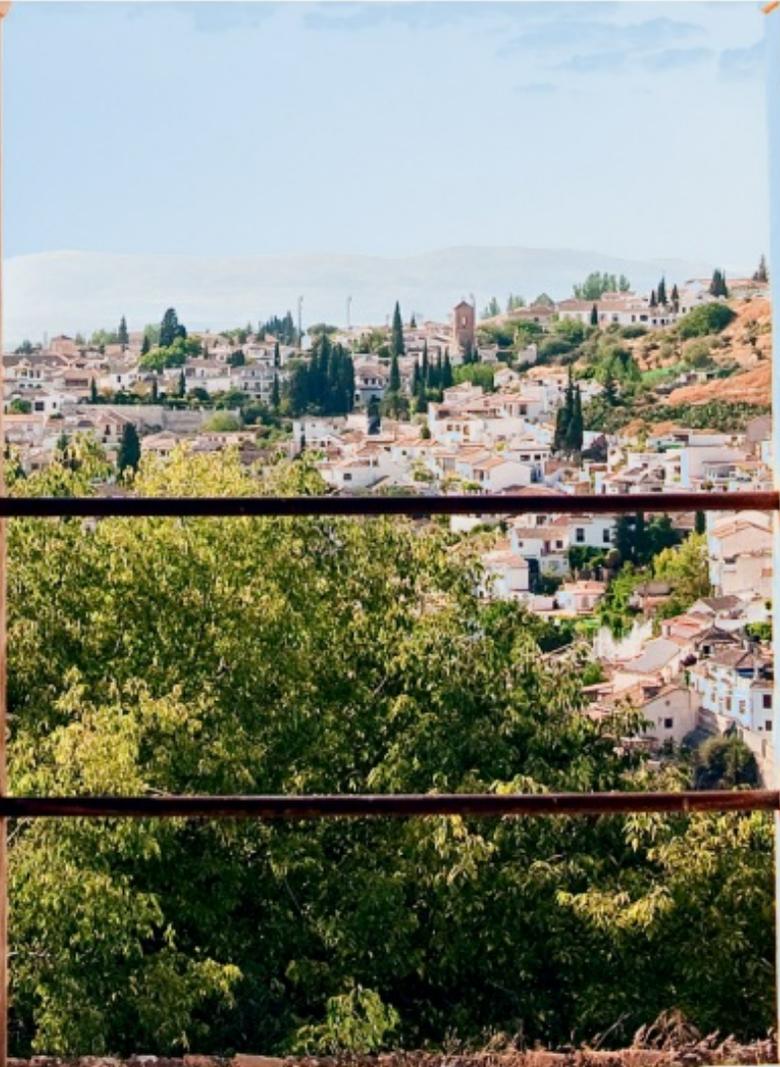


Private Camino & Loire Valley Adventure



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Our Travel Style

One thing we've learned at Peregrine – you never outgrow adventure. The spirit that drives you to get out there and see the world. Not through a coach window or with 50 strangers wearing headsets, not with a personal butler or a big buffet breakfast – but intimately, authentically, memorably.

At Peregrine we're for premium adventures, and for us that means embracing the spirit of adventure through a more immersive cultural journey. Hand-picked accommodation, small groups, award-winning local guides, added inclusions and a more considered pace. Premium means an exceptional experience, but never an artificial one.

Yes, adventure still exists. It's still out there. It just got a whole lot easier to find.

Private Camino & Loire Valley Adventure 19 days/ 18 nights

Wednesday 9th May 2018 - Sunday 27th May 2018

About Your Trip

Start and Finish Location

Barcelona, Hotel Gaurdi

Paris, France

Hotel Hotel Ibis Cambronne or similar

Accommodation

Hotel

Pensions

Guesthouses

Rooming Requirements

Twin Share

Included Meals

Breakfast (17)

Lunch (0)

Dinner (10)

Transport

Private Vehicle, Train ,On foot,
Bicycle

Leader/Guide

Day 1-8

Self guided

Day 8 - 18

1 English speaking tour leader
throughout.

Included Activities

Per Daily itinerary

Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with
included activities

Airport Transfers

Arrival and departure transfers are NOT
included.

Flight details are needed 45 days in
advance.

Exclusions

- International airport departure tax
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

Everything you need to know about Europe

We have an entire webpage dedicated to the need to know information for this country. Discover the following by going to <http://www.peregrineadventures.com/en-au/Europe>

Private Camino & Loire Valley Adventure Itinerary

Pre Trip / Sunday 6th - Wednesday 9th May 2018

Barcelona - Pre Tour Accommodation

On arrival in Barcelona please make your own way to the Gaudi Hotel, where you have 3 nights' accommodation. There is no touring services included during this time.

Accommodation: Hotel Gaudi

Day 1/ Wednesday 9th May 2018

Barcelona - Sarria

You will depart Barcelona this morning with a departure transfer to the airport where you will board your flight to Sarria (own arrangements). On arrival at the Sarria airport, you will be met by a Peregrine representative and transferred to your hotel in Sarria, the province of Lugo – just over 100 kilometres from Santiago de Compostela. There is no walking scheduled for today, so you can arrive at any time. In your hotel upon check in, you will receive a Welcome Pack. It is a pack of essential information and documents for your trip including very detailed Travel Book with updated itinerary, route notes and maps, Pilgrim Passport, which you need in order to receive Camino certificate upon completion of your trip!), hotel and meal vouchers, luggage tags and some extra information about the places you are going to visit on your route. This Welcome Pack is an essential piece for your trip, so please make sure you will check all included information and make yourself familiar with details of exciting route that lay ahead.

Included Activities

- Departure transfer to Barcelona Airport
- Arrival Airport transfer in Sarria
- Luggage transport between hotels
- Welcome pack

Accommodation: Hotel Alfonso IX or similar

Day 2/ Thursday 10th May 2018

Sarria-Portomarín

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Begin the first stage of your walk. Throughout the course of the week you will become familiar with the yellow arrows and scallop-shell symbols that guide you. For centuries this shell has been the symbol of the Camino and there are a few different interpretations of its meaning, ranging from mythical and metaphorical to practical. The walk today takes you past many small hamlets. As you walk along the Rúa Maior (Maior Street) to the Magdalena Monastery and cross the beautiful Bridge of Aspera, bid farewell to Sarria. Continuing through beautiful countryside and crossing a small idyllic stream, an uphill climb takes you to the villages of Vilei and Bardadelo. Bardadelo's church is a perfect example of rural Galician Romanesque architecture. The Camino then winds along a dirt track through farming fields flanked by trees. Pass through the hamlets of Leimán and Peruscallo. The section from Peruscallo to the village of Brea (the official 100 km mark) is one of the most beautiful sections of the route. Continue through Mirallos and arrive at Penas, then take a downhill stone track to Moimentos, followed by Mercadoiro, Moutros, Parrocha and Vilachá. A steep descent brings you to the historic town of Portomarín, your base for the night.

Today's walk should take approximately 5–6 hours and is 23 km long.

Accommodation: Pousada de Portomarín or similar

Day 3/ Friday 11th May 2018

Portomarín-Lestedo

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

With the Church of San Nicolás in your shadow, you will leave Portomarín today and make your way to Lestedo. Following a beautiful uphill track, then a road for a short section, an ascent takes you to a local farm and then to the town of Toxibo. At this point you will come to a very well preserved 'hórreo', which is a granary on stilts, typical to northern Spain. At the village of Gonzar you have the opportunity to stop at a peaceful rest area for pilgrims. After you pass through Gonzar, a steep uphill trail takes you to the small village of Castromaior. Soon you will reach a milestone that marks 80 kilometres. From Ventas de Narón, a short ascent takes you to Monte de Ligonde. Once at the top, take a downhill trail to Ligonde and then ascend to Eirexe. From here, make your way to Lestedo – a tranquil spot and the location of your 'feature stay' for this trip.

Today's walk should take approximately 4–5 hours and is 21 km long.

Accommodation: Casa Rectoral de Lestedo or similar (1 night)

Day 4/ Saturday 12th May 2018

Lestedo-Melide

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Today the Camino follows the path from Lestedo to Melide. An uphill climb takes you to Os Valos before you descend slowly to the pretty town of Palas de Rei, one of the most important towns on the pilgrim's route in Galicia. Its large and partially canopied town square is the focal point of the town, home to a town hall made of granite and whitewash render (a typical example of the region's architecture). Leaving Palas behind, you will enter the beautiful countryside on your approach to the lovely village of San Xulián. The trail then leads you through oak groves to Casanova, and you are soon at the border of the provinces of Lugo and A Coruña. When you reach Leboreiro you will notice its modest Romanesque church. Inside is a carved image of the Virgin Mary. In Furelos you will see a four-arch medieval stone bridge. Your final destination today is Melide, one of the largest towns on the pilgrim's route in Galicia.

Today's walk should take approximately 4–5 hours and is 19 km long.

Accommodation: Pensión Berenguela or similar (1 night)

Day 5/ Sunday 13th May 2018

Melide-Arzúa

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Bid farewell to Melide and wind your way along the quiet country roads and through beautiful countryside en route to the city of Arzúa – the point at which the Camino Frances (French Way) meets the Camino del North (North Way). Along the way, you will pass the ancient pilgrimage villages of Boente, Barona and Vilantime. Cross a bridge and follow the downward path that leads you to the restored village of Ribadiso on the banks of the Iso River. Continue and arrive at Arzúa, your base for the night. A small park in the town is a popular meeting point for the locals and provides an interesting insight into local village life. Some of Arzúa's main monuments include the 14th-century Capilla de la Magdalena and the 20th-century Iglesia de Santiago. Be sure to try some of the famous local cheese ('queixo' in Galician or 'queso' in Spanish) – it's available for sale in many of the town's shops and restaurants.

Today's walk should take approximately 3–4 hours and is 15 km long.

Accommodation: Pazo Santa Maria or similar (1 night)

Day 6/ Monday 14th May 2018

Arzúa-Rúa

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Today you will complete one of the final stages of the Camino de Santiago. This stretch of the walk takes you through agricultural meadows, landscapes of oak and eucalyptus and a collection of sleepy villages such as Ferreiros, Boavista, O Castro and Salceda. Soon after Salceda, you will pass a monument dedicated to the pilgrim Guillermo Watt who died at this point when making his journey to Santiago. Next you will pass through Xen and Ras into Brea. From Brea, continue along the road to Santa Irene. A highlight of the day is a visit to the beautiful chapel of Santa Irene, a beautiful building with unique statues of St James (Santiago). A continuous, quiet country road then takes you eventually to your next stop, Rúa, one of the quieter places before Santiago de Compostela.

Today's walk should take approximately 4–5 hours and is 19 km long.

Accommodation: Hotel o Pino or similar (1 night)

Day 7/ Tuesday 15th May 2018

Rúa-Santiago de Compostela

Meals: Breakfast

Embark on the final and key stage of the Camino de Santiago, with your ultimate goal, the city of Santiago de Compostela, in your sights. After leaving Rúa, pass through San Paio and the village of Lavacolla. Pilgrims in ancient times would wash in the stream here before continuing to Santiago. An uphill climb takes you to the village of Vilarmaior, then a gradual ascent sees you reach Monte do Gozo. It's at this point that ancient pilgrims experienced their first views of the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago. This is a great spot to sit back, reflect and enjoy a well-earned rest before leaving the rural landscapes behind and heading into the urban sprawl of the city. As you come to the end of the final leg, you will walk through the town to the magnificent Plaza del Obradoiro and then to the gates of the marvellous Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. After you've rested and rejuvenated, take the time to wander around the historic quarter of the city. Perhaps obtain your Compostela

certificate while here – provided you have stamps in your Pilgrim Passport as proof of completion of the last 100 kilometres (see your detailed route notes for more information).

Today's walk should take about 4–5 hours and is 19 km long.

Accommodation: Hotel Bonaval or similar (1 night)

Day 8/ Wednesday 16th May 2018

Santiago de Compostela - San Sebastian

Today your Camino journey comes to an end. You will be transferred to San Sebastian.

Hola. Welcome to San Sebastian, Spain. Your next adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 7pm. Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the hotel reception where it will take place and confirm the time. After the meeting we will head out for an optional group dinner for you to get to know your fellow travellers. If you're going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details, passport information and next of kin information at this meeting, so please have this on hand. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time, you may wish to arrive a day early. We'll be happy to book additional accommodation for you (subject to availability).

Included Activities

- Welcome meeting

Optional Activities

- Catedral del Buen Pastor - Free
- Aquarium - EUR13
- Grab Your Pintxo UA - EUR65
- St. James Way Adventure - EUR55
- Guggenheim Museum - EUR16
- San Telmo Museum - EUR6
- Basque by Bike- San Sebastian UA - EUR43
- Catamaran Boat trip - EUR10
- Royals, Stars and Surfers - San Sebastian UA - EUR41

Accommodation: Hotel Niza or similar

Day 9/ Thursday 17th May 2018

San Sebastian

Today enjoy a free day to explore San Sebastian unguided.

Accommodation: Hotel Niza or similar

Day 10 / Friday 18th May 2018

Bordeaux

Meals: Breakfast

A short drive today takes us across the border to France and to Bordeaux! Why not try out one of the many wineries or simply laze in one of the many cafes along Rue St Catherine and watch the world go by.

Accommodation: Hotel Continental or similar

Day 11 / Saturday 19th May 2018

Bordeaux

Meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a free day. Famed for its wine, this region has some fascinating history, and most of the architecture visible today in Bordeaux dates from the 18th century (which is considered its golden age). Perhaps scale the Gothic bell tower of the Tour Pey-Berland for great views of the city or visit famous Cathédrale St-André, as well as its many fine and contemporary art museums and 18th- and 19th-century mansions.

Optional Activities

- Musée des Beaux-Arts - EUR4
- Pey Berland Tower - EUR6
- CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain - EUR5

Accommodation: Hotel Continental or similar

Day 12 / Sunday 20th May 2018

Blois

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This afternoon we leave Bordeaux behind and head for the Loire Valley. Your bike and helmet will be waiting for you at the joining hotel. After settling in to your hotel, we suggest taking a stroll along Blois' paved streets, which are punctuated with staircases, and visiting its wonderful château - once home to French kings including Louis XII, Francois I, Henry III and Henry IV. It was at this very chateau that Joan of Arc came in 1429 to be blessed before heading off to drive out the English from Orleans. This building is a perfect example of how French architecture evolved between the Middle Ages and the 17th century.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Monarque or similar

Day 13 / Monday 21st May 2018

Amboise

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Description Today you embark on your first day of cycling. Setting off from Blois, you follow small countryside routes until you reach the chateau of Chaumont, which overlooks the Loire River. In this majestic park there is a 'garden festival', where contemporary garden designers display their work in an English-style garden. Your route then continues towards Amboise, a royal city where Leonardo da Vinci lived during his final days. Through the superb garden of Clos Lucé, you can discover the prestigious history of the region and see models of the various machines designed by Leonardo. Amboise is your base for the next two nights. (Cycling - 44 km)

Included Activities

- Chateau Chaumont admission
- Clos Luce admission

Accommodation: Hotel Le Blason or similar

Day 14 / Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Amboise – Chenonceaux - Amboise

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

After crossing the forest of Amboise, you reach the famous chateau of Chenonceau (spelt differently from the village - Chenonceaux) that straddles the Cher River. Here was played out one of the most famous rivalries in French history - that of Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici. Enjoy a walk in the heart of the Diane de Poitiers's garden, then in Catherine de Medici's one. Take a breath, under the shadow of one of the huge trees in the park and listen out for the rhythm of the water in the river murmur, while you absorb the stories about the rivalry of these two powerful women. In the afternoon you ride back to Amboise. (Cycling - 38 km)

Included Activities

- Chenonceau admission

Accommodation: Hotel Le Blason or similar

Day 15 / Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Cheverny

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Today you ride on routes through the countryside and via typical villages to reach the medieval chateau of Fougère sur Bièvre, a perfect example of traditional 15th century building art. Along the way you encounter some small private chateaux set in lush surroundings such as Chateau de Troussay, before arriving at your final destination - the famous Chateau of Cheverny. (Cycling - 50km)

Included Activities

- Fougère sur Bièvre admission

Accommodation: Hotel St Hubert or similar

Day 16 / Thursday 24th May 2018

Blois

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

During this last stage of your cycling adventure you get to discover the famous and sumptuously-furnished Château of Cheverny before reaching the prestigious Château of Chambord – one of the most prominent in the Loire Valley. With 440 rooms and built during the reign of King Francis I, this is a real masterpiece of the French Renaissance period. You then continue on your way and return to Blois. (Cycling - 40km)

Included Activities

- Château of Cheverny admission (gardens and chateau only)
- Château de Chambord admission (gardens and chateau only)

Accommodation: Hotel Le Monarque or similar

Day 17 / Friday 25th May 2018

Blois - Paris

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast this morning head to the Blois train station (approximate 10-15 minute walk) for the journey to Paris. On arrival in Paris please travel by metro to your accommodation. The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

Accommodation: Ibis Cambronne or similar

Day 18 / Saturday 26th May 2018

Paris

Meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a day at leisure in the French capital

Optional Activities

- Eiffel Tower - EUR17
- Louvre Museum - EUR15
- Musee d'Orsay - EUR14
- Palace of Versailles - EUR18
- Palace of Versailles gardens - Free
- Paradis Latin cabaret show - EUR65
- Arc de Triomphe - EUR12
- Catacombs - EUR12
- Centre Pompidou - EUR14
- Napoleon's Tomb - Les Invalides Army Museum - EUR11
- Notre Dame Towers - EUR10
- Picasso Museum - EUR12
- Rodin Museum - EUR10
- Sainte Chapelle & Conciergerie - EUR15
- Da Vinci Code walking tour - EUR25
- Fat Tires bike tour - EUR32
- Urban Adventures - Secret Paris: Cheese, Art, and Local Life - EUR59
- Urban Adventures - Experience Bohemian Paris - EUR59
- Fragonard Perfume Museum - Free

Accommodation: Ibis Cambronne or similar

Day 19 / Sunday 27th May 2018

Departure day

Meals: Breakfast

There are no activities planned for the final day and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time.

Departure Transfer

- Not included

Important Information

- The quote and accommodation will be subject to availability at the time of booking
- You'll need to be in good health and able to walk for a few hours, with some up-and-down, and on varied terrain, from well-defined paths to rocky trails. For the cycling portion you will need to be able to cycle for a maximum of 50km per day.
- The first 9 Days of this itinerary is a self-guided tour and does not include the services of a tour guide.

How to Book

If you are happy with the quotation and itinerary please let your agent know. You will need to complete a booking form for all travellers and return this to your agent so that they may send you an invoice. The next step is to pay a per person deposit. This allows us to go off and confirm the arrangements. We can only hold arrangements for a group once we have received deposit. Please note that it can take approximately 1 week to confirm all services.

We would love you to travel with us so let your agent know if there is anything we need to change about this quote or if you have any questions. We will do our best to help!

Booking Conditions

As the organiser/participant of this Peregrine Adventures Private Group Adventure, you agree:

- To provide a passenger name list and passenger details including (Name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure, or provided directly to Peregrine Adventures;
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers of passengers travelling together as one movement.
- Cost is valid for travel during 2017/2018 only.
- This is a quote only. Please review all details carefully and confirm at time of booking with your coordinator.
- Rates and itinerary subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- Once deposit has been accepted and itinerary confirmed and should either the operator or organiser/participant make any revisions, subsequent pricing will become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the above itinerary AFTER services have been confirmed will require a requote and will be subject to a fee of \$150 per change (in addition to any charges levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- Peregrine Adventures booking conditions will apply to your reservation. By making payment you are agreeing to our booking conditions: <http://www.peregrineadventures.com/en-au/booking-terms-and-conditions>
- As outlined in the Booking Conditions, travel insurance is compulsory for all Peregrine Adventures travellers.
- If Complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) They are only applicable if you arrive on day 1 of your Peregrine Adventures trip or if going to pre tour accommodation booked through Peregrine Adventures. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.