

The Way

A Walk/Ride Pilgrimage
across the Camino de Santiago

April 9–19, 2024



Illuminated Journeys and American Baptist Women in Ministry invite you to the Camino de Santiago in Spain April 9–19, 2024

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This adventure is especially designed for those who want to experience the historic Camino de Santiago and learn about the spiritual practice of pilgrimage but don't have the time or the physical training to walk "The Way" in its entirety. Exploring some of the most interesting places and most evocative landscapes along the Camino, we will walk and ride our way to the great cathedral city of Santiago. As we go, we'll discover the beauty of the Spanish countryside in the region of Navarra, the riches of Spanish food and wine in the region of Rioja, and the Celtic culture of Galicia

April 8, 2024: Fly to Bilbao (Monday)

(Participants should arrive at the Bilbao International airport by 2 pm, April 9, 2024)

April 9: Arrival Day Bilbao – Olite (Tuesday)

Arrive in Bilbao in time to leave the airport by 2 pm, gather our luggage, go through customs and meet our bus and driver. After we gather, we'll drive through the beauty of the Basque countryside on our way to Olite. A brief stop at the unique octagonal pilgrim church of Eunáte will provide time to cross the pilgrimage threshold into "the way" that awaits us. Traveling on to our hotel in Olite, we'll enjoy a brief group gathering before dinner.

Stay: (Olite, Navarra)

D (indicates which meals are included in the pilgrimage)

April 10: Olite – Navarra (Wednesday)

Today we'll make our first walk on the Camino beginning high atop the Alto de Perdón above Pamplona followed by lunch. Traveling back to our hotel in Olite, we'll enjoy a brief group gathering before dinner.

Stay: (Olite)

B; L; D

April 11: Navarra – Rioja (Thursday)

We begin the morning at the Puente la Reina, the bridge where pilgrim routes converge and become "the way Frances." Today we walk from Mañeru followed by lunch and wine tasting at the Bodegas Irache, the home of the famed pilgrim wine fountain. After lunch we enjoy a short drive through the beautiful Rioja region to the Santo Domingo de la Calzada for an overnight stay.

Stay: (Santo Domingo de la Calzada)

B; L; D

April 12: San Millán – Burgos (Friday)

Following a visit in Santo Domingo, we drive to Belorado to buy lunch supplies. We will then be dropped off at a starting point to walk a fabled section of the Camino between Belorado and San Juan de Ortega crossing the Montes de Oca with forest trails and chestnut trees, enjoying a picnic lunch along the way. Following our walk, we visit San Juan de Ortega ending our day in the city of Burgos. You'll be free to explore the lovely central plaza and enjoy Tapas or dinner on your own.

Stay: (Burgos)

B

April 13: Burgos – Leon (Saturday)

Today we meet a private guide for a tour of the Burgos Cathedral and the old city. On to Fromista to pick up lunch supplies for today's walk from Moratinos enjoying a picnic lunch along the way. Later, we make the short drive to Leon where we'll enjoy a unique monastery turned hotel.

Stay: (Leon)

B; D

April 14: Leon – Villafranca del Bierzo (Sunday)

This morning we will enjoy the chance to marvel at the Gothic beauty of the Leon Cathedral with its stained glass windows. We drive to Rabanal del Camino for lunch followed by a pilgrimage walk from Foncebadon to La Cruz de Ferro, an iconic cross-topped cairn of stone. After leaving our stones, we walk past the village of Manjarin before boarding our bus to cross the Pilgrims Bridge on our way to Ponferrada.

Stay: (Villafranca)

B; D

April 15: Villafranca del Bierzo – Lugo (Monday)

Today's exploration takes us to the picturesque Celtic village of O Cebreiro with its thatched cottages. After a short drive to Triacastela, we'll begin our walk to Samos eating a picnic lunch along the way. Today's pilgrim walk concludes with time to relax in the picturesque village of Samos. A short drive takes us to our hotel inside the walled city of Lugo. Tonight you are free to explore the ancient central plaza and enjoy Tapas or dinner on your own.

Stay: (Lugo)

B

April 16: Lugo – Santiago de Compostela (Tuesday)

This morning we will meet a private guide for a tour of the fascinating city of Lugo with time to explore the city walls, an 1800 year old Roman wonder designated as a UNESCO site. Today we walk a section of the Camino between Melide and Arzúa where our bus transfers us to Lavocolla with its "Mount of Joy." From there, with the spires of the great cathedral of Santiago as our guide, we will walk into the city.

Stay: (Santiago)

B; D

April 17: Santiago de Compostela – Rias Baixas – Galician Coast (Wednesday)

Leave for a day along the Galician coast traveling down the Upper Rias Baixas coastline dotted by fishing villages and stunning vistas. We'll visit the Celtic hill-fort of Baroña and the ancient dolmen of Axeitos. On to the Rias Baixas of O Salnes wine region to enjoy a boutique winery. We will have lunch in the winery after our tasting of their fine albariño wine then we'll visit Cambados village, the heart of Albariño wine country and stroll around the Plaza de Fefiñanes where we'll enjoy the quaint streets of this noble village. Return to Santiago for a free evening to enjoy the center of Santiago and tapas on your own.

Stay: (Santiago)

B; L

April 18: Santiago de Compostela (Thursday)

Following a guided exploration of Santiago's city center, pilgrimage sites and the cathedral, you are free to wander this historic city on your own. We will meet for an evening gathering before dinner.

Stay: (Santiago)

B; D

April 19: Departure Day (Friday)

Fly home from the Santiago airport.

(Participants should schedule a departure flight leaving after 9 am, Friday, April 19, 2024)

Questions?

Call Brad Berglund: 720.489.8073

Email: brad@illuminatedjourneys.com

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Tour Price:

\$4195 US per person sharing (Cost does not include transportation to and from the pilgrimage.)

Single Occupancy Supplement:
Add \$795 US to basic price

Payment schedule:

- Send your deposit as soon as possible.
- \$495 non-refundable deposit due with completed registration form.
- November 1, 2023 – \$2000 due
- February 1, 2024 – Balance due

All payments due to:

Illuminated Journeys and mailed to:
8273 E. Davies Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

A pre-pilgrimage travel kit will be shipped to you approximately 25 days prior to departure provided final payment has been received.

Cancellation Schedule:

- Deposit of \$495 is non-refundable.
- Cancellations after November 1, 2023, 75% non-refundable.
- Cancellations after February 1, 2024, 100% non-refundable.

In addition, charges incurred to cancel arrangements will be added to above cancellation penalties. We strongly recommend that all our participants take out comprehensive travel insurance to avoid dispute in case of cancellation.

Refund for unused arrangements:

Unused arrangements, services or features of any tour are not refundable or exchangeable unless agreed upon prior to departure.

Tour price includes:

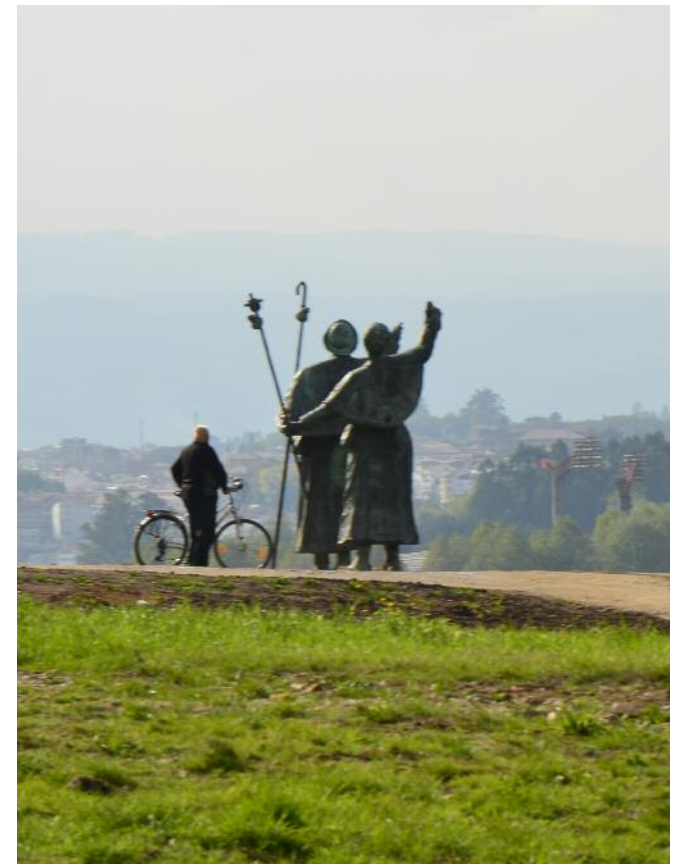
- Comfortable 4* accommodations
- Excellent regional food
- Deluxe motor coach or mini-bus if group is small
- All scheduled sightseeing, entrance fees, and guides
- Meals as follows: Day 1 – D; Day 2 – B,L,D;
Day 3 – B,L,D; Day 4 – B; Day 5 – B,D, Day 6 – B,D;
Day 7 – B; Day 8 – B,D; Day 9 – B,L; Day 10 – B,D;
Day 11 – B

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = Dinner)

Tour price does not include:

- Your transportation to and from this pilgrimage.
- Travel/medical insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tips for items of a personal nature (such as room service, beverages, meals, telephone and valet charges, etc.) are not included in the tour cost and are left to your own discretion.
- Group Tip for bus driver – 30 Euros per person. (suggested)
- Your transportation cost to meet the group if you arrive later than 2 PM on the stated arrival day for this tour, and miss the group departure from the airport.
- Fees for passports and visas; laundry; telephone calls; wine, liquor, mineral water; sightseeing and services other than those specifically mentioned; personal items; excess baggage; foreign airport taxes
- Some meals: Day 1 – B,L; Day 4 – L,D; Day 5 – L;
Day 6 – L; Day 7 – L,D; Day 8 – L; Day 9 – D;
Day 10 – L; Day 11 – L,D

(B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)



American Baptist Leadership

Along with *Illuminated Journeys* director Brad Berglund, *Patricia Hernandez*, Associate General Secretary of ABWIM and *Jackie Saxon*, Executive Minister Mid-American Baptist Churches will personally escort this journey. Jackie and Pat have both walked the Camino and will provide reflective leadership and a supportive presence as we go.

Illuminated Journeys Staff

Brad Berglund is an author, pastoral musician and spiritual director. He is an experienced tour guide and has special skill in the spirituality of pilgrimage. Brad's love for Spanish culture and spirituality began during college when he studied classical guitar in Madrid and experienced the Camino for the first time. He has returned to Spain many times. Brad will accompany this pilgrimage. To enhance your experience, other informative guides, musicians and artisans will join us along the way.

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Reservation Confirmation Form

Please print this page and mail completed form with your deposit made payable to:

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8273 E. Davies Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

If you have questions about the tour itinerary, contact **Brad Berglund**:

Phone: 720-489-8073
E-mail: brad@illuminatedjourneys.com

Please reserve _____ space(s) for *The Way* Pilgrimage.

A check for a non-refundable deposit of \$495 per person is enclosed.

I understand payment #1 of \$2000 is due November 1, 2023

(Cancellation policy is outlined on “cost” page.)

Participant 1 _____
(Name as it appears on your passport)

Participant 2 _____
(Name as it appears on your passport)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone () _____

Evening Phone () _____

Email _____

Tour cost:

___ Tour Price PP: \$4195 US (sharing twin/double room)

___ Single Occupancy Supplement: \$795 US to basic price

Note: Transportation to and from Spain is not included in this pilgrimage.

Please check one of the following:

___ Sharing (___ I have a roommate ___ I need a roommate. If no roommate is available, single supplement applies.)

___ Single

Declaration: I/We have read, understand and accept the Fine Print section. I further understand and accept that Brad and/or Rita Berglund, and Illuminated Journeys are not responsible for the specific incidents mentioned in this *Fine Print* section.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

The Fine Print - *The Way* 2024

Accessibility: This pilgrimage is designed for you to experience the Camino. There will be quite a bit of walking. We average 5–7 miles each day on the Camino. Some of that walking will be up-hill. We’ll also experience some of the most interesting sites along the way, for example, cathedrals and ancient city walls. In those places, there will be standing and walking with guides. In the weeks before we go, it will be important for you to prepare by walking as much as you can. This pilgrimage is not designed for those with limited mobility.

Group size: Because this pilgrimage is limited to 15 participants, we recommend sending your deposit early to ensure a place. Payment #1 of \$2000 is due November 1, 2023.

Responsibility: Illuminated Journeys, Inc, 8273 East Davies Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112–1889 is not responsible for any personal injury, property damage or other loss you may suffer or incur on this tour arising from acts or failure to act on the part of any Air Carrier, Public Transport Company, Hotel, Car Rental Company, sub-contractor or other person or organization, whether or not such air carrier, public transport company, hotel, car rental company, subcontractor or other person or organization is rendering any of the services or accommodations offered or supplied on the tour. All tickets, coupons and orders are furnished and issued subject, in all respects to the foregoing and to any and all terms and conditions under which the transportation and other services and accommodation provided thereby are offered and supplied. Illuminated Journeys, Inc accepts no responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the passengers. Baggage is at owner’s risk throughout the tour unless insured. Small articles, (coats, wraps, umbrellas, etc.) are entirely in the care of the passengers. The right is reserved to decline or accept or return any person as a member of any tour or to cancel or alter the tour.

Accommodation: Land arrangements will be provided as described in each tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features listed herein for accommodations and/or sites in similar categories.

Baggage: Airline baggage allowance and fee structure is unique to each airline. You are responsible for those fees. We encourage you to fit everything into one bag and one carry on.

Children: Children (under 10 years of age cannot be accommodated on escorted tours) are charged the full adult fare and must be accompanied by an adult.

No Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on the escorted tours while on board the motorcoach. Frequent and rest stops will be made at which time there will be an opportunity to smoke.

Currency Exchange: All prices in this program are shown in U.S. Dollars and are based on currency exchange rates existing on July 8, 2022. Prices are per person based on two people sharing a room. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect the printed prices. Illuminated Journeys, Inc. reserves the right to alter prices at any time prior to your departure and without prior notice if, in this opinion, circumstances so warrant.

Insurance: (highly recommended) Information regarding travel insurance will be made available to all participants. Travel insurance covers losses in the event of cancellation of the tour, loss or damage to baggage, and medical expenses in the event of accident, injury or illness. Its most valuable feature is coverage for “medical evacuation” in the event that you need special travel arrangements or assistance to return home.