



CAMINO
DOWNUNDER

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO



Walking the Camino de Santiago...

- Have you heard about these famous, long distance walks?
- Have you ever thought about doing the Camino?
- Have you been put off by the daunting planning?

This summer 08/09 is your unique opportunity to get serious about getting prepared for the best time of your life...

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What is the Camino de Santiago?

- The Camino de Santiago is the most famous pilgrimage route in Western Europe – in existence since the 9th century & exploding in popularity in the 12th & 13th centuries.
- Since the late 20th century it has become the most iconic and famous long distance walking track in Europe.
- The Camino de Santiago or Saint James Way in English, is a spider like web of routes in western Europe which are now being extended to many Central, Eastern & northern European countries, but, all of them have their end point in the fabulously exciting city of Santiago de Compostela in north western Spain.
- Today's 21st century "pilgrim" comes from the five inhabited continents of the world, from all four corners of the globe and representing nearly every single sovereign nation on earth.
- The modern pilgrim is propelled to undertake this journey for many reasons including the original religious motive.
- In our time, the Camino de Santiago represents a unifying, existential and humanizing experience for all those who walk it, irrespective of their individual differences in religion, motives, culture and ethnic origins.

“ Camino preparations were never as more exciting as attending these classes... ”

(Participant in 2008)



How long is the Camino?

- There is no minimum or maximum amount of walking; unless your main objective is to obtain the traditional Latin certificate (the COMPOSTELA).
- Most Australians & Kiwis choose longer distances and stay on the Camino longer than their European counterparts.
- The majority start in the Pyrenees between France and Spain (800 km.)
- Some people have enough time and start at Le Puy in France (1,500 km away from Santiago de Compostela).



What is Camino Downunder?

Camino Downunder presents intensive and comprehensive workshops for Australians & New Zealanders contemplating undertaking the great pilgrimage routes of Western Europe. It was created so people “down under” can successfully undertake these routes, whilst emphasising the practicalities; such as what to take in their backpacks and wear during the day and at night. There is no such thing as too much preparation. Indeed, the greater the preparation, the greater the benefits & opportunities.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Benefits for those attending & participating

- Learn:
 - how to navigate your way along the Camino, including the refuges available to pilgrims
 - to distinguish between pilgrimage, travelling & trekking
 - how to successfully move between and amongst cultures
 - specialised Spanish vocabulary and verbal expressions needed to undertake this walking journey even without formal language training
 - what the original pilgrim saw & experienced during the Middle Ages
 - about the exquisite natural and built environments
- Contextually understand the Camino as the world’s most iconic long distance walk
- Appreciate the uniqueness of walking in and through two fabulously enticing Western European countries in geographical areas untrammled by mass tourism
- Know how the registration system works as modern 21st century pilgrims & that \$50.00 per day pays for all daily living costs (accommodation, utilities, food & ablutions).

Our mission is ‘to comprehensively prepare all participants irrespective of age to successfully & confidently undertake their greatest long distance walking journey, whilst armed with deep knowledge & insights about the Camino.’

Who is behind Camino Downunder?

Marc Grossman’s 30 years professional background (teaching French & Spanish) has given him unique insights, skills and understandings, coupled with his long standing passion for walking and trekking. He has been a 21st century modern pilgrim and regularly returns to Europe to undertake different pilgrimage tracks & on site research. Since the beginning of 2007, Marc has presented many Camino classes & workshops.

Important information:

- Camino Downunder is involved solely in education, training and consultancy for Australians & New Zealanders undertaking the Camino.
- It is not a tour operator or a travel agency. Nor is it an agent for any tour operator, nor does it have any links with any tourist operator in Australasia or Europe.
- Camino Downunder does not escort pilgrims, «turigrinos» or «turiperegrinos» to France or Spain.
- It does not pre-arrange or book accommodation in any gîte d’étape, albergue/refugio, hostel or casa rural in France or Spain, but it does recommend specific refuges based on experience & feedback.
- It has no formal business relationships with any outdoor wholesaler or retailer and does not gain financially from any outdoor retailer which it may recommend.
- If Camino Downunder recommends a particular item of outdoor clothing or a particular product; it does so based on evidence & successful field testing on the Camino itself.



UPCOMING CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

➤ *In New Zealand:*

AUCKLAND, Saturday, 17 January 2009

WELLINGTON, Sunday, 18 January 2009

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday, 24 January 2009

➤ *In Australia:*

SYDNEY, Saturday 31 January 2009

**MAKE A COMMITMENT TODAY
& SECURE A PLACE AT YOUR NEAREST
CLASS/WORKSHOP**

➤ *You only pay on the day:*

\$150.00 singles or \$250.00 for couples

– *but you must register & enrol before attendance.*

Please visit our website www.caminodownunder.com
for more details & to register & enrol for 2009.

“ *Your Camino class exceeded all my
expectations!* (Participant in 2007) ”

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