



Alumni Travel



El Camino de Santiago: A Walking Tour In Northern Spain

with Richard Wright, Orvil E. Dryfoos Chair in Public Affairs
and Professor of Geography Emeritus

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

BEGIN a series of walks along the Camino in Roncesvalles, one of the main entrances to the famous pilgrimage trail, and end in Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as has been done for centuries.

ADMIRE awe-inspiring cathedrals and monasteries in Nájera, Burgos, León, and other pilgrimage cities along the way, and enjoy leisure time to explore Spain's lovely Galicia region.

EXPERIENCE midday Mass at the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the endpoint of your Camino journey, and witness the cathedral's famous *Botafumeiro* ritual.

GO behind the scenes of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that line the Camino, including the French Gothic-style Burgos Cathedral, with its opulent Renaissance *retablo* (devotional painting).

ENJOY private tours of two of only three Antoni Gaudí buildings outside of Catalonia, including his 19th-century interpretation of Gothic style, Casa Botines, in León.

JOURNEY Cape Finisterre, once considered the end of the Earth, to watch the sunset into the Atlantic Ocean.

HEAR Gregorian chants performed by the world-famous monks of the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, whose two-story cloister is considered a masterpiece of Romanesque art.

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Richard Wright is the Orvil E. Dryfoos Chair in Public Affairs and Professor of Geography Emeritus. He joined the Dartmouth faculty in 1985 and retired in 2022. Professor Wright chaired the Department of Geography for 10 years and served as Associate Dean of the Faculty for the Social Sciences in the early 2000s. He's received grant support from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the UK's Economic and Social Research Council. His research and teaching interests center on spatial demography, economic development, immigration, and refugees. The lectures he'll give during the program reflect some of these long-held interests. One will concern modern pilgrimages, tourism, and the local economy. Another will connect immigration to the changing demography of contemporary Spain.



Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends of Dartmouth,

For over a thousand years, the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain has drawn countless pilgrims from Europe and beyond. Both faithful travelers and secular wanderers have made the journey on foot to reach the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, believed to be the final resting place of St. James the Greater.

Join fellow Dartmouth alumni and friends for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage along this legendary route. Stroll through landscapes of wooded bluffs and flowered fields. In historic pilgrimage towns, go behind the scenes of treasures that emerged along the Camino over the centuries. Highlights include UNESCO-listed Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals and two of only three structures that the great architect Antoni Gaudí built outside of Catalonia.

On this active program, you will walk along the most interesting sections of the Camino, all in the company of expert guides. Enjoy the culture and hospitality of this unique area, including exquisite cuisine, regional wines, and splendid *paradores* (hotels). This journey concludes with Mass at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. In an unforgettable highlight, witness the traditional *Botafumeiro* incense-burning ceremony, in which an enormous, 120-pound thurible, suspended by a system of pulleys operated by eight men, swings through the cathedral.

Travel with the fascinating guidance of **Richard Wright**, the Orvil E. Dryfoos Chair in Public Affairs and Professor of Geography Emeritus. An esteemed member of Dartmouth faculty from 1985 until his retirement in 2022, Professor Wright will apply his years of research and expertise on ethnic and racial segregation in housing and labor markets, immigration, and refugees to the context of the Camino, religious migration, sustainable tourism, and the preservation of the region's historical heritage.

Daily walks along the Camino average three to four miles per day, with some rest days for some simple sightseeing off the trail. **To reserve your place on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure through northern Spain**, please contact our tour operator at Arrangements Abroad by calling 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944 or emailing trips@arrangementsabroad.com. We hope you will join us to experience one of the world's most magical places.



Warm regards from Hanover,

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explore the town, including its majestic namesake bridge, the Puente La Reina (the Queen's Bridge), with its seven semicircular arches, and enjoy lunch on your own.

Transfer to Estella to see the Palace of the Kings of Navarre, the region's sole civil Romanesque building. Stop at the 12th-century Church of San Pedro de la Rúa, Estella's oldest house of worship. Admire its cloister, whose sculptural ensemble is regarded as one of the most significant achievements in Navarrese Romanesque art. Continue to Laguardia, the historic capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region. The Hotel Villa de Laguardia, surrounded by lush vineyards, will be home for the next two nights. Dinner is at a local restaurant featuring regional cuisine and wines. B,D

Approximate walking distance: 4.5 kilometers / 2.75 miles.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18: DEPARTURE

Depart independently on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: MADRID, SPAIN / PAMPLONA

Upon your late-afternoon arrival in Pamplona, transfer to the Hotel Tres Reyes and check in for two nights. This evening, meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception. R

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: PAMPLONA / RONCESVALLES

Attend a morning lecture before enjoying a walking tour of Pamplona's Old Quarter. After lunch, drive to Roncesvalles, one of the main entrances to Spain for the Camino and a gateway to the Iberian Peninsula. Each traveler will receive a *credencial* (pilgrim passport) to mark their route. Return to Pamplona, where the afternoon is at leisure. You can follow the route of the Running of the Bulls to the 19,000-seat Plaza de Toros de Pamplona or stop at Café Iruna, frequented by Ernest Hemingway and celebrated in his novel *The Sun Also Rises*. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. B,D
Approximate walking distance: 6.5 kilometers / 4 miles.

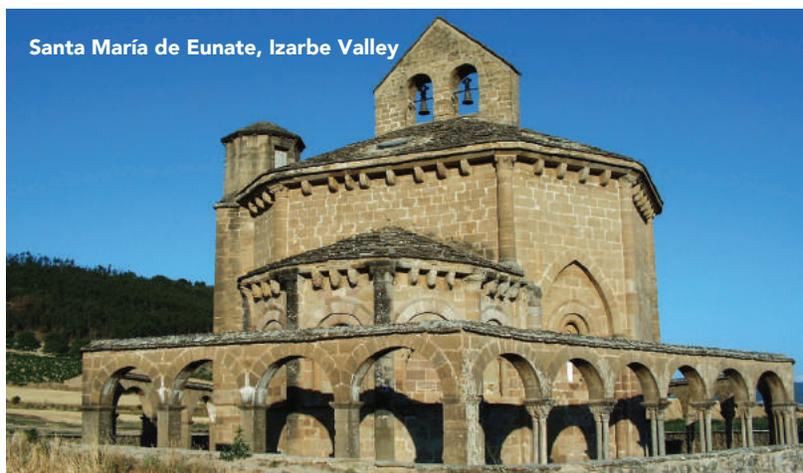
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21: PAMPLONA / MURUZÁBAL / PUENTE LA REINA / ESTELLA / LAGUARDIA

Travel by coach to the octagonal Church of Santa María de Eunate, a 12th-century Romanesque gem along the Camino, located in Muruzábal, a town in the Izarbe Valley. From there, walk a short distance on the Camino to Puente La Reina, a medieval town where the two main routes on the Pilgrim's Way converge. There will be time to

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: LAGUARDIA / LOGROÑO (Rest Day, with walking for sightseeing only)

Following a morning lecture, drive to the lively university city of Logroño to see its lovely Old Quarter. Amid its charming streets lies the venerable Church of San Bartolomé, an architectural relic from the 12th century adorned with intricate stone carvings. Once a fragment of the ancient city walls, the church's bell tower now serves as a vantage point, offering climbers panoramic vistas of Logroño's beauty. At the Co-Cathedral of Santa María de La Redonda, take a special look at *The Calvary*, a painting attributed to Michelangelo, and the carvings of Spanish Baroque sculptor Gregorio Fernández. Lunch is at Bodegas Baigorri, where Rioja Alavesa is produced.

Return to Laguardia and visit the late 12th-century Church of Santa María de los Reyes, which once was part of the town's fortress. Its sanctuary, a more recent addition from the 15th century, bears the hallmarks of Gothic,





Burgos

Renaissance, and even Baroque influences. Adorning the entrance is an intricate, polychrome portico, fashioned from carved stone in the 14th century, embellished in the 17th century with artful details intermingling human forms and botanical motifs. Stroll through the medieval streets of Laguardia, stopping in some of the numerous cellars to taste or buy some magnificent local wines. Back at the hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: LAGUARDIA / NÁJERA / AZOFRA / SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA / BURGOS

Depart for Nájera, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre, where you will visit the Monasterio de Santa María La Real de Nájera, the burial place of many of the kings, queens, and knights of Navarre. Established as a royal foundation by King García Sánchez III of Navarre and his consort Doña Estafanía de Foix in 1052 A.D., the monastery evolved into a pivotal pilgrimage destination. The tomb of Blanca Garcés, also known as Blanca of Navarre, is most remarkable.

Continue walking on the Camino to Azofra, then drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada for lunch and a visit to the cathedral and the 12th-century Pilgrims' Hospital, now a hostel for pilgrims situated among its network of medieval streets. Check into the Hotel NH Palacio de Burgos, our home for the next two nights. Dinner is at leisure. B,L
Approximate walking distance: 5.8 kilometers / 3.6 miles.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24: BURGOS

Join experts for a guided morning look at the sumptuous Burgos Cathedral, an enduring masterpiece of Gothic architecture recognized by UNESCO for its exceptional qualities. The cathedral's Gothic façade, dating back to the 12th century, ranks among Europe's most awe-inspiring architectural marvels. Admire its resplendent interior featuring myriad chapels, a cloister, appended structures, and 38 altarpieces, all created by numerous craftsmen over more than four centuries. The cathedral enshrines the remains of historical figures like El Cid and Saint Ferdinand.

Then transfer to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, which dates from the seventh century and is a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture. While there, experience a Gregorian chant performed by the world-famous monks of Silos. Afterwards, stroll along a delightful Camino path through an oak and pine forest leading to the peaceful valley of the Río Vena. Dinner is at leisure. B,L
Approximate walking distance: 6.1 kilometers / 3.8 miles.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: BURGOS / CALZADA DEL COTO / CALZADILLA DE LOS HERMANILLOS / LEÓN

Drive this morning to the little village of Calzada del Coto to begin a beautiful hike along this stretch of the Camino to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After a *tapas* buffet lunch at a popular pilgrim restaurant, continue to León, where you will check into the Parador de León and have an afternoon at leisure. Take a stroll and see the 14th-century Palacio del Conde Luna, the former seat of the Kingdom of León. The palace, distinguished by its 16th-century three-story Renaissance tower, underwent an extensive \$26 million restoration in 2009. Stop at the Casa de las Carnicerías, located in León's Barrio Húmedo neighborhood. This stunning 16th-century building, originally constructed for the butchers' guild, showcases remarkable Renaissance architecture and ornate carvings, and now serves as a cultural center and exhibition space. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own. B,L

Approximate walking distance: 8.7 kilometers / 5.4 miles.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: LEÓN

Start your day with a lecture, then follow the Camino within the walls of León. Here, discover Antonio Gaudí's neo-Gothic, late 19th-century palace Casa de Botines, one of only three buildings by Gaudí beyond Catalonia. (You will see another Gaudí creation tomorrow.) Inside, view its Gaudí exhibition as well as a collection of 19th- and 20th-century paintings from artists like Ramón Casas, Raimundo de Madrozo, Joaquín Sorolla, and Ignacio Pinazzo.

Visit the soaring 13th-century León Cathedral, an exquisite masterpiece of Gothic architecture, featuring nearly 2,000 square feet of stained glass, encompassing 130 church windows and three rose windows. These famed stained



León, photo by Javier Díaz Barrera

glass windows bathe the cathedral's interior in colorful luminosity, portraying biblical narratives, saints' lives, and intricate floral designs, making them some of the world's finest examples of this art form.

Then see the Basilica of San Isidoro, the most important Romanesque church of the Iberian Peninsula, featuring the Pantheon of Kings, known as the "Sistine Chapel of Romanesque Art." Lunch is at Racimo de Oro, a restaurant in the city's historic center that serves local specialties. The remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L
Approximate walking distance: 2.1 kilometers / 1.3 miles.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27: LEÓN / ASTORGA / PONFERRADA / VILAFRANCA DEL BIERZO

Today's journey on the Camino ventures into the glorious open countryside of the *páramo* (treeless grassland) with its rich red earth. Drive to Astorga, the crossroads of several major pilgrim routes. Admire Gaudí's Episcopal Palace of Astorga, a splendid Catalan Modernisme-style edifice he designed between 1889 and 1913. The architecture features curved lines, asymmetrical forms, and organic shapes. Before lunch, enjoy a look at Museo De Los Caminos, the palace's museum devoted to the pilgrimage, featuring a wide variety of religious art, Roman artifacts, and medieval tombs.

Continue to Ponferrada and its magnificent 12th-century Templar castle, which towers over the historic quarter of the town and houses the Templars' Library. Stroll on the Camino as it winds within the medieval section of Ponferrada. Dinner and overnight are at the Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo. B,L,D
Approximate walking distance: 6.7 kilometers / 4.2 miles.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28: VILAFRANCA DEL BIERZO / MONTE DO GOZO / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / CAPE FINISTERRE

Experience the history of Villafranca del Bierzo, the final major stop on the Camino. View the town's significant monuments, including Plaza Mayor, Calle del Agua, and Los Marqueses Castle, before driving to Monte do Gozo for lunch. The spires of the magnificent Cathedral of



Episcopal Palace of Astorga, Astorga, photo by David Major

Santiago de Compostela will be visible as you join other pilgrims walking the last few miles of the Camino. Check into the San Francisco Hotel Monumento in the heart of Santiago de Compostela. Later, an optional excursion is arranged to "the end of the Earth" at Cape Finisterre, once thought to be the westernmost point on the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy the sunset from the cape with a glass of Cava before returning to Santiago de Compostela for an evening at leisure. B,L
Approximate walking distance: 4.7 kilometers / 2.9 miles.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Rest Day, with walking for sightseeing only)

A morning walking tour includes the highlights of this UNESCO-listed historic town, which is the final destination of the Camino. Complete the pilgrim experience at the majestic cathedral's noon Mass, you will witness the famous *Botafumeiro* ritual, in which a massive censer swings high above the cathedral's nave, operated by eight *tiraboleiros*. Crafted by goldsmith José Losada in 1851, the five-foot-tall, 120-pound golden *Botafumeiro* ranks among the largest censers globally. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Visit the Plaza del Obradoiro or Raxoi Palace, or stop at the city's food market. You can also enjoy *tapas* on Franco or Reiña Streets before gathering tonight for our farewell dinner. B, D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / MADRID / RETURN

Depart the hotel and transfer to the Santiago de Compostela airport early this morning for the flight home with a connection through Madrid. B

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Botafumeiro ritual, Santiago de Compostela

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL TRES REYES, PAMPLONA

This perfectly situated hotel near the historic center houses elegant and spacious rooms with modern amenities and complimentary Wi-Fi.

HOTEL VILLA DE LAGUARDIA, LAGUARDIA

This four-star property, nestled among vineyards in Rioja Alavesa, offers 84 rooms, a luxurious spa, and two top-notch restaurants serving up delectable gastronomic and wine experiences.

Hotel Villa de Laguardia, Laguardia



HOTEL NH PALACIO DE LA MERCED, BURGOS

Situated in the heart of Burgos near the UNESCO-protected cathedral, this hotel offers a harmonious blend of classic and contemporary design in its 110 spacious rooms within a splendid 16th- and 17th-century Gothic structure.

PARADOR DE LEÓN, LEÓN

Originally built in the 16th century to house the Military Order of Saint James, this magnificent property features stately function rooms, a spectacular cloister and chapter house, elegant guest rooms, a library, and a wonderful restaurant serving up beautifully prepared traditional cuisine.

Parador de León, León



PARADOR DE VILAFRANCA DEL BIERZO, VILAFRANCA DEL BIERZO

Discover this beautiful *parador* in the charming El Bierzo district, nestled among picturesque mountains and surrounded by cherry and fig trees, chestnuts, poplars, and small farms at the entrance of Villafranca del Bierzo.

SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL MONUMENTO, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

This four-star hotel is housed in a beautifully restored 18th-century building, offering a luxurious stay, exceptional dining, and convenient access to local attractions.



San Francisco Hotel Monumento, Santiago de Compostela

PROGRAM RATES

\$8,399 per person, double rate

\$9,599 single rate

RATES INCLUDE

- Eleven nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine with welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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