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# **Deacon John Ripoll & St Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church**

## **Portuguese Way of St. James Camino Pilgrimage - Coastal Route**

### **September 13-22, 2026 - 10 Days**

#### **\$5,599 from Chicago**

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**Sunday, September 13 - DAY 1 – DEPART  
USA** – Today, we depart for our overnight  
flight to Madrid/Porto aboard a wide-  
bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies,  
dinner & breakfast while aloft.

**Monday, September 14 - DAY 2 - PORTO/  
BAIONA** – This morning, we arrive in Porto  
and are greeted by our Unitours Tour  
Manager as we transfer to our motorcoach  
for our drive to Biaona (or Bayona), the  
place where we begin our journey on the  
“Camino” following the ancient Portuguese  
Way of St. James, referred to locally as the  
“Coastal Route”. Upon arrival and check-in  
at our hotel, we have time to prepare for  
the walking pilgrimage and enjoy the  
delightful town of Biaona. If time permits,  
we visit the Santa Maria de Tui Cathedral, a  
13th-century church of enormous  
proportions and built and remodeled over  
the centuries, allowing it to represent  
Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque  
architectural elements! We celebrate our  
first pilgrims Mass while there. We enjoy  
our “welcome” dinner and overnight at our  
hotel.

**Tuesday, September 15 - DAY 3 –  
BAIONA/VIGO/Trek 1 (23 Km/14.3 Miles)**  
– Today, we walk along our route,  
concluding at our hotel for dinner and  
overnight. Our route follows the beaches of  
Nigran, which, pending weather conditions,  
gives us a great view of the islands that dot  
this coastline. We will have a prayer service  
before dinner at a local church or in a room

provided by the hotel. Overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday, September 16 - DAY 4 -  
VIGO/REDONDELA/Trek 2 (15 Km/9.3 Miles)**

– This morning, we walk along our route,  
concluding at our hotel for dinner and  
overnight. This route is shorter, so there is  
plenty of time to dip your feet in the ocean.  
We will have a prayer service before dinner at  
a local church or in a room provided by the  
hotel. Overnight at our hotel.

**Thursday, September 17 - Day 5 –  
REDONDELA/PONTEVEDRA/Trek 3 (20  
Km/12.4 Miles)**

– Today, we walk along our  
route, concluding at our hotel for dinner and  
overnight. We are back on the regular route of  
the Portuguese Way for the remainder of our  
Camino. We will have a prayer service before  
dinner at a local church or in a room provided  
by the hotel. Overnight at our hotel.

**Friday, September 18 DAY 6 –  
PONREVERDRA/CALDAS DE REI/Trek 4 (21  
Km/13.1 Miles)** - This morning, we walk along  
our route, concluding at our hotel for dinner  
and overnight. We travel through some nive  
National Park areas with the Barosa River and  
it’s many waterfalls. We conclude in this  
famous spa town , which is known locally for  
it’s thermal springs. We will have a prayer  
service before dinner at a local church or in a  
room provided by the hotel. Overnight at our  
hotel.

**Saturday, September 19 - DAY 7 - CALDAS DE  
REI/PADRON/Trek 5 (19 Km/11.8 Miles)** –

Today, we walk along our route, concluding at  
our hotel for dinner and overnight. Padron is  
known as the first town spotted by St. James

A support van will be provided in case  
anyone feels unwell or unable to continue  
walking throughout Days 3 through 8.



relic custodians as they neared Santiago. We will have a prayer service before dinner at a local church or in a room provided by the hotel. Overnight at our hotel.

**Sunday, September 20 - DAY 8 –PADRON/ SANTIAGO/Trek 6 (24.5 Km/15.2 Miles) -**

This morning, we get an early morning start as we walk along our route, which will start out very rural but will change to an urban landscape as we near our beloved Santiago. At the conclusion of our day, we arrive at the Pilgrim Office to get our Camino Passport certified. We conclude at our hotel for dinner and overnight. We celebrate Mass before dinner at a local church or in a room provided by the hotel.

**Monday, September 21 - St. Matthew - DAY 9 – SANTIAGO –**

Today, we enjoy an early morning Mass at the 11th-century Cathedral of Santiago, a masterwork of Romanesque art, followed by breakfast at our hotel. The world-famous Shrine of St. James (“Santiago” in Spanish). The Apostle James preached here for seven years before returning to the Holy Land, where he was martyred (beheaded) in 44A.D. The remainder of our relaxing day includes a bus trip to the lovely coastal towns of Muxia, Finisterre, and Muros. We enjoy lunch on our own before we return to Santiago for our “farewell” dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at our hotel.

**Tuesday, September 22 - DAY 10 – PORTO/USA –** This morning, we transfer to the Porto airport for our return flight to US. We arrive later that day, with memories of a lifetime, and a sense of internal spirituality few possess.



“Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions).”  
To book online go to <https://bit.ly/RipollCamino>

While we at Unitours do everything possible to make our Pilgrimages comfortable, a certain amount of strenuous walking will be required. Depending upon a pilgrim’s age & strength, parts of your program may be too taxing if a person has mobility limitations, is older or disabled. Be advised that such pilgrims may be unable to visit some of the places listed on this itinerary.

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Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Portuguese Way of St. James Camino Pilgrimage - Coastal Route - September 13-22, 2026

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 23, 2027, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

My Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you'd like them to appear on nametags: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)  
\_\_\_\_ I prefer a single room - \$956 supplement and limited in number.

To purchase optional travel insurance, please see [www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance) for full details and to purchase coverage.

\_\_\_\_ **Apply \$50 if booked by February 18, 2026**

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect November 11, 2025. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 20 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas. Passport MUST be valid until March 23, 2027, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on Iberia Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$956 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$123 plus current fuel surcharges of \$495 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$93 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after

45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

**BANK FEE:** A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See [www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance) for full details and to purchase coverage.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. Unitours Inc., or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. Optional travel insurance offered by Unitours must be paid with your final payment.

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**STEP MAP**