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**12 REASONS FOR VISITING SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**  
Spiritual Destination of Europe  
Galicia\_ Spain





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## SEEKING

### Beacon of Medieval Christendom

#### The Chosen Place

According to an ancient tradition, St. James, one of the twelve apostles, travelled to Hispania and came to Galicia, the end of the earth, to preach Christianity.

In the year 44 AD, he was executed in Jerusalem. Denied permission to bury him, his disciples sailed to Galicia and buried him there. His tomb was forgotten until the year 813 AD, when a bright light revealed his burial place.

After the discovery of his tomb, the Apostle was proclaimed the patron saint of the small Christian kingdom in the northwest Iberian Peninsula, providing Christendom with guidance and support, while Islam prospered in the centre and south of the Peninsula.

On that site a chapel was erected that, with the passing of time, became a monumental Cathedral. The place saw the birth and growth of a wonderful levitical city: Santiago de Compostela.





### Destination of a Thousand-Year-Old Route

The discovery of the tomb gave rise to a series of miracles and appearances, as well as numerous legends. Guided by the Milky Way, the itinerary marked in the sky, thousands of pilgrims began to come from distant parts of Europe. And

thus a network of roads gradually formed the so-called Way of St. James, which was accompanied by the construction of churches and monasteries, shelters, hostels and hospitals, as well as cities and markets.

In the 12th century, the Papacy granted the Full Jubilee of the Holy

Year, which made Santiago the third Holy City, after Jerusalem and Rome. Since then, every year that the Day of St. James, July 25th, falls on a Sunday, thousands of believers come on a pilgrimage to obtain forgiveness for all of their sins. There have been 118 Holy Years: the last one was 2004 and the following ones will be in 2010 and 2021.

An intangible channel of ideas, of propagation of faith, of trade relations and artistic and cultural exchanges, the Way was the spiritual route that built Europe and made Compostela a crossroads in medieval Christendom.

Due to its importance in the continent's history, the Way of St. James was declared the 'First European Cultural Itinerary' by the Council of Europe and a 'World Heritage City' by UNESCO.

Today, as in the past, its great richness continues to attract others. A route of spirituality, a road of faith, of companionship and of hospitality, a personal challenge or an artistic and cultural route—each person finds in it what he is looking for, and even more.



FINDING  
The Way

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### 3 BEING INSPIRED

#### World Heritage City



university monuments, and of stately mansions and small houses, with balconies overlooking narrow streets of stone featuring arcaded sections. The names of the streets recall the guilds and trades that used to fill them, as well as the old city gates.

The baroque style gave Santiago de Compostela its definitive essence. With its own personality, conditioned by the hardness of granite, it filled the churches and climbed up the façades of the Romanesque Cathedral, surrounding it with a series of magnificent squares, which stand out in Europe due to their monumentality.

The city's skyline, visible from its natural viewpoints, is dominated by the impressive Cathedral towers, church belfries, garden trees and the outlines of the surrounding hills.

A World Heritage Site, Santiago de Compostela is a charming, miraculously preserved city whose magic is enhanced after sunset, when its streets take on an amber hue.

#### A Fairy-Tale City

The city's medieval splendour is perceived in the atmosphere enshrouding it, which emanates from the Cathedral. The cityscape is a forest of stone full of religious and





### Europe's Richest Cathedral Complex

The complex of which the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela forms part is one of Europe's most interesting and richest. An entire universe of historical and artistic

elements, which require spending at least several hours to visit.

The Cathedral is the heart of the city. A baroque shell with a Romanesque heart that houses, in its crypt, the Apostle's remains, its most outstanding feature is the 'Pórtico



de la Gloria', the Romanesque style's most complete and complex sculptural work. Its 'Botafumeiro' is unique and spectacular—a giant censer that flies above the naves, propelled by 8 men, until it almost reaches the vault.

The Cathedral Museum contains extremely valuable sacred art, significant documents and important archaeological remains from Roman and medieval Santiago; it also features a visit to the Archbishop's Palace, a jewel of the civil Romanesque style. A tour of the Cathedral roofs, apart from its artistic interest, enables visitors to understand the city's structure and admire its beauty from high up.

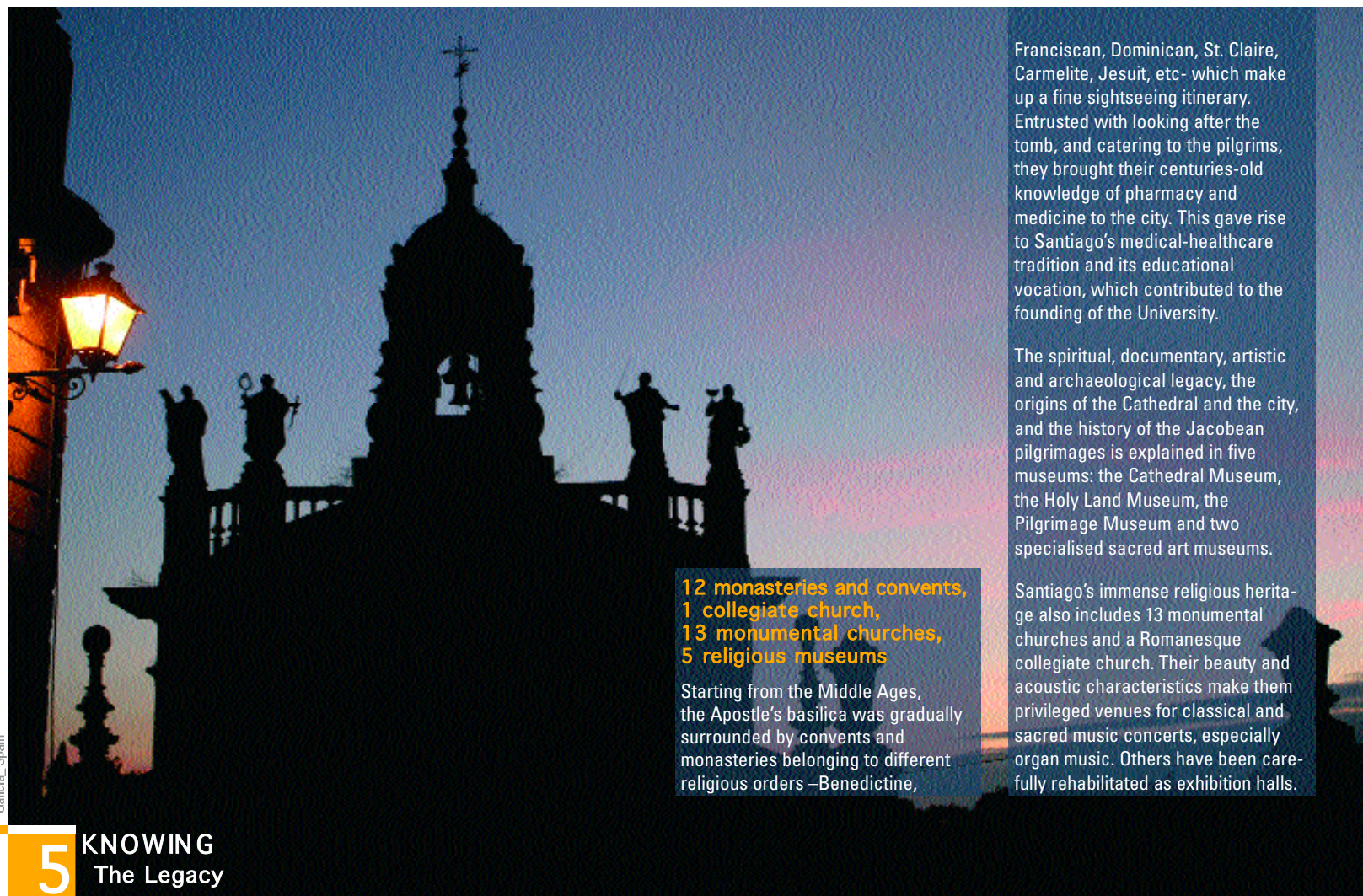
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UNDERSTANDING  
The Force of Religion

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**12 monasteries and convents,  
1 collegiate church,  
13 monumental churches,  
5 religious museums**

Starting from the Middle Ages, the Apostle's basilica was gradually surrounded by convents and monasteries belonging to different religious orders—Benedictine,

Franciscan, Dominican, St. Claire, Carmelite, Jesuit, etc- which make up a fine sightseeing itinerary. Entrusted with looking after the tomb, and catering to the pilgrims, they brought their centuries-old knowledge of pharmacy and medicine to the city. This gave rise to Santiago's medical-healthcare tradition and its educational vocation, which contributed to the founding of the University.

The spiritual, documentary, artistic and archaeological legacy, the origins of the Cathedral and the city, and the history of the Jacobean pilgrimages is explained in five museums: the Cathedral Museum, the Holy Land Museum, the Pilgrimage Museum and two specialised sacred art museums.

Santiago's immense religious heritage also includes 13 monumental churches and a Romanesque collegiate church. Their beauty and acoustic characteristics make them privileged venues for classical and sacred music concerts, especially organ music. Others have been carefully rehabilitated as exhibition halls.

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### KNOWING The Legacy





## FEELING 6 The Energy of the City

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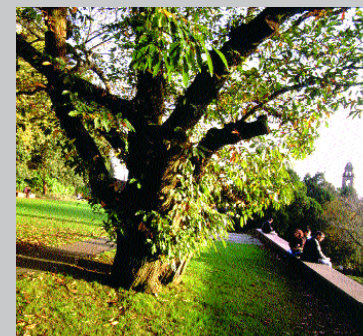
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### Wandering Around

Santiago de Compostela is a peaceful and safe city that is made for walking. Its urbanistic and environmental quality, its quantity of green spaces and its integration in the surrounding landscape have made it worthy of international recognition.

Two basic routes enable it to be enjoyed on foot. The first one tours the monumental centre, starting from the Cathedral and going around the streets and squares that have made Santiago a universal city. They are spaces full of life and possibilities that form part of the city inhabitants' everyday life.

The second goes around the historical centre via parks and gardens that feature privileged viewpoints and hide outstanding monuments –historical and contemporary- including buildings designed by international architects: Siza, Gallego, Grassi, Hejduk, Noguerol, Nouvel, Eisenman, López Coteló and others.



### A Lively, Young, University City

Created at the end of the middle Ages, the University of Santiago de Compostela attracts thousands of students, who mark the city's rhythm. Eternally young, the city's lively nature also stems from the continuous arrival of pilgrims of all ages and nationalities, who come to the city full of experiences from their journey along the Way.

## 7 EXPERIENCING Culture



### There Is Always Something Going On...

It can be difficult to choose. Among the city's museums, apart from the five related to religion, there are two avant-garde art museums, an ethnographic museum, a medical museum, a natural history museum, a jet (the city's magical stone) museum and one related to the University's Tuna musical group and the student memories that form part of urban myth. Exhibition halls in monumental spaces and art galleries complete the range of daytime cultural activities, while auditoriums and theatres colour the evenings.

The city's festival par excellence takes place in July, with the 'Apóstol' fiesta, which is accompanied by important classical, modern and ethnic music events. In August and September there is a highly varied and surprising programme in each corner, with small concerts and street shows. October is the month of puppets and the lied, while November focuses on independent cinema, with the very popular 'Cineuropa' festival. During the last month of the year, visitors can

enjoy the Christmas events and atmosphere, including the parade featuring the Three Wise Men at the beginning of January. February and March are months of theatre and dance, as well as the Carnival festivities. More than a week of religious services, sacred concerts and processions commemorate the Holy Week in April. In May, the 'Ascensión' festival, the city's second-most important, fills it with colour and music; this is also the month of book fairs in Santiago's city-centre park. In June, the most surprising public spaces are the setting of 'Curtocircuito', a short-film festival and competition, and 'En Pé de Pedra', a street dance festival.

Throughout the year, markets selling antiques, collector's items and crafts make up another of the city's attractions.



### Bars, clubs, cafeterias, pavement cafés

Santiago, a university city, is one of the Spanish cities with the best nightlife. Different styles coexist at night: jazz, Latin rhythms, discos and multi-session venues, modern clubs and others featuring a 'Celtic'

atmosphere and folk music. And there are also the Compostela classics: long-established bars, clubs and cafeterias that have always formed part of the city.

In the old town, almost all of the streets have one or more night establishments open seven days per

week, although they are busiest from Thursday to Saturday, when the streets are full of people going from one bar to another, exploring atmospheres. Housed in historical buildings, they reflect warmth and intimacy and are characterised by huge, old granite walls, Compostela's most typical material.

Many of the cafeterias, in addition to a great variety of coffees, serve real drinking chocolate, of great purity, which can be accompanied by the famous 'churros' (fritters) or varieties of local baking.







### In Galicia, Eating Is a Pleasure

Galician cuisine is exceptional due to the variety and quality of its produce, which is prepared in a very natural way in order to retain its freshness and its original aroma and flavour. The menus feature an extensive range of seafood and fish, regarding which 'pulpo á feira' (Galician-style octopus) is a must. Excellent meat, soups, stews and

legumes, a variety of pies and fine bread are other strong points, to which master chefs add their own imagination.

Completing the repertoire are famous wines –white and red- with a guarantee of Galician origin, eau-de-vies, and coffee and fruit liqueurs, exquisite soft cheeses and curds, and desserts that are likewise faithful to the value of their



ingredients: sponges and cakes, especially Santiago's typical almond cake, quince, chestnuts and sweet crepes, among others. Special mention should be made of 'queimada', the most spectacular spirit, which is flamed while a ritual spell is recited.

From selective restaurants – traditional and innovative- to bars that serve 'tapas' and portions, in Santiago there is a magnificent



representation of Galician catering, as well as the most important international culinary traditions.

In relation to baking, it is worth mentioning cookies and almond biscuits made by nuns, almond and meringue 'Caprichos', 'Croquiños' and 'Piedras' sweets, and chocolate for making drinking chocolate. And, of course, canned fish, seafood and algae.

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### ENJOYING Tradition of Hospitality



### Charming Accommodation

In the 12th century, Santiago de Compostela was already receiving between 200 and 500 thousand pilgrims per year from all over Europe, which confirms its long experience in accommodating visitors.

With an important number of beds in modern 4- and 5-star establishments, there is an extensive and varied range of hotels: from a 15th-century pilgrim hospital (one of the best hotels in Europe and part of the 'Paradores' network) to guesthouses and boarding houses. Two campsites, four pilgrim hostels,

a youth hostel, several rural tourism lodgings and a holiday resort complete the range.

Special mention should be made of the charming accommodation located throughout the old town in singular buildings that have been carefully rehabilitated.



### Crafts and Shopping

The number of handcrafted objects is extremely varied: from 'botafumeiros' (censers), to silver and jet (the city's magical stone) jewellery, reproductions of the typical Santiago Cross, Jacobean scallop shells, candles, images and religious objects, traditional ceramics, Sargadelos decorative china, Celtic charms, lucky 'figas' and bagpipes, Galicia's musical instrument par excellence.

And fashion, because Galicia is one of Spanish dressmaking's creative centres. Brands such as Adolfo Domínguez, Zara, Roberto Verino, Florentino, Purificación García and Antonio Pernas have boutiques all over Santiago. But this textile tradition is not new: fine lacework and linen fabrics are still made in the same way as in the past.



ENJOYING  
Tradition of Hospitality **9**





### Spiritual Places

Galicia, a legendary green region in Spain's north corner facing the ocean, is a land dotted with Romanesque and baroque churches, grandiose monasteries and introspective convents and thousand-year-old pilgrimages.

The most popular spiritual sites are located in places of great beauty and may be visited during day trips from Santiago:

**San Andrés de Teixido** \_ According to an ancient tradition, 'those who do not go to the sanctuary -very close to one of the highest cliffs in Europe- while alive, will go after death.'

**Fisterra – Muxía** \_ Finis Terrae, the end of the earth for the Romans, is also the mystical limit of the Way of St. James, which finishes at the Atlantic, on the rugged Costa da Morte. The pilgrimage to the Marian sanctuary of Muxía is related to the Jacobean tradition, to the Virgin, the patron saint of sailors, and to the ancient worship of a giant oscillating stone.

**Way of St. James** \_ From the 'pallozas' (thatched-roof dwellings) in O Cebreiro, at the entrance to Galicia, until reaching Santiago, the French Way runs through rolling landscapes, marked out by monasteries that played a decisive role in the Way's history and by towns that grew alongside it.

**Maritime-River Jacobean pilgrimage** \_ The catamarans' itinerary coincides with the route followed by the Apostle's disciples when they brought his remains upriver.

**Ribeira Sacra** \_ The name meaning 'Sacred Banks' comes from the number of Romanesque monasteries and chapels that chose this impressive place in the River Sil basin for their solitary prayers. The beauty and magnitude of its canyons make them Galicia's inland seas.

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DISCOVERING  
Galicia, Region at the End of Europe





### Land, Sea and Time

Galicia also has rural 'pazos' (manor houses) and traditional villages, modern cities with a Roman past and small medieval towns, and countless rural tourism lodgings scattered throughout its green landscape of old mountains, criss-crossed with infinite rivers, dotted with stone granaries and crosses, and of Celtic dolmens and settlements.

Sea-facing Galicia has a 1,200-km coastline with extensive and wild sandy areas, sheltered family beaches, fishing villages and rocky cliffs with a past full of shipwrecks, like the Costa da Morte (death coast).

A genuine region, with ancient traditions and a magical atmosphere, it also has nature reserves and activities in contact with nature: green and active tourism, water sports, golf and spas.

Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia, enjoys a strategic situation from which you can enjoy Galicia and the neighbouring Portugal by means of radial excursions.

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## 11 BELIEVING Moments of Devotion

### Santiago of Cathedral

Several religious services are held daily –more on feast days- in the **Cathedral**, which is open from 7.30 am to 9 pm.

All year round at 12 noon there is the **Pilgrim Mass**, so called because it is held especially for visitors, who participate closely in the religious service: accompanying priests may concelebrate and specific greetings are given to the groups. The number of pilgrims increases during Holy Years and on special feast days and celebrations.

The **Botafumeiro** censer, which usually functions during the pilgrim mass, may also be requested in advance by groups.

The **Choir Mass** is held daily at 9.30 am and in relation to **International Masses**, with their own parish priest, the Cathedral has several chapels available. **Confession**, which is heard in different languages on request, is available during the time the Cathedral is open.

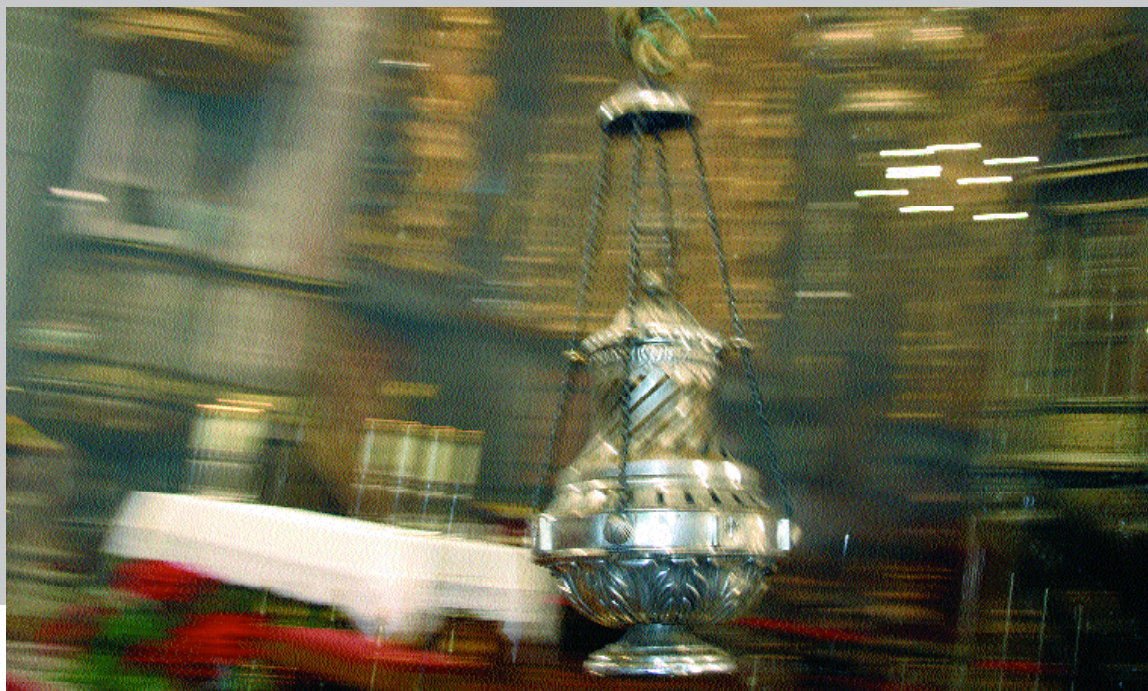
**Embracing the Figure of the Apostle,**  
Visiting the Tomb and the 'Pórtico de

la Gloria' may be carried out when the Cathedral is open, except during religious services.

**Visiting the Cathedral Roofs and Museum** can be carried out every day from Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm and from 4 pm to 8pm from Monday to Saturday.

### Spaces

Santiago de Compostela has specific places for religious groups for meditation, association and accommodation.







### Santiago de Compostela's Tourist Services

- 7 tourist information offices scattered throughout the city
- Travel agents with experience in receiving groups

- Professional tourist guides
- A variety of thematic tours adapted to groups
- Tourist brochures for self-guided routes (general and monographic): parks and gardens, contemporary architecture, etc
- Tourist transport: Bus and Train
- Citizen safety
- Tourist signs, which makes it impossible to get lost
- Radial excursions organised from Santiago
- 48 hours tourist card with discounts throughout the city
- More than 10,000 hotel beds and 355 restaurants
- Capacity for organising and receiving more than 200 annual congresses and meetings
- Website with all the tourist information and daily entertainment guide
- ...And capacity for advising you, wherever you are, in Galician, Spanish, Portuguese, English, French, German, Italian, Finnish, Swedish, Danish, Dutch, Czech and Japanese...

**RELAXING**  
Guarantee of Quality **12**





## BASIC DATA

### SPAIN

**Inhabitants:** 40 million

**Government:** constitutional monarchy

**Member of the European Union since:** 1986

**Currency:** euro

**Religion:** 90% Catholic

**Time Zone:** UTC + 1 h

### WAY OF St. JAMES

**Length of main routes:** the French Way runs for 772 km from Saint Jean de Pie de Port, and 846 km from Somport (French-Aragonese Way).

**Duration:** walkers usually complete the French Way in 30 days (20-25 km per day); cyclists, in 15 50-km stages.

**Accommodation:** there is a total of 115 hostels along the French Way, 52 of them in Galicia. Hostels are free for pilgrims travelling the Way by any of the recognised modes of transport (on foot, by bike, on horseback).

**The Compostela:** document certifying that the Way has been undertaken with Christian meaning, which is awarded to those who can justify having completed at least the last 100 km on foot or horseback, or the last 200 km by bike. To that end, there is a document or logbook that has to be stamped each day in the hostels or parishes that the pilgrim passes through.



### SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

**City inhabitants:** 93,381

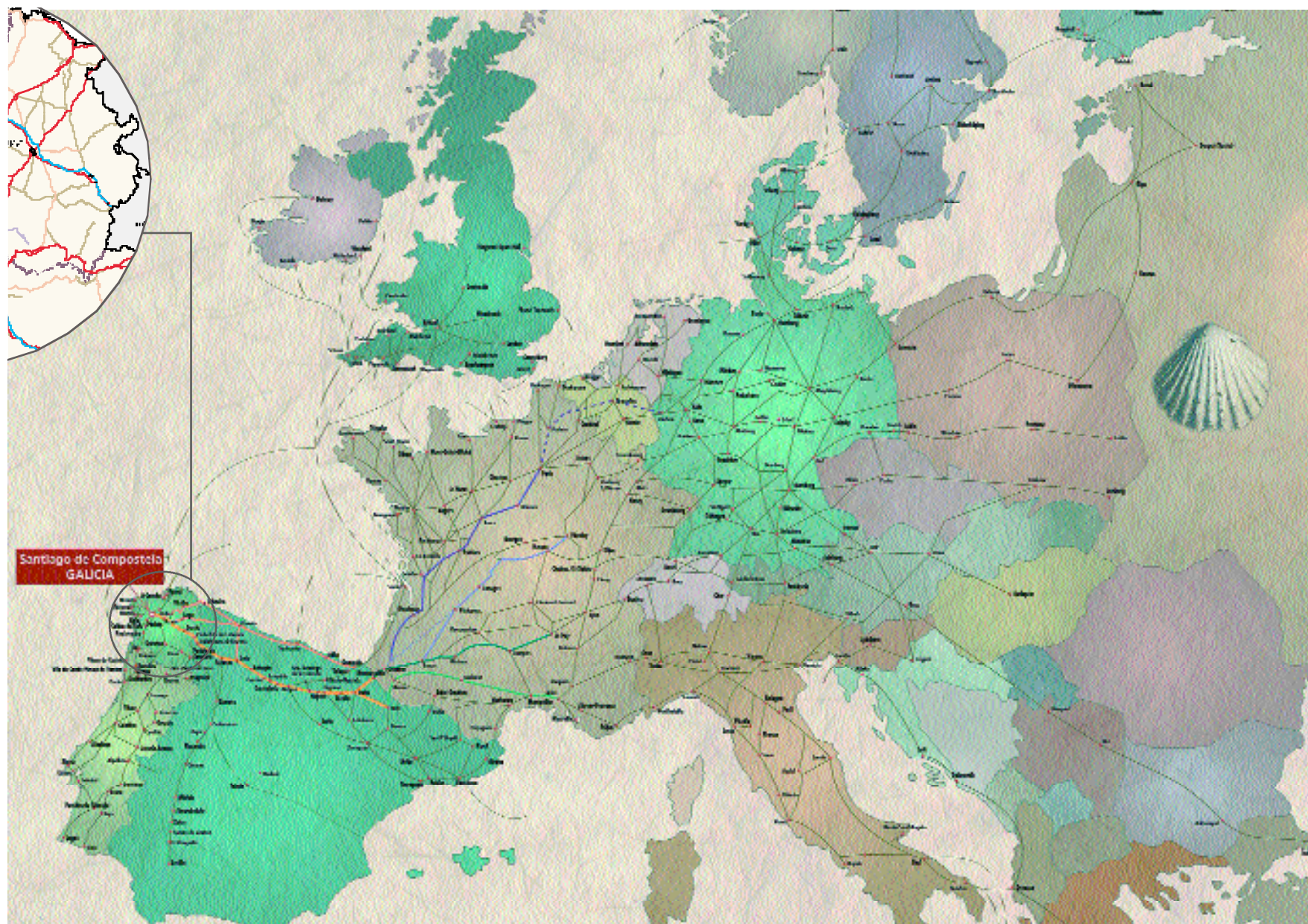
**Inhabitants of Santiago de Compostela's region, Galicia:** almost 3 million

**Languages:** Spanish and Galician (the regional language). Most young people also speak English.

**Distances by land (km):** Madrid\_599, Barcelona\_1,094, Bilbao\_569, Salamanca\_424, Toledo\_681, Avila\_539, Porto\_226, Fatima\_413, Lisbon\_530, Lourdes\_858, Paris\_1,482, London\_1,876, Milan\_1,880, Bern\_1,850, Brussels\_1,785, Amsterdam\_1,985, Berlin\_2,531, Vienna\_2,726, Prague\_2,508, Krakow\_3,029, Copenhagen\_2,686, Gothenburg\_2,992, Oslo\_2,889.

**Climate:** Oceanic temperate. There are mild temperatures all year round. The mean winter temperature is 8oC. The coldest months are January and February. In summer (May to September) the temperature is pleasant and oscillates between 20 and 27oC. The hottest months are July and August. There may be frequent rainfall in autumn, winter and spring.







**CONTACT****Turismo de Santiago de Compostela**

Rúa do Vilar, 63  
15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 555 129 (8-20 h.)

[info@SantiagoTurismo.com](mailto:info@SantiagoTurismo.com)  
[www.SantiagoTurismo.com](http://www.SantiagoTurismo.com)

Tourist information\_ Accommodation and availability information\_ 48 hours tourist card\_ Tourist transport: Bus and Train\_ Tourist brochures: self-guided routes of contemporary architecture, parks and gardens, museums, annual magazine, etc.\_ Compostela Visión: Excursions from Santiago\_ Website with all of the city's tourist information and daily entertainment guide.

**Santiago de Compostela Cathedral**

Praza da Inmaculada, 1  
15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel. Archbishopric: + 34 981 57 23 00  
Tel. Sacristy: +34 981 58 35 48  
(requests for concelebration during pilgrim mass and confessions in foreign languages)

[www.archicompostela.org](http://www.archicompostela.org)

**Pilgrim Reception Office**

Rúa do Vilar, 1  
15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 56 24 19 / + 34 981 58 35 48 (9-21 h.)

[oficina.peregrinos@planalfa.es](mailto:oficina.peregrinos@planalfa.es)  
[www.archicompostela.org/Peregrinos](http://www.archicompostela.org/Peregrinos)

Issuing of the Compostela, document certifying that the Way has been completed\_ Pilgrim information\_ Information regarding when the Botafumeiro censer functions and requests for masses featuring the Botafumeiro\_ Requests for greetings for groups during mass\_ Requests for cathedral chapels for international masses.

**Turismo de Galicia - Turgalicia**

Rúa do Vilar, 43  
15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 58 40 81

[www.turgalicia.es](http://www.turgalicia.es)

**Turismo de Galicia in Madrid - Turgalicia**

C/ Casado del Alisal, 8  
28014 Madrid  
Tel: + 91 595 42 68

**Way of St. James - Xacobeo**

Rúa do Vilar, 30-32  
15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 57 2004

[www.xacobeo.es](http://www.xacobeo.es)

**HOW TO GET THERE****Plane****Santiago de Compostela Airport**

Tel: +34 981 54 75 01

[www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es)

Direct daily flights to Barcelona, Madrid, Bilbao, Valencia and London and weekly flights to Malaga, Seville, Tenerife South, Palma de Majorca, Amsterdam, Zurich and Geneva. During the summer there are direct flights to South American countries. The airport is 10 km (15 min by car) from the city centre and a regular bus service connects it with different parts of the city throughout the day.

**Airlines:**

Air Europa\_ Tel: +34 902 401 501

[www.air-europa.com](http://www.air-europa.com)

Iberia\_ Tel: +34 902 400 500

[www.iberia.com](http://www.iberia.com)

Spanair\_ Tel: +34 902 13 14 15

[www.spanair.com](http://www.spanair.com)

Another three nearby airports make it easy to reach Santiago:

**A Coruña Airport** (60 km)\_ Flights to Barcelona, Madrid, Bilbao, Paris and Lisbon.

**Vigo Airport** (100 km)\_ Flights to Barcelona, Madrid, Paris, Seville, Valencia, Bilbao, Palma de Majorca and Tenerife South.

**Porto Airport** (226 km)\_ Flights to the main international destinations: Paris, London, Milan, Frankfurt, Zurich, Geneva, Amsterdam, Brussels, Luxemburg, etc.

**Train****Santiago de Compostela Train Station**

Tel: + 34 902 24 02 02

[www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)



Spain has an extensive railway network featuring fast and comfortable trains with some of the best prices in Europe. The national train company is called RENFE. Two direct daily trains connect Santiago de Compostela with Madrid, and one with Bilbao and Hendaya. Changing train once, there is a daily service to Barcelona and other national destinations, as well as Porto, Lisbon and Paris. The Transcantábrico is a panoramic train that travels through north and northwest Spain, known as the Green Spain, from San Sebastian, in the Basque Country, to Santiago de Compostela.

### Bus

#### Santiago de Compostela Bus Station

Tel: +34 981 54 24 16

Santiago de Compostela has a good network of long-distance coaches with regular services to points of interest in Galicia, Spanish cities and international destinations.

#### Bus Companies:

Enatcar Internacional (Intercar/Alsa + Dainco)\_  
Connections to: Madrid, Gijón, Bilbao, Irún, Zamora, Salamanca, Cáceres, Seville, Cadiz, Algeciras, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, France and Switzerland.  
Tel: + 34 902 42 22 42

[www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es)

Socitransa\_ Connections to: Belgium, Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland, Rumania and Portugal.

[www.socitransa.com](http://www.socitransa.com)

### Cruises and Boats

Since Santiago de Compostela is only 30 km from the coast, and being Galicia's greatest tourist attraction, several companies include a visit to the city on their itineraries, stopping over in the ports of A Coruña, Vigo and Vilagarcía de Arousa. In the case of private boats, Galicia has numerous marinas from which Santiago is easily reached.

## RECEPTION AGENCIES

#### Viajes Atlántico

Praza de Fonterrabía. 15702 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 56 90 30

[info@viajesatlantico.com](mailto:info@viajesatlantico.com)  
[www.viajesatlantico.com](http://www.viajesatlantico.com)

#### Viajes Viloría

Senra, 28. 15702 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 58 79 11

[santiago@viajesviloria.com](mailto:santiago@viajesviloria.com)  
[www.viajesviloria.com](http://www.viajesviloria.com)

#### Viajes Orbis

Edificio As Torres, 15. Cacheiras - 15886 Teo  
Tel: +34 981 58 50 59

[info@viajesorbis.com](mailto:info@viajesorbis.com)

#### Ultratur

Avda. de Figueroa, 6. 15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: +34 981 587 000

[santiago@vincit.es](mailto:santiago@vincit.es)  
[www.ultratur.com](http://www.ultratur.com)

## TOURIST GUIDES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Asociación Profesional de Guías (Profesional Tourist Guides Association)

Apto. 751. Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: +34 981 56 98 90

[guiasgalicia@ctv.es](mailto:guiasgalicia@ctv.es)

#### Secchi, S.L.

Galeras, 13 - 2º, ofic. 1. 15705 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 55 41 76

[administracion@turismosecchi.com](mailto:administracion@turismosecchi.com)  
[www.turismosecchi.com](http://www.turismosecchi.com)

#### Alayón

Madrid, 13 - bajo. 15703 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: + 34 981 56 01 35 / + 34 981 57 51 56

[lcastaneda@worldonline.es](mailto:lcastaneda@worldonline.es)

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

#### 'Juan Pablo II' European Pilgrimage and Youth Pastoral Centre

Pilgrim groups, youth meetings, spiritual exercises and retreats, residential weekends, congresses, etc. It has a dining hall-cafeteria, conference and meeting rooms, an outdoor auditorium, a camping area and chapel. Rúa das Estrelas, 80. Monte do Gozo (5 km from city centre) 15890 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: +34 981 59 72 22

#### Hostal La Salle

250 m from the Cathedral. 105 double, triple and individual rooms with en-suite bathroom. Special prices for groups and certified pilgrims. Assembly hall, audiovisual room, meeting halls for large (800 people) and small groups; a chapel. Large dining hall for 200 people and a small one for 50. Tras de Santa Clara, s/n. 15704 Santiago de Compostela  
Tel: +34 981 58 46 11 / +34 981 58 56 67

[hostallasalle@terra.es](mailto:hostallasalle@terra.es)  
[www.hostallasalle.com](http://www.hostallasalle.com)

#### Monastery of San Martiño Pinario – Major Seminary

Located beside the Cathedral. Functions as a boarding house only from July to September. 126 rooms, all with en-suite bathroom and shower. Special prices for groups.

Praza da Inmaculada. 15705 Santiago de Compostela.  
Reservations: Viajes Atlántico. Tel: + 34 981 57 28 80

[incoming@viajesatlantico.com](mailto:incoming@viajesatlantico.com)  
[www.viajesatlantico.com](http://www.viajesatlantico.com)

#### Casa de Ejercicios Espirituales

Located in the South University Campus beside the Pharmacy Faculty. Individual and double rooms with en-suite bathroom. Special prices for groups. Avenida José María Suárez Núñez, 6. 15705. Santiago de Compostela. Tel: +34 981 59 22 28. Fax: +34 981 59 28 94



## Pilgrim Hostels

### Minor Seminary

Between 60 and 300 beds, depending on the season  
Cardenal Quiroga Palacios (no number)  
Tel: +34 981 58 92 00

### Residencia Franciscanos

San Francisco (no number). Convento San Francisco.  
Tel: +34 981 58 19 52

### Monte do Gozo

On the Way of St. James, 5 km from the city. 500 beds.  
Tel: +34 981 55 89 42.

### Acuario

Private. 50 beds.  
Estocolmo, 2. Tel: +34 981 57 54 38

### Monte do Gozo Youth Hostel

On the Way of St. James, 5 km from the city.  
300 beds. Tel: +34 981 55 89 42.

## MUSEUMS

### Religious Museums

#### Cathedral Museum

Praza do Obradoiro  
Tel: +34 981 56 05 27  
Mon-Sat: 10–13:30 / 16–18:30 h. Sun and Public holidays: 10–13:30 h. Summer: Mon-Sat: 10–14 / 16–19:30 h. Sun and public holidays: 10–14 h. The tour of the cloister and its rooms, the 'Pórtico de la Gloria' crypt, the Relics Chapel, the Royal Pantheon, the Treasury, the Archbishop's Palace and the Tomb acquaints visitors with the history of the city and the sanctuary.

#### Pilgrimage Museum

Casa Gótica. San Miguel, 4.  
Tel: +34 981 58 15 58  
Tue-Fri: 10–20 h. Sat: 10:30–13:30 / 17–20 h. Sun:

10:30–13:30 h. The importance of the pilgrimages and the worship of St. James is reflected in collections of painting, sculpture, travel books, garments, and gold and silver articles.

[www.mdperegrinacions.com](http://www.mdperegrinacions.com)

#### Holy Land Museum

Convento de San Francisco  
Tel: +34 981 58 16 00  
Tue-Sun: 10:30–14 / 16–19 h. Permanent exhibition of pieces brought from the Holy Land, representing the Near East's material culture from the Palaeolithic period to the present.

#### Sacred Art Museum

Monastery of San Paio de Antealtares.  
Tel: +34 981 58 31 27.  
Open from April to December. Mon-Fri: 10:30–13:30 h. / 16–19 h. Sat: 11–14 h. / 16–19 h. Houses the cultural legacy of the Antealtares monastic community, founded in the 9th century as a result of the discovery of St. James' relics. It exhibits the Cathedral's original altar, sculpture, painting, gold and silver articles, liturgical ornaments and documents.

#### Collegiate Church of Sar Museum

Collegiate Church of Santa María la Real de Sar.  
Tel: +34 981 56 28 91. Mon-Sat: 10–13 / 16–19 h. Pieces of historical and documentary value, gold and silver articles, liturgical objects from Compostela's baroque period and archaeological remains from the old Romanesque cloister of this church from the 12th century.



## Other Museums

### Museo do Pobo Galego (Museum of the Galician People)

Convent of San Domingos de Bonaval.  
Tel: +34 981 58 36 20  
Tue-Sat: 10–14 / 16–20 h.  
Sun and public holidays: 11–14 h. Free entrance.  
Galician culture by means of rooms centred on the sea, traditional trades, the countryside, clothing and traditional architecture. Sections of Galician archaeology, painting and sculpture.  
[www.museodopobo.es](http://www.museodopobo.es)

### CGAC – Galician Contemporary Art Centre

Ramón María del Valle Inclán (no number).  
Tel: +34 981 54 66 19  
Tue-Sun: 11–20 h. Free entrance. Building designed by Álvaro Siza. Art from recent decades. Series of conferences, artist workshops, educational activities, library, book shop and documentation centre.  
[www.cgac.org](http://www.cgac.org)

### Museum of the Eugenio Granell Foundation

Pazo de Bendaña. Praza do Toural, s/n.  
Tel: +34 981 57 21 24 / +34 981 57 63 94  
Mon-Sat: 11–14 / 16–21 h.  
Sun: 11–14 h. Closed on Tuesdays.  
Paintings, sculpture and texts by the Galician surrealist Eugenio Granell, who associated with the movement's most important artists.  
[www.fundacion-granell.org](http://www.fundacion-granell.org)

### Casa da Troia

Troia, 5.  
Tel: +34 981 58 51 59  
Open from Easter until October. Tue-Sat: 11–14 / 16–20 h.  
Sun and public holidays: 11–14 h. A 19th-century student boarding house, immortalised by the writer Pérez Lugín in the novel of the same name. Exhibition of the history of the University's Tuna musical group.



**Luis Iglesias Natural History Museum**

Avda. das Ciencias (no number).

Campus Sur Universitario.

Tel: +34 981 56 31 00, extensión 14202.

Open all year (except August). Mon-Fri: 10–13 / 17–19 h.

More than 25,000 specimens of fauna, flora and minerals (some dating from the 19th century) make up this showcase of the natural world.

[www.usc.es/museohn](http://www.usc.es/museohn)

**Museo do Acibeche** (Jet Stone Museum)

Praza de Cervantes, 12 (ground floor).

Tel: +34 981 55 28 07

Every day from 10 to 14 h. and from 17 to 21 h.

Closed on Tuesdays. The history of jet, the city's typical stone, and its relationship with the pilgrimages, by means of Santiago shells, amulets, jewellery, and gold and silver articles.

**Medical Association Museum**

San Pedro de Mezonzo, 41

Tel.: +34 981 59 55 62

Mon–Fri: 9–15 h. Sat: 11–13 h. Closed in July and

August. Free entrance. Monographic museum centred on the evolution of Medicine in Santiago and Galicia, by means of an exhibition of old medical instruments.

**MAIN RELIGIOUS MONUMENTS****Monastery of San Martiño Pinarío**

Praza de la Inmaculada.

Tel: +34 981 583008. 10–14 h. Closed on Mondays.

Collections can be visited during the same hours and via the same entrance as the church. Permanent exhibition 'Galicia Dixital' and temporary exhibitions.

**Monastery of San Paio de Antealtares**

Vía Sacra, 4.

Church: 10:30–13:30 / 16–19 h. Closed on Sundays.

Houses the Sacred Art Museum.

**Colexio de Fonseca**

Praza de Fonseca.

Tel: +34 981 56 31 00, extension 11077.

Tue–Sat: 10–14 / 16–21 h. / Sun: 11–14 h.

**Hostal de los Reyes Católicos** (Former Royal Pilgrim Hospital)

Praza do Obradoiro.

Tel: +34 981 58 23 00. 10–13 / 16–19 h.

Interior may be visited accompanied by official guide.

**Church of San Domingos de Bonaval**

San Domingos de Bonaval.

Tel: +34 981 58 36 20

Mon–Fri: 10–13 / 16–20 h. / Sat: 10–13 / 16–19 h.

**Church of A Compañía or A Universidade**

Praza da Universidade

Tel: +34 981 56 31 00, extension 12682.

Tue–Sat: 11–14 / 17–20:30 h. / Sun: 11–14 h.

**Palace of Xelmírez**

Praza do Obradoiro

10–14 / 16–20 h.

**Collegiate Church of Sar**

Rúa do Sar (no number).

Church and museum:

10–13 / 16–19 h. Closed on Sundays.

**Convent of San Francisco**

Campiño de San Francisco, 3

10–13 / 17–20 h.

**Church of Santa María de Conxo**

Conxo

10–13:30 / 16–18:30 h. Closed on Sundays.

**Convent of Santa Clara Church**

Rúa de Santa Clara. 11–14 h.

Closed on Mondays.







## ROUTES AROUND THE CITY

### Tourist Bus and Train

Panoramic tours. Tel: + 34 981 555 129

[www.santiagoturismo.com](http://www.santiagoturismo.com). [info@santiagoturismo.com](mailto:info@santiagoturismo.com)

### Universidade Viva

Guided tour of university heritage. Holy Week, June to September: 11:30 and 17 h. Groups: all year round with prior booking.

Unitenda. Rúa Xelmírez, 2

15705 Santiago de Compostela

Tel: + 34 981 555 298

### Guided tours in Spanish from Praza de Platerías

Old town. From 16/10 to 31/3: at 12 h. From 1/4 to 15/10:

12 and 18 h. Tel: + 34 981 56 98 90

[guiasgalicia@ctv.es](mailto:guiasgalicia@ctv.es)

### Guided tour of Cathedral roofs

Cathedral's stone roofs and general view of city.

Every day from 10 to 14 h. and from 16 to 20 h. from Monday to Saturday.

Group bookings: + 34 981 55 29 85.

[edumuseocatedral@archicompostela.org](mailto:edumuseocatedral@archicompostela.org)

### Self-guided visits

Turismo de Santiago. Tel: + 34 981 555 129.

[info@SantiagoTurismo.com](mailto:info@SantiagoTurismo.com)

[www.SantiagoTurismo.com](http://www.SantiagoTurismo.com)

Monumental Quarter Inside the City Walls\_ Cathedral, monuments, streets and squares of old town.

Available in brochure.

Panoramic View Beyond the City Walls\_ A tour of the old town's surroundings: panoramic views, monuments and designer architecture. Available in brochure.

Parks and Gardens\_ A tour of the old town's surroundings through parks and gardens with panoramic views. Available in brochure.

Contemporary architecture\_ Architectures by international architects in the city. Available in brochure.

## EXCURSIONS FROM SANTIAGO

### Compostela Visión

Scheduled excursion service in coach all year round.

Tel.: + 34 902 25 40 40.

[www.compostelavision.com](http://www.compostelavision.com)

A Costa da Morte\_Finisterre

Rías Baixas\_Barbanza. Mythical landscapes

Rías Baixas\_Salnés. Fishing Villages

Portugal\_South Galicia

Rías Altas. The coastline of the Hercules Lighthouse

Lugo. The last Roman city

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Way of St. James

`Pazos` (manor houses) and historical gardens

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Customised excursions for groups of more than 25

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Scheduled excursion service from Santiago in coach from April to mid-October.

Praza de Fonterrabía

15702 Santiago de Compostela

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[info@viajesatlantico.com](mailto:info@viajesatlantico.com).

[www.viajesatlantico.com](http://www.viajesatlantico.com)

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Customised itineraries in people carrier (groups of up to 6), with professional guide.

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