



THE CAMINO DEL NORTE AND CAMINO PRIMITIVO

To Santiago de Compostela and Finisterre from Irún or Oviedo

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This guidebook describes the Camino del Norte and Camino Primitivo pilgrim routes to Santiago do Compostela in northwest Spain. The Camino del Norte spans 820km, following the coast from Irún, on the French border, to Ribadeo, before cutting inland towards Santiago; the full route takes about five weeks to complete. The Camino Primitivo splits off from the Camino del Norte near Villaviciosa and passes through Oviedo and Lugo en route to Compostela. The route is 355km and takes roughly two weeks to walk. This book also includes an overview of a continuation route from Santiago to Finisterre.

Santiago de Compostela, whose cathedral houses the relics of St James, was one of three major centres of Catholic pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. In modern times the Caminos de Santiago have seen a resurgence in popularity, drawing walkers for all sorts of reasons. Passing through the Spanish regions of the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias, and Galicia, the northern caminos are popular enough to offer sufficient facilities, clear routes, and a community of pilgrims, without suffering the overcrowding of the Camino Frances.

The guidebook is broken into stages, most of which end in a town or village with a pilgrim albergue. It describes the route, along with indispensable information on facilities, food and lodging, 1:1000 scale maps of the route and town maps for key locations. With notes on preparation and planning, travel and equipment, a list of useful sources of information, and a glossary, the book provides all you need to know to walk the camino.

Key marketing points

- Over 31,000 people walk these two routes to Santiago each year
- Previous edition of this guidebook has been a consistent bestseller

About the author

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