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Best Foot Forward On The Camino

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The temperature is dropping and now is the ideal time to plan a Camino adventure. October is one of the best months of the year to experience the ancient pilgrim routes, and most of the paths are less crowded, meaning walkers can enjoy the sights in a more relaxed setting.

To help you chose which Camino path to walk this autumn, <u>caminoways.com</u> have selected their top five walking routes, to Santiago de Compostela in Spain and Rome in Italy, each offering stunning scenery, rich culture and delicious food options.

Classic Camino: Last 100km of the French Way from Sarria

This 100km-long trek is the classic week-long Camino de Santiago trip and begins in Sarria, on the French Way. The town of Sarria is one of the most popular starting points of the Camino de Santiago, as it allows pilgrims to receive the coveted Compostela pilgrim certificate once they reach Santiago de Compostela.

The Portuguese Way from Porto

The 119km route starts in the gorgeous UNESCO-listed city of Porto. Here walkers will find beautiful tiled

buildings, picturesque port wine cellars, excellent nightlife and a lively riverfront by the Douro River. From Porto, the route heads across rolling hills, forests and quaint villages and finally finishes in beautiful Galicia.

The Original Camino from Lugo

Lugo is one of the best places on the Camino to visit in October as it celebrates its San Froilán Fiestas between the 4th and 12th of the month. The festival is one of the most loved in all of Galicia and visitors can expect to see parades, brass bands, food markets and street performers. From Lugo, this 100km path follows the fascinating Camino Primitivo, the oldest Camino route.

Italy's Camino: across Tuscany

Journey along the Via Francigena, Italy's Camino route (115km) and discover the beautiful landscape and delicious cuisine of Tuscany. Autumn is the ideal time to experience all that this region has to offer with various gastronomic festivals taking place, such as the famous white truffle festival in San Miniato.

The Camino to Rome

The last section of the Via Francigena from Viterbo is another fantastic Camino walking route for autumn.

Through the medieval town of Viterbo and across the Lazio countryside, the 101km journey finishes in historic Rome.

To start planning a Camino see caminoways.com or phone 01 5252886.

How much?

Walk the last 100km of the French Way from Sarria

From €565pps in October

From €489pps in November

Walk the last section of the Camino to Rome

From €589pps in October

From €569pps in November

Price includes half-board accommodation, luggage transfers from hotel to hotel, holiday pack with walking notes and practical information. The price does not include flights, insurance, or airport transfers.

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