# HIPPO TOURS THE ADVENTURE MAKER

# **Hippo Tours**

# Camino de Santiago

O Cebreiro – Santiago de Compostela 4<sup>th</sup> week – Through Galician villages and hills to the Cathedral

### Day 1, Saturday

Transport from Madrid airport to O Cebreiro (4h) airport pick up at 3pm

## Day 2, Sunday

O Cebreiro – Samos

After breakfast we start the ride from tiny but spectacular, stone village O Cebreiro, municipal Lugo located on 1300m and ride for 21 km through lush, green Galician hills with oak and chestnut trees, down to Tricastela where we stop for lunch. After lunch we continue for 9 km along the beautiful camino through a forest, enjoying the genuine Galicia and its variety of tracks and country roads to village famous for its 6<sup>th</sup> century Benedictine monastery - Samos, where we stop for diner and night.

#### Day 3, Monday

Samos – Portomarin

After breakfast we start the ride15 km, mostly on concrete passing town of Sarria to Barbadelo, later after lunch we will pass mystic "100km" of Camino where many people start their walk and continue our 18km to new Portomarin, as an old - original medieval village was flooded by the waters of artificial lake in 1960. We stay here for dinner and night.

### Day 4, Tuesday

Portomarin – Palas de Rei

After breakfast we ride up the hill for 16,5 km to Ligonde where we stop for lunch. Here you can see how tough a four-week pilgrimage was for medieval people as this place have well preserved pilgrim cemetery that was used to a nearby part of pilgrim hospital. After lunch we ride 8,5km to Palas de Rei where we stop for diner and night.

### Day 5, Wednesday

Palas de Rei - Arzuga

After breakfast we start the ride from Palas de Rei, ride for 16 km crossing to municipal A-Coruña and arriving to modern village of Melide famous for its octopus dish – where we enjoy our lunch in the famous local Pulperia Ezequiel. After lunch we ride up and down the hill for 14 km to Arzua where we stop for diner and night.

#### Day 6, Thursday

Arzua - Monte do Gozo

After breakfast we ride 20 km through forests and villages from Arzua to O Pino Pedrouzo where we stop for lunch. After lunch we ride last 15 km before reaching our Santiago de Compostela crossing river Amenal and arriving to Monte do Gozo where pilgrims cry of happiness finally seeing towers od Santiago Cathedral. We stay for diner and night in nearby hotel.

# Day 7, Friday

Santiago de Compostela

On the last day we will enter the Obradoiro square, the monumental centre of Santiago de Compostela. We must start early start to enter the Plaza Obradoiro on horse before the crowds of pilgrims appear. We will ride through the city centre in and out the cathedral square. After the ride horses get loaded to the truck and return home and we can enjoy the Santiago de Compostela.

# Day 8, Saturday

Santiago de Compostela – Madrid airport

Transfer to Madrid Airport (6h)

PS. If you wish to fly back from Santiago de Compostela please search for suitable flights that may be scheduled a day or two after the last day of the program. Some of our clients prolong their stay in Santiago and fly when a suitable flight is scheduled. We're sorry but we can't provide the Santiago airport transfer.

