

Santarem to Coimbra



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This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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*There is a Camino for everyone! Photos are for inspiration and may differ from your selected itinerary.

LIZ F.



Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.

I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.

Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.

LARA K.



Wonderful all round experience

Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!

RANDY R.



Follow the Camino Frances

The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.

GRETA O.



Follow the Camino with an eighty year old

Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

ITINERARY



Stage 2 of 5



156.7km



8 days



Comfort



Moderate

Starting from

€899

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

12.8 min | 26.1km average | 33.7 max

Ascent:

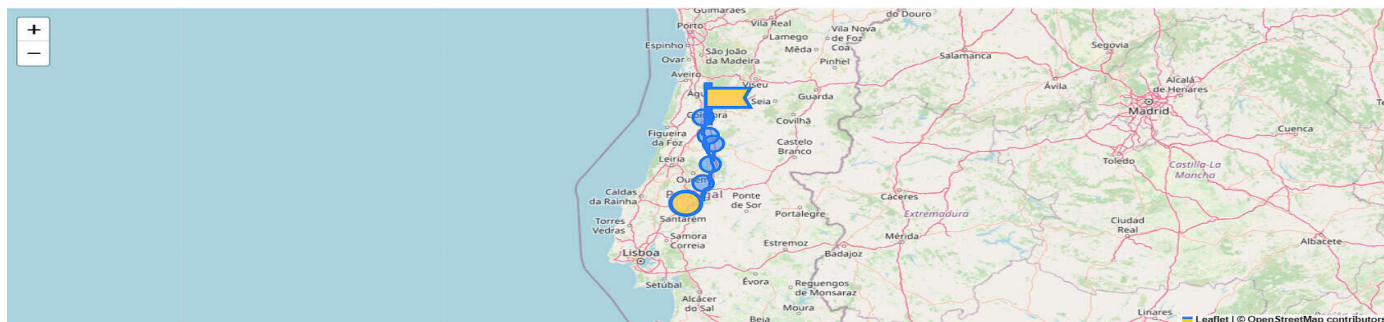
170.4 min | 399.7m average | 667.7 max

Cardio:

2 3.2 4

This second section of the Portuguese Way stretches between Santarem and Coimbra, through the province of Ribatejo – the only one in the whole of Portugal that does not border either the Atlantic Coast nor Spain. So this walking holiday explores the true heart of Portugal, a region of traditions and with cities full of history such as Santarem, Tomar or Coimbra. This part of the Camino Portugues is a treasure trove of culture waiting to be discovered!

Map



Services

Included in this package

- ✓ Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✓ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✓ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✓ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day
1
km

SANTAREM

The city of Santarem is perched on top of a hill, overlooking the Rio Tejo valley. Santarem is a small, historic city where visitors can wander around the winding streets and enjoy the relaxing Portuguese way of life. While you are in this charming town, take the time to visit the notable sights, including Old Castle of Santarém, the Church of Saint John of Alporão, Cabaças Tower, and the Fountain of the Fig Trees.

Day
2
33.7 km

SANTAREM -> GOLEGA

Leaving Santarem, we find ourselves walking along quiet country lanes as the Camino heads north-east, mostly following Rio Tejo. It passes through charming villages marked by the regional culture of campinos (cattle herders) and horse breeding life. This is a long walking day but the flat terrain makes it easy enough to complete.

Day
3
30.3 km

GOLEGA -> TOMAR

We start this day heading towards one of the country's nicest manor houses, Finca da Cardiga. Then, we continue through the quiet hilly countryside, passing through a few scattered villages. The day finishes on Praza de la Republica in Tomar, in the heart of the old city.

Day
4
32.3 km

TOMAR -> ALVAIAZERE

Today brings a change of terrain as we go up and down along several wooded valleys, Roman roads that remain in use to this day, and farm tracks. This day is often seen as challenging but it is also one of the most rewarding when completed of this whole section.

Day
5
12.8 km

ALVAIAZERE -> ANSIAO

Leaving Alvaiazere, we start with a steep climb up the hills surrounding the town followed by a steady descent. The Camino continues up and down through crop fields and olive groves and along the mediaeval route that brings us to your destination for the evening, Ansiao.

Day
6

30.4 km

ANSIAO -> CONDEIXA A NOVA

We leave Ansiao, crossing a 17th Century bridge (the Ponte da Cal) and heading towards Netos. From here, the landscape alternates between pine and eucalyptus woods, olive groves, and small rural towns. Towards the late afternoon, we finally make our way to Condeixa a Nova.

Day
7

17.1 km

CONDEIXA A NOVA -> COIMBRA

The first half of the day runs through the countryside with lovely vineyards, olive groves, and woodlands. As we approach the university city of Coimbra, the area becomes more populated and the last climb of this section is towards alto de Cruz de Mouros (with a total height of 190 metres) overlooking Coimbra and the Rio Mondego valley. Coimbra is a bustling, lively city, home of one of the oldest universities in Europe!

Day
8

km

COIMBRA

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. While you are here in one of the most appealing university cities in Europe, be sure to visit the Machado de Castro National Museum, University of Coimbra General Library, and the university's famous Botanical Gardens. Or, if you just want to soak in the city's atmosphere, sit outside a cafe and watch the world go by!

Elevation Chart



NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

Your Camino planner is here to help make your journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible!

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At Follow the Camino, we are re not just a tour operator; we are **passionate Camino enthusiasts** who have been guiding pilgrims **since 2007** As the first tour operator in Ireland to coordinate walks on the Camino de Santiago, we offer unrivaled expertise in designing **life-changing adventures**.

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