

Santiago Is big

is World Heritage, is Way of St. James, is Galicia, is Cathedral, is University, is culture, is cinema, is architecture, is green, is gastronomy, is city life, is hospitality, is shopping, is congress city, is Compostela.

Santiago i World Heritage

"Santiago de Compostela is beyond the shadow of a doubt one of the world heritage's most obvious properties as this city, owing to its monumental integrity, enshrines both specific and universal values (...) an ideal city which is overflowing with history and timeless as well."

UNESCO-ICOMOS Report, 1984.

In 1985 Santiago de Compostela was declared a World Heritage City by UNESCO, which considered it an "exemplary city" featuring a "valuable historic centre, worthy of one of Christianity's greatest holy cities.

Since then numerous prizes have continued acknowledging the harmony and conservation of Compostela's heritage and the quality of life in its Old

In the eyes of its visitors, Compostela is a stone forest that has sprouted throughout the centuries around the epicentre of the Cathedral. The city peaceful, safe and made for walking offers medieval streets of stone and arched passageways, which let you discover, at your own leisure, convents, churches, stately mansions, museums, landscaped cloisters and one of the most beautiful series of monumental squares in Europe.

1 cathedral 12 convents and monasteries

18 monumental fountains

19 stately houses and city palaces 25 modernist buildings

27 historic churches

110 stone gargoyles 170-hectare Old Town

s Cathedra

According to an ancient tradition, St. James the Greater, one of Jesus' twelve apostles, preached the good news in the region of Finis Terrae. In 44 AD, when he was executed in Jerusalem, his disciples sailed him away to Galicia, secretly burying him in a

century. Compostela Holy Years are held when July 25, the Day of St. James, falls on a Sunday.

Having been declared "World Heritage" by UNESCO, today the Way of St. James is still a route of faith and



6 main routes

100 kilometres on foot to obtain the Compostela certificate

More than a 1,000 years of pilgrimages

179,944 pilgrims in 2004, last Holy Year

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Santiago is the geographical centre of Galicia, a historical region in northwest Spain. The city is only 30 kilometres from the Atlantic coast.

And all of this just down the road from Santiago.

1.659 kilometres of coastline

"pazos" (ancestral homes) and castles

2 university campuses 5 historical gardens

54 city gardens 100 varieties of camellias

5 international environment

Santiago de Compostela is

embraced by two rivers -the Sarela

and descends in the form of elegant

city gardens to the historic centre.

From the romantic Alameda to the

former Bonaval cemetery, the city's

parks feature privileged viewpoints

refreshes the eyes along with the

music of fountains.

protection prizes

Santiago is

20 m² of green space per inhabitant 8 natural viewpoints More than 500 years of history

is University

19 faculties

"It is a living city, taken over by a crowd of cheerful and noisy students, who give it no respite even to age."

Gabriel García Márquez

and the Sar- and surrounded by fertile fields and gently rolling hills Santiago's eternally young atmosphere The city has also managed to create is undoubtedly due to its intensive a green belt around it, which is nourished by the surrounding forests

Established at the end of the Middle Ages, as a continuation of its monasteries' education tradition, Santiago de Compostela's prestigious university has reached its 500th

or resting on green carpets. And even in the midst of monumental and professional events. granite, the odd monastic garder

the continent that its stone venues are alive. Auditoriums, theatres and museums overflow daily with a regular cultural programme and international events, which also occupy independent halls, cafés and outdoor squares.

The city reaches a climax in July with the "Apóstol" festival and its fireworks display. But the calendar also features a season of classical

15 art galleries

4 libraries and archives

30 large international festivals

Galicia; music in the squares, dance, theatre, cinema, puppet, magic, clown, zarzuela and lied festivals; and traditions such as Carnival and Holy Week, as well as book fairs, collectors events and street markets.

11 theatres and auditoriums

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3 Europa Nostra Awards

Santiago de Compostela is located in the northwest corner of Spain and is the cultural and political capital of the Autonomous Region

Location: Lavacolla Distance: 10 km (15 min. by car)

gastronomy. In its food market, called Plaza de Abastos, and in more than Reaching the airport by road a thousand restaurants, the city offers fresh seafood and garden produce, which is prepared in the most natural

to which master chefs add traditional wisdom and innovative discoveries.

Barcelona, Hendaya, Portugal and Paris, as well as almost all main national destinations.

Regional: There are trains every hour to Galicia's main destinations: A Coruña, (Airport): (+34) 981 59 49 50

> frequent direct link to Ourense. Transcantábrico: A panoramic train that

the so-called "Green Spain," from San Sebastian, in the Basque Country, to

Santiago de Compostela. N-525 in Ourense). Santiago de Compostela Bus Station Location: San Caetano (city center)

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hich links Santiago de Compostela with the Milan/Bergamo, Münster-Osnabruck, 1-547 road to Lugo. It can also be accessed Munich, Nuremberg, Paderborn/Lippstadt, by means of the A-54 dual carriageway, which Salzburg, Stuttgart, Vienna, Zurich.

Airlines operating out of Santiago Airport

Tel: (+34) 902 400 500

Madrid (Talgo and Expreso) and one with San Sebastián and Hendaya. There are (Airport): (+34) 981 547 770 / 981 547 778 daily links (with one change of train) to

Tel: (+34) 902 240 202 / 981 591 859

Santiago de Compostela with A Coruña,

province of Lugo (links with Santiago via the AP-9 near A Coruña).

Santiago directly with Ourense).

Palma de Majorca, Seville, Tenerife, Valencia,

Indirect international destinations

Main destinations: Santiago Airport, Lugo. inks the Santiago ring road with the N-547 Castromil - Monbus Main destinations: A Coruña, Vigo,

Airport): (+34) 981 596 158

Ferrol, Pontevedra, Vigo, Tui and Portuguese

Fisterra, Betanzos, Ferrol, Ourense.

 A-6 Northwest Dual Carriageway: links Galicia with the rest of Spain via the

Xoán XXIII Coach Terminus Open at Easter and high season: Tue-Sat, 9 am-4 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Tel: (+34) 981 155 129 Open all year round. Winter: Every day, 9 am-2 pm, 4-7 pm. Easter and from June to September: every day,

Tourist services

Main Municipal Tourist Information

Lavacolla Airport.

l'urismo de Santiago – Incolsa is a municipal company belonging to Santiago de Compostela City

Council. It has the objective of managing the city's tourism policy as regards exterior promotion, the

creation and marketing of tourist products, handling visitors and boosting initiatives that provide services

www.santiagoreservas.com

Municipal Tourist Information Office

Municipal Tourist Information Office

provides information about the city as a destination

for studying Spanish; how and when courses an

for enjoying an unforgettable learning experience

The city's official reservation centre enables visitors

of hotels, thematic packages, visits, trips, activities

in Turismo de Santiago offices.

consult and choose from the city's entire rang

nd tourist products. Its services are also available

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intiago, enabling visitors to become acquainte

Turismo de Santiago for handling our city's tour

transport. Its services include a ride in the touris

train or attractive one-day sightseeing trips from

for congress tourism, marketing and that promote tourism quality.

It manages the following associated entities with a view to creating, marketing and promoting the city's tourist products:

Santiago de Compostela Convention Turismo de Santiago, in collaboration with the

Santiago de Compostela Convention Bureau has University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) the objective of attracting and channelling congress tourism. It therefore functions as a link between congress organisers and Compostela's organised, where to stay and practical information resources and infrastructures, such as institutions, meeting venues, reception agencies, professional congress organisers, hotels, catering,

entertainment and audiovisual production

Rúa do Vilar, 63

Santiago de Compostela Film

This audiovisual promotion office (a non-profit

shooting feature films, documentaries, short films, spots and television programmes in Santiago de

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of pilgrims have travelled to the monumental Cathedral at the end of the world. Guided by the Milky Way and following old Roman roads, the believers' feet travelled along the different routes making up the Way of St. James, its roads, its bridges and its

After his relics were discovered in 813 AD, a chapel

the towers and created four monumental squares.

A channel for spreading new ideas and faith, a route of trade relations and artistic and cultural exchanges, the Way of St. James consolidated medieval Europe and made Compostela the

encounters, at the end of which Compostela is ever awaiting.

was erected on the site, giving rise to the monumental Cathedral. Its Romanesque design, culminating in the "Pórtico de la Gloria," was added to by the baroque style, which climbed up the main facade, elevated

For more than a thousand years, millions

West's spiritual beacon.

The opening of the Holy Door enables the granting of the Jubilee or plenary indulgence, thanks to the privilege bestowed on the Cathedral in the 12th

Santiago is Way of St. James

a landscape featuring peaceful and wild beaches, fishing ports and marinas, rich gastronomy and seafaring legends.

and rivers flowing down to the rugged coastline

The Galician capital enjoys a strategic location from which to set off and discover this

legendary green region. Churches and convents: Roman cities and small medieval towns; roads lined with stone "hórreos" (granaries) and crosses, forests featuring prehistoric remains and Celtic settlements: all surrounded by a landscape of green mountains

historic gardens

Celtic "castros" (fortified settlements

The university's historical facilities can be visited by means of guided tours: they are also privileged venues for learning Spanish or organising cultural

anniversary with close to 25,000 students from all over the world.

365 days of cultural activities overlooking the monumental district Dotted with camellias, magnolias, hydrangeas and azaleas, they are ideal for walks among chestnut trees

1 European Town Planning Prize

As a European City of Culture, Santiago shows

16 international architects 26 contemporary and auteur monuments

Santiago de Compostela's rich and renowned heritage has been increased in the last two decades concerts, with the city's own orchestra that has with outstanding examples of reached its 10th year: the Real Filharmonía de contemporary architecture. The city spaces and buildings

designed in recent years by Álvaro Siza, Giorgio Grassi, John Heiduk, Peter Eisenman, J.P. Kleihues or Gallego Jorreto establish a dialogue with the old stones, giving Santiago a surprising new facet.

1 Pritzker Prize

International cuisine is also present in Santiago, featuring specialities from distant countries. And many delicacies

sold ready to take away.

80 kinds of sea fish

5 varieties of wine with guarantee of origin

335 stalls in the food market

1,100 restaurants, bars and cafeterias

188,130 kilos of seafood sold annually

50 types of molluscs

s Gastronomy

Santiago is the capital of Atlantic

way to preserve their top quality.

Shellfish, fish, meat, wine, cheese

and greens are the main products,

 monastic sweets, wine, eau-de-vie, chestnuts, chocolate and cakes- are

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• Plaza

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• Air Berlin

Tel: (+34) 807 220 220

Tel: (+34) 902 320 737

(Airport): (+34) 981 509 547

 Air Europa Tel: (+34) 902 401 501

Vilagarcía de Arousa, Pontevedra and Vigo (with links to Portugal). There is also a goes through north and northwest Spain.

By bus:

Tel: (+34) 981 897 128

Tel: (+34) 902 502 737

Lanzarote, Las Palmas, Madrid, Malaga,

Direct international destinations Frankfurt, Liverpool, London (Stansted). Santiago de Compostela Airport (SCQ) Dublin, Paris, Rome (Ciampino).

> Amsterdam, Basel/Mulhouse, Berlin-Schoenefeld, Berlin-Tegel, Bremen, Cologne/Bonn, Dortmund, Dresden, Dusseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Leipzig-Hall, Linz, London,

Direct national destinations

Santiago de Compostela Train Pontevedra, Ferrol, Vilagarcía de Arousa, Cambados, O Grove, A Toxa, Noia, Muros, Location: Hórreo (city center)

 Arriva Intercity: Two direct daily trains link with Main destinations: Boiro, A Pobra do

Caramiñal, Ribeira, Ferrol.

AP-9 Atlantic Motorway: links

 A-52 Rías Baixas Dual Carriageway: links Galicia with the rest of Spain via the province of Ourense (links with Santiago via the AP-9 in Vigo or the

 AP-53 Motorway: currently links Santiago with Lalín, where it connects with the N-525 to Ourense and Madrid (when it is completed, at the end of 2008, it will link

 N-634 Road: connects Galicia with France via the Cantabrian coast (links with Santiago via the A-6 Northwest Dual Carriageway).

Galician destinations:

Links to Belgium, Germany, France, Holland,

Switzerland, Rumania and Portugal.

Links to Madrid, Gijon, Bilbao, Irún, Zamora,

Salamanca, Caceres, Seville, Cadiz,

Algeciras, Portugal, Germany, Belgium,

(Intercar/Alsa + Dainco)

France and Switzerland.

Tel: (+34) 902 422 242

Socitransa

Guided visits: *Compostela Walking Tour Monumental Santiago in English Contemporary architecture Enclosed convents

> Gastronomy tour MP3 audiowalks

A Lot to Do

Tour around the Old Town in Spanish University heritage

*Compostela Visión Sightseeing Tours All year: Costa da Morte. June to September: Rías Baixas, Rías Altas, Costa

Tourist train

Other *Compostur activities Tourist flights in light aircraft Spas and hydrotherapy centres Active tourism

companies, which guarantee the success of events organised in the city.

public service) caters to international and Spanish udiovisual production companies interested in

Compostela, facilitating their access to the audiovisual industry's locations, resources, services and facilities.





with Galicia's main tourist sights.