

Best of the Portuguese Way (Portugal/Spain) – 13 days/12 nights

April 7-19; Private tours available for alternative dates.



From **3.900 €** per person (double-occupancy room; single-room supplement **400€**)

Tour Description

This 12-night hiking tour **begins in Porto and ends in Santiago**. My goal for this tour is to provide the full experience of being a pilgrim on **Portuguese way**—walking the **coastal and inland** trails—but without asking you to walk the less desirable sections, such as those with busy streets. You will also have the option of adding an exciting stretch that forms part of **Spiritual Camino**—a beautiful variant of the Portuguese Camino.

My other objective is to give you the chance to enjoy two countries—Portugal and Spain—through their **geographical, historical and cultural dimensions**. I have selected the sections you will walk with careful attention to the character the landscape (both coastal and inland), the characteristics of the trail itself, and the **sites of historical and cultural interest** along the Camino.

You will stay in cozy accommodations very close to the Camino—most of the time you will be able to walk to them. On two occasions (in Tui, Pontevedra), we will spend two nights at the same place to give you more time to rest and explore the town. Both towns have a great deal of history and beauty for you to discover. Pontevedra is also where you will have your optional rest day.

Finally—and very important to me—the traditional cuisine of these countries will be the highlight of your tour. I have selected menus that feature the best of each culinary tradition. [Explore the photo gallery](#).

Itinerary

The total mileage, including the optional 5-mile hike on the Spiritual Camino, is approximately **110 miles**. I have divided it into 11 sections with an **average of about 10 miles** to walk each day.

Day	Date	Section	Km	Miles	Overnight
Day 1	April 7	Porto			Porto
Day 2	April 8	Povoa – Apulia	16	10	Apulia
Day 3	April 9	Esposende – Neiva/Chafé	17.3	10.8	Viana
Day 4	April 10	Viana Cas – Vilapraia	18.3	11.4	Vilapraia
Day 5	April 11	Vilapraia – Camiña/Tui	10	6.3	Tui
Day 6	April 12	Tui – Porriño	20	12.5	Tui
Day 7	April 13	Vigo – Redondela/Cesantes	16	10	Cesantes
Day 8	April 14	Redondela/Cesant – Pontev	18	11.3	Pontevedra
Day 9	April 15	Day-Off/ Spiritual Camino	8	5	Pontevedra
Day 10	April 16	Pontevedra – Caldas de Reis	21	13.1	Caldas
Day 11	April 17	Caldas – San Miguel Valga	16	10.0	Padrón
Day 12	April 18	Picaraña – Santiago	18	11.3	Santiago
Day 13	April 19	End of the tour			

To avoid the outskirts of Porto, our Camino will begin in **Póvoa de Varzim**, a vibrant coastal town approximately 20 miles north of the city.

The first four stages of the Camino in Portugal follow the coast. After **Caminha**, we will head inland by walking along the shore of the **Miño River**, which is the border between Portugal and Spain. We will enter Spain by walking across the bridge that connects **Valença do Minho** with **Tui**. The two nights I have scheduled in this area will give you time to visit these two beautiful towns that flank the Miño.

From Tui onward, we will mainly follow the **Central Portuguese Camino**, with two exceptions. The first is the section between **Vigo and Redondela**, which is actually the last stretch of the **Coastal** Camino before it merges with the Central route. The second is on an extra day in **Pontevedra**, when you will have the option to walk *the Camiño da pedra e da auga*—considered the most beautiful part of the **Varainte Espiritual**. It is an alternative route of the Portuguese Camino goes through the hills and connects several important religious sites.

The **hikes are of low to moderate difficulty**, with a maximum elevation of 300 meters (about 1000 feet). The trail is mainly dirt, with a few sections paved or on asphalt, particularly as you approach Santiago.

Walks will always take place in the morning. The distance we walk each day (a maximum of 13 miles) can be shortened if the group needs or requests it, or if there are unpredictable circumstances such as adverse weather. In the afternoons, there will be optional activities such as visits to local museums, archaeological sites, and parks.

Tour price and services included

The individual price of the tour is **3.900 Euros**. Single room supplement is **400 Euros**.

Included:

- 12 nights' accommodation in comfortable hotels and inns (double room; single room + supplement)
- Guidance on all the trails and assistance during the whole tour
- Meals: all breakfasts, 7 dinners, water & snacks on all the hikes
- All transfers and excursions as detailed in a private 9-seater van*
- Entrances to museums and other optional experiences offered in the Tour
- Personal travel insurance covering the whole tour (16 days duration)

Not included:

- Flights and arrival/departure connections to the starting point of the tour
- Drinks, services or other items of a personal nature not specified in the tour details
- Baggage storage of luggage exceeding allowed dimensions

Booking and cancellation policy

To book your tour, contact me at piero@mydolomites.org. We will figure out together your best option and solve all your potential doubts before making any decision.

Booking & cancellation conditions:

- **500€** deposit at time of booking*
- Full payment due within **maximum 15 days after the confirmation of the tour**

Cancellation fees:

- Cancellations received **121 or more days** prior to starting date: **150€**
- Cancellations received **120 – 61 days** prior to starting date: **400€**
- Cancellations received **60 - 31 days** prior to starting date: **50% of tour price**
- Cancellations received in the **30 days** prior to starting date: **100% of tour price**

The tour is guaranteed with a **minimum of 4 participants**. You can ask for a **Private tour** with similar itinerary (length, itinerary and dates can be negotiates) on spring, summer and autumn dates.

***100% refund** of payments in case of cancellation of the tour



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