

*"I am the Way (Camino), the Truth and the Life." John 14:6*

# CAMINO PILGRIMAGE



## The 2017 European Tour

**Quality  
Accommodation**

**Friday 15 September - Sunday 8 October 2017**

**Rome • Assisi • Barcelona • Montserrat • Camino Pilgrimage • Santiago • Madrid • Toledo**

*"The Camino Tour was a fantastic experience which I would strongly recommend to anyone. The history and amazing sites that Rome offered was fabulous.*

*The Camino itself offered a new experience everyday, with time to simply stop and take in magnificent scenery. Madrid was a great way to wrap up the tour with the*

*immersion into yet another diverse culture. We were blessed with the tour organisers, Paul & Marina, who took control of all the organisation, including outstanding tour guides along the way. A memorable experience!"*

**Kristy Isbester** St Pius X Catholic Primary School, Dubbo NSW



*The scallop (symbol of St James) on the Camino Walk*



*Paul & John Skippen, Camino Walk, 2013*

**W**e will walk the final 110kms journey from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela and arrive on Sunday 1st October 2017, to join with fellow pilgrims and celebrate Eucharist in the Cathedral of St James. On Tuesday we will travel (on bus!) to Finisterre to make the journey complete, as James did.

Free time to explore in Rome, Assisi, Barcelona, Madrid, Santiago, Montserrat and Toledo. Plan to join us for a reasonably priced experience in Christian pilgrimage, as we experience some of the most treasured places of our heritage and story.

### **Tour Leader:**

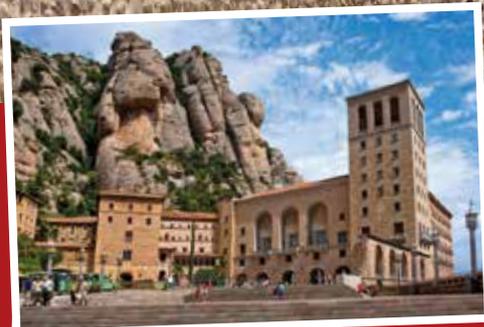
Paul Skippen has had many years in ministry in Catholic schools and parishes, is editor of the GPBS website and is a gifted presenter of staff inservice days, parish renewal events and retreats for all ages.

Paul is an avid traveller and has experienced many of the world's Catholic spiritual heart-lands. Paul's first walk of the Camino Way was with his Dad. Paul recalls: 'It wasn't a trip - it was a deep spiritual experience. So much so, we did it again!' The 2017 Pilgrimage will be Paul's fourth walk of the Camino.

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Pilgrimage is an experience common to all religions and cultures. In it, what is proper to human nature finds expression. The world does not constrain the human person, but rather like a waymark, opens it to transcendence, to God. Humankind has always known that the world is not its final destination, that here we are always travellers ...

*“Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place which I will show you”.*  
(Genesis 12: 1)

Christians enact the pilgrimage of faith. The Church defines itself in this world as the pilgrim Church, in search of the heavenly homeland. The profound meaning of pilgrimage for Christians can thus be understood. We do not go in search of the divine to some far off or unknown source, but rather

return to the depths of our own faith, find the experience of the truth in our own lives, renew our own existence, while reaffirming the need and the possibility of forgiveness, of the compassionate embrace, of the grace of the jubilee.

*As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers – Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew – casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus. He went along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers – James and John. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they abandoned both boat and family and followed him. (Matthew 4: 18-22)*

*“It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.”*

(Ernest Hemingway)

# ITINERARY



## Friday 15 September 2017

Depart Australia to Rome.



## Saturday 16 September 2017

Arrive Rome PM – Free time at leisure.

## Sunday 17 September 2017

Rome – Free day at leisure and welcome dinner.

## Monday 18 September 2017

AM – Rome.General Sightseeing & Cathedral Tour (St Mary Major's, St John Lateran & St Paul's Outside the Walls).

PM – combined tour Colosseum/Forum



## Tuesday 19 September 2017

Assisi – Highlights of the life of Francis of Assisi.

## Wednesday 20 September 2017

Vatican City (full day).  
(Papal Audience in St Peter's Square, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica)



## Thursday 21 September 2017

Depart Rome for Barcelona.  
AM – free time at leisure.  
PM – tour to Sagrada Familia and local dinner.



## Friday 22 September 2017

Full day tour to Montserrat (lunch included).



## Saturday 23 September 2017

Depart Barcelona for Santiago. Transfer to Sarria.

## Sunday 24 September 2017 (Commence Camino Walk)

Day 1: Sarria to Ferriros (15kms)

## Monday 25 September 2017

Day 2: Ferreiros to Gonzar (16kms)

## Tuesday 26 September 2017

Day 3: Gonzar to Palas de Rei (16kms)

## Wednesday 27 September 2017

Day 4: Palas de Rei to Melide (15kms)

## Thursday 28 September 2017

Day 5: Melide to Arzua (15kms)

## Friday 29 September 2017

Day 6: Arzua to Salceda (11.3kms)

## Saturday 30 September 2017

Day 7: Salceda to Lavacolla (18kms)

## Sunday 1 October 2017

Day 8: Lavacolla to Santiago (10.3kms)  
Arrive in time for midday Mass at the Cathedral of St James.

## Monday 2 October 2017

Santiago – Free day to explore.



## Tuesday 3 October 2017

Day coach trip to explore Fisterra.



## Wednesday 4 October 2017

Depart Santiago for Madrid by train.



## Thursday 5 October 2017

AM Tour – Toledo.  
Free afternoon at leisure in Madrid.

## Friday 6 October 2017

Free day at leisure in Madrid.  
Evening – Dinner & Flamenco Show.



## Saturday 7 October 2017

AM – Sightseeing tour of Madrid with local lunch.  
PM – Free afternoon with late hotel checkout.  
Depart Madrid.

## Sunday 8 October 2017

Arrive Australia.



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## INCLUDED

- Fully escorted guided tour.
- Quality Accommodation throughout.
- English speaking tour guides for specified tours.
- Hot Buffet Breakfast at Hotels & breakfast daily on Camino.
- Specified dinners & all nights on Camino.
- Daily luggage transfer on Camino.
- Private airport transfers.



Camino group 2016

## PRICING AND PAYMENTS

- Twin share per person \$9920.00 includes airfares all major cities (regional cities on request).
- Single supplement \$1350.00 (added to twin cost).
- Deposit of \$4000.00 per person to confirm booking.
- **Get in quick for Early Bird special** of \$300 - \$500 saving per person.
- Balance due on or before 22nd July 2017.



Camino Pilgrimage - Santiago de Compostela

**Make your booking today** via the contact details below.

Contact the tour leader Paul Skippen on **0412 850 883** NOW!



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