

The **Southern Cross**

Jubilee Year Camino to Santiago de Compostela

Official 7-Day Camino

From Lugo to Santiago de Compostela

30 Sept to 9 Oct 2022

Led by Fr Chris Townsend



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What is the Camino de Compostela?

The Camino is a network of ancient pilgrimage paths through various European countryside, ending at the magnificent cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, which tradition holds is the burial site of the apostle St James the Greater who was martyred around 44AD and was the first apostle of Spain.

The route has been walked for centuries by thousands of pilgrims and is referred to as El Camino ("The Way").

The first pilgrims were recorded around 950 AD, and over the centuries, accommodation, churches, hospitals and roads and whole towns were built to cater for the growing number *peregrinos* (pilgrims).

In the past century this ancient route of Christian pilgrimage became popular also with people of other faiths and none, so nowadays you will meet fellow walkers from all over the world with different backgrounds and motivations.

The most popular route starts in the French Pyrenées and ends at Santiago de Compostela is known as the Camino Francés (the French Way). At more than 800km, it requires time, fitness and good boots. We take a shorter way to become officially certified Camino Peregrinos.



There are about 20 other routes in Spain alone. Our pilgrimage is known as the Camino Primitivo (The Simple Way) is particularly scenic. Beginning in the historic town of Lugo it takes through the heavily forested region of rural Galicia, where we can observe the Roman influence on Spain's roads and bridges.

With Fowler Tours, you will stay in comfortable hotels with private en-suites, and our luggage will be transported from one destination to the next.

We will be accompanied by Fr Chris Townsend, the well-known priest from Pretoria, who is available for spiritual guidance, talks and confession. We'll join in public Masses.



The Camino Jubilee 2021

The year 2021 is a Jubilee Year for the Camino. A Jubilee Year is celebrated in Santiago de Compostela whenever July 25, the feast day of St James, falls on a Sunday.

The tradition of the Holy Year in Santiago goes back to the 15th century.

St James the Greater was the disciple who went to Iberia to evangelise the people there. After a slow start, he succeeded, according to tradition thanks to an apparition of Our Lady in western city of Zaragoza.

The hermit Paio discovered the tomb of St James in the 820s. With the support of the king a sanctuary was created, and soon pilgrimages to the tomb flourished.

Pilgrims who walk to Santiago de Compostela during a Holy Year and pass through the Holy Door of the Santiago cathedral are forgiven all their sins through a plenary indulgence that was started by Pope Calixto II. It requires of Catholics to visit the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, say the Creed and/or the Lord's Prayer, and ask for the Pope's blessing, attend Mass, and receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion in the two weeks prior or



after the visit to the Cathedral.

The Holy Door will be opened on December 31.

Many extra events are put on for the pilgrims in the towns through which the routes pass, and in Compostela itself.

Days 1-2



Today we fly to Spain, landing in Santiago de Compostela. From there we are taken to Lugo, where we check into our hotel, have dinner and a good sleep to prepare for the first leg of our Camino.

Lugo



Camino walkers



Day 3: Lugo to San Roman da Retorta 18.2km



After breakfast, we put our luggage out to be transported to our next destination, while we put on our backpacks to tackle the first day of our amazing Camino journey, which take us through the old city of Lugo and then via the old Roman highway to the village of San Roman de Retorta, where the sight of the church will greet us. Here we check into our hotel and enjoy a much-earned dinner.

Day 4: San roman da retorta to Melide 28.6km



After breakfast, we set out on the longest leg of our Camino, to the town of Melide. It may be long, but it is also flat, and should take about seven hours. We go via the Roman Way through mostly rural areas, passing the villages of through Ferreira (look out for the small Roman bridge), As Seixas, Casacamiño, Vilouriz and Vilamor. Melide is a lively town, and the locals recommend you try the pulpo (calamari) and sweet pastries.

Melide



Shrine of St Irene



Day 5: Melide to Arzúa 14.2km



Today we will walk half as much as yesterday! At Melide our path joins up with that of the French Way, so after two quiet days, we now encounter greater numbers of fellow pilgrims. Our destination, Arzúa, is a pleasant town, whose municipality has more cows than people. Here the Northern Way of the Camino joins our path.

Day 6: Arzúa to Rúa 17.7km



Today's route takes us through beautiful rural scenery, walking among meadows, oaks and eucalyptus trees. This stretch is quite easy to walk, and we should do it in about five hours. Along the way we have a chance to stop at the Shrine of St Irene of Portugal near Pedrouzo.

Day 7: Rúa to Santiago de Compostela 20.8km



The final leg: One more walk, and we arrive at Santiago de Compostela. The first part of our walk takes us through rural landscapes and woodlands. At Lavacolla the pilgrims of old used to wash themselves for their arrival at the shrine of St James. From the Monte do Gozo hill glimpse the towers of the cathedral. As we get closer, we hit the asphalt and soon see the city of Santiago de Compostela. In the city, we collect our Camino Certificates by submitting our pilgrim passports which got stamped every day on our journey. Now it's time to thank God and celebrate.



Monte de Gozo



Santiago de Compostela

Day 8: Santiago de Compostela



Today we explore Santiago de Compostela, the place we have walked 100km to get to. On our guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site we will see the famous cathedral in detail, the monastery of San Martiño Pinario, and other sights. Then we say goodbye to Santiago, and make our way home...

Day 9: Back home



We land back home on 9 October, with tired feet but our spirits lifted!

And what if the Covid-19 crisis is still ongoing when we are supposed to travel? Should restrictions still apply, or expert advise against travel, we will postpone this pilgrimage until it is safe to travel.

How to book on this Camino

You can secure your place by making a deposit and filling in the booking form

Est. Price: R35,913 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations. Based on 28 travelling at R17,30 to the Euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in hotels (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, hotel taxes, transfers, transport of luggage between destinations, professionally-designed training plan, travel insurance.

Excludes: Tips (in hotels), visas, personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

Name of Account:	Fowler Tours
Bank:	Standard Bank
Account number:	07 307 535 3 (current account)
Branch code:	026509
Beneficiary Reference:	Camino 22 plus your name

A deposit of R4,800 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage.

Please no cash deposits

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RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

Enclosed is my NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of R4,800 per person (or R2,400 if booked before December) to secure my booking on the pilgrimage specified below. Payment is to be made to:

Account Name: Fowler Tours
Bank: Standard Bank
Account no: 07 307 5353
Branch code: 026509
Name of trip: Jubilee Camino 2022
Dates: 30 September to 9 October 2022
Cost: Estimated: 35,913 (subject to fluctuations, calculated on R17,30 to the Euro)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage? Fowler Tours SA Southern Cross Internet Other

1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: ____ Name (as it appears on your Passport)_____

Address: _____

_____ Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ ID Number: _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Medical/Dietary Conditions: _____

Preferred first and surname for Name Badge: _____

Sharing With: _____

Emergency Contact Person

Name: _____

Cell number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship: _____

2.) **PASSPORT** (required to travel)

- Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R 4,800 to book. The deposit is non-refundable. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.

4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

- 5.) I confirm that I am healthy, sufficiently fit and physically able to join this walking pilgrimage, and indemnify Fowler Tours SA, its promotional partners or its local organisers from any injury I may sustain, through accident or physical exertion, in the course of this walking tour.

Signature (required to confirm reservation): _____

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg
- Airport & border taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner in hotels as per bookings
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Transportation of luggage between destinations
- Travel insurance (up to age 69)
- Services of local tour operator
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Professionally-designed training plan

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:

Mandatory tips, portorage, private expenses excluded

PRICING TERMS: As per booking form

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued 60 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Fowler Tours offers to arrange travel insurance at the surcharge as per insurer rates..

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. **Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation. Fax copies not acceptable.**

VISAS: While Fowler Tours will advise you on visa requirements, obtaining visas is the sole responsibility of the traveller (unless specifically offered otherwise by Fowler Tours). **Fowler Tours is not liable for visa applications that are rejected or otherwise not obtained before departure, and in such cases cannot offer refunds.**

GROUP AIR: Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. **Seat Requests:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests. **SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.** Seat numbers will not be advised until check-in at the airport.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG: You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

ITINERARY: The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

TIPS: Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

ROOMS: Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special limiting medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

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