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This cycling tour presents itself as an easy bike trip from the beautiful city of Porto to Santiago de Compostela, the ultimate pilgrimage destination on the Iberian Peninsula. It's one of the most important spots for religious tourism in Western Europe. You'll be passing by sunny and seaside towns such as Esposende, Caminha, Pontvedra and Baiona. The start will be in Porto. First enjoy a very nice city tour in Porto, and you'll get to know a little bit of its architecture, heritage and local traditions. The old city in Porto has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1996. This wonderful city is situated on the banks of the Douro river near the Atlantic Ocean and home of Port wine. Finally after Porto it's time to pedal, you'll ride towards Santiago. Cycle the stunning West coast of Portugal tour and immerse in a wonderful self guided cycling holiday.

This Porto to Santiago de Compostela cycling trip features many highlights!

- Caminha, this lovely town which is famous because for its natural and green heritage. Wander around and take a stroll over the cobbled and narrow streets of Caminha.
- Porto, World Heritage and Capital of Culture and Tourism. Join a city tour (bike or walk) in the City Center and discover Oporto!
- Baiona is a small fishing town in Spanish Galicia.
- The jewel of the Costa Verde, Viana do Castelo.
- Pontvedra, the city is the capital of the Comarca and the Province of Pontvedra
- Taste the Spanish and Portuguese cuisine and don't forget the oysters, produced and harvested in the waters of this region.
- The Square of Obradoiro which is famous because of the majestic baroque cathedral where the remains of the apostle are located

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Arrival day. Check in at your accommodation in Porto . This beautiful city will be your starting point for the upcoming week. Depending on your time of arrival you can visit the city of Porto, World Heritage and Capital of Culture and Tourism. Join a city tour (bike or walk) in the City Center and discover Oporto! Discover well-known hot spots like the famous Stock Exchange Market, blue and white tiled churches and much more.

Day 2

Porto to Esposende 60 km

At the shop in Porto you'll get a briefing and bike fitting. From here you start your cycling holiday to Esposende, a seaside city located in the North of Porto . You'll pass beautiful seaside landscapes and small "Portuguese rivers". Esposende was built in the he Middle Ages. Nice stop overs for lunch or coffee are the fishing villages (Póvoa de Varzim) and Vila do Conde. These Portuguese coastal villages still have their ancient traditions linked to the fish exploration as well their excellent gastronomy.

Day 3

Esposende to Caminha 50 km

After breakfast you cycling along the coast up to the jewel of the Costa Verde, Viana do Castelo. The city is blessed with its medieval center and lovely beaches just outside the city. Cycle through the old quarters. In the past ships left from Viana do Castelo to Brasil, India, Africa and many other Portuguese colonies. Your final destination is Caminha. This lovely town is known for its natural and green heritage. Wander around and take a stroll over the cobbled and narrow streets of Caminha. A visit to Caminha is not completed until you discover the river (River Minho). Take a long walk along the river and enjoy the magnificent views.

Day 4

Caminha to Baiona 40 km

On day 4 of your cycling trip, you'll cross the border and enter into Spanish territory. First you take the ferry. Hop on your bike and continue your way along the Atlantic coastline. Soon you arrive in Baiona. Baiona is a small fishing town in Spanish Galicia. This town is a popular tourist town with an old medieval center. Enjoy a nice dinner at one of the excellent restaurants.

Day 5

Baiona to Pontevedra 57 km

Still following the stunning coastline, you'll be dedicated to Arcade and its famous oysters. Apart from this delightful cuisine, you'll see monuments and sights dedicated to the Santiago's culture, such as the church of Santiago in Arcade and roads or paths that will lead to our pilgrimage destination. Today you'll cycle along nice vineyards and orchards until you reach Pontevedra for a well-deserved rest! Certainly you'll enjoy Pontevedra. The city is the capital of the Comarca and the Province of Pontevedra. The night won't be completed if you don't taste the oysters, produced and harvested in the waters of this region.

Day 6

Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis 26 km

Today route starts at the old historical center of Pontevedra. You'll cycle to the pre-Roman city, Caldas de Reis, a province which belongs to Pontevedra. The name "Caldas de Reis" is connected to the birthplace of Afonso VII, acting in the Middle Ages as a pilgrim path to Santiago de Compostela. Apart from the rich cultural heritage, like Arcade, Caldas de Reis holds a peculiar gastronomy, such as the "empanadas" of lamprey and the traditional Spanish bread. Since the hot springs accompanied the evolution of this territory, nowadays is a hot spot for tourism who seek better healthy treatments for several illnesses.

Day 7

Caldas de Reis to Santiago de Compostela 40 km

Your last and seventh cycling day in beautiful Spain. The final destination is Santiago de Compostela. It's the ultimate pilgrimage in Western Europe. Like Rome and Jerusalem, the city of Santiago de Compostela is a unique for religious tourism. Cycle up through a labyrinth of streets to the Square of Obradoiro, where you'll witness the majestic baroque cathedral where the remains of the apostle are located.

Day 8

Departure day

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or else a pleasant stay in Portugal or Spain. Transfers on request.

Airport Information Porto

- The most important gateway to/from Porto is the international airport Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport it's the second largest airport in Portugal after Lisboa.
- The airport is only 11 kilometres northwest of Porto, making it one of the easier airports to fly in and out of. The easiest way to get into the city centre is by metro. There are ticket offices at the airport and the fares are determined by your destination. There are local buses at the arrivals hall areas.

See websites Porto:

- Porto Airport - www.portoairport.com
- Porto Bus Companies - www.terravison.eu
- Porto - www.metroporto.com
- Portugal - www.comboiosdeportugal.en

Santiago de Compostela

- Airport - Aeroporto Internacional de Santiago is a the second busiest in North Spain after Bilbao with over 2 million passengers per year.
- The Christian pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago is not far way from the airport and 10 kilometres northeast of the city centre. There is no train connection with the airport. The airport is easily accessible via the N-547, There are a few bus lines from the airport to the City.
- Other airports nearby are Vigo and Coruna airport

Booking Information

Add your start date

- All prices are based on double rooms
- All day departures
- For bookings and inquiries contact us info@cycleclassictours.com.
- Deluxe 3 and 4 star hotel options are available upon request - Price starts from €1489 per person including bike.

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of €425 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
4. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.

5. You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour operator.
6. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
7. Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
8. The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
9. Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
10. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

Included

- 7 night in 2* and 3* hotel - farm house
- Including breakfast
- Gps pre loaded routes
- Route maps
- Briefing day 1
- Bike fitting day 1
- Emergency numbers
- Airport transfers from/to Porto
- Luggage transfers

Not Included

- Airfares & Taxi fares
- Trekking bike € 120
- E Bike Lady-Men Models € 200
- MTB Bike € 250
- Insurance
- Lunches and Dinners
- Single supplement € 329
- High season supplement June - August - September €100