# A Gudina to Ourense





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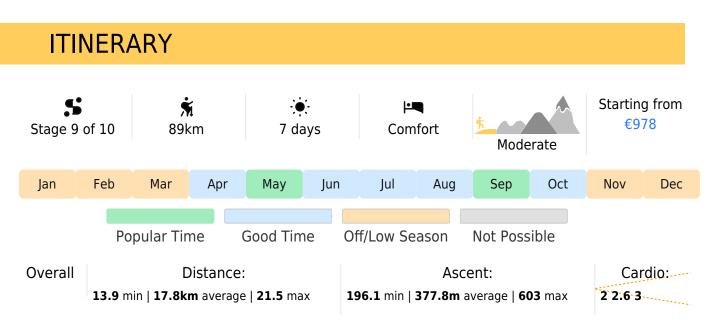
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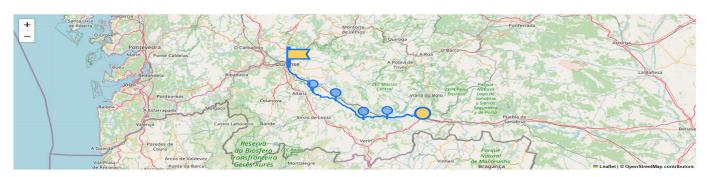
#### LARA K. LIZ F. Walking the french camino is one of Wonderful all round experience the best experiences of my life. Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time. walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded Follow the Camino planned my trip and my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!! was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure. RANDY R. GRETA O. $\star \star \star \star$ **Follow the Camino Frances** Follow the Camino with an eighty The Camino Frances was the best vacation year old experience l've ever had. Fitness, new friends, Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels and fantastic country. Highly recommended. included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

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Green and undulating landscapes, there is no doubt: you are in Galicia! The Way of Saint James crosses the south west edge of the Cordillera Cantabrica, through isolated villages and roaming cattle. It definitely offers some of the most stunning views of the whole Via de la Plata route!

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## Services

#### Included in this package

- ⊘ Bed & Breakfast
- ${igodot}$  Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- $\odot$  Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ⊘ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

#### Add-On

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

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



#### A GUDINA

A Gudina is a small town that seems to have two distinct identities, with its main street bordered by modern buildings where one has all the services one may need. On the other hand, a few metres away, the parallel back street seems more like an isolated rural village with its 17th Century Baroque church.



#### A GUDINA -> CAMPOBECERROS

When leaving A Gudina, we follow the wonderful scenic route that leads us to Campobecerros. We will also pass through remote Galician hamlets, often offering magnificent views over the mountains, such as Venda Teresa or Venda Capela. This is not an easy stage, but the views you get during the day are among the most enjoyable of the whole Via de la Plata. One of the highlights of the day is probably when the Camino overlooks the Las Portas Ddam, and soon after it, a steep descent brings you down to Campobecerros. From here, its just a short transfer to your hotel.



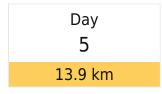
#### **CAMPOBECERROS** -> LAZA

We will arrange your transfer back from your hotel to Campobecerros. As you go up and down through the Galician mountains, once again the Via de la Plata route will surprise you with great views, passing through pretty hamlets such as Portocomba or the gorgeous As Eiras. Then, a shady paved road leads you down to Laza, offering spectacular views over the valley and the surrounding mountains. We will arrange a transfer from Laza to your hotel.



#### LAZA -> VILAR DE BARRIO

We will arrange the short transfer from your hotel back to Laza. The first few kilometres after Laza run through the valley, passing through Soutelo Verde and past its old church. Then, it is a long climb up through low pines and heather, until you reach Albergueria and its incredible stone balconies. Then you will start a gentle walk down on the other side of the mountain (much flatter, greener, and more populated) before reaching Vila de Barrio, a village located on a large plain at the foot of the mountains. From here, you will be transferred to your hotel.



#### VILAR DE BARRIO -> XUNQUEIRA DE AMBIA

We will arrange the short transfer from your hotel back to Vila de Barrio. Today, we leave the mountains behind us and spend the day walking through the plain, which has more farmlands and modern villages than those seen up in the mountains. From Bobadela, the scenery alternates between oak woods and open landscapes before we arrive in Xunqueira de Ambia with its 12th Century monastery.



#### **XUNQUEIRA DE AMBIA -> OURENSE**

When leaving Xunqueira de Ambia, we also leave the quietness of the isolated mountains behind. Indeed, as we walk towards Ourense, we come across many hamlets that merge one into another and as the Camino mostly follows the main national road, we also walk through a few industrial areas before reaching the final destination of this section: Ourense.



#### OURENSE

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. If you want to explore the town, the San Rosendo Monastery, an old church and cloister from the 17th Century, is a must. The Ponte Vella Bridge that crosses the Miño River is also a nice place for calm reflection.



## **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:


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