



Yale Alumni ACADEMY

El Camino de Santiago

In the Footsteps of St. James

SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 5, 2022

NOEL LENSKI

Professor of Classics and History

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*Travel the Camino de
Santiago during a very
special Holy Year.*

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Yale Study Leader
NOEL LENSKI

Noel Lenski is Professor of Classics and History at Yale. He studied Classics at Colorado College (BA, 1989) and Classics and Ancient History at Princeton (MA, PhD 1995). His research ranges broadly across Late Antiquity and includes studies in political, military, social, economic, religious, cultural, and art history. With a focus on Roman history and particularly the history of the later Roman Empire, he is interested in power relations as these played themselves out at all levels of Roman society, from emperors to slaves. His two monographs, on the emperors Valens and Constantine, explore the limits of imperial power in light of reader response theory and life-worlds theory.

Have you been to this region before?

I have been to Spain, including this region, and am currently researching the area in the Visigothic period, the dawn of medieval Spain in the years just before the Muslim conquest.

What makes you most excited about this program?

This is one of Spain's richest regions in terms of history and culture, and the landscape is stunningly beautiful. I most look forward to moving through the terrain on foot, like the pilgrim travelers across so many centuries, and experiencing the smells, sights, sounds and – of course – tastes of Galicia.

What kind of lectures have you planned?

I will offer lectures on the history of pilgrimage in Galicia and elsewhere, and on the long history of medieval Spain with an emphasis on the question of *convivencia* – community across shared religious traditions.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

This is a rare opportunity to walk this historic trail during the Camino's Holy Year, Xacobeo, celebrated for the first time since 2010. In an exception due to recent world events, it has been extended from 2021 through 2022.



Readings

THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT: CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM FROM MUHAMMAD TO THE REFORMATION

By Richard A. Fletcher

THE ORNAMENT OF THE WORLD: HOW MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS CREATED A CULTURE OF TOLERANCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN

By María Rosa Menocal

THE AGE OF PILGRIMAGE: THE MEDIEVAL JOURNEY TO GOD

By Jonathan Sumption

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El Camino de Santiago

September 23 - October 5, 2022

Walker on the Camino de Santiago trail



Church of San Pedro de la Rúa, Pamplona,
photo by Martin

WELCOME PHONE CALL

Thursday, August 25 (Tentative)

Please join a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Noel Lenski, at 4:00pm Eastern to meet other travelers, learn more about what to expect, and ask questions.

DEPARTURE

Friday, September 23

Depart home independently on an overnight flight to Pamplona via Madrid.



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Bodegas Baigorri, Laguardia, photo by U. Keyes



St. James

MADRID, SPAIN / PAMPLONA

Saturday, September 24

Arrive in Pamplona in the late afternoon, and transfer to the hotel. This evening, gather for an *aperitif* and dinner. (R/D)

PAMPLONA

Sunday, September 25

Attend a lecture, then explore Pamplona's Old Quarter. After lunch, drive to Roncesvalles. You will receive a *credencial* (pilgrim passport) and begin the first walk on the trail. Return to Pamplona, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B/L)
Approximate walking distance: 4 miles.

PAMPLONA / LAGUARDIA

Monday, September 26

Drive to the Romanesque Church of Santa María de Eunate. From there, walk to la Rúa. Continue to historic Laguardia and the hotel. Dinner is at a local restaurant. (B/D)
Approximate walking distance: 2.75 miles.

LAGUARDIA

Tuesday, September 27

After a lecture, drive to Logroño to see its lovely Old Quarter. Lunch is at Bodegas Baigorri, where Rioja Alavesa is produced. Return to Laguardia, and visit Santa Maria Church. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B/L)
Rest day (only sightseeing walking).

LAGUARDIA / BURGOS

Wednesday, September 28

Depart to explore Nájera, the former capital of the Kingdom of Navarre. Continue walking to Azofra, then drive to Santo Domingo de la Calzada for lunch and a visit to the cathedral and Pilgrims' Hospital, which has been declared a National Historic Interest Site. In Burgos, visit the Gothic abbey of La Cartuja de Miraflores. Dinner is at leisure. (B/L)
Approximate walking distance: 3.6 miles.

BURGOS

Thursday, September 29

Discover the sumptuous Burgos Cathedral. Drive to the monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, and experience a Gregorian chant by their world-famous monks. Afterwards, continue the hike, followed by dinner at leisure. (B/L)
Approximate walking distance: 3.8 miles.



Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

BURGOS / LEÓN

Friday, September 30

Drive to Calzada del Coto, and hike to Calzadilla de los Hermanillos. After lunch, continue to León, and check in at the *parador*. The afternoon is at leisure. Gather for an evening lecture before dinner. (B/L/D)

Approximate walking distance:
5.4 miles.

LEÓN

Saturday, October 1

Following a lecture, walk the Camino to Gaudí's neo-Gothic palace Casa Botines and the 13th-century cathedral. Then, see the Basilica of San Isidoro. After lunch, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B/L)

Approximate walking distance:
1.3 miles.

LEÓN / VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO

Sunday, October 2

Venture into the glorious *páramo* (treeless grassland). Drive to historic Astorga, and admire Gaudí's Bishop's Palace before lunch. Continue to Ponferrada, and stroll on the Camino within the town's medieval section. Dinner and overnight are at the *parador*. (B/L/D)

Approximate walking distance:
4.2 miles.

VILLAFRANCA DEL BIERZO / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Monday, October 3

Explore Villafranca del Bierzo before lunch in Monte do Gozo. Conclude the Camino walk, and check into the hotel. An optional sunset excursion is arranged at Cape Finisterre. Dinner is at leisure. (B/L)

Approximate walking distance:
2.9 miles.



Puente La Reina



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“ Explore awe-inspiring cathedrals and monasteries in historic pilgrimage cities along the Camino, staying in splendid paradores. ”



Church of Santa María de Eunate, Pamplona, photo by Martin

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Tuesday, October 4

In this UNESCO-listed town, attend the majestic cathedral's Mass, enjoying an exclusive look at the famous *Botafumeiro* ritual. The afternoon is at leisure. Gather tonight for our farewell dinner. (B/D)

Rest day (only sightseeing walking).

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / MADRID / RETURN

Wednesday, October 5

Depart the hotel early this morning for flights home. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/ Lunch/ Reception/Dinner.



Basilica of San Isidoro, León, photo by Juanje Orío

What is Included

Program of lecturers and discussions with Professor Noel Lenski as well as special events

- Eleven nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service, and portorage charge
- Emergency medical evacuation services

What is Not Included

- International airfare
- Passport/visa fees
- Meals not specified
- Alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions
- Personal items and expenses
- Airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights
- Excess baggage
- Trip insurance
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included



Botafumeiro ritual



Hotel Viura, Laguardia



Hotel NH Palacio de La Merced



Parador de Leon



Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo



Accommodations

Hotel Tres Reyes, Pamplona

Enjoy relaxation and comfort in this hotel's sleek, beautiful rooms and suites. Amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi and creative, traditional Navarran cuisine in its Tres Reinas restaurant.

Hotel Viura, Laguardia

As much a work of art as a luxury hideaway, this hotel features large rooms with awe-inspiring views. Savor wines, *aperitifs*, and cocktails in the hotel's bistro. Free Wi-Fi is offered.

Hotel NH Palacio de la Merced, Burgos

In the heart of Burgos, this magnificent Gothic structure was built in the 16th and 17th centuries. The spacious guest rooms are a fusion of classic and contemporary design.

Parador de Leon, León

This *parador* is one of the most important monuments of the Spanish Renaissance. Enjoy its spacious, elegant guest rooms; library; and restaurant offering beautifully prepared traditional cuisine.

Parador de Villafranca del Bierzo, Villafranca del Bierzo

At the entrance to the town of Villafranca del Bierzo, this *parador* is surrounded by mountains whose slopes are dotted with chestnuts, poplars, and small farms. Large windows offer extraordinary views and in the garden, guests can enjoy the seasonal swimming pools.

Hotel Monumento San Francisco, Santiago de Compostela

Minutes from the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, enjoy the tranquility of an 18th-century Franciscan convent with four-star amenities, including a heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

Program Cost

The base cost this program is:
\$7,899 (based on double occupancy)

Single Supplement:
\$8,899 (limited availability)

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions in this program involve a significant amount of walking.

Camino de Santiago shell



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Cathedral Santo Domingo de la Calzada, photo by Dan

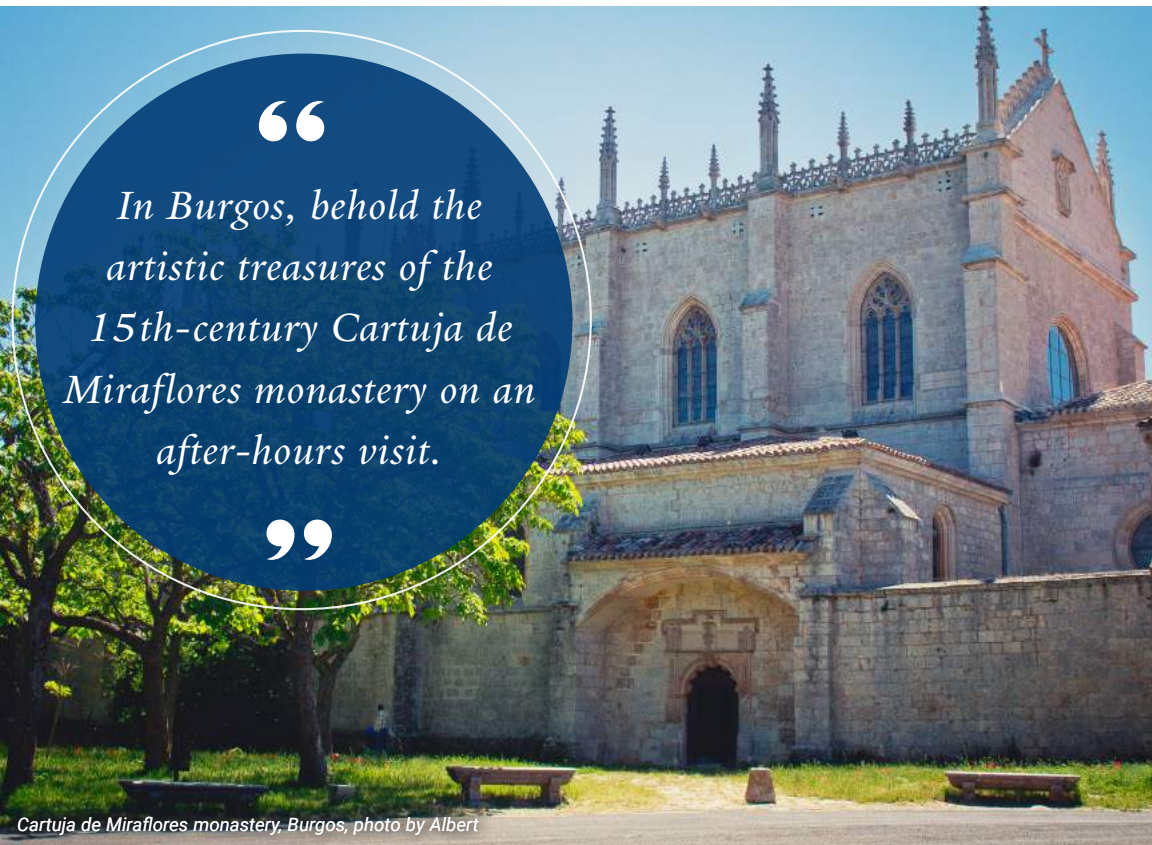


Laguardia, photo by Trond Moe

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In Burgos, behold the artistic treasures of the 15th-century Cartuja de Miraflores monastery on an after-hours visit.

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Cartuja de Miraflores monastery, Burgos, photo by Albert



Villafranca del Bierzo, photo by Sean Rowe

View from Cape Finisterre, photo by Alberto Cabrera



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*Experience Mass
at the magnificent
Cathedral of Santiago
de Compostela, and
witness the famous
Botafumeiro ceremony.*
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A NOTE ABOUT THE ITINERARY

While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification by Arrangements Abroad, Inc.

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*Watch the sunset
over Cape Finisterre, a
rock-bound peninsula
once thought to be ‘the
end of the Earth.’*

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Cape Finisterre, photo by Deensel



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