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Camino Pilgrimage 2026
A sacred journey to a sacred place for a sacred purpose.

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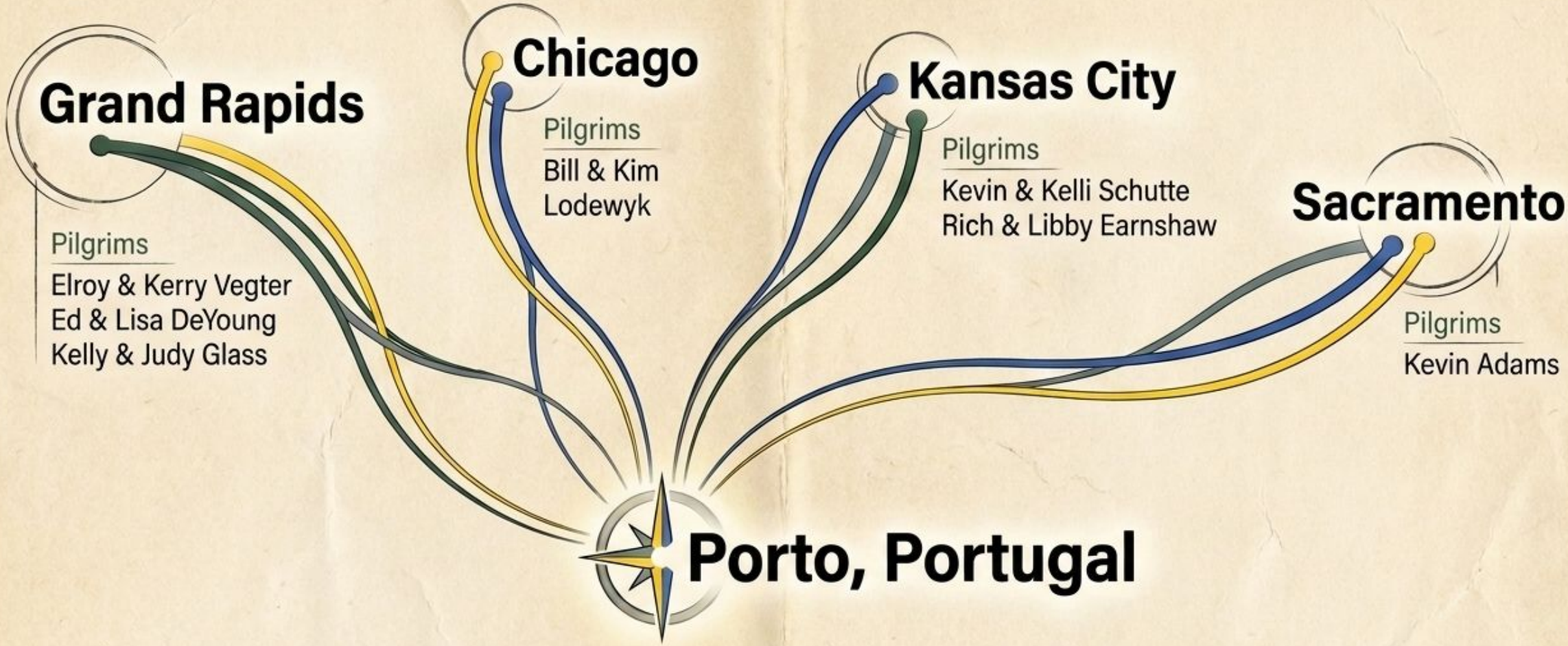
My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

— *Thomas Merton, A Prayer of Unknowing*



Pilgrims Together on the Path of Renewal

Day 1: PORTO & PREPARATION

Photo Gallery • Porto, Portugal • Ribeira Waterfront



Ribeira Toast

Welcoming fellowship along the Douro River



Porto Sangria

Toasting to the pilgrimage journey ahead



Pilgrim Gathering

Rest & connection before day one on the trail



Waterfront Atmosphere

Enjoying the vibrant sights of Porto

DAY 2: Porto to Baiona Spain

Photos • Porto Cathedral and Lodging in Baino, Spain: Hotel, “castle” Parador de Baiona



Porto Cathedral
Courtyard



Coastal Walk
Ocean Mist



Fellowship
Group Dinner in Baiona



Parador de Baiona
Historic Castle Lodging

DAY 2: HE KEEPS OUR STEPS

Sept 14–15, 2026 • Porto to Baiona, Spain •

"He who would be valiant 'gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement Shall make him once relent, His first avowed intent To be a pilgrim."

— John Bunyan

The Psalm (Psalm 121:1–8):

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.







DAY 3: BAIONA TO VIGO • THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Sept 15, 2026 • Coastal Route through Nigrán to Vigo

Logistics

Date: Sept 15, 2026

Distance: 26 km / 16 mi

Lodging: Hotel Maroa, Vigo

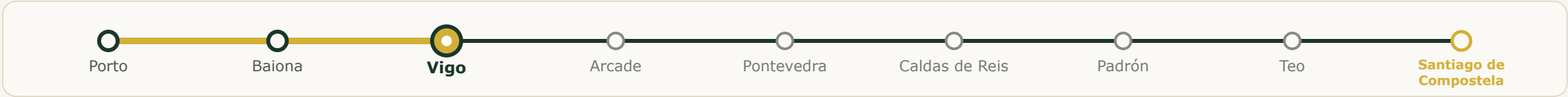
Trail Notes

Coastal walk starting from Baiona, moving through Nigrán, and arriving in the port city of Vigo.

The Pilgrim's Destination (Psalm 122)

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Arriving at a communal destination after a long, silent stretch of walking changes a pilgrim. On the trail, you share water with a stranger; in Zion, you share a song with the family of God. The threshold of God's house is an open door for bruised feet.



DAY 3: THE PILGRIM'S DESTINATION

"As pilgrims we are not tourists, casually meandering through a city... We are sojourners, seekers of the city whose architect and builder is God."

— Christian George

The Psalm (Psalm 122:1–2, 6):

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem..."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure.'"













DAY 3 : THE PILGRIM'S DESTINATION

Photos • Baiona to Vigo









DAY 4: VIGO TO ARCADE

Sept 16, 2026 • Vigo to Arcade • Coastal & Seaside Trail • Lodging: GBC Spa Arcade (Hotel Duarte)

The Physical Path — Logistics

Date: Sept 16, 2026

Distance: 23 km / 14 mi

Lodging: GBC Spa Arcade (Hotel Duarte)

Trail Notes: Scenic walk continuing along the coast and seaside.

The Spiritual Path — Looking Up *(Psalm 123)*

"I lift up my eyes to you, you who sit enthroned in the heavens."

This is the prayer of the mocked and marginalized. Looking up isn't a sign of weakness; it is absolute dependence. Like looking at an Albergue host for a sign of a warm bed when soaked to the skin, we keep our eyes fixed on open hands of grace.



DAY 4: LOOKING UP

Sept 16–17, 2026 • Vigo to Arcade • • Coastal & Hillside Path • Lodging: GBC Spa Arcade / Hotel Duarte

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." — Jeremiah 6:16

The Psalm (Psalm 123:1–2):
"I lift up my eyes to you, you who sit enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master... so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy."









DAY 4: LOOKING UP

Photos• Vigo to Arcade













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Photos• Vigo to Arcade













DAY 5: ARCADE TO PONTEVEDRA

PSept 17–18, 2026 • Arcade to Pontevedra • • Lodging: Hotel Rias Bajas

Logistics

Date: Sept 17, 2026

Distance: 12 km / 7.5 mi

Lodging: Rias Bajas Pontevedra (Hotel Galicia Palace)

Trail Notes: A shorter stage crossing the Verdugo River via the historic Ponte Sampaio.

The Quiet Center (Psalm 131)

"I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul..."

Pilgrims eventually learn to shed excess weight from their backpacks, realizing they don't need half the things they hauled from home. Our ego also needs to be 'weaned' from needing to manage the universe.



DAY 5: THE QUIET CENTER

Sept 17–18, 2026 • Arcade to Pontevedra • • Lodging: Hotel Rias Bajas

“To be on pilgrimage is to be silent.”

— Abbot Agatho

The Psalm (Psalm 131:1–3):

“My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters… But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother… Israel, put your hope in the Lord.”









DAY 5: THE QUIET CENTER

Personal Photos & Reflections • Arcade to Pontevedra











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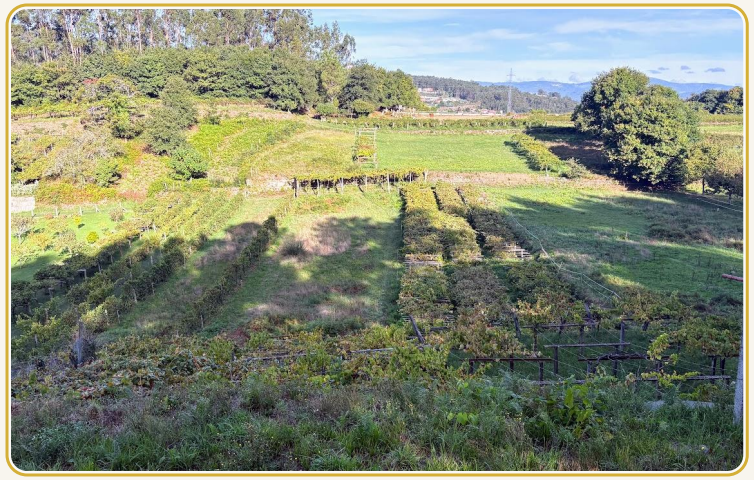











DAY 6: PONTEVEDRA TO CALDAS DE REIS

Sept 18, 2026 • Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis • Ancient Spa Town & Woodlands

THE PHYSICAL PATH

Logistics & Overview

Date: Sept 18, 2026

Distance: 22km / 13.5mi

Lodging: Hotel Pousada Real

Trail Notes: Walking through groves and woods into the ancient spa town.

The Spiritual Path

Living God's Blessing (Psalm 128)

Scripture:

"You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours."

Reflection:

Holiness isn't found only in dramatic mountaintop visions; it is found in the kitchen, the garden, and the daily bread. It is the steady rhythm of putting one foot in front of the other, day after ordinary day.



DAY 6: LIVING GOD'S BLESSING

Sept 18–19, 2026 • Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis • Vineyards & Thermal Springs

Opening Prayer

"Gracious God, our Creator and Guide, we confess that life is a holy pilgrimage... Forgive us when we pack too much anxiety. Walk alongside us, bind our wounds, and provide quiet rest along the way."



The Psalm (Psalm 128:2–3, 5)

"You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table..."





DAY 6:LIVING GOD'S BLESSING

Photos• Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis













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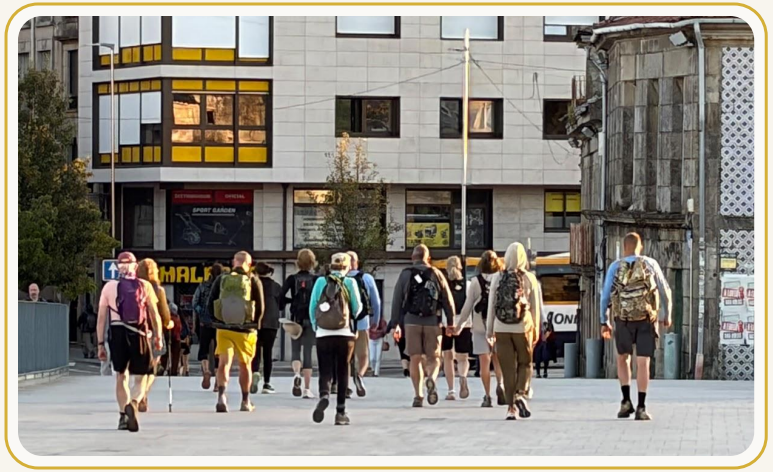





DAY 7: CALDAS DE REIS TO PADRÓN

Out of the Depths (Psalm 130)

LOGISTICS & TRAIL

Date: Sept 19, 2026

Distance: 18km / 11mi

Lodging:
A Casa do Rio (Located in picturesque Pontecesures, 1.9 km before Padrón).

Trail Notes:
A beautiful forest walk leading to Padrón, the legendary arrival point of St. James.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS (PSALM 130)

"Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice."

Every pilgrim hits the 'dark night' of the journey—the blistered toe, the torrential downpour, the sudden wave of grief. God is not offended by our depths. Grace reaches down into the dark mud of our regret.



DAY 7: OUT OF THE DEPTHS

JOURNEY DETAILS

Date: Sept 19–20, 2026
Route: Caldas de Reis to Padrón
Location: Valga Valley & River Sar
Lodging: A Casa do Rio

THE PSALM (Psalm 130:1–2, 5)

> *"Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy..."*
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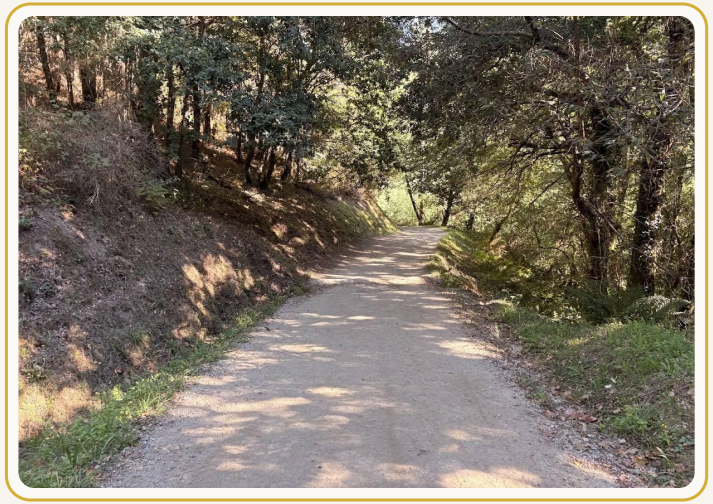
> *"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his Word, I put my hope."*









DAY 7: OUT OF THE DEPTHS

Photos• Caldas de Reis to Padrón









DAY 7: OUT OF THE DEPTHS

Photos• Caldas de Reis to Padron













DAY 8: PADRÓN TO TEO

Sept 20, 2026 • Padrón to Teo • 12 km / 7.4 mi • Lodging: Parada de Francos Teo

The Physical Path

Logistics

Date: Sept 20, 2026

Distance: 12km / 7.4mi

Lodging: Parada de Francos Teo

Trail Notes

An intentionally added day to split the long final approach to Santiago, offering time to rest and reflect.

The Spiritual Path

Together (Psalm 133)

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil..."

Community is messy. On a long pilgrimage, you encounter diverse travelers with different languages, habits, and snoring styles. Yet the unexpected grace of shared fellowship binds people together across every barrier.

CAMINO ROUTE PROGRESS



CULTIVATE RENEWAL

DAY 8: TOGETHER

Sept 20–21, 2026 • Padrón to Teo • 12 km / 7.4 mi • Quiet Galician Hamlets • Lodging: Parada de Francos Teo

PILGRIM'S REFLECTION

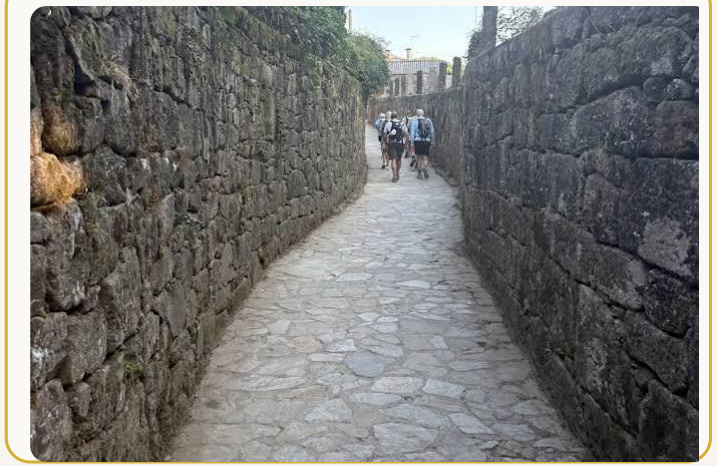
"Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth. Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love..."

The Psalm (Psalm 133:1–2, 3):

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard... For there the Lord bestowed his blessing."



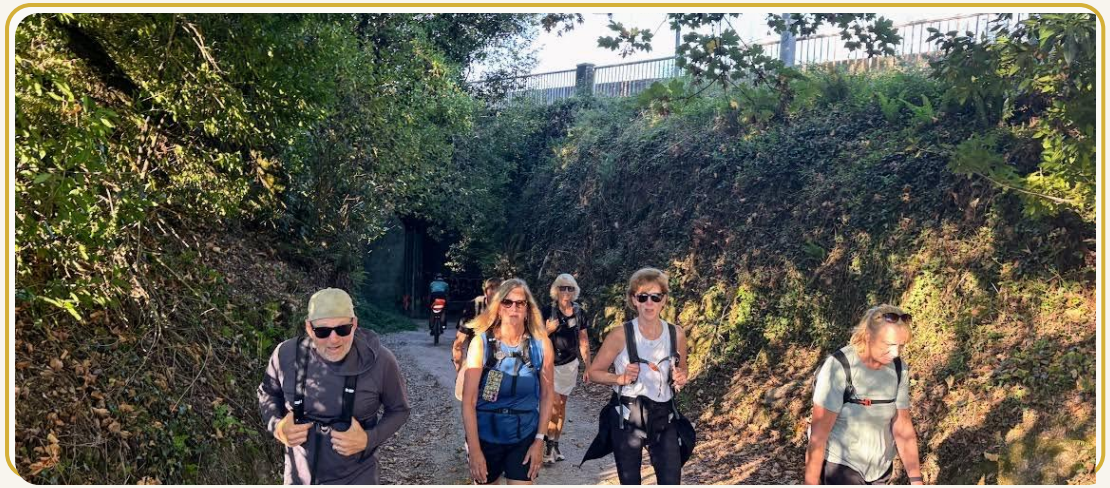




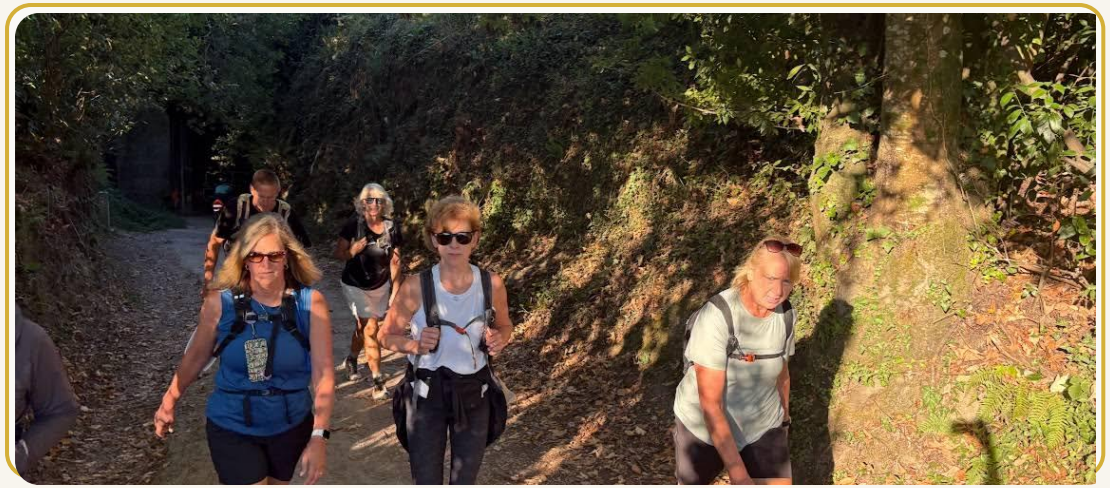


DAY 8:TOGETHER

Photos • Padrón to Teo









Day 9| Teo to Santiago de Compostela

The Physical Path

Dates: Sept 21–23, 2026

Distance: 13km / 8.1mi (Final Approach)

Lodging: NH Collection Santiago (Parador Reyes Catolicos)

Trail Notes: Arrival at the Cathedral. A key highlight will be attending the Pilgrim Mass.

The Spiritual Path

The Life of Blessing (Psalm 134)

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

The final song of the ascent. The journey has reached its destination, yet worship never truly ends; it just changes shifts. God's blessing goes outward from his sanctuary to cover our ongoing path back home.



DAY 9: THE LIFE OF BLESSING

Sept 21–22, 2026 • Teo to Santiago de Compostela • Final Approach • Lodging: NH Collection Santiago

“Faith is not the clinging to a shrine, but an endless pilgrimage of the heart.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel





The Psalm (Psalm 134:2–3)

“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.”





DAY 9:THE LIFE OF BLESSING

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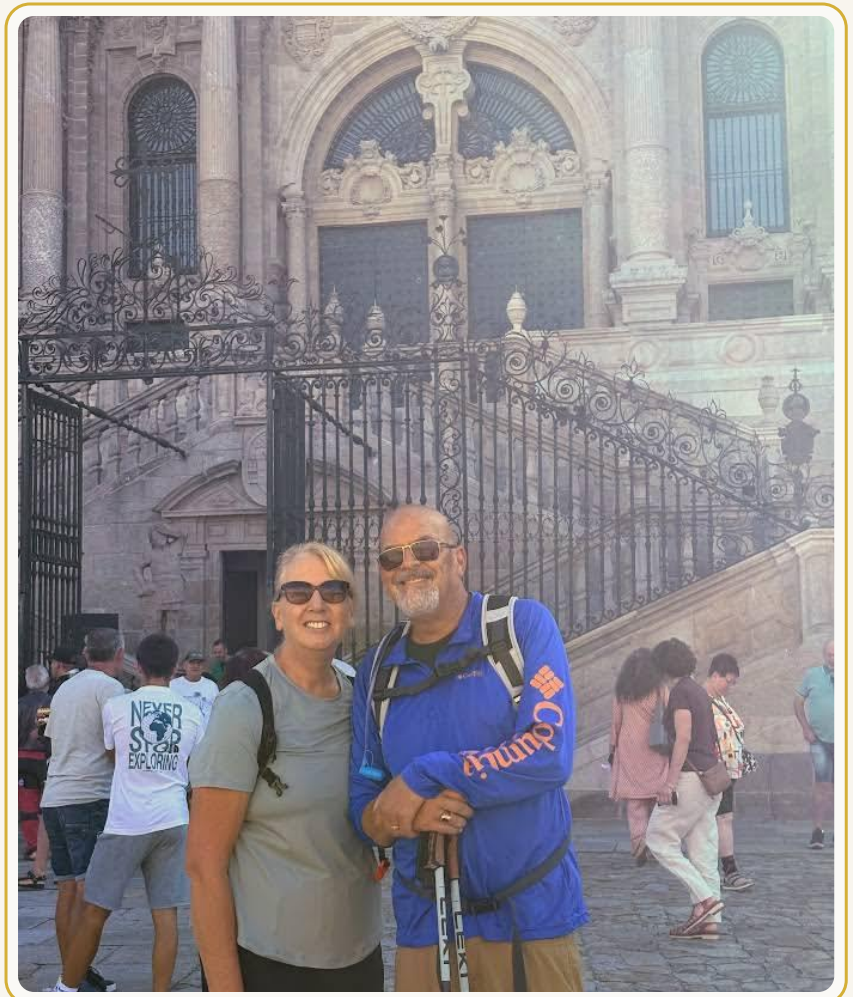






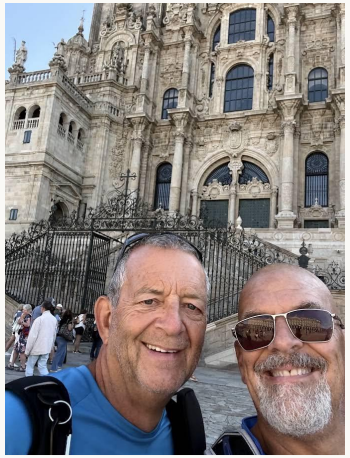




DAY 9: The LIFE OF BLESSING

Personal Photos & Reflections • Caldas de Reis to Padrón

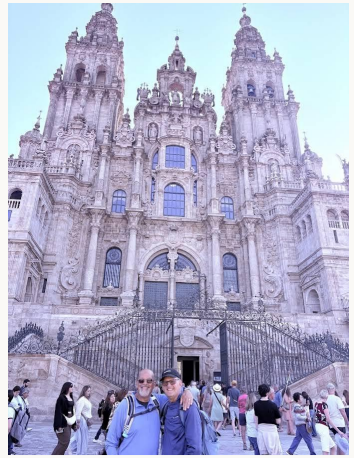












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Our Benediction & New Beginnings

O God, help me to believe in beginnings and in my beginning again… Help me to believe in beginnings, to make a beginning, to be a beginning, so that I may not just grow old, but grow new each day of this wild, amazing life…

— Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace*

The Pilgrim Benediction

God go before you to lead you,

God go behind you to protect you,

God go beneath you to support you,

God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.