



Santiago de Compostela & Galicia

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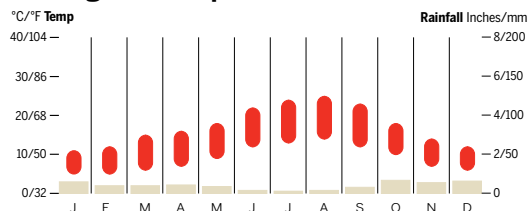
Why Go?

Galicia, a unique region with its own language and distinctive culture, is home to Santiago de Compostela, the goal of several hundred thousand people who set out yearly on the storied Camino de Santiago pilgrim trail. Santiago is one of Spain's most beautiful and magical cities, and an exceptionally good reason for any traveller, pilgrim or not, to make their way to Spain's northwestern corner.

But Galicia is much more than Santiago. The wild coastline is frayed up and down its 1200km length by majestic *rias* (coastal inlets), and strung with cliffs, beaches, islands and fishing ports that bring in indisputably the best seafood in Spain. Inland is a labyrinth of deep-green valleys and hills, speckled with stone-built villages, aged monasteries, vineyards and farms that put top-quality meat on Galician tables. Nor is Santiago Galicia's only exciting city: A Coruña, Vigo and Lugo are all contemporary cultural hubs with heady nocturnal scenes.

When to Go

Santiago de Compostela



Jun & Sep No peak-season crowds or prices, but (hopefully) decent weather.

Jul & Aug If you're aiming for some beach time, your best chance of sunny weather is now.

24 Jul Spectacular fireworks launch Santiago de Compostela's celebration of the Día de Santiago.



Santiago de Compostela & Galicia Highlights

- 1 Santiago de Compostela** (p507) Soaking up the incomparable atmosphere and history of this fascinating city.
- 2 Costa da Morte** (p515) Exploring the capes, beaches and lighthouses north of Cabo Fisterra, Spain's 'Land's End'.
- 3 Seafood and wine** (p538)

- Feasting on fresh fish, octopus with Galician wines anywhere along the coast, as at A Guarda.
- 4 Beach time** (p524) Choosing from popular and busy, or remote and dramatic like Praia do Picón.
- 5 Cliffs and capes of the Rías Altas** (p524) Standing

- atop Europe's highest ocean cliffs at the Garita de Herbeira.
- 6 Illas Cíes** (p537) Sailing to pristine beaches and trails of these spectacular islands.
- 7 Ribeira Sacra** (p543) Meandering in the wineries, woodlands and canyons of the 'Holy Riverbank'.