

CAMINO 2017  
CAMINO DEL NORTE BILBAO TO SANTANDER  
6<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TOTAL 116 KM

**DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

DEPART DUBLIN 13.05 ON RYANAIR FLIGHT FR7152  
ARRIVING SANTANDER 16.05  
RYANAIR FLY TO SANTANDER WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

BUS LEAVES SANTANDER AIRPORT FOR BILBAYO AT 18.10 AND 18.50  
JOURNEY TIME 90 MINS (www.alsa.es)

**DAY 2 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPT BILBAYO TO POBENA 22KM 230M ASCENT**

Take the metro out of Bilbayo if necessary and follow the east bank of the Rio Nervion as far as Las Arenas. From there take the Puente Colgante (100-yr old hanging bridge-UNESCO world heritage site E0.35c) across the river into Portugalete (9.4km). Continue inland for 2.1km to Ortuella and after another 8.6km you pass by the Playa de la Arena (sandy beach) which leads into Pobena. Pobena is a small community with an Albergue de Pelegrinos. You may have to enlist a taxi if you want hotel accommodation.

**DAY 3 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT POBENA TO CASTRO-URDIALES 17.5 KM 235M ASCENT**

Begin at Albergue De Pelegrinos 10am. After a long flight of steps the path follows a disused railway and leads along by the coast as far as Onton (6km). Continue along the coast, passing Mino on your left and, after a climb with spectacular views, you come to a long promenade leading into Castro - Urdiales. You could take 7km off tomorrow's long walk by continuing and staying overnight in Islares.

**DAY 4 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPT CASTRO-URDIALES TO LAREDO 30KM 410M ASCENT**

Begin 10am from Pension La Mar, Calle La Mar 27, passing by Cerdigo, Islares (7.4km), El Pontarron de Guriezo, Rioseco, Guriezo, La Magdalena and Liendo (24km), finishing at Plaza Capuchin in Laredo. If you take the N-634 west from El Pontarron de Guriezo this can take 4.9km off the distance, but the route is unmarked.

**DAY 5 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT LAREDO TO NOJA 14KM. SEASHORE 7KM**

Begin 10am from Plaza Capuchin and follow a northerly course by Playa de Laredo and follow the signs for the Santona ferry which only takes a few minutes (E1.70). After Santona you walk by the Playa de Berria and the Playa de Noja. Noja is a modern beach town with a pleasant central plaza.

**DAY 6 11 SEPT NOJA TO GUMES. 15.5KM 280M ASCENT**

Begin from Hotel Las Olas 10am passing by Barrio de Castillo, San Miguel de Murelo, Bareyo and on to Guemes which has a very good albergue. If you want hotel accommodation Posada El Solar is on the way to Galizano.

**DAY 7 12 SEPT GUMES TO SANTANDER 17KM 80M ASCENT**

Begin from Guemes Albergue 10 am. After 4km you reach Galizano and from there continue more or less along by the coast as far as Somo. From Somo take the ferry to Santander which takes half an hour and runs every half hour and costs E2.70.

**DAY 8 WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

DEPART SANTANDER 16.30 ON RYANAIR FLIGHT FR7153  
ARRIVING DUBLIN 17.35

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