



# Camino de Santiago

*Your Digital Companion*

PLAN

WALK

REMEMBER

Apps & tools for every step of the journey

*Buen Camino!*

# The Digital Pilgrim's Toolkit

## 01 RESEARCH & PLAN

*Before You Go*

- Route planning & maps
- Accommodation booking
- Training & gear research
- Language prep & budgeting

## 02 WALK

*On the Camino*

- Navigation & GPS
- Daily tracking & stats
- Weather forecasting
- Community & sharing
- Accommodation booking

## 03 REMEMBER

*Back Home*

- Photo organization
- Memory books & journals
- Story sharing platforms
- Certificate & credentials

# Research and Route Planning

## American Pilgrims

Web

Detailed advice on planning, packing and training for the Camino

## Camino de Santiago Forum

Web + App

Long running online forum that covers about any topic you can imagine. Members are from all over the world.

## Rome2Rio

IOS/Android

Useful to figure out how to get to start and return points, or for leapfrog days if you need to skip a section

## Renfe

Web + App

Spanish national rail network. See rail routes, estimate distances and purchase tickets

## Google Flights

Web

Research flights, track prices, get alerts for designated routes

## Wise Pilgrim

Web + App

Plan your daily stages, calculate total km and estimate arrival dates for the whole journey.

# Route Planning & Navigation

## Gronze

Web + App

Detailed stage-by-stage guides for all major routes. Search albergues, distances, elevation profiles.

## Godesalco

Web

Website for planning stages and visualizing distances between towns

## Rome2Rio

iOS/Android

Useful to figure out how to get to start and return points, or for leapfrog days if you need to skip a section

## Google Maps

Offline Maps

Download offline maps for regions you'll cross. Great for towns and transport connections.

## Buen Camino

iOS/Android

The official Federación app. Offline maps, stage info, albergue finder and pilgrim passport tracking.

## Camino Ninja

Web Tool

Plan your daily stages, calculate total km and estimate arrival dates for the whole journey.

# Accommodation, Logistics & Preparation



## Accommodation

### ● Gronze

Real-time albergue availability + reviews

### ● Booking.com

For private rooms on tough stages

### ● Airbnb

Rest days in cities (Burgos, León, Santiago)

### ● Wise Pilgrim / Buen Camino

Find lodging options with prices and reviews



## Logistics & Prep

### ● XE Currency

Live EUR exchange rates & offline converter

### ● Duolingo / Pimsleur

Learn basic Spanish before departing

### ● Google Translate

Camera translation for menus & signs

### ● Travel Apps - Tripit

Consolidates all trip related bookings, tickets, maps, emails, into a single trip that can be shared.



# Navigation, Daily Tracking & Safety

## 800 km

Camino Francés

## 33 days

Average duration

## 25 km

Avg daily stage

### Maps.me

Offline GPS

Fully offline OpenStreetMap navigation. Can find precise routes

### Relive / Polarsteps / Find Penguins

Dedicated App

Tracks daily route and puts together map with photos, comments and music to share

### Strava / Fitbit / Garmin

Activity Tracker

Record each walking day, track elevation gain, pace and total km. Useful for fitness tracking.

### Google Maps

Offline GPS

Download area maps, share, mark & save locations. Less accurate for walking trails, especially in Europe.

### Accuweather / AEMET

Weather

Accuweather: English. AEMET: Official Spanish meteorology app.

### Alert Cops

Safety

Spain's official emergency app

# Staying Connected & Sharing the Journey



## Stay in Touch

### ● WhatsApp

Create a group with family to share daily check-ins and location

### ● Polarsteps/Relive/ FindPenguins

Auto-tracks your route & shares a live trip map with loved ones

### ● Location Sharing

Google Maps, Apple Find My. Real time location sharing with selected individuals

### ● Holafly / Airallo / Orange

Affordable eSIM data plans valid across Spain & Portugal



## Pilgrim Community

### ● Camino Forum (App)

Ask questions, share advice and find walking companions

### ● Instagram / #Camino

Post daily stages with the Camino hashtag, follow the community

### ● Facebook - APOC, VoTS, Camigas

Audio journal app — record thoughts while walking

### ● Day One

Private daily journal: photos, text, location-stamped entries

# Organizing & Preserving Your Memories



## Photo & Video Books

### ● Chatbooks

Auto-creates monthly photobooks from your camera roll — Camino highlights delivered to your door

### ● Artifact Uprising

Premium lay-flat photo books. Upload your best 30–50 Camino shots for a keepsake volume

### ● Google/Apple Photo Albums

Create a shared album with fellow pilgrims to collect everyone's photos in one place

### ● Shutterfly

Upload photos and text to create personalized album of your Camino



## Journals & Stories

### ● Day One

Finalize your walking journal with photos, maps and GPS logs for each stage

### ● Notion / Craft

Build a beautiful Camino wiki: stages, people met, albergues rated, lessons learned

### ● Wordpress / Substack

Publish your Camino narrative publicly — many pilgrims write popular series

### ● Polarsteps Recap

Auto-generates a shareable travel book from your tracked route and photos

# Your Compostela & Sharing the Achievement



## The Compostela Certificate

The physical Compostela is issued at the Pilgrim Office in Santiago. To receive it you must have walked at least 100 km (or cycled 200 km) and have your Pilgrim Passport (Credencial) stamped at least twice daily in the final 100km.

- **Camino Pilgrim Passport App**  
Digital version of the Credencial — track and store all your sello stamps
- **Scanner Pro / Adobe Scan**  
Scan your physical Compostela and stamps to keep a digital archive forever
- **Framebridge / Desenio**  
Frame your Compostela and favourite Camino photo — order framing online



## Share Your Achievement

- **YouTube / Vimeo**  
Upload your Camino documentary — the community loves watching others' journeys
- **Instagram Highlights**  
Create a permanent 'Camino' story highlight — pin your best 20 moments
- **Strava Year in Review**  
Share your total km walked and elevation climbed as a year achievement post
- **Pilgrimage Forum**  
Give back — share tips and answer questions from pilgrims planning their own Camino
- **Personal Blog / WordPress**  
Write up reflections post-walk. Many Camino blogs become long-running resources



## *Final Tips*

Simple “Best Setup” (keep it minimal)

If you want an easy recommendation:

- 1 Camino app → Wise Pilgrim or Camino Maps
- Google Maps → backup navigation
- Booking.com → occasional lodging
- WhatsApp → communication

Back up photos every night over WiFi. Or set for Auto backup, Wifi only

Create and practice Camino WhatsApp group before departure

Bring a power bank for all day use

Prioritize yellow arrows: the physical yellow arrows and shells are your primary guide. Apps can supplement if you get lost or when you go off-route.

# Buen Camino!

*May your steps be light,  
your pack be small,  
and your apps be charged.*



*Santiago, 127 km →*



# Questions & What's Happening!



**April 25 @ 7:00AM - Lake Pleasant Hike to Yavapai Lookout NEW!**

**May 9 @ 6:00PM - South Mountain Sundown Hike & Happy Hour NEW!**

**MAY 11 @ 8:00AM - Camino Coffee via Zoom**

**May 16 @ 8:00AM - Gilbert Riparian Preserve Hike NEW!**

**June 8 @ 8:00AM - Camino Coffee via Zoom**

**June 28 - Strawberry/Pine Hike**

**July 13 @ 8:00AM - Camino Coffee via Zoom**

**July 25 - St. James Day Celebration & Shell Ceremony**