

NORTHERN SPAIN

FROM COUNTRYSIDE TO CATHEDRALS

Northwestern Spain is perhaps best known for the *Way of St James*, one of the most important medieval pilgrimage routes that led from Central Europe to Santiago de Compostela, where the Apostle's relics are kept until today in a magnificent 12th century cathedral. However, besides the famous pilgrimage way and its associated buildings, the region has a lot more to offer, just to mention the outstanding early medieval buildings of the former Kingdom of Asturias, which are embedded in a phantastic green landscape surrounding Oviedo, and the lovely countryside all along the *Way of St James*. Our meandering trip will include visits to the outstanding cities of Burgos, León, Oviedo and Santiago, as well as stops at exceptional small villages throughout the countryside. We will learn a lot about Spain's outstanding tradition in stone masonry construction, about its Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals, but also about its abundant rural culture and everyday life, and even enjoy the sea view at Gijon.

The seminar trip includes flights (direct to Bilbao and return from Santiago via Barcelona), the bus trip for the entire week, accommodation in double rooms in hotels, one reception and one dinner in a typical local restaurant, as well as all visits and tours.

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21 Participants | Category C