



American Pilgrims on the Camino Cultural Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the third annual cultural trip to Spain. This year's cultural experience will explore the Burgos region and its splendors from Tuesday, June 3, through Monday, June 9, 2025, with departure on Tuesday, June 10. The event will culminate with a farewell dinner on June 9.

The cultural exploration of the former capital city of the unified Kingdom of Castile and Leon will allow participants to experience its ancient charm and modern vibes, as they embark on an unparalleled anthropological, historical, and regional culinary experience, curated by the Asociación de Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Burgos.

Burgos was founded in 885 AD, but it has been shaped by 8,000 years of evolution. It's a mosaic of different ancestries. Its Romanesque and Gothic architecture, vibrant ecclesiastical culture, delicious Castilian cuisine, and world-renowned wines will give participants a unique cultural dimension.

This exceptional event gives American Pilgrims an opportunity to experience parts of the Camino in a marvelously in-depth way, while learning about the regional architecture, absorbing the culture, and its history. Participants will also savor traditional foods, and become acquainted with the region's exceptional wines. Most importantly, American Pilgrims will have the opportunity to establish friendships with our fellow pilgrims who work hard in local associations' albergues and simultaneously promote American Pilgrims' contributions to the Camino.

The cultural experiences in the Navarra ('23) and La Rioja ('24) regions exposed participants to musings, culture, history, architecture, gastronomy, and viticulture, which pilgrims on the Camino rarely experience, and --most of all-- participants experienced dimensions of Spanish hospitality and friendship that will never be forgotten.

This year, the Asociación de Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Burgos is inviting us to their homeland to experience the **Splendors of Burgos!** **Will You Join Us?**

Remember encountering the Oca Mountains as you approached San Juan de Ortega? Or, just outside Agés, encountering Alto de Atapuerca Hills and that monumental sign of Atapuerca, the UNESCO World Herit-



age prehistoric caves, and where the oldest human remains in Europe were found? Perhaps making your way down to the Pico River and entering the Gothic City of Burgos through the ancient Arco of Santa Maria which holds a special spiritual meaning is still a vivid memory. And one can easily say that Burgos is the city referred to as the Gothic capital of Spain and of El Cid. **No matter—This is Burgos, Will You Join Us?**

SPLENDORS OF BURGOS ARE CALLING.....will you join us? It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime American Pilgrims cultural adventure. The dates are **June 3 through June 9, 2025**. It's anticipated the cost will be \$1,362 per person for double occupancy and \$1,697 for single occupancy. The cost includes hotel accommodation, breakfast, aperitifs, lunch, executive bus transportation, and entrance to all venues. These surprisingly low costs are possible since neither the Burgos association nor American Pilgrims on the Camino make a profit on these cultural events.

Due to the nature of the event, space is limited. We invite you to closely look at the attached **preliminary itinerary**, along with prices for our seven days in Burgos, prior to registering. Registration will open on March 1, and once your registration has been confirmed, the next step is to buy your plane tickets!

Looking forward to seeing you in Burgos,

Ruben Mendoza, Sarah Pierce Martin, Miriam S. Gallet, and Joseph McClain
American Pilgrims on the Camino Cultural Committee

P.S. Places are very limited, and this invitation is being sent only to dues-paying members of American Pilgrims!



Preliminary Itinerary
American Pilgrims on the Camino Cultural Event:
Splendors of Burgos

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Evening welcome reception at the hotel
Official welcoming ceremony in the Town Hall of Burgos, center of government in Castilla
Light supper in the restaurant Riviera at the Teatro Principal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Breakfast in the hotel
Walk the route of the Camino Francés in the city of Burgos beginning at the Plaza de San Juan and ending at the Arco de San Martín (+/-2kms)
Visit the Albergue Municipal, run by the Burgos association
Morning aperitif in the Café Babia
Tour the city castle
Visit the famed Gothic Cathedral of Santa Maria
Lunch in the restaurant Puerta Real
Free time in late afternoon
Evening concert in the patio of the Casa de Miranda
Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Breakfast in the hotel
Walk to the Cartuja de Santa María de Miraflores (+/-3kms)
Morning aperitif in the Café La Fragua

Visit the monastery of San Pedro de Cardeña
Lunch in the restaurant Casa Ojeda
Tour the monastery of Santa María la Real de Huelgas
Free time. Possibility of optional visit to the Museo de la Evolución Humana
Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by bus for the town of Aranda de Duero
Tour the monastery of Santa Maria de la Vid
Depart by bus for a winery in the Ribera del Duero region
Lunch in a winery
Free time in late afternoon
Evening concert at the Church of San Gil
Dinner on your own

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by bus to the town of Agés
Walk a section of the Camino Francés from Agés to Atapuerca (+/-2.5 kms)
Visit the world famous archeological and paleontological site of Atapuerca
Tour CAREX, the Center for Experimental Archeology
Midday aperitif in Atapuerca
Visit the sanctuary of San Juan de Ortega
Depart by bus to the town of Ibeas de Juarros
Lunch at the restaurant Los Claveles
Free time in late afternoon
Dinner on your own

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by bus to the town of Covarrubias with walking tour
Bus to Santo Domingo de Silos with visit to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos
Bus to the town of Lerma with walking tour
Lunch at Ribera de Arlanza vineyard
Free time in late afternoon
Pilgrims' Mass in the Cathedral of Burgos
Dinner on your own

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Breakfast in the hotel
Depart by bus for the town of Frías with walking tour
Bus to Poza de la Sal with walking tour
Bus to Oña with mid-day aperitif and tour of the monastery of San Salvador
Bus to the town of Briviesca, lunch at restaurant El Vallés
Return to Burgos
Farewell dinner at the Hotel Palacio de los Blasones

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Breakfast at the hotel
Hotel check out by 11 a.m.

Optional - Tour of Burgos Historic Center (Iglesias de San Nicolás de Bari and San Gil as well as Casa del Cordón, Paseo del Espolón, etc.) for those participants who are not departing on this day.

