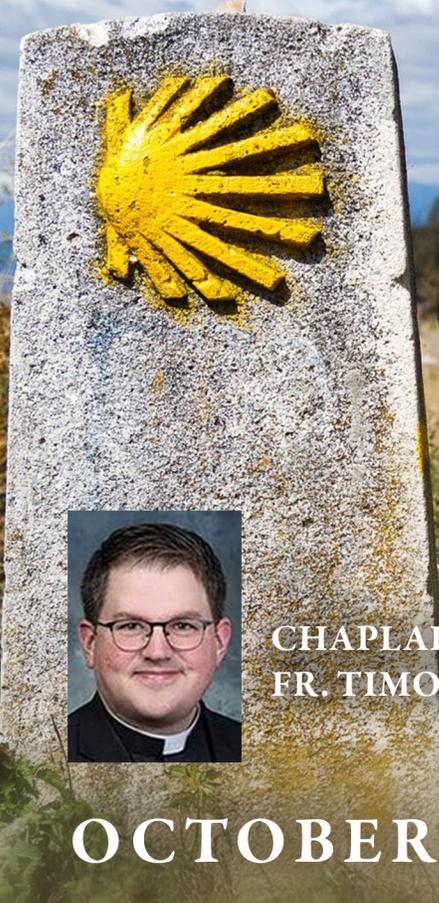




El Camino PILGRIMAGE

CAMINO FRANCES: FROM SARRIA TO SANTIAGO LAST 100KM



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Day 1: Depart for Spain

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart Chicago on your overnight flight(s) to Madrid, Spain.

Day 2: Arrival in Madrid

Arrive in Madrid and enjoy your first day in Spain. You can take a panoramic walk through the historic center, visit Catholic landmarks, or simply rest and prepare for the journey ahead. Overnight in Madrid. Welcome dinner included today.

Day 3: Madrid to Sarria

After breakfast, you will board a scenic train to Sarria, the gateway to the final 100+ kilometers of the Camino de Santiago, the minimum distance required to earn the Compostela certificate. In the afternoon, you can explore the medieval streets, visit the 13th-century Iglesia de Santa Mariña, and enjoy leisure time before starting your walk. Overnight in Sarria. Breakfast included dinner on your own.

Day 4: Sarria to Portomarín

Your Camino begins with shaded oak groves, quiet country roads, and charming hamlets. Along the way, you will see traditional Galician hórreos (granaries) and can visit the Romanesque church in Barbadelo. Your destination, Portomarín, is a rebuilt town – its historic center was moved stone-by-stone to higher ground when the Belesar Reservoir was created. You can visit the Church of San Nicolás, a fortress-like Romanesque gem. Overnight in Portomarín. Breakfast and dinner included today.

Day 5: Portomarín to Palas de Rei

You will cross the River Miño, Galicia's longest river, and climb toward the Serra de Ligonde. Along the way, you can stop in Gonzar, visit the Church of Santa María in Castromaior, and admire the Romanesque carvings in Eirexe – including Daniel among lions and Santiago Peregrino. Overnight in Palas de Rei. Breakfast and dinner included today.

Day 6: Palas de Rei to Melide

The path continues gently downhill through Casanova and Leboeiro, where you can see a charming 13th century church. Your day ends in Melide, famous for its pulperías serving pulpo a la gallega (Galician octopus), a Camino tradition. Overnight in Melide. Breakfast and dinner included today.

Day 7: Melide to Arzúa

Today you can follow a forest track past streams to Boente's Church of Santiago, continue through the medieval hamlet of Ribadiso, and arrive in Arzúa – known for its creamy local cheese (queso de Arzúa-Ulloa). You can also visit the churches of Santa María and A Magdalena. Overnight in Arzúa. Breakfast and dinner included today.

Day 8: Arzúa to O Pedrouzo (Rúa-O Pino)

This shaded section of the Camino passes the Chapel of Santa Irene, with its unique statue of Santiago. You will then arrive in Rúa-O Pino, a quiet stop before the final day. Overnight in Rúa-O Pino. Breakfast and dinner included today.

Day 9: Rúa-O Pino to Santiago de Compostela

Your walk passes Lavacolla, where pilgrims traditionally washed before entering Santiago. From Monte do Gozo ("Mount of Joy"), you will see the cathedral spires for the first time. Entering the UNESCO-listed old town, you can visit the Cathedral of Santiago, the resting place of St. James the Apostle. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela. Breakfast included dinner on your own.

Day 10: Santiago de Compostela

You can attend the Pilgrim's Mass at noon, possibly seeing the Botafumeiro in action. Take time to explore the Cathedral Museum, stroll the medieval streets, and enjoy Santiago's vibrant cafés and shops. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela. Breakfast included dinner on your own.

Day 11: Muxia

After breakfast this morning we depart Santiago de Compostela for a day trip to Muxía. We proceed to the Santuario da Virxe da Barca for a guided visit and time for prayer at this Marian shrine on the Atlantic coast. We briefly note the connection to the Camino story popularized in the film *The Way*, which makes Muxía a memorable "end-of-the-journey" setting for many pilgrims. Mass is celebrated followed by time for lunch. We depart Muxía mid-afternoon and return to Santiago in the early evening to freshen up for dinner. Overnight Santiago.

Day 12: Santiago to Madrid - Return home

After breakfast, you will take the train back to Madrid and connect with your return flight(s) home, bringing with you not only memories, but the grace and renewal of your pilgrimage.

Base Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ Roundtrip airfare from Chicago (ORD)
- ✓ 1 personal item, 1 carry-on
- ✓ 10 nights Hotel & Country cottage accommodations
- ✓ Luggage transfer on trail (* 1 x 20kg piece of luggage per person)
- ✓ Breakfast served daily, 6 dinners included
- ✓ Tips for restaurant & hotel staff
- ✓ Daily Mass & group devotions when gathered
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- ✓ Custom name & luggage tags
- ✓ Magnificat Prayer book
- ✓ Copy of *The Canterbury Tales*

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- ✓ Tour Director throughout



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