El Camino de Santiago

In the Footsteps of St. James

May 8 – 20, 2015

Harold W. Attridge

Sterling Professor of Divinity
Dear Yale Traveler,

For more than a thousand years, pilgrims have walked the Way of St. James, seeking penance, enlightenment, and adventure. Their destination was Santiago de Compostela, Spain, where it is believed the remains of St. James, Apostle and patron saint of the country, are buried. We invite you to follow in these peregrinos’ footsteps next spring, on selective hikes along Europe’s celebrated Camino de Santiago. Admire spectacular monuments, savor fine cuisine, and spend your nights in deluxe hotels and historic paradores—some former monasteries.

In Pamplona, stay at the Gran Hotel La Perla, where Hemingway wrote The Sun Also Rises, and take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, location of the Running of the Bulls. Drive to Roncesvalles for your first walk, to the picturesque Basque village of Espinal. Savor regional vintages in medieval Laguardia, capital of the Rioja Alavesa wine region, and visit the lively university city of Logroño. South of Burgos, hear Gregorian chants performed by the monks of Santo Domingo de Silos and marvel at the 700-year-old Codex Las Huelgas. Admire unique buildings by Gaudí in León and Astorga before concluding in Santiago de Compostela to witness the famous incense burning ritual and watch the sun set over Cape Finisterre, once thought to be “the end of the earth.”

I look forward to being with you as your faculty companion for the trip. The history of Christianity, its religious practices such as pilgrimage, and the stories of its saints, such as St. James, have long fascinated me. It will be a wonderful experience to walk on this historic trail with you. Together we will learn about an important part of our cultural heritage.

Space on this exceptional program is limited. Please visit www.yaledctravel.org/stjames15 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

With best wishes from Yale,

Harold W. Attridge
Yale Divinity School
Harold Attridge, Sterling Professor of Divinity and Dean of Yale Divinity School from 2002 to 2012, has made scholarly contributions to New Testament exegesis and to the study of Hellenistic Judaism and the history of the early church. His publications include *Essays on John and Hebrews*, *First-Century Cynicism in the Epistles of Heraclitus*, and *The Acts of Thomas*, as well as numerous book chapters and articles in scholarly journals. Among his interests are the legends of saints, such as St. James, and religious practices such as pilgrimage. He has been active in scholarly organizations, including the Society of Biblical Literature (where he served as president in 2001) and the Catholic Biblical Association (where he served as president in 2012). He received his Ph.D at Harvard University.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Participants must be in good health and able to keep pace with an active group. They must be able to hike on uneven terrain along the Camino trail for up to six miles a day; additionally they must be able to walk and stand for periods of two hours at a time, climb stairs at monuments (some without handrails) and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climb in and out of various conveyances. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. For walks on the Camino, participants are advised to bring “broken-in” walking shoes or boots, a sun hat, and comfortable hiking attire.
DEPART U.S.A.

Friday, May 8
Depart the U.S.A. on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.

PAMPLONA, SPAIN

Saturday, May 9
Arrive in Pamplona and transfer to the Gran Hotel La Perla, where Ernest Hemingway stayed when he wrote *The Sun Also Rises*. This evening gather for welcome remarks by Professor Harold W. Attridge, followed by dinner.

PAMPLONA / LAGUARDIA

Monday, May 11
Travel by coach to the Romanesque Church of Santa María de Eunate, one of the jewels of the Camino. From here, walk a short distance on the Camino to Puente La Reina, a medieval town where the two main pilgrim routes converge. There will be time to explore the town and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon drive to vibrant Estella to see the Palace of the Kings of Navarre and San Pedro de la Rúa with its lovely 12th-century cloister. Continue to Laguardia, the charming medieval capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region, and check in to the Hotel Villa de Laguardia. Dinner is at a local restaurant, featuring regional cuisine and wines.

LAGUARDIA

Tuesday, May 12
Following a morning lecture, drive to the lively university city of Logroño to see its attractive Old Quarter and the cathedral, which boasts a painting by Michelangelo. Lunch is at Bodegas Baigorri, where Rioja Alavesa is produced. Return to the hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

LAGUARDIA / BURGOS

Wednesday, May 13
Depart for Nájera, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre. Visits include the Monasterio Santa María la Real with its magnificent Royal Pantheon, burial place of many of the kings, queens, and knights of Navarre. A walk along the Camino to Atoñiva is followed by a short drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada for lunch and a visit to the historic cathedral and Pilgrim’s Hospital. Continue to Burgos and see Las Huelgas Monastery, whose museum is home to the *Codex Las Huelgas*, the famous music manuscript from 1300. Check in at Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, housed in a former monastery. Dinner is at the hotel.

BURGOS

Thursday, May 14
This morning discover Burgos Cathedral, the largest in Spain, and visit the Gothic-style monastery Cartuja de Miraflores with its trio of sculptures by Gil de Siloé. Drive to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture. Experience a Gregorian chant performed by the monks of Silos. After a picnic lunch, walk along a delightful Camino path through an oak and pine forest leading to the peaceful valley of the Río Vena. Return to Burgos for dinner at the nearby Mesón del Cid.
BURGOS / LEON

Friday, May 15

Drive this morning to the little village of Calzada del Coto to start a beautiful hike along this stretch of the Camino to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After a tapas buffet lunch at a popular pilgrim restaurant continue to León. Check in to the splendid Parador de León San Marcos, an architectural gem. The afternoon is at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant.

LEON

Saturday, May 16

Today, follow the Camino within the walls of León to discover Gaudí’s architectural masterpiece, the neo-Gothic palace, Casa de los Botines, and the soaring 13th-century cathedral. Then see the Basilica of San Isidoro, the most important Romanesque church on the Iberian Peninsula. Lunch is at a famous local restaurant. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Baltic’s Amber Coast
July 13—24, 2015
Boris Berman, Professor of Piano

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July 18—25, 2015
Gary Brudvig, Yale Energy Sciences Institute

Symphony on the Blue Danube
September 30—October 14, 2015
Anders Winroth, Professor of History

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Reader’s Corner
Want to learn more about the Way of St. James? Here are some selections to get you started.

THE PILGRIM’S GUIDE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA by William Melczer
This is the original guide used by 12th-century pilgrims along the sacred way, reprinted with an extensive introduction by a professor of medieval studies, a long section of endnotes, and a gazetteer of all the sites along the route. It’s an excellent, hugely informative presentation of this curiosity of a text, which is remarkably akin to a modern trekking guide.

PLANTS DON’T DRINK COFFEE by Unai Elorriaga
Award-winning Basque author Unai Elorriaga sets us in the private world of a young Basque boy in this multi-perspective novel. In four different storylines which crisscross throughout the novel, his characters catch dragonflies, build rugby fields, and enter carpentry competitions. With short, measured sentences, the book is a rewarding read for the effort it requires.

PROGRAM RATE $7,995
(per person double occupancy)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT $1,095

RATE INCLUDES
- An enrichment program featuring special events, lectures, and discussions with Yale Professor Harold W. Attridge
- Eleven nights hotel accommodations, as per itinerary
- Buffet breakfast daily, eight lunches, and eight dinners with local wine / beer. Bottled water and coffee / tea
- Sightseeing via private motorcoach and Camino walking tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport / hotel / airport group transfers
- Taxes, service and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Pre-departure material and reading list

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE
Airfare; passport fees; alcoholic beverages other than local wine / beer at dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Leon / Villafranca del Bierzo
Sunday, May 17
Your morning journey on the Camino leads from León into the glorious open countryside of the páramo. Then drive to Astorga, whose historic legacy is the result of its location at the crossroads of several major pilgrim routes. Admire Gaudí’s Bishop’s Palace before lunch. Continue to Ponferrada and the magnificent 12th-century Templar castle. Stroll on the Camino as it winds within the medieval section of Ponferrada. Dinner and an overnight are at the Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo.

Villafranca del Bierzo / Santiago de Compostela
Monday, May 18
See the historic sights of Villafranca del Bierzo before driving to Monte do Gozo for lunch. The spires of the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela will be visible as you join other pilgrims walking the last few miles of the Camino. Check into the renowned Hostal dos Reis Católicos. Later, an optional excursion is arranged to “the end of the earth” at Cape Finisterre, once thought to be the westernmost point on the Iberian Peninsula. Enjoy the sunset from the Cape with a glass of Cava.

Santiago de Compostela
Tuesday, May 19
A morning walking tour includes the highlights of this historic town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Complete the pilgrim experience at noon mass, where the famous Botafumeiro (incense burning) ritual will be performed specifically for our group. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner in the luxurious dining room of the hostal.

Santiago de Compostela / U.S.A.
Wednesday, May 20
Depart for the airport and return flights home, via Madrid.
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**AIRFARE** Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including specially negotiated group airfare when available, suggested flights, or individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation mailing.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE** A deposit of $1,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. To register for this program, please visit www.yaledotravel.org/stjames. Alternatively, please mail the deposit and completed registration form to: The Association of Yale Alumni, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 (Fax 203-432-0587). Final payment, by check only, must be received 120 days prior to departure.

**HEALTH** Participants must be in good health and able to keep pace with an active group. They must be able to hike on uneven terrain along the Camino trail for up to six miles a day on uneven terrain; additionally they must be able to walk and stand for periods of two hours at time, climb stairs at monuments (some without handrails) and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climb in and out of various conveyances. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. For walks on the Camino, participants are advised to bring “broken-in” walking shoes or boots, a sun hat, and comfortable hiking attire.

**INSURANCE** Yale Educational Travel highly recommends that participants purchase travel insurance as the cancellation policy will apply. However, Yale does not recommend a particular insurance company and Yale travelers are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. There is usually a short window of time (7-21 days from the first payment date) when one can purchase travel insurance and still be covered for certain provisions (such as pre-existing conditions). If travel insurance is important to you, please do not wait to purchase insurance.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual.

**RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE** The participation of AYA is limited to educational sponsorship of the program described in this brochure (The Program). AAA acts only as an agent for the participant with respect to transportation, accommodations, and all other services, relating to The Program. AYA, AAA, and/or their agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error, or omission, or for any injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus, or other carrier, or through neglect or default of any subcontractor or other third party, which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the participants of The Program. The passage ticket issued by the carrier is the sole contract between the participant and the carrier. Nor will AYA or AAA and/or their agents be responsible for loss, injury, damages, or expenses to persons or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, or other such causes in connection with The Program or anything beyond their reasonable control. AAA is not responsible for transportation or other program delays and changes, nor additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the participants, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to AAA or AYA. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant at all times. AYA and AAA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from The Program at their own expense when such an action is determined by AAA or AYA to be in the best interest of the participant’s health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; ship charters; communication expenses; development/promotional expenses; and the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. **All cancellations must be made in writing to Yale Educational Travel, and are subject to a $350 non-refundable administrative fee.** All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are the sole responsibility of AYA; AYA shall have no liability for refunds. At the time AYA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellations on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor AYA shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participant. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or AYA, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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**Accommodations**

- Hotel Room Preference:  
  - Double  
  - Twin  
  - Single (limited availability)

**I wish to share a room with**

**Form of Payment**

- Enclosed is my check (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad).

- Credit card for deposit only  
  - Visa  
  - Mastercard  
  - American Express

**NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD**

**CREDIT CARD NUMBER**

**EXPIRATION DATE**

Each participant must sign below. I/we confirm that I/we have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this program. I/We agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

**DATE**

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Program Highlights

Enhance your appreciation of the history and legacy of medieval Spain with lectures by Harold W. Attridge, Sterling Professor of Divinity, and enjoy informal talks with him.

Enjoy an active program of peaceful walks through quaint villages and scenic woodlands, hiking up to six miles per day.

Visit an innovative winery in the renowned La Rioja region for lunch and a tasting of award-winning vintages.

Admire historic cathedrals and palaces in Laguardia, Logroño, Burgos, León, and other ancient sites.

Witness the Botafumeiro incense burning ceremony at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, and watch the sun set over nearby Cape Finisterre, “Land’s End.”