El Camino de Santiago

In the Footsteps of St. James

Pórtico de la Gloria, Santiago de Compostela

May 19 – 31, 2017

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, near the Atlantic coast of 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 the footsteps of these peregrinos 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, whose famous guests have included Ernest Hemingway, and take a walking tour of the Old Quarter. 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. 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.”

In 2015 I accompanied Yale’s Camino de Santiago program and look forward to returning to the Camino as the faculty companion for this 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.

Space on this exceptional program is limited. Please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/stjames17 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 W. 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. Among several successful book publications are The Interpretation of Biblical History in the Antiquitates Judaicae of Flavius Josephus, Nag Hammadi Codex I: The Jung Codex, and The Acts of Thomas. Among his interests are the legends of saints, such as Saint James, and religious practices such as pilgrimage. He has been an editorial board member of Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Harvard Theological Review, Journal of Biblical Literature, Novum Testamentum, and the Hermeneia commentary series. Professor Attridge served as president of the Society of Biblical Literature (2001) and the Catholic Biblical Association (2012), and is a fellow of Saybrook College. He was an undergraduate at Boston College and a Marshall scholar at the University of Cambridge, and received his PhD at Harvard University.

Learn more about the history and culture of Northern Spain.

PARIS TO THE PYRENEES
by David Downie
Downie chronicles his trek, with wife Alison Harris on the Rue Saint-Jacques, 750 miles across Burgundy and France to Roncesvalles in the Spanish Pyrenees — a 72-day adventure on Roman roads and pilgrimage paths leading, ultimately, to Santiago de Compostela. As much a meditation on history and on what it means to be French as a traveler’s account (though it has that too), David Downie’s spirited book is haunted by the Gallic chief-tain Vercingetorix and the Gallo-Roman forbears of modern France.

THE PILGRIMAGE ROAD TO SANTIAGO, THE COMPLETE CULTURAL HANDBOOK
by David Gitlitz and Linda Kay Davidson
A kilometer-by-kilometer guide to the route of St. James across northern Spain with copious information on historic and artistic sites.

Highlights

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

Enjoy a program of peaceful walks through quaint villages and scenic woodlands, on hikes of up to six miles per day.

Visit an innovative winery in Spain’s renowned La Rioja Alavesa region, for lunch and a tasting of award-winning vintages.
Itinerary

WELCOME PHONE CALL
(Tentative) Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Join the group at 4 PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Attridge in order to learn more about what to expect and ask any questions you might have.

U.S.A. DEPARTURE
Friday, May 19
Depart the U.S.A. on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.

PAMPLONA, SPAIN
Saturday, May 20
Arrive in Pamplona and transfer to the Gran Hotel La Perla, which has hosted famous guests including Ernest Hemingway. This evening gather for welcome remarks, followed by a typical pintxos dinner in the hotel's lively tapas bar and restaurant with award-winning chef Álex Múgica. D

PAMPLONA
Sunday, May 21
4.0 miles walk
After a morning introductory lecture on the history of El Camino de Santiago, take a walking tour of Pamplona’s Old Quarter. Drive to Roncesvalles, one of the entrance points for the Camino, where you will receive a credencial (pilgrim passport) to mark your route.

Your first walk on the legendary trail is from Albergue to Espinal, across the fertile plains of the River Ebro. Return to Pamplona, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

PAMPLONA / LAGUARDIA
Monday, May 22
2.75 miles walk
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 to Puente La Reina, where the two main routes on the Pilgrim’s Way converge. There will be time to explore the town and have 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. In Laguardia, the charming medieval capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region, check in to the Hotel Villa de Laguardia. Dinner at a local restaurant features regional cuisine and wines. B,D

LAGUARDIA
Tuesday, May 23
Rest day (only sightseeing walking)
Following a morning lecture at the hotel, 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 for an afternoon and evening at leisure. B,L

LAGUARDIA / BURGOS
Wednesday, May 24
3.6 miles walk
In Nájera, once the capital of the Kingdom of Navarre, explore the Monasterio Santa María de 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 Azofra is followed by a short drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada to visit the historic cathedral and
Pilgrims’ Hospital. In Burgos, see Las Huelgas Monastery, whose museum is home to the Codex Las Huelgas, the renowned music manuscript from 1300. A private after-hours visit is arranged at the Gothic abbey of La Cartuja de Miraflores. Check in at Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, housed in a former monastery, before dinner on your own. B,L

BURGOS
Thursday, May 25  3.8 miles walk
This morning visit Burgos Cathedral, the largest church in Spain, with its richly decorated chapels and the cloister. Then drive to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture, and hear a Gregorian chant performed by the celebrated monks of Silos. After a picnic lunch, walk along a delightful Camino path through a forest leading to the peaceful valley of the Río Vena. Dinner is at Mesón del Cid in Burgos. B,L,D

BURGOS / LEON
Friday, May 26  5.4 miles walk
Drive to the village of Calzada del Coto to start a beautiful morning hike along the Camino to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After a tapas buffet lunch at a popular pilgrim restaurant, continue to León. Check in at Parador de León San Marcos, an architectural gem. An afternoon at leisure is followed by dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

LEON
Saturday, May 27  1.3 miles walk
Today, the Camino takes you within the walls of León to discover Antoni Gaudí’s architectural masterpiece—the neo-Gothic Casa de los Botines—and the soaring 13th-century cathedral. See the Basilica of San Isidoro, the most important Romanesque church of the Iberian Peninsula. Lunch is at a famous local restaurant housed in the former residence of the Count of Sagasta. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this ancient city, whose historic district is nicknamed the Barrio Húmedo (wet district) — a reference to the many bars lining its narrow streets. B,L

LEON / VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO
Sunday, May 28  4.2 miles walk
Your morning walk on the Camino leads from León into the glorious open countryside of the páramo (a treeless plateau). 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 impressive 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 of Villafranca del Bierzo. B,L,D

VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
Monday, May 29  2.9 miles walk
See the historic sights of Villafranca del Bierzo before driving to Monte do Gozo for lunch. As you join other pilgrims on the last few miles of the Camino, the spires of the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela will be visible. Upon arrival, check into the renowned Hostal dos Reis Católicos. On an optional excursion to “the end of the Earth” at Cape Finisterre, enjoy the sunset from the cape with a glass of Cava. B,L
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Tuesday, May 30
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 impressive Botafumeiro (incense burning) ritual will be performed specially for the group. Lunch and the afternoon are unscheduled. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner to celebrate your completion of the camino. B,D

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / U.S.A

Wednesday, May 31
Depart for the airport and return flights home, via Madrid. B

What is Included:

• An enrichment program featuring special events, lectures, and discussions with Yale Professor Harold W. Attridge
• Eleven nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
• Meals as per the itinerary (B, L, D = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
• Bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; local wine and beer with dinners
• Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach and entrance fees for all included visits
• Airport/hotel group transfers for all participants on suggested group flights
• Gratuities to local guides and drivers
• Medical evacuation insurance through UHC Global Travel Assist
• Pre-departure material, reading list, luggage tags

What is Not Included:

Airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine / beer at dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; travel insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included

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

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
$1,095 (limited availability)

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HEALTH All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing 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.

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2) Name as on passport

Date of birth

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City/State/Zip

Primary phone

Secondary phone

Email

Accommodations

Hotel room preference

- One bed
- Two beds

I wish to share a room with________________________

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- Enclosed is my check (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad)
- Credit card
  - Visa
  - Mastercard
  - American Express

Name as on credit card

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