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About us!

archaeo /'ɑ:kɪəʊ/
origin, beginning

muse /mju:z/
inspiration, contemplation

Join ArchaeoMuse Academy for unforgettable bespoke travel and educational experiences.

We are enthusiastic and passionate about what we do and specialise in providing thoughtfully prepared, and tailor-made, travel experiences in collaboration with writers, storytellers, historians, philosophers, archaeologists, gastronomical connoisseurs, and passionate locals.

We place a real emphasis on promoting local culture, tradition, zero waste, and sustainability.

We cater to individuals and all types of groups, including friends, family, academics, school groups, and history buffs (beginners or experts).



Why travel with ArchaeoMuse Academy?

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The Kingdom of Spain has been inhabited for thousands of years initially by Iberians and Celts. This experience you will learn more about the history, culture, and people of Spain which will leave you enchanted and wanting to come back over and over again.

Walking in Spain - Camino de Santiago

Inspired by Clio, Calliope and Thalia

11-Nights/12-days from £2,950pp

Including accommodation, breakfast, 5 dinners, guides, educational material, and transport coordination.



Explore the magical and ancient Camino de Santiago, a UNESCO pilgrimage route, which is in fact made up of several networks.

Join us on the beautiful pilgrimage that leads you from Pamplona to the impressive Catedral de Santiago de Compostela and the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great. Marvel at the picturesque and historically and culturally significant villages and towns we will pass through.

The main pilgrimage route to Santiago follows an earlier Roman trade route and was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages during the later Middle Ages.

So much to see and do, immerse yourself in this fascinating route!



Day 1 Pamplona

Arrive in Pamplona and enjoy a wander around this beautiful city. Join your guide for dinner and to experience authentic culture with dance and music typical of the area.

According to tradition, Pamplona was founded by Julius Caesar's rival Pompey in 75 BC. It was a military settlement during his campaign against the Quintus Sertorius who was the leader of a revolt against Rome.



Day 2 Albergue to Espinal

In the morning we will stroll around Pamplona Old Quarter with a guide. After lunch, we drive to Roncesvalles. Each traveller will receive an essential Pilgrim Passport to mark their route. The first walk on the trail is from Albergue to Espinal across the fertile plans of the valley.

After, we will return to Pamplona.

Total walking distance: 5 miles



Day 3 Laguardia

Visit Santa Maria de Eunate church and enjoy a walk to Puente de la Reina along the Santiago Path for 4 miles where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Next, Cirauqui, an authentic medieval town and the start of our second part of the walk (3 miles) following the ruins of Roman walls. This region has been inhabited since the bronze age. Discover the Palace of the Kings of Navarra, and the famous wine fountain in Irache, where pilgrims will be able to drink the wine.

Total walking distance: 7 miles



Day 4 La Rioja - the famous wine region

An outstanding region and one not to be missed, especially for wine lovers! Best to be seen in a hot air balloon early in the morning (optional).

Enjoy a ride on quad bikes to explore the tracks, mountains, rivers, and valleys surrounded by thousands of vineyards until we reach Baigorri Wine cellars for an informative tour, lunch and wine tasting.



Day 5 Santo Domingo de la Calzada

Visit the spectacular Santa Maria de la Real monastery before rejoining the Santiago path where we will go back in time exploring the monasteries of San Millán de Suso and San Millán de Yuso, (World Heritage Sites), and considered the place of birth of the Castilian language. Both are uniquely different, Suso is a fine Romanesque church, one of the oldest in Spain! Yuso houses the most important library in Spain.

Total walking distance: 9 miles
Total time: 4 hours



Day 6 Burgos

Enjoy a guided tour of Santo Domingo de la Calzada including the Cathedral and the Pilgrim's Hospital. Then time for some walking and enjoying the beautiful views of Burgos valley as we cross the famous Atapuerca ranges where prehistoric archaeological remains were found.

Discover the highlights of Burgos including the Gothic abbey and La Cartuja de Miraflores.

Total walking distance: 10 miles
Total time: 4.5 hours



Day 7
Burgos and Leon

Bike ride along the mostly flat Santiago path (approx. 30 miles) there are no big elevations. During the bike ride, we will enjoy a stop at Sahagun medieval village. Time for a coffee break at a typical tavern. Continue with our bikes till we reach Calzadilla de Los Hermanillos, where we will have a delicious lunch, all local and traditional. We will then transfer to Leon where you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.



Day 10
Santiago de Compostela

Early morning visit of Villafranca del Bierzo including colegiata de San Nicolas, the Castle and the Romanesque bridge. Then we continue by coach to A Rua where you will begin your last walk at Santiago de Compostela. En route, we will stop at Monte do Gozo to enjoy the majestic view of Santiago de Compostela. Here we will enjoy lunch before we continue for 4 miles till we reach the city of Santiago de Compostela.

Total walking distance: 13 miles



Day 8
Leon

Enjoy a guided tour through this beautiful city including the walls of Leon, the Gaudi House of Palacio Casa Botines, the 13th century cathedral, and one the most important Romanesque churches of the Iberian Peninsula, the Basilica of San Isidoro. In 1188, the city hosted the first Parliament in European history under the reign of Alfonso IX.

After lunch there is a choice of two activities:

- 1) Canyoning between the hills of Leon
- 2) Kayaking near Leon



Day 11
Santiago de Compostela

Enjoy a guided tour of the historical place.

Optional— complete the pilgrim experience with a noon mass with the famous Botafumeiro ritual.

Two options for the afternoon:

- 1) Cape of Finisterre: Enjoy the sunset with a glass of cava and a Gaiteros live music performance. The origin of Gaiteros is related to Celtic tribes connecting with Scotland and Irish lands.



Day 9
Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo

Discover beautiful open countryside in the Paramo area (just outside Leon). Discover the reasons Leon has succeeded for so many years. Enjoy a bike ride through the fields and crops of the Paramo from Mazarife to Astorga. Including a visit to the Hospital de Orbigo and its famous bridge.

Visit the Pink Cathedral and the Episcopal Palace. Then to the magnificent 12th century Templar castle and on to Vilafranca del Bierzo.

Bike ride: 35 miles (4.5 hrs)



Day 11—Option 2

- 2) Cies Islands and Vigo Harbour:

Explore the most beautiful islands of Spain. Cies Island is a marine nature reserve. Just a one-hour trip by boat, from Vigo, to this well-preserved and unique location, enjoy swimming and wandering this unspoiled island.

Day 12
Depart the hotel and head to the airport

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