# Camino 2025 — Essentials at a Glance

# Trip basics

- Dates: 23 Sept 2 Oct 2025 (10 days / 9 nights)
- Start / Finish: Porto, Portugal → Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Booking no.: 6635080 Trip code: EW-USI6635080
- Leader: English-speaking Intrepid leader throughout
- Meals included: Breakfasts (9), Farewell dinner (1)
- Accommodation: Hotels (9 nights), twin-share (5 rooms) + 1 single
- Daily transport: Mostly walking, plus private minivan/taxi where noted

### Action required (departures)

- If you're flying out of Santiago at the end: email your departure flight details to Erika at erika@foreveractive.life ASAP (name as per passport, date, airline/flight no., departure time, first destination airport, any mobility needs).
- Why: Intrepid currently shows "make your own way" for departures. If a majority leave from Santiago the same day, we can submit an urgent request for a group airport transfer. If not, you'll arrange your own transport.

### Arrivals (confirmed)

- Joining hotel: WOT Hotel Porto, Rua da Conceição 80, 4050-214 Porto +351 926 250 769
- Group airport pickup: AC928 arriving 09:35 on 23 Sept 2025 (driver waits up to 1 hour after scheduled arrival; look for your name or Intrepid sign).
- If you're not on the above flight, arrange a separate transfer (extra cost).

#### Baggage & luggage transport

- One main bag only, max 18 kg (40 lb) for hotel-to-hotel transport.
- Do not strap items (shoes, poles, etc.) to your luggage.
- Extra pieces may incur a small fee (collected at the welcome meeting).
- Bring a daypack (25–30 L) with waist strap for daily walks.

#### Daily distances & highlights (overview)

- Day 1: Porto Welcome meeting, pilgrim passport collection.
- Day 2: Oia → Baiona 22 km, coastal walk.
- Day 3: Baiona → Vigo 21 km (optional swim at Praia de Samil).
- Day 4: Vigo (rest day).
- Day 5: Vigo → Redondela 21.5 km.
- Day 6: Redondela  $\rightarrow$  Pontevedra 20.5 km, oyster tasting.
- Day 7: Pontevedra → Caldas de Rei 24 km.
- Day 8: Caldas de Rei → Padrón 22 km, winery tasting.
- Day 9: Padrón → Santiago 24 km, Compostela certificate, farewell dinner.
- Day 10: Santiago Trip ends. Finishing hotel: Nest Style Santiago, Rúa do Doutor Teixeiro 15 +34 960 66 06 57

## Money & tipping (EUR)

- Currency: Euro (€). ATMs widely available.
- Meals not included: Suggest budgeting ~€350 for the trip (varies by preference).
- Tipping (local services): €10–20 pp/week (not including your leader).
- Leader tip (guideline): €4–7 pp/day (at your discretion).
- Contingency: Access to ~US\$500 equivalent for unexpected events.

#### Documents & insurance

- Passport: Valid 6+ months beyond entry; carry a copy.
- Visas: Check your nationality's requirements early.
- Travel insurance: Mandatory (medical & emergency repatriation minimum). Bring your policy # and 24-hour emergency contact.

### Health, fitness & packing must-haves

- Fit to walk 20-24 km on multiple days.
- Footwear: Broken-in waterproof hiking boots with good grip.
- Day gear: Walking poles, 1–2 L water capacity, sun protection, light/head torch.
- Layers: Quick-dry clothing, fleece, waterproof jacket & trousers.
- Evenings: Comfortable shoes/sandals.
- Snacks: Nuts, energy bars, fruit for the trail.
- Seasonal note: Weather can vary; pack for sun and rain.

### Safety & contacts

- Intrepid local operator (on-trip emergencies): +49 8024 4679 542 (quote EW-USI6635080).
- Be mindful of petty theft in busy areas; use hotel safes when available.
- Follow the leader's guidance; decisions are made for group safety.