare from Washington Dulles to Porto x Santiago to Washington Dulles (based on a minimum of 10 participants traveling together)
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Simple accommodations with private bathrooms along the Camino are based on two people per room. If you do not have a roommate, we are happy to match you up (conditional on another single traveler willing to share)
- 4-star hotels in Porto (2 nights) and Santiago (2 nights)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Dinners every night except the first night upon arrival in Porto

- Restaurant farewell dinner with wine in Santiago
- Round-trip airport transfers (for group air participants)
- Luggage transportation to each hotel
- Metro ticket, taxi service when necessary, funicular tickets
- Guided walking tour of Porto
- Full-day wine and village excursion from Porto with wine-tasting
- Village to Village Camino Portuguese Guidebook
- Option to purchase Trip Cancellation and Medical Travel Insurance

#### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Tipping / Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will provide for you with your final documents)
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Meals not specified in the inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Water while walking
- Airport transfers for land-only passengers unless at the airport at the same time as the group
- Airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling
- Excess luggage charges
- European Visa fees



## DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

**INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS:** A \$ 1000.00 per person deposit is required based on the schedule at the bottom of this proposal to proceed with individual reservations. The initial deposit must be received, along with a copy of the passenger's passport picture page and their completed electronic reservation, per the instructions on the back of the trip brochure. A generic registration form can also be downloaded from [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com)

The final payment is due 60 days before departure. An invoice due date reminder will be emailed approximately 90 days before departure.

A late payment fee of \$100.00 per person will be assessed for all payments and registrations received within 60 days of departure.

**Forms of payment:** Prices quoted are for check payment only. A \$50.00 service fee per returned check applies. International wire transfer payments must include an additional \$30.00 wire transfer fee. All payments within 14 days of departure must be by wire transfer or certified check.

**Credit cards:** Prices quoted are based on cash /check payment discounts. Credit Card prices are 4% higher for new reservations. Credit Card payments can be processed through Stripe.

Occasionally, certain hotels may require an additional deposit to hold the group space. We are unable to advance hotel deposits. You will be notified of the amount and the payment deadline as soon as the hotels inform us of their requirement.

## CANCELLATIONS

- Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$ 750.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure.
- For cancellations from 90-60 days before departure, a \$ 1000.00 cancellation fee will be assessed.
- Within 60 days before departure, all payments are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable.
- Insurance premiums are not refundable.

## STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and or the Centers for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and foreign governments may issue travel advisories, warnings, or health regulations for one or more of the destinations that this tour may be visiting. Select International Tours cannot change the cancellation terms based on issuing warnings, advisories, or the occurrence of an incident in one or more places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on the reservation form, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Trip cancellation insurance is the best protection against unpredictable travel occurrences.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION -TRIP INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 60 days before departure). Two options are available: Basic Policy, which protects in case of cancelation due to medical reasons only, or Cancel for Any Reason, which provides the ability to cancel for any reason. Please refer to our website for details on the cost and policy. Cancel for any Reason (CFAR) must be purchased when the deposit is made or within 14 days of registration. Insurance payment must be made with a deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

CFAR cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before departure. \*

Pre-existing conditions are included as long as coverage is added and paid for at the time of deposit and is not available to NY or Washington State residents.

All travel insurance information is on our website and each trip's registration page.

## MISCELLANEOUS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Land-only services start and end at the hotels unless the passengers arrive at the same time as the group.
- We do not block individual airline seats or certain assigned seat numbers.
- Frequent flier numbers should be provided by the passengers directly to the airlines at the airport. Select International does not process mileage requests as part of our service.
- A single supplement is available at the quoted cost and is limited to 10% of the group total.
- Requests for a roommate are accommodated whenever possible; however, Select International does not guarantee a roommate will be available. A single supplement will be assessed at the time of final payment if a roommate is matched and the pax declines to share.
- Should a passenger be required to stay in a single room due to the cancellation of their roommate, they could be subject to solo supplement charges. (Insurance may cover this cost if purchased)
- Passengers who require personal assistance due to health or mobility special needs must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance. We are to secure wheelchairs at the travel destination only with reservations but not unless reservations are made ahead.
- Deviations from the group air are possible with a \$150.00 deviation fee plus any additional airline or land charges.
- At least 10 paying participants are required to qualify for group air from any departure city.
- A \$ 15.00 per person shipping and handling fee will be added to each invoice should we be required to send documents to more than one central address.
- If the group meetings are scheduled at most three weeks before departure, we cannot guarantee the delivery of travel documents in time for the meeting.
- Baggage allowance on this trip is based on one checked-in suitcase up to 50 lbs and one small carry-on plus a private bag. Should the luggage exceed the baggage allowance and the airlines do not board the passengers or charge extra, additional costs will be assessed according to the circumstances. Any costs incurred with excess baggage are the responsibility of the passengers and must be settled on the spot.