

The three most important pilgrimages of the Catholic Church include Rome, the Holy Land and the El Camino in Spain.

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### The Way of St. James or El Camino Walking Pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela



The Camino de Santiago is the most famous, and sacred, pilgrimage walk in the world. Millions of people have traveled to the ancient burial site of St. James the Apostle for over 1000 years. According to Catholic tradition, Apostle James, son of Zebedee, spread Christianity in Spain. In the year 44, he was beheaded in Jerusalem and his remains were later transferred to Galicia in a stone boat, to the place where stands **Santiago de Compostela Cathedral**.

Your heart and mind will be opened to new perspectives, ideas, and cultures. Some of us have dreamed of making this walk for many years, imagining breathing in the beauty and awakening the soul. Finally, you have the chance to experience the incredible journey.

This pilgrimage was highlighted in the movie *The Way* starring Martin Sheen and his son Emilio Estevez. For the two of them the El Camino was a physical and spiritual journey as they faced challenges while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world.

Our pilgrimage will begin on June 6, 2020 as we fly from Traverse City, Chicago or Detroit to Madrid, Spain where we will begin walking the 130 mile journey to Santiago Compostela. This is an escorted tour and we are blessed to have our spiritual leader Fr. Michael Driscoll from Notre Dame University facilitating daily Mass along the route. Be aware that there is van support should you wish to take a break along the path.

Of course, you will have to prepare both physically and spiritually for such an experience. Local hikes will be taken beginning in July to prepare you for the 5-18 miles covered each of the 10 days of the pilgrimage.

If you are interested or you know of people interested in joining Fr. Michael, Tom and me, please pick up one of the flyers at the Welcome Center. The earlier you place your deposit, the sooner you can begin preparing for this very special journey. Remember, tourists pass through places, places pass through Pilgrims.

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