TRAVELLING TO THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

For the Full Camino you would fly into either Paris or Barcelona or Lyon and connect to the starting point which is St Jean Pied de Port.

For trips starting in Pamplona, Logrono, Burgos, Leon or Sarria you would fly into Madrid.

For trips starting in Pamplona and Logrono, you could also fly into Barcelona.

For trips starting in Sarria you would fly into Madrid or Santiago.

For all trips finishing in Santiago you would depart from Santiago or Madrid.
Travel to St Jean Pied to Port:

From Paris:

**Charles de Gaulle Airport** - you can take the TVG high speed train from the station at terminal 2 to St Jean Pied de Port. The train goes to Bordeaux where you change trains for Bayonne and then change again at Bayonne for the short journey to St Jean Pied de Port. The journey takes between 6.5 – 8 hours depending on which train you catch and costs approximately 120€. Trains can be booked at [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)


**The train station** is underneath terminal 2 at Charles de Gaulle airport, and you can take the shuttle train, CDGVAL, from any terminal to get to terminal 2. You must go the TGV station and not the local rail network station.

**From central Paris** The train to St Jean Pied de Port leaves from Montparnasse station, trains from here go directly to Bayonne. Travel times, approximate costs and ticket booking as above.

**Fly to Biarritz** From Charles de Gaulle Airport you can fly directly to Biarritz with easyjet France. The journey takes approximately 1.5 hours. Flights are fairly busy and book up quickly so you need to book well in advance. See the link for flight frequency and times.

You can also fly to Biarritz from Paris Orly airport with Airfrance.

**Once in Biarritz**- take Bus No.1 from the airport to Bayonne train station to catch the train to St Jean Pied de Port. The bus journey takes 25 minutes and costs around 15€; buses leave the airport every 12 minutes.

Alternatively you can take a taxi from Biarritz airport to St Jean Pied de Port with the company Express Bouricott. This can be booked in advance through their website [http://www.expressbouricott.com](http://www.expressbouricott.com)

**From Biarritz:**

See above. Ryanair operate direct flights from the UK to Biarritz from Stansted airport. Easyjet fly from London Gatwick

**From Pamplona:**

**From Pamplona airport** take a taxi to the ALSA Bus station in central Pamplona a journey of about 11km. From here you have 2 options; you can either take the bus to Roncesvalles and then a taxi from there to St Jean
Pied de Port with Express Bouricott. In the summer months starting in June until September there is a bus directly to St Jean, buses only operate once a day at 1400hrs. The bus journey takes about an hour.

There are several websites for buses and apart from the ALSA website you can book online and pay by credit card for an e-ticket. The Movelia site allows you to book tickets throughout Spain with multiple operators.

http://www.alsa.es/ - This is the company that operates the direct bus to St Jean Pied de Port.
http://www.movelia.es

http://www.autobusesdenavarra.com/siv/internet/busquedas.jsp

During spring and winter months the most direct option would be to take a taxi from Pamplona airport. This can be expensive and it may be possible to find other pilgrims at the airport to share the taxi and costs with.

**Pamplona taxi firm:**
http://www.taxipamplona.com/index_en.html

The same company operates a share service for pilgrims going to St Jean de Pied Port
http://www.taxipamplona.com/comparte.php

**By Train** There is no direct train between Pamplona and St Jean Pied de Port. From Pamplona airport take a taxi to Pamplona train station. The train journey from here takes just under 7 hours and involves 3 changes:

*Pamplona to Irun* - 2hours 10 mins, 3 times a day. *Irun to Hendaye* - 6 mins, every 4 hours.

*Hendaye to Bayonne* - 36 mins, hourly. *Bayonne to St Jean Pied de Port* 1 hour 19 mins, every 4 hours.

Trains can be booked through the Spanish railway network [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) although an easier option is probably at [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com).

**By Private transfer** – RAW Travel can also organise a private transfer for you from Pamplona to St Jean Pied de Port. You will be met at the station or the airport.

From Bilbao:

**By train:** From the airport take a taxi to Bilbao Abando train station (24 km approximately 20 mins) from here the journey to St Jean Pied de Port takes just under 9 hours and involves 4 changes:


**By Bus** there are 2 buses a day from Bilbao to Bayonne. The bus company is [www.laburundesa.com](http://www.laburundesa.com)
The journey takes about 3 hours. From Bayonne take the train as above.
Alternatively you could take the bus to Pamplona and then follow the directions above from Pamplona. There are 6 buses a day and the journey takes around 2 hours.

From the UK Easyjet flies to Bilbao from London Stansted.

From San Sebastian:

By Train: From the airport take the bus to Irun or Hendaye. From Hendaye take the train to Bayonne and from Bayonne to St Jean de Pied Port (see under travel from Bilbao).

From Madrid:

The most direct way to St Jean Pied de Port from Madrid is to travel to Pamplona and then follow the directions from there to St Jean. (See under travel from Pamplona).

By Train Take the train from Madrid Atocha station. You can reach the station on the local cercenais railway line (from terminal 4 at the airport) and the nearest metro stop is a 10 min walk away. Journey time to Pamplona is 3 hours 15 mins and costs around 30e. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

By Bus Buses to Pamplona leave from Avenida de Americas bus station in the north-east of the city. It has its own metro station and there is a bus from the airport directly to there. The journey to Pamplona takes just under 5 hours and costs around 25e. [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

Flights Iberia flies directly to Pamplona from Madrid; the journey takes 55 mins and prices start around 125e.

From Barcelona:

By train Take the train to Pamplona and then follow the directions from there to St Jean Pied de Port (See under travel from Pamplona). Trains leave from the main station in Barcelona, Sants Station, and the journey takes around 4 hours and costs about 30e. There are usually 3 trains a day [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

An alternative route is to take the train from Sants station to Irun – 5 hour 33 mins, 3 x a day, and from there to Hendaye 6 mins – every 4 hours, from there follow the directions to Bayonne (under the Bilbao section).

By Bus buses from Barcelona to Pamplona operate 3 times a day from Barcelona Sants station and are run by Vibrasa, costs around 25e. The journey takes around 5 hours 30 mins and you need to change at Zaragos [http://www.vibrasa.es](http://www.vibrasa.es)
Flights from Barcelona you can fly to Pamplona, Bilbao or San Sebastian and follow the directions to St Jean Pied de Port under each of these sections. All these flights take around 1 hour. Flights are operated by Vueling and Iberia.

**Travel to and from Logrono**

**To and from Madrid:**

**By Train** From Madrid the journey takes around 4 hours. From Terminal 4 at Barajas airport take the local cercenais train to Atocha station. From there take the train to Zaragoza delcios and change there for Logrono. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** the bus leaves from Terminal 4 at Barajas airport and the journey to Logrono takes 3 hours 45 mins. There is a bus every 4 hours. [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

**Flights:** Iberia operates direct flights from Madrid to Logrono. The journey time is 50 mins.

**To and from Barcelona:**

**By train** The train from Barcelona leaves from Sants station and the journey takes around 4.5 hours [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** The bus leaves from Sants station to Logrono and the journey takes 5 hours 45 mins there are 2 buses a day [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

**To and from San Sebastian:**

**By Bus** The closest airport to Logrono is San Sebastian and the local bus from there to Logrono takes 2 hours 15 mins [http://www.autobusesdenavarra.com/siv/internet/internet.jsp](http://www.autobusesdenavarra.com/siv/internet/internet.jsp)

**To and from Bilbao:**

**By Bus** Bilbao airport is also close and the bus from there to Logrono takes 2 hours [http://www.termibus.es/index.php?idi=en](http://www.termibus.es/index.php?idi=en)

**To Burgos:**

**By Train** - The train journey takes 1 hour 53 minutes and leaves 3 times per day with Renfe

**By Bus** – The bus journey takes 1 hour 30 minutes and leaves once a day with Alsa
To Leon:

**By Bus** – The bus journey takes 4 hour 10 minutes and leaves once a day with Alsa

**By Train** - The train journey takes 4 hour 40 minutes and leaves twice a day with Renfe [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

To Sarria:

**By Bus** – The bus journey takes 10 hours and 20 minutes and leaves once a day with a change in Lugo

**By Train** - The train journey takes 9 hours and 23 minutes via Miranda de Ebro and Orense and leaves once a day with Renfe [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

To Santiago:

**By Bus** – The bus journey takes 12 hrs via the Northern Coastal route and leaves twice a day with Alsa

**By Train** - The train journey takes 10 hrs, 6 minutes via Miranda de Ebro and Orense and leaves once a day with Renfe [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**Travel to Burgos**

**From Madrid:**

**By Train** The train to Burgos leaves from Madrid Chamartin station. You can take to local cercenais train from terminal 4 at Barajas Airport to Chamartin station. The journey to Burgos Rosa de Lima station takes 2 hours 45 mins and costs around 40e. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** Buses to Burgos leave from Aviendra de Americas bus station in the north-east of the city. It has its own metro station and there is a bus from the airport directly to there. The journey to Burgos takes 2 hours 30 mins [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

**To and from Barcelona:**

**By train** The train from Barcelona leaves from Sants station and the journey takes 6 hours 20 mins. The train leaves every 4 hours [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** The bus leaves from Sants station to **Vitoria -Gastiez** (7 hours 15 mins twice daily). From there the bus to
Burgos takes 1 hour 50 mins – every 3 hours. [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

**Flights to / from Burgos** – Santander is the closest airport; buses operate from here with the ALSA bus company and the take 2.45 hours to Burgos [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

*Ryanair, Vueling and Iberia* operate internal flights to Burgos from Madrid and Barcelona

**From the UK** *Ryanair* fly to/from Santander from Stansted Airport

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**Travel from Burgos**

**To Leon:**

**By Bus** The bus takes 2 hrs and leaves 5 times per day [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**By train** The train takes just on 2 hours and there are 2 direct trains a day. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**To Sarria:**

**By Bus** The bus takes 6 hrs 15 min and leaves twice daily [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**By train** The train takes just on 5 hours 20 min and there is a change of trains at Monforte de lemos [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**To Santiago:**

**By Bus** The bus takes 8 hrs 40 min and leaves twice daily [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**By train** The train takes 7 hours 20 min and there are 2 direct trains a day. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

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**Travel to Leon**

**From Madrid:**

**By train** The train to Leon leaves from Madrid Chamartin station. You can take to local cercenais train from terminal 4 at Barajas Airport to Chamartin station. The journey to Leon takes 2 hour 43 mins. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)
**By Bus** From Madrid Barajas Airport terminal 4 take the bus to Astorga. The journey takes 4 hours 15 mins and there are 5 buses a day. From Astorga take the train to Leon, the journey takes 33 mins and the train leaves every 2 hours. [http://www.movelia.es](http://www.movelia.es)

**From Barcelona**

**By Train** The train leaves from Sants station; the journey takes 8 hours 22 mins and the trains leave every 4 hours [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**Flights** Iberia operate direct flights from Barcelona to Leon and the flight takes 1 hour 25 mins

The closest airport is Santander and the bus from there to Leon takes approximately 4 hours 30 mins [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**From the UK** Ryanair fly to/ from Santander from Stansted Airport

**Travel from Leon**

**To Sarria**

**By Bus** The bus takes 6 hrs 2 min and you have to change trains at Ponferrada and Lugo stations [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**By train** The train takes 3 hours 20 min and you have to change trains at Monforte de Lemos [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**To Santiago**

**By Bus** The bus takes 6 hrs 20 min and there is an hour transfer [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

**By train** The train takes 5 hours 10 min via Orense-Empalme and leaves every hour [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**Travel to Ponferrada**

**From Madrid**

**By Train** The train from Madrid to Ponferrada leaves from Chamartin station and travel via Leon: The journey takes 5 hrs. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** The bus takes 6 hrs 20 min and there is an hour transfer [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)
Travel to Sarria

From Santiago de Compostela:

The easiest way to reach Sarria is to fly into Santiago. *Ryanair, Iberia* and *Vueling* operate internal flights into Santiago from Madrid (1 hour 10 mins) and Barcelona (1 hour 40 mins).

*Ryanair* also fly from the UK, Stansted airport, to Santiago de Compostela

**By Private** transfer RAW Travel can organise a private transfer at a cost per vehicle

**By Bus** There is a bus from Santiago airport to Lugo and the journey takes around 2 hours. The buses depart approximately every 2 hours [http://www.empresafreire.com/](http://www.empresafreire.com/)

From Lugo the bus to Sarria leaves every 1.5 – 2 hours [http://www.monbus.es/index2.htm](http://www.monbus.es/index2.htm) or [http://alsa.es/](http://alsa.es/)

There is also a train from Lugo to Sarria with a journey time of 30 mins. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)

From Madrid:

**By train** The train to Sarria leaves from Madrid Chamartin station. You can take to local cercenais train from terminal 4 at Barajas Airport to Chamartin station. The journey to Sarria takes just under 8 hours and costs around 75€. From Madrid travel to *Palencia* (1 hour 38 mins train every 3 hours) From *Palencia* the train to Sarria takes 4 hours 58 mins (train every 3 hours) with a change at *Montefore de Lemos*. There is usually a transit time of 90 minutes at *Palencia*. There is also an option to take the overnight sleeper train to Sarria from Madrid. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

**By Bus** from Barajas Airport Terminal 4 to Lugo, journey time 7 hours, 5 buses a day. From Lugo: see above for bus and train information.

From Barcelona:

**By train** There is a train once a day from Barcelona Sants station and the journey takes 12 hours 25 mins. [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) or [http://www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com)

Alternatively, you can fly to A Coruna and RAW Travel can organise a private transfer from there (see below)

From A Coruna:

**By Private** transfer RAW Travel can organise a private transfer at a cost per vehicle

**Bus** the bus takes 20 hours with many changes - it is not a wise option.
Travel to O Cebreiro

By Bus The easiest way to O Cebreiro is to travel from Santiago de Compostela. See above information for travel to Santiago. The ALSA bus goes from Santiago to O Cebreiro (Piedrafita Do Cebreiro) and takes about 3 hours [http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/](http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa/)

By Train You can also take the train from Santiago to A Coruna (journey time 35 mins, hourly service) and then the bus from A Coruna to Piedrafita Do Cebreiro (journey time 2 hours, 5 buses a day). Bus link as above, train [http://www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)

Private transfer RAW Travel can organise a private transfer for you from most destinations.

Travel from Santiago de Compostela

Flights from Santiago

Ryan Air flies direct from Santiago to Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga and Valencia. They also have flights to London Stansted, Liverpool, Frankfurt and Rome.

Click Air flies Santiago to Barcelona.

Vueling fly direct to Paris

Aer Lingus fly directly to Dublin

Flights from A Coruna airport

Vueling flies direct to London Heathrow.

Tap air flies direct to Lisbon

Trains

The trains go from Santiago to Madrid twice a day; at 0900 and takes around 6 and a half hours or there is an overnight sleeper departing at 22.30 that takes around 9 hours.

For travel to Barcelona, take the train to Madrid and then the train to Barcelona Sants Station (2 hours 47 mins, hourly service).

For Travel to Pamplona take the train from Santiago to Ourense Emplane (1 hour 37, train every 4 hours), From Ourense Empalme the train to Pamplona takes 7 hours 45 mins and there is only one train a day.

For travel to Portugal, take the train from Santiago to Vigo – Guixar (1 hr 30 mins)
From Vigo – Guixar the train to Porto takes 2 hr 16 minutes and there is only one train per day.
Buses

The bus goes from Santiago to Santander and takes 7 hours 45 mins. There are 2 buses a day.

The bus to Madrid goes from Santiago to Mendez Alvaro and takes 8 hours and 45 mins; there are 4 buses a day. From Mendez Alvaro the train goes directly to terminal 4 at Madrid Barajas airport and takes 28 mins.

The bus to Porto goes from Santiago and takes 3 hrs and 20 minutes. There are 4 buses per day.

The bus to Finisterre goes from Santiago bus station to the waterfront and takes around 2 hrs and leaves 4-6 times per day.

For all bus and train websites see under travel from Santiago Compostela to Sarria.

The information in this document regarding times, frequency and approximate costs was correct at the time of collating. Be aware that this may vary according to season. For accurate information at the time of travel check the websites given for the appropriate journey.

Trains on Renfe can only be booked six weeks in advance and 90 days in advance on the French website SCNF. RAW Travel can book the Spanish train for you but do not book trains in France or Portugal.

We hope you find this guide useful in planning your journey and wish you **BUEN CAMINO!**

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