

[Excursion to Santiago de Compostela](#)

Santiago de Compostela, and the famous homonymous pilgrimage route, have been declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985. The Old Town of Santiago de Compostela is one of the most beautiful historical complexes in all of Spain.

The notoriety of Santiago de Compostela is since for over a millennium it has been, according to Christian tradition, the site of the mortal remains of James the Greater, apostle of Jesus.

It is essential to take a tour of squares, churches, parks, museums, and the odd surprise to discover one of the most interesting cities with monumental jewels in Spain. The great historical and cultural heritage that the city has, with narrow streets that populate its historic centre, hidden squares, and its many parks, will make the centre of Compostela unforgettable.

Description Tour

[Day 30 October](#)

09:00 Departure from the Hotel towards Santiago de Compostela. Arrival at the Juan XXIII Bus Parking at 10:30-10:45

A bilingual English/Spanish guide will be waiting for us to accompany us on the tour.

Visit to the impressive "*Plaza del Obradoiro*". In this square we will admire the beautiful west facade of the Cathedral of Santiago, which dates from the 18th century. We will also look at the architecture of the municipal headquarters, the "Palace of the Catholic Monarchs", a regal Plateresque-style building rehabilitated as a "Tourist Parador". The Rajoy Palace, seat of the Santiago town hall, and the *San Jerónimo* school, headquarters of the rectorate of the University of Santiago de Compostela.

We will visit the interior of the Cathedral and the Portico de la Gloria. The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, an emblem for Christianity, has a tomb attributed to the Apostle Santiago. The *botafumeiro*, a huge censer weighing more than 60 kilos. The "*Pórtico de la Gloria*". The work of Maestro Mateo and with representations of the Old and New Testament. We will be able to give a hug to the Apostle Santiago. We will go to have lunch at the San Martín Pinario Monastery.

After lunch we will visit the old town of Santiago, "Plaza Da Quintana", where the town of Santiago used to be entered. In it you will come across the Berenguela, the 75-meter-high tower that marks the limit of the constructions of Santiago, the Casa de la Conga, built as the residence of the canons of the cathedral, and the imposing wall of the monastery of San Paio of Antealtares. And "Plaza Platerías", where goldsmiths were found in the Middle Ages.

We will also tour the famous Rúa do Franco, from where the "Colegio de Fonseca" is located, which can be considered the first real building of the University of Santiago de Compostela, there is the

Chapel and the Fountain of the Apostle, miraculous waters that would have flowed, according to tradition, when the oxen passed they carried the remains of the Apostle towards his burial place.

The Rúa do Franco concentrates a large part of the gastronomic offer of the historic centre. One of the liveliest streets in the city and a paradise for lovers of good wine.

You will have some free time and around 19:30 / 20:00 we will pick you up again at the Juan XXIII Coach Parking to return to Ourense, stopping before at the Compostela Hotel in Santiago to drop off those who spend the night there.

Rate of the excursion per person: On Request

Includes:

- ❑ Roundtrip Coach Service Ourense - Santiago - Ourense
- ❑ Entrance visits to the *Portico de la Gloria*
- ❑ Lunch at the San Martín Pinario Monastery
- ❑ English/Spanish Guide Services

Menu:

- ❑ *Appetizers:*

Homemade croquettes - Traditional tuna empanada - Serrano ham on toasted bread with tomato

- ❑ *Main Course:*

Sirloin steak with Arzúa cheese - Dessert Chocolate cake

- ❑ *Drink:*

Mineral water - San Martín Pinario white wine - San Martín Pinario red wine - Coffees and infusions

The menu includes a bottle of wine each four people.

The rate of the Hotel Compostela, *category 4 Stars*:

Double standard room with breakfast included: **€uro 155,00 (for 2 people)**

Single standard with breakfast included: **€uro 130,00 (1 person)**

IMPORTANT:

Santiago de Compostela is a monumental city that receives many visitors at any time of the year, we recommend that you send us your reservation in advance of the excursion and the Hotel in case you decide to stay in Santiago and not return to Ourense at the end of the excursion.