



TRAVEL TO THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

Camino starting in St Jean Pied de Port:

Best International Airports would be Paris (PAR) or Barcelona (BCN).

Camino starting in Pamplona or Logrono:

Best International Airports would be Barcelona (BCN) or Madrid (MAD)

Camino starting in Burgos, Leon, Sarria or Finisterre:

Best International Airport would be Madrid (MAD)

Camino ending in Santiago de Compostela:

Best Departure International Airport would be Madrid (MAD)

TRAVEL TO ST JEAN PIED DE PORT:

There are many ways you can travel to St Jean Pied de Port to begin your full length Camino adventure, here is some popular routes to help you in planning your adventure:

France: Paris

Charles de Gaulle Airport:

Train: If you want to bypass a stopover in Paris & get straight to St Jean Pied de Port you may be able to do-so dependent on your international flight arrival time. There are trains approx every 30mins from the 'Airport CDG T2 station' to 'Paris Montparnasse' (approx 55 mins). From 'Paris Montparnasse' you can take the TGV fast-train to 'Bayonne' (approx 5hrs) and then catch the local train on to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 1.5hrs). We recommend booking your TGV fast-train in advance, this can be done online at www.raileurope.com.

You can also catch the local bus from Bayonne to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 1hr), this usually departs hourly.

Flight: You can fly from Paris CDG to Biarritz direct (approx 1.5hrs) and then catch the local bus via Bayonne to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 2hrs).

**Note: you will need to walk from Bayona Mairie Station to Bayonne Station (approx 7mins walk)*

Central Paris:

Train: From 'Paris Montparnasse' you can take the TGV fast-train to 'Bayonne' (approx 5hrs) and then catch the local train on to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 1.5hrs). We recommend booking your TGV fast-train in advance, this can be done online at www.raileurope.com.

Bus: There is a local bus which you can take from 'Paris Centre - Bercy', with either FlixBus or Ouibus, this will be a good option if you are budget conscious, however it is a longer journey of approximately 11hrs.

France: Lyon

Train: From 'Lyon Part Dieu' station you can travel via 'Bordeaux-St-Jean' (approx 6hrs) to 'Bayonne' (approx 2hrs) to 'St Jean Pied de Port' (approx 1.5hrs).

Flight: You can fly from Lyon (LYS) to Biarritz (BIQ) (approx 1hr) and then catch the local bus via Bayonne to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 2hrs).

**Note: you will need to walk from Bayona Mairie Station to Bayonne Station (approx 7mins walk)*

Bus: There is a local bus which you can take, with either Eurolines or FlixBus, this will be a good option if you are budget conscious, however it is a longer journey of approximately 14hrs.

France: Biarritz

Bus: From Biarritz you can choose to take the local bus to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 1.5hrs) with Conda bus company.

Transfer: RAW Travel provide transfers for your convenience which can pick-up from Biarritz Airport of Biarritz Central, the journey takes approx 1hr & is run by our local operator Express Bouricott. This can be booked in advance through their website <http://www.expressbouricott.com>

France: Bayonne

Bus: From Bayonne you can choose to take the local bus to St Jean Pied de Port (approx 1hr) with Conda bus company.

Transfer: RAW Travel provide transfers for your convenience, the journey takes approx 1hr & is run by our local operator Express Bouricott. This can be booked in advance through their website <http://www.expressbouricott.com>

Spain: Pamplona

Transfer: RAW Travel provide transfers for your convenience, the journey takes approx 1.5hrs and is run by our local operator Caminofacil. Please contact your Camino Specialist for a quotation of this transfer service.

**Note: This journey is a very windy road and not recommended for those who get carsick.*

Spain: Bilbao

Bus: Bus is the best way to travel from Bilbao to St Jean Pied de Port, the journey takes approx 3-4hrs and is run by ALSA bus company via Bayonne.

**Note: you will need to walk from Bayona Mairie Station to Bayonne Station (approx 7mins walk)*

Spain: San Sebastian

Bus: Bus is the best way to travel from San Sebastian to St Jean Pied de Port, the journey takes approximately 3.5hrs and is run by multiple operators such as 'Conda' and 'Transportes Pesa' via Bayonne.

Spain: Madrid

The most direct way to get to St Jean Pied de Port from Madrid is to travel to Pamplona via bus, train or flight and then follow the directions from there (see Pamplona section above).

Spain: Barcelona

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TRAVEL TO LOGRONO:

Madrid:

Train: If you want to bypass a stopover in Madrid & get straight to Logrono you may be able to do-so dependent on your international flight arrival time. From Madrid 'Barajas Airport T4' you can take the metro train to 'Atocha' Station. From 'Atocha' you can take the train to Logrono, which will travel either direct or via 'Tudela de Navarra' or 'Zaragoza Delicias'. The journey will take approx 3.5-4hrs dependent on the route. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: You can catch the bus from either Barajas Airport or Madrid Central station to Logrono, the journey will take approx 4hrs and is run by ALSA.

Flight: You can fly to Logrono (RJL) from Madrid (MAD) with Iberia Airlines, the journey takes approx 50mins. You can book your flight in advance on www.iberia.com.

Barcelona:

Train: Train departs from 'Barcelona Sants' station and journey takes approx 4hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: The bus departs from 'Sants' station, journey taking approx 6hrs. You can book this bus direct on www.alsa.com.

San Sebastian:

Bus: Bus is the best way to travel from San Sebastian to Logrono, the journey takes approx 2hrs and usually departs twice daily. The bus company for this service is La Estellesa.

Bilbao:

Bus: The quickest way to travel to Logrono is by bus, the journey takes approx 1.5 and usually departs three times daily. The bus company for this service is Alsa.

TRAVEL TO BURGOS:

Flight: Santander (SDR) is the closest airport. Buses operate from here to Burgos and take approx 3hrs.

Madrid:

Bus: The quickest way to travel to Burgos is by bus, the journey takes approx 3hrs and usually departs hourly. The bus company for this service is Alsa.

Train: To catch the train to Burgos from Madrid you will need to depart from 'Madrid-Chamartin' station, the journey takes approx 2.5hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Barcelona:

Train: Train from 'Barcelona Sants' station to Burgos takes approx 6hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: Bus from Barcelona to Burgos takes approx 8-9hrs and is operated by ALSA.

TRAVEL TO LEON:

Closest Airports:

Leon (LEN) is Leon's Airport, you can fly here from Barcelona.

Oviedo (OVD) is an airport close-by to Leon, cities such as Madrid do not fly to Leon Airport, instead they will fly here. Buses run from here to Leon, journey taking approx 2.5hrs.

Madrid:

Flight: You can fly to Oviedo direct with Iberia Airlines, taking approx 1hr.

Train: You can catch the train from Madrid 'Puerta de Atocha' station to Leon, the journey takes approx 3.5hrs and generally departs twice daily. Or alternatively you can depart from Madrid 'Chamartin' station to Leon, taking approx 3 hrs and generally departing every 4hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: Travel by bus is a good option for this route, the bus would depart from 'Madrid Moncloa' station to Leon, taking approx 3.5hrs duration and generally departing 4 times daily. This service is operated by ALSA.

Barcelona:

Flight: You can fly to Leon direct with Iberia Airlines, taking approx 1.5hrs .

Train: Travel by train will take approx 8 hours and there are generally departures every 4hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: Bus travel is possible, via Becilla de Valeraduey, however the service is not regular, generally it departs 6 times per week, the journey taking approx 12hrs. This service is run by MonBus.

TRAVEL TO PONFERRADA:

Madrid:

Train: The train will depart from 'Madrid-Chamartin' to Ponferrada, approx 4.5hrs duration and generally departing twice daily.

TRAVEL TO SARRIA:

Closest Airports:

Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) or A Coruna (LCG)

Santiago de Compostela:

Train: To travel to Sarria by train you will need to travel either via Monforte de Lemos, A Coruna or Ourense-Empalme. Generally you will need to change trains in these places, and the total travel time is approx 3-4hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: There is a bus which travels from Santiago de Compostela to Sarria which takes approx 2.5hrs, however please be aware this is not a regular service, usually only departing 6 times per week and with many stops en-route.

Transfer: RAW Travel provide transfers for your convenience which can pick-up from Santiago Airport or Santiago Hotel. The journey takes approx 1-1.5hrs & is run by our local driver. To book this service please contact your Camino Specialist!

Madrid:

Train: Departing from 'Madrid-Chamartin' station, the journey takes approx 7-8hrs and generally runs three times a day. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: Departing from Madrid 'Estacion Sur' the bus will travel wither via Lugo or via Monforte de Lemos to Sarria. The journey will take approx 8-9hrs. It's important to note that the journey from Lugo or Monforte de Lemos to Sarria only departs 6 times per week, we recommend you check out timetable in advance to avoid issues. These buses are operated by ALSA & MonBus.

Barcelona:

Flight: From Barcelona you can either fly to Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) or A Coruna (LCG) Airport, both journeys would take the same duration of approx 1.5hrs. From both airports RAW Travel can arrange a private transfer for you, which takes approx 1-1.5hrs duration to get to Sarria. Please contact your Camino Specialist to book in this transfer if required.

Train: Train from Barcelona would travel via Monforte de Lemos, the trains generally depart at least 3 times per day, however it is a long journey of approx 12-13hrs. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

A Coruna:

Train: You can travel by train from A Coruna to Sarria, the journey takes approx 2.5hrs and generally runs 3 times per day. You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Bus: Travel by bus is also a good economical option, taking approx 2.5hrs, however please be aware that the departures are only 6 times per week so not regular.

TRAVEL TO O CEBREIRO

Private Transfer: RAW Travel provide transfers for your convenience, the journey takes approx 2hrs from Santiago de Compostela or 1.5hrs from A Coruna. Please contact your Camino Specialist to get a quotation for this service.

Madrid:

Bus: From 'Madrid - Estacion Sur' you can catch a bus to the closest station to O Cebreiro which is called 'Pedradita do Cebreiro'. The duration of this journey will be approx 5.5hrs and departures are generally 4 times per day. This service is operated by ALSA.

A Coruna:

Bus: It is quickest to get to O Cebreiro (Pedrafita di Cebreiro) from A Coruna, with a duration of approx 1.5-2hrs. Departures are generally 5 times per day. This service is operated by ALSA.

TRAVEL FROM SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Flights: From Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) you can fly to most major European cities as well as cities in the United Kingdom such as London, Manchester, Liverpool and Ireland; Dublin. There are a range of airlines which offer airfares from Santiago de Compostela.

Trains:

To Madrid: travel twice per day and take approx 5.5hrs.

To Barcelona: best to travel to Madrid & then on to Barcelona Sants, approx 8.5hrs all-up.

To Portugal: take the train to Vigo-Guixar (approx 1.5hrs), then on to Porto (Campanha) (approx 2.5hrs). Can also continue by train on to Lisbon 'Lisboa Santa Apolonia' (approx 3hrs).

You can book your train direct on www.renfe.com or www.raileurope.com.

Buses:

From the bus station in Santiago de Compostela you can travel to many cities in the Spain, buses are especially good for exploring the Galicia region. Some popular destinations to travel to by bus are :

To Porto (Portugal): Travels via Vigo, taking approx 3.5-4hrs.

To Finisterre: Departs 4-6 times per day, taking anywhere from 2-3.5hrs depending on the route.

The information on this document regarding times and frequency was correct at the time of collating. Please 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 can generally be booked 60-90 days in advance online or you can contact us to book these on your behalf. RAW Travel does not book trains in France*
- *Buses can generally be booked a month in advance online by you. RAW Travel does not book bus travel.*