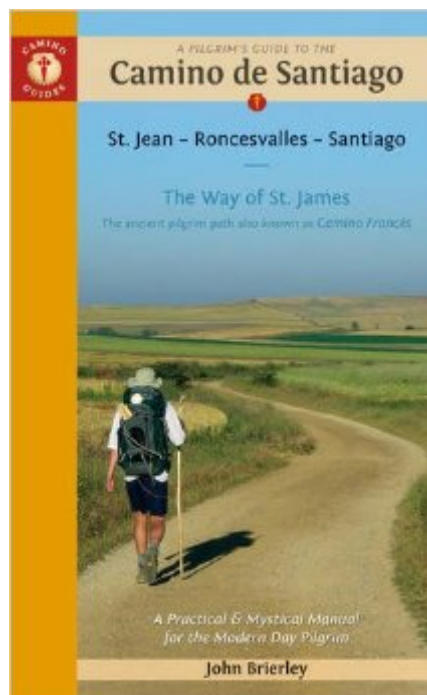


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# A Pilgrim's Guide To The Camino De Santiago: St. Jean &#149; Roncesvalles &#149; Santiago (Camino Guides)



## Synopsis

Now updated to include newer maps and photos - and lighter in weight to support carefree traveling- this comprehensive guidebook to the Camino de Santiago and its offshoots contains all the information needed by modern-day pilgrims wishing to walk the sacred Way of St. James. Overview route planners plus daily stage maps and detailed town plans help sojourners with all the advance preparation they need. The maps feature contour guides to help distinguish the terrain that will be crossed each day, while full information on all pilgrim hostels, as well as details for alternative accommodation, allow travelers to plot adequate nightly stopping points. All reference information is accompanied by helpful spiritual guidelines to support the seeker's inner journey as well as the outer pilgrimage. Otherwise known as the Camino Franc s, the main route covered in this volume is the most popular sacred route through Spain, from St. Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela.

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Recently used it for my thirty day Camino de Santiago from Saint Jean Pied de Port to Santiago. I found it really helpful and would highly recommend it. I saw other pilgrims with lesser guides and they were always asking for more information. Don't do this Camino without a guide, and this one is the one I saw the most and would recommend. The elevation chart is great because it will give you a heads up on what to expect. I only gave it four stars because some of the directions are not very clear and the descriptions on the hostels (alberques) is not very detailed. A rating would be great in

helping when there are several alberques in a location. A lot of people ripped out the pages after the pass a location, but I kept mine as a diary and made notes in it as I went along. The cost of the book is minor compared to what help it will be! As they say, don't leave home without it!

Having obtained several other books on the Camino I found this book just what I wanted. It was updated for 2016, is comprehensive and the maps are great. Nice small size. I liked that the author provided all the practical information a pilgrim would need as well as some very nice thoughtful and reflective sections .

I used a previous edition of this guide a few years ago to go from Pamplona to Santiago de Compestela. I did not walk the stages exactly as depicted. I also ripped the pages out as I walked and kept the stage maps in my pocket to look at as I progressed during the day. I am going to walk again and bought the updated version with no hesitation. I personally could do without the mystical path and reflections sections but did use the lines for reflection to make notes of interest for the upcoming stages. A digital version would be great as a resource.

Chock full of valuable information on body, mind and spirit topics, as well as detailed stages for a 31-day walk over the entire 500 mile pilgrimage. This book is integral in planning my trip next year. A must read!

Think seriously about other options. The Brierley guide is a great metaphor for the Camino - it will require patience, humility, and ultimately suffering to use this guidebook on the Way. To be fair, I did make it to Santiago. And then threw this guide into the first trash can I passed.

Of all the English language guidebooks that I saw people using when I walked the Camino (which was wonderful, by the way), this was far and away the most popular, and with good reason: It's functional, informative and useful. It's not perfect (many minor typos, for example, and the blow-up inset maps often use different orientations) but it served its purpose of providing a usable resource to navigate across an entire country. It's small, sturdy and lightweight, and provides some space for notes at the end of each stage. (Sidenote: Not every stage, which was another flaw. If you do this pilgrimage, I encourage you take notes on the day each day, if only to remember highlights. The days will blend together otherwise, and you'll have notes to prod your memory of people, places, meals, etc.) Brierley also includes some notes about spiritual reflection which I didn't want at first.

But really, this is what the walk is about. It's an opportunity for introspection and reflection, and while you might disagree with his occasionally florid spiritual writing, it serves as a starting point for thinking about each day's journey. Brierley himself notes that while his proposed schedule is 33 stages, there is no reason to keep to that schedule. Many readers/walkers didn't take that to heart and some locations at the end of a Brierley stage were often crowded while villages just before or after were relatively less crowded. We tended to go just past the endpoint of a Brierley stage and that worked out pretty well. Would I buy this book again? Yes. It's may not be the best guidebook for everyone, but it's probably among the top 5% of all guidebooks in English for this pilgrimage.

This seems to be the "bible" that most use - I'll find out this summer when I use it to walk the Camino. Noticed that this edition is a little different size, easier to pack.

Excellent resource masterly and thoughtfully detailed. I am studying this book in preparation for the Camino!

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