

September group Camino meetings (17th & 22nd)

Attendees webpage: <https://svp.org.uk/camino-de-santiago-2026-attendee-page>

Updates from previous meeting

- T-shirt update – available, Medium to XL, very limited stock. £8 including delivery.
- Money boxes – still have a couple available, let me know if you want one.

Total signed up

- 51 attendees in total (fairly even split across the 3 routes – 16 Portuguese, 17 French, 18 Ingles). Attendees from 16 of the 23 CC's.
- If anyone is particularly interested in joining now, they must get in touch with Rebecca first, who will need to confirm with the tour providers if there is availability.

Flights

- To confirm, arrival is to be on Saturday 11th April and the walking will begin on Sunday 12th April.
- For departure, we will be attending Pilgrim's Mass on the Friday evening at 7.30pm and checkout from your accommodation on Saturday 18th April will be 11am.
- Dependent on where you are flying from, it may be easier for you to fly to and from Santiago de Compostela (SCQ) as flights to airports nearer the starting points are limited. Airport transfer upon arrival is included in your trip costs.
- Talk to others in your CC about what they are doing – can you travel together?
- See the attendee page for each route, starting point, and nearest airports.
- Flight prices have dropped since we last met, but they do change constantly, as does the possibility of additional flight times being made available. It is up to you to decide when to book your flights.
- A few useful sites for checking flight options [SkyScanner](#), [Rome2Rio](#), and [Google Flights](#).

Upcoming members fundraising webinar

- Thursday 2nd Oct, 5 – 6pm, Zoom
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87678228670>
- Practical guidance on fundraising for your conference, tools and tips for fundraising
- Not specific to Camino but you may find useful
- It will be recorded for anyone unable to attend.

Fundraising ideas shared by walkers

- “Air fryer taster menu” – selling tickets for an evening of food, all cooked in an air fryer.
- Paddington marmalade breakfast – was hosted after mass with a range of marmalades on offer. Children bought their Paddington bears to join in with the event. Donations were collected via QR codes and cash.
- Christmas time is approaching, so now is the time to start planning ahead. For example, if you want to host a Christmas jumper day via a nearby school or with the Mini Vinnies, now is the time to get in touch.

- Gift Aid – if you collect donations via cash, this must be submitted via Finance and not through JustGiving, in order to claim the gift aid.

Training

- Do not underestimate the training necessary. Get used to walking 3 days in a row and on different terrain.
- Get used to walking with a small backpack (your main luggage will be transferred each day)
- One member has purchased walking poles to test out.
- Ensure you pack spare socks for comfort and in case socks gets wet

Shoes

- A member who has walked the Camino many times advised a good pair of trail shoes would suffice, you do not have to use walking boots.
- It all comes down to preference but ensure which ever shoes you choose, you give yourself enough time to break them in.

Payment

- A payment link for the remaining amount will be made available in the next couple of weeks.
- The final payment is due by 9th January.
- If you would prefer to pay in instalments, please contact camino@svp.org.uk.

Tour providers & route information

- CaminoWays - <https://caminoways.com/>
- I recommend taking a look at their blog posts - <https://caminoways.com/blog>
- Camino de Frances last 100km – <https://caminoways.com/camino-frances/camino-frances-from-sarria-to-santiago>
- Camino de Portugese last 100km – <https://caminoways.com/camino-portugues/camino-portugues-coastal-from-vigo-to-santiago>
- Camino de Ingles last 100km - <https://caminoways.com/camino-ingles/camino-ingles-from-ferrol-to-santiago>
- You can also google” the name of your route + last 100km” and various blogs and articles will be available for you to read.

AOB

- There will be prayers and reflections provided for the start and end of each day.
- We are still working towards a member of clergy being on each route.
- Information on the hotels will be provided in the next few months.

Next meeting

- Our next meeting will be on **Monday 1st December, 6 – 7pm.**
- We will be joined by Jemery from CaminoWays who will provide more information on logistics, the different routes, and what to expect.
- This session will be recorded for anyone unable to attend.
- Joining link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85290489886>