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# Celebrate St. James' Day

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MANY people in Spain celebrate the life and deeds of James the Great, on St. James' Day (Santiago Apostol), which takes place on July 25th. St. James was one of Jesus' first disciples. And many people believe that his remains are buried in Santiago de Compostela in Spain. On and around St. James' Day, celebrations take place all over Spain, with the greatest of these being in Santiago de Compostela where parades, firework displays and bullfights fill the streets. Camino Ways, the walking and cycling holiday specialists are now offering people the chance to be part of this special festival. Camino Ways also offer a variety of other tours for contact details see the advert on page 3. During a visit to Santiago de Compostela you will be able to experience concerts of modern and traditional music, dance events, special church services to honour the work and life of St. James, art exhibitions by local artists, theatre productions and street shows. On July 25th, special services are held in the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Church officials swing a large incense burner constantly during this service and fill the whole church with incense smoke.