Dear Friends.

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela by the French Way. This twelve (12) day journey through France into Spain will take us to beautiful, historic, and religiously significant locations that are sure to raise our hearts and minds to authentic and unexpected encounters with our God and so many Saints in these beautiful countries. Over the course of the pilgrimage, we will walk nearly seventy-five (75) miles as we enter this portion of the Camino, which makes it a truly unique experience. A pilgrimage is a microcosm of life, our journey towards heaven. Each of us will endeavor to make this pilgrimage for our own reasons, but what God will offer us on this journey will far surpass our own designs. I do hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to take a pilgrimage of faith in prayer, meditation, and community with us. As space is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

With the tenderness, compassion, and mercy of the loving Savior,

Fr. Dalton - frdalton@stphilipapostle.org

Your Pilgrimage Features

- Roundtrip air transportation from IAH to Madrid - Santiago de Compostela to IAH
- Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- Taxes, Fuel Surcharges
- Breakfast, and Dinner with Wine Daily
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- Daily Masses
- + Professional English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change including the hotels.
- + Land only price \$3,700
- + Single occupancy supplement \$700

Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking) Second Payment due - Jan. 16, 2025 50% Full balance due - Mar. 16, 2025

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until Dec. 27, 2025. Application forms are available at your local passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.



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DAY 1-USA/MADRID

Depart for our overnight in flight to Madrid, Spain. We are served dinner and breakfast aloft .

DAY 2- MADRID/AVILA

Upon arrival to Madrid, we meet with our tour escort and driver and drive to Avila. If the flight schedule will allow it, we will stop at the Real Monastery of St Lorenzo of Escorial for a visit. Check-in to accommodations in Avila. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - AVILA/SALAMANCA/LEON

Breakfast in hotel. We start our visit of Avila by entering the Convent of St.

Teresa, erected in the place she was born. We will continue to the Cathedral dedicated to San Salvador. The Ávila Cathedral is truly a cathedral-castle with battlements and sentry walks incorporated into the structure. Celebrate Mass at the Church of Santa Teresa. We will continue to Salamanca for a walking tour to visit the Old and New Cathedrals. At the end of the tour, we transfer to Leon. Check-in to accommodations. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 - LEON/O CEBREIRO/TRICASTELA

Breakfast in hotel. In the morning, we enjoy a visit of Leon and its magnificent Cathedral. The cathedral of Leon was built starting in 1205 by workers of French origin who brought the culture of the great Gothic cathedrals to Spain. It took two centuries to complete but since then its great and fragile beauty has enchanted the main square. The atmosphere and sensations when walking next to and inside it are strong, the smell of stone and incense which for centuries have perfumed the walls give a great sense of peace but also of mystery. Celebrate Holy Mass. Time for lunch and transfer to Cebreiro. Visit the Church of Santa Maria of O Cebreiro were a Eucharistic Miracle took place. We will continue to Triacastela. Check-in to accommodations. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 - TRIACASTELA/SAMOS/SARRIA (18,4 km)

Breakfast in hotel. Leave early in the morning for the first stage of the French route. From Triacastela, we take the route that passes through San Xil. We will stop in Samos where we will visit the magnificent Benedectine Monastery where we will celebrate Holy Mass. Then we will continue our walk up to Sarria. Check-in to accommodations. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 - SARRIA/PORTOMARIN - (22,4 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. We departure for the second stage of the French Way which will take us to our final destination in Santiago de Compostela. In this part, the Camino is a union between nature and art. Four km from Sarria, we will encounter one of the natural symbols of Galicia: the oak forest. After crossing the woods, the path winds through rural landscapes and small villages until the descent alongside the Rio Mino until arriving in Portomarin, the final stage of today's pilgrimage. Check-in to accommodations. Holy Mass. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 - PORTOMARIN/PALAS DEL REI - (25 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. We departure for the third stage of the French way. After leaving Portomarin, we proceed in the direction of Castromaior. The toponym of this village reminds us that a Roman Castro had his seat here. We proceed to Ventas de Naron where in the year 820 there was a heated battle between Roman and Muslim troops. We then proceed to Ligonde and Villar de Dona up to Palas del Rei which owes its name to a Royal Palace built nearby. Check-in to accommodations. Holy Mass. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 - PALAS DEL REI/ARZUA - (28,8 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. For the fourth stage of the French route. With this stage we enter the province of La Coruña, where we will find eucalyptus and pine forests, as well as various medieval bridges, such as that of Leboreiro or Furelos. Leaving Palas del rei behind us, we reach the Campos de Los Romeiros, a traditional meeting place where the groups spontaneously created along the way would reunite. We then continue to the Pambre Castle and then to Melide, the geographic center of Galicia, a crossroads of union with the Primitive Way and one of the jewels of civil architecture



of the French Way. Our pilgrimage continues to Arzua. Holy Mass. Check-in to accommodations. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 - ARZUA/ARCA - O PINO - (19,5 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. We depart for the fifth stage of the French route. We leave Arzua crossing the Rua do Carme and continue through a varied landscape that intersperses woods with small villages until we reach Arca, our destination. Check-in to accommodations. Holy Mass. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 10 - ARCA - O PINO/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - (22 Km)

Breakfast at the hotel. We depart for the last stage of the French route. We leave Arca and pass Eucalyptus forests and the towns of San Antonio and Ameral. We then continue with the climb to Monte do Gozo from where it will be possible to get a first view of the Cathedral towers from afar. On Mount Gozo, Pope John Paul II held a celebration with the young people during the World Youth Day of 1989. After 5 km of descent, we enter Santiago through the Porta do Camino and reach the squares of Cervatez and Acibecheria to arrive in Piazza del Obradoiro, our final destination of our pilgrimage. Accommodation at the San Martin Pinario. Pilgrim's Holy Mass at 7.00 pm. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Breakfast in the hotel. The morning will be dedicated to visiting Santiago, its squares and monuments. In the afternoon, transfer to Muxia to admire the Church of Santa Maria de la Barca. Then onto Finisterre where many pilgrims like to arrive after finishing the Camino de Santiago. Holy Mass. Dinner and Overnight at our accommodations.

DAY 12 - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA/USA

We enjoy breakfast. We transfer to Santiago airport in time to board the return flight to the USA with many beautiful and lasting memories in our hearts.

