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• Overview route planner • Daily stage maps with optional routes • Contour guides with elevations • List of all pilgrim hostels and alternative accommodation • Urban plans showing the location of hostels and hotels • Solar compass to assist orientation • Practical notes on preparation • Equipment checklist • Dictionary with basic pilgrim phrases (French and Portuguese complete guides only) • Historical notes and places of special interest Later on physical route there are pointers to: • the mystical path with inspirational quotes and space for personal reflections • Self-review questionnaire to help prepare for the inner journey All designed to fit easily in the pocket with the latest thin line guides that measure only 11.5 cm x 19 cm (4.5 x 7.5). While the map books are even lighter they only contain daily scenario maps, contour guides and city plans. We broaden our deepest concern for all those affected by the covid-19 pandemic, especially pilgrims, individuals and companies on the Camino de Santiago. It's hard to see the Suffering of the Camino family, whether healthy, financially, or disappointments about disrupted dream trips. The Road is open in limited capacity with caution from Covid-19. Many accommodation options are open with new health and safety protocols, while others remain closed by 2020. Access to Spain, France and Portugal varies depending on the nationality of travelers. If you are currently on the Road, follow all the travel requirements established by Spain and local entities. The Road has been there for centuries and will endure. We support each other at this troubling time, dreaming and planning for the day we can return without restrictions to the Camino. We are always here to support you in these plans. I really like Brierley's guide to Camino Frances. He helps me feel that I am on a pilgrimage, especially when so many other factors can make me feel like a tourist. I think I'm not sure, but I think it's been reformed to fit your pocket a little more comfortably. It's good for this practical consideration as well as for its content, and you may be surprised how many books on the various routes to Santiago aren't published with pocket-sized convenience in mind. This isn't my first time with Brierley's book, I had a previous edition, so I know how it works and everything seems very effective and accessible and so on. For anyone new, it's well designed, but remember, it starts working for you in the just-getting-getting-interested/curious phase; once you walk you won't often need it, except when you start in places or want to know about the practices of tomorrow's march (there will be a lot of water sources, we'll go down a lot tomorrow, we move into an area with different weather systems, etc). Tips on how to prepare mentally how to physically, how and what to pack, guidance on how to protect yourself from excessive things, and then how to adjust when going out and going home. All practical considerations care, but you are also spiritual, and I could say also, imaginative needs. How you might think of the way as a phenomenon, historical/psycho-geographical/spiritual, and what lessons can be taken from the experience of making pilgrimage to Compostela. Any negatives? Well, I disagree with him on some things. The departure and departure of the city of León is not the draining and miserable experience he represents with his words. One of the options for a more peaceful and remote route - I won't say which one - was along a road made entirely of sharp stones that gets tired of feet considerably more than any amount of asphalt or asphalt. In fact, the quieter route of the park to Burgos almost broke my spirit with its endless straight line of cement, much better to have entered the suburb. Not everyone likes mystical reflections; I didn't care at all, or inspirational quotes, or personal reflections that often describe their own failures and falls on previous hikes. They all contribute to giving their guide a warmth and personality that made me feel like a friend was with me. If you want strict impersonality and objectivity, look the other way... and then wonder exactly why you want to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela anyway? It is much better to get this book and keep it with you then rely on your electronics and applications, which will only serve to bring your life home with you in what is meant to be a very personal adventure. As JB says, ditch the dependency, and embrace the experience that you are conducting. The guide suggests booting the different pages after each stage is completed, to save on weight in your pocket. Personally, I really enjoy reading this book even after the way, so I didn't. The classic and pocket-friendly guide of the French Way. There is no reason to hesitate. Now why don't you write more on the other routes. Norte still needs a very good and reliable guide. The following traditional guides of the Camino de Santiago offer a route and allow you to reconnect with these historical and spiritual routes. Full of information, guides can cover one or the entire route network and are the best source of information. And the overall winner is John Brierley's Pilgrim's Guide to St James's Way. The books have been created by dedicated people who have walked and walked the routes. Maybe that's why I find each guide to offer something unique, or at least see each route with a new perspective. There are some established routes, covered by most guides. Other

less busy routes are also covered by some publishers. The French Way with its 800 km of history and tradition is the most popular route. But other routes are covered with popular guides. Most of these routes have origins of the Age For me, it would be almost impossible to learn as much about a route without a good guide. At first, I thought that everyone are the same. But I soon realized that this is far from the truth. Why do you need a guide to the Camino de Santiago? Did you know you can walk the Camino del Santiago with a 2.2-pound backpack? Or did you know you don't need to bring food with you on foot? I found out that there are small shops and cafes along The Way and that you only need to bring minimal supplies every day. Many amenities are only listed in a guide. The lighter the load, the more relaxed the walk. As a result, getting your hands on the best guide can mean stress-free travel for weeks. What makes a great guide? The best guide should be easy to read A guide should offer detailed maps that should include planned stops Historical information is an important advantage Elevation information is great to know that temperature information can help with clothing options Useful Spanish phrases would have helped my trip Camino legends can be a great topic of conversation with fellow hikers and pilgrims Some of this information was already included in the first guide I went Use. But others, like the Spanish phrases were not. If I had to write a guide I would probably include all of the above. Are all guides the same? This takes me to the next point. Are all guides the same? Isn't the Camino de Santiago the same for centuries? It is only those who have taken a route to Santiago de Compostela who can tell if a guide is good or bad. From my experience, there are no truly bad guides. However, incomplete guides are published each year. For many pilgrims, I think the walk is much more than just an adventure. It's also about reconnecting and refreshing the mind and soul. This can be difficult to achieve without the proper information and understanding of the true value of each site along the route. What about a walko app? Walking along the route, I saw a few hikers simply on their smartphones, check maps, take pictures and update their Instagram accounts. But is this true to what the Camino de Santiago is? What happens in case the battery runs out? There are several apps already dedicated to the main routes in Santiago de Compostela. But they all don't have an important component. This is a personal experience. Most applications are made in a remote office. They are coded and designed by people who haven't even been on the route network. In return, most guides on the Camino de Santiago have been written by people who have walked the roads. The writers slept in the local villages, woke up early in the morning and started walking. Some days, they walked 45km while others walked 20km. At the end of their day's itinerary, they write about how cool or how tired they are expected to feel. This type of personal information may still be missing from the app-based guides. Here is a list of the best guides on the Road by Route. Camino Frances Guidebooks Camino Frances is the most popular route to Santiago de Compostela. Start in France at This route is also covered by several guides. The guide covers the French Way, which is the route that most people walk. It contains maps, images and great general information. There are some additional pages that can be used to write personal notes. That's what I like and what I don't like. Pros Includes detailed maps, divided into sections Includes altitude information Includes intermediate accommodation outside villages and villages Marks various routes (yellow pilgrims, green-scenic, gray-asphalt, and purple-contemplative/remote) Show local river and lake locations March tourist information sites Points out pharmacies along the route Describes the historical significance of certain Cons locations Too popular with pilgrims which means most will sleep in the same crowded places No sorting information about Heavy accommodation for some hikers, especially from the second week With detailed information about villages on the Route of France, the guide has simple graphics As a result, it is recommended for all ages as it is easy to follow. It might not be revolutionary, but it has updated information and even gives access to GPS files online. Point by point, it has many good parts and some possible drawbacks. Pros Covers the entire 800km route from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Santiago de Compostela Includes the Finisterre Way 90km route Maps outside (hostels) within and outside the village boundaries Includes contact information for hostels and hotels Offers brief blurbs on local wildlife and culture Includes some historical information Warm personal type of writing Includes information Respectful about faith and local habits Lift and climbing section maps Include offset hosting suggestions to avoid overcrowded locations Good Spanish phrase translations Available in a Kindle Cons edition There is no information on possible days off Still heavy for some pilgrims The pocket version comes at the same price as the Updated Kindle edition in 2019, the guide is useful for basic information such as the number of beds available in popular hosting sites. That's what you would expect. Pros Information on the number of beds Albergue Café locations and supermarket locations Information and graphics Includes a daily schedule walk Guides cons Camino Portugues The route is a popular choice if you are enjoying rural walks. It begins in Lisbon and takes pilgrims to various UNESCO World Heritage sites. Covering the Central Way and the Camí da Costa, the guide is true to John Brierley's profile. Includes complete information with added historical information. Pros Includes images of the route Each daily stretch is detailed with elevation information Include personal anecdotes Made with updated information Cons Only available in paperback This little guide is the pocket-friendly solution at a minimum orientation through two walks in Santiago de Compostela. Pros Includes route information on the Camino de Santiago Details local routes from Lisbon and Porto Covers inland and coastal routes Includes color maps Made with detailed city maps Available in Kindle Cons Little information of cultural and religious importance Covering the stages of planning and preparation, the guide covers all the Portuguese way 620km. Pros Covers the religious importance of the route Offers information on the route with difficulty levels It includes English, Portuguese and Spanish phrases Cons Heavy paperback Does not include route photos Although this guide is already 2 years old, it could still be a worthy option for the coastal route. Pros Includes detailed distance information Internet resource indexes for the route Details infrastructure information and detours of routes Cons Camino del Norte Guides that run in northern Spain, the green route takes pilgrims along the perfect Basque country. The following guides are suitable for additional information on local beaches and food. Available in both Kindle and paperback versions, the guide details the route through the regions of the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias and Galicia. Pros Includes WiFi hotspot locations Share a list of packing gears for 30L backpacks and 40L Maps of drinking water sources Includes ATM locations Detailed information about accommodation (booking options, washing machines, food, dryers, etc.) Available in Kindle and rustic Cons Bad information on towns and villages The route detailed in this guide is based on authors walking in 2009 and 2011, the guide covers essential information about scenic distance and accommodation alternatives. Pros Covers the Northern Way on foot Primitive Way, Way Ingles and Finisterre Way are covered, as well as includes basic routes and alternative routes Map scale in miles and kilometers Includes clothes and hiking gear tips Maps accommodation options Available in Kindle and pocket Cons Distances may not be realistic in some stages No contact information for Finisterre Way pensions and Muxia Camino Finisterre Guide is a quiet route. It is the only route that begins in Santiago de Compostela and takes pilgrims to Cape Fisterra, also called Edge of the World. Camino Muxia is a shorter route to Finisterre with a length of almost 80 km. In Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino Inglés: & & Camino Finisterre by John Brierley I like this guide because it is one of the easiest to follow. It shows pilgrims the shortest path to Santiago de Compostela. As a result, it is the guide to the fastest method of getting a Compostela. But it has some other benefits and disadvantages to consider. Pros Detailed 128-page guide Takes Pilgrims Along an Ancient Route From Sea Recommendations for Those Looking for a Lonely Experience in North Galicia Santiago to Finis Terrae's trip includes map translations from English into Spanish, German, Italian and Follow the main route as well as secondary routes Includes information about accommodation and the number of free beds Provides basic preparation information Detailed information on each turn Use local attractions to guide pilgrims Offers basic space for personal notes Cons Needs more shops, cafes and marked restaurants I could use more religious references From a personal walking experience in 2015, the guide is now available in both an ebook and a pocket version. Pros Includes information on accommodation and food Covers vegan dining options along the route Divide the route in daily stages on foot Includes a minimalist packing list Shows information of the terrain Cons Without cultural information Insufficient coverage of religious significance The book covers the final stages of the French Way and its extensions to Finisterre and Muxia as a separate hike. Pros Covers three short routes to Santiago de Compostela Written in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian Includes daily route planners Based on detailed maps Covers information of the terrain extensively Maps out local attractions and its religious significance Cons Not available as ebook Via de la Plata Guide Known as the longest Spanish route in Santiago, Via de la Plata has a total length of 1,000km. Traditionally, this route would guide North African Christians. Updated in 2019, the guide is based on the author's 2009 walking experience. Parts of the guide are also available for download. Pros Daily stage details on foot from Seville Daily walks vary from 5km to 29km Features enhanced maps in the original edition Includes altitude profiles Maps outside shops, restaurants and banks Includes information on historical sites along the Black and White Printed Cons Only route Some unen-updated data about accommodation This guide looks more like a description of the trip and can be a good read before boarding the Via de Plata. Pros Based on Daily Recommendations rides Maps out recreation options Describe accommodation booking processes Include daily reflection blurbs Cons Does not include maps Does not offer hotels and hostels contact information Camino Ingles Guide This walk has been historically welcoming northern European pilgrims. Believers from England, Ireland and Scandinavia would embark on this northern route. It can take up to 7 days to reach the tomb of St. James from the coast. Popular with British pilgrims, this route is described in the guide. Take pilgrims or hikers to cities such as A Coruña or Ferrol. Pros Based on daily walks varying from 12km to 24km Includes extensive suggestions from the packing list Made with added route images Includes detailed city maps Show all accommodation options from hostels to monastery stays in Kindle and rustic Cons Reading short for an immersive experience Maps can be difficult to read due to its compact size Based on the author's personal experience throughout Camino Ingles, the guide is a good read before during the pilgrimage. Pros The writing style is easy to read Some information about packaged goods and emergency kit Information on when to start daily walks based on temperature Stresses the importance of good physical shape for travel Cons Does not include quick information about accommodation options Does not include maps including information on how to prepare for the route, is a guide describing the author's personal experience with this quiet hike. Pros Show information about the paperwork required for international travelers Includes tips on how to include the level of fitness before the walk Describes the usefulness of various equipment and footwear on the route Includes useful links Describes the route in manageable stages Available in Kindle and the pocket paragraphs Cons Long make it difficult to read Insufficient information about the Camino Primitivo Accommodation Part of the Northern Ways, The Primitive Way has a length of 321km. It can take up to two weeks to complete and is often considered the most difficult pilgrimage to Santiago. Based on the Primitive Way, the guide offers an alternative for those looking for a less traveled route. It offers additional route options with possible diversion along the Northern Way. Apart from his minimalist style, that's what I like about him. Pros Includes full page maps Offers travel planning information such as schedules during summer and winter Travel is divided into 13 daily stages Maps out a daily budget Warns about possible bugs and insects along the way Essential gear lists like a sleeping bag, toiletries or first aid kits Show crucial outdoor gear store locations Details possible swimming areas Cons Bright pages can be difficult to read in Sun Can be confusing with multiple variations of guide route includes all the Northern Roads and includes a section dedicated to the Primitive Way. It covers historic towns such as Oviedo or San Juan. Pros Information on the length of the ascent and descent Includes detailed road maps Share images of local landmarks Historical information details about towns and villages Show images of the route outside cities and towns Cons Could use larger drop-down maps Kindle version maps Need high resolution Madrid Way guide From madrid regions, Segovia and Valladolid, the route takes pilgrims through the province of León. Finally, it joins the popular French Way. As the only guide detailing the Camino de Madrid, there are plenty of expectations placed on it. Pros Includes full addresses and local hosting phone numbers Covers a less traveled route (around 500 annually registered pilgrims) Minimal walking directions, as the route is well marked Describe picturesque places to enjoy on the Include Internet Resources route with Cons Only links available The Kindle Conclusion edition There are so many other inspiring guides of the Camino de Santiago. But not many of them manage to offer as mentioned above. Although I like them all, as they offer such unique perspectives, the Pilgrim's Guide to John Brierley's Camino de Santiago is the best option. Anna Dintaman's guide is a close second place, not enough for her personal experience. However, the detailed information and maps offered by John Brierley are difficult to match. There is plenty of information about accommodation, services, tourist attraction, weather and elevation. I like that the guide also offers local historical information along with interesting coverage of local legends. But mostly I like it to divide the route into manageable daily stages. Of course, these are just recommendations. You can decide for yourself how to split the ride. However, I think it is reassuring to know that small detours are also included in the guide so that no local attraction can be overlooked by those looking for an immersive experience. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Camino de Santiago I would like to address some common questions for those who are currently planning. Is the Camino de Santiago safe? The Camino de Santiago is generally safe. It is rare for anyone to be truly alone for more than a few minutes during their stay on the route. Coming from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, most pilgrims would meet with people and make friends along the way. Some days, I had to wake up early if I wanted to pass the 50km per day mark. That meant using a flashlight. But still, the route was quiet and without incident. This is even why women solo walkers look so often on the route. Read how safe the Camino is. Where can I sleep on the Camino de Santiago? A good guide should provide hosting information. Accommodation is available for all tastes and budgets. I love how you can sleep in a clean hostel for 10 euros per night. Hotels and even campsites are available along the route. However, even if these locations are listed in a guide, it is still advisable to call in advance to check for vacancies during the summer. I'm vegan Being vegan in a country where you don't speak the language is not easy. Most hikers have to learn some basic Spanish words for vegan food types. Some of the local meals can even be made without meat. Others are simply delicious for vegans. For example, vegetable paella is vegan. I would also recommend a few vegan protein bars to feed your muscles as needed along the way. Read vegan on the Way. What is the best route for small groups? Everyone new to the Camino de Santiago can start with Camino Frances. This is where most groups should head. Some of the quieter routes are preferred by solo pilgrims and larger groups could be disrupting the entire experience for these solo pilgrims. Certainly, the Camino de Invierno is not recommended for groups, as it is less busy and very contemplative for its pilgrims. Read the best Way for a week. Is it true that a route starts from Santiago? Yes. Camí Finisterre begins in Santiago and reaches Cape Fisterra, also known as the of the known world. Traditionally, pilgrims would throw their shoes into the sea to symbolize the end of their long pilgrimage. Pilgrimage.

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