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# 106- European cultural routes, from Santiago to active citizenship of today

#### **Information**



Upcoming sessions:

- 106-1/2023: **08-13.05.2023**
- 106-2/2023: 16-21.10.2023



Price: 530€ (Included course fee, entrance to sites and museums, transportation)



Location: From Pamplona to Santiago (Spain)



Course organizer: AM LearnToTeach Courses



Number of participants: 20



Certification on completion: Yes



Language: English

# **Description**

The Way of St. James (El Camino de Santiago) was one of the most important Christian pilgrimage routes during the Middle Ages, together with the Via Francigena to Rome and the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. From being very frequently visited during the Middle Ages, the route fell to oblivion due to several reasons (Black Death, Protestant Reformation etc), nevertheless without losing its heritage character.

October 1987 saw the route declared as the first European Cultural Route by the Council of Europeand as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since then, the route has gained back its glory by being visited by pilgrims from all over the world.

Taking numbers as proof, over 300.000 pilgrims (2017) set out from important starting points across Europe, to walk the way to Santiago de Compostela. The aim is to walk the Way of St. James, often for days, weeks, months and sometimes for years at a time, to pay their respects to St. James by arriving at the magnificent church in the main square of Compostela.

Myths and stories follow the way of Santiago like the one about the milky way that was supposedly formed by the dust raised by the pilgrims. History, artistic and social movements have also left their imprint in the way, bonding the last centuries of European history to the present and the future.

During the war of American Independence, future president John Adamswas delegated by the Congress to go to Paris to obtain funds for the cause. After experiencing technical difficulties with his ship, he disembarked with his two sons at Finisterre in 1779. From there he was obliged to fol

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the Way of St. James but in the reverse direction of the pilgrims' route, in order to arrive to Paris. Consequently, he did not visit Santiago, which he later came to regret. His trip and impressions of the Way, the customs and habits of 18thcentury pilgrims were described in his autobiography.

Other famous people of those times who did the Way were Adams' great-grandson, the historian Henry Adams, who visited León and other Spanish cities, and the naturalist Alexander von Humboldt.

The Way provides a unique opportunity to experience the past and to transfer it to our classrooms. Participants will visit the three main cities of the Camino: Pamplona, Burgos and Santiago de Compostela.

At the section "Additional information" you can find information, documentaries, movie trailers, books etc enriched with the experiences of diverse people and groups who have walked El Camino.

Trainers will be in contact with the participants in order to solve any questions or doubts and provide advice on accommodation, airports, airlines etc. They will also familiarize participants with the website of the seminars (<a href="https://www.learntoteacheu.org/">https://www.learntoteacheu.org/</a>) which will be used to upload pedagogical material created during the course duration.

## **Program**

The organization of this seminar implies that the participants move throughout the days, following the route of the Camino de Santiago. The seminar starts in Pamplona, the capital of Navarra, easily accessible by plane or high-speed train. In the program, we indicate the three cities where we will be. The trips to Burgos, and Santiago de Compostela are by train of the type Albia (high-speed train). The organizer will provide the tickets for the participants to follow the seminar.

#### Monday (Pamplona) - First approach to El Camino

- Arrivals
- Meeting and getting to know each other (ice breaking activities)
- Course information (aims, concept, summary of activities)
- Visit to the city. Discovering the trail, hints and signs from El Camino.

#### Tuesday (Pamplona) - The beginning: Middle Ages cultural routes.

- Cultural Heritage as activity at the school: Educational program "What happens in the cloister?". Visit the Catedral.
- Workshop (I): Cultural backgrounds from our countries. Sharing lunch in a pilgrims' hostel in Pamplona. Taste of the traditional foods

#### Thursday (Burgos) - Traditional oral literature from Middle Ages.

- Visit to the Museo de la Evolución Humana.
- Visit to Burgos Cathedral and other cultural monument.
- Workshop (III): "From troubadours and minstrels to social networks. Transmedia."
- Visit to Santa Gadea de Burgos. The connection with Cantar de Mio Cid.
- Traditional food in Castile, from the Middle Ages to today.

#### Friday (Burgos & Santiago de Compostela) – Middle Ages music.

- Visit to Monastery of Sta. Maria la Real de las Huelgas. "Códice de las Huelgas" Middle Ages music code.
- Travelling from Burgos to Santiago de Compostela.
- Feeling Santiago. Walking the last 3 km of El Camino, visiting the most significant places of it.

# Saturday (Santiago de Compostela) - Cultural heritage changed city.

• Santiago, a tour visiting a World Heritage City.

from the participants' countries.

- El Camino as Cultural Heritage: Visit to the highlight places of El Camino in Pamplona.
- Dinner. "Tapas y alimentos artesanos de Navarra", traditional food in Pamplona.

#### Wednesday (Pamplona) - The added value of capital status for a city.

- Workshop (II) from theory to practice: "Experiences in my school-working on Cultural Heritage".
- Travelling from Pamplona to Burgos.
- A walk in Burgos: What "Castile" means.

#### • Visit to Mupega (Museo Pedagógico de Galicia).

- Workshop (IV). "Course portfolio: participants contribution"
- Closing the course. Certificates.

#### Places to visit

- From the Council of Europe
- Youtube video, with dynamic map
- Què sucede en el claustro? (Pamplona)
- The Way, documentary
- The Way (movie trailer)
- <u>Ich bin dann mal weg (movie</u> trailer)
- <u>Museo de La Evolución</u> Humana (Burgos)
- Catedral de Burgos
- Catedral de León
- Visit Santiago de Compostela

# **Topics**

Active citizenship, european dimension, arts, cultural studies, ethics, philosophy, history, social science, economics, geography.

## **Key competences**

- Civic
- Cultural awareness and expression
- · Personal, social and learning

# **Target audience**

 Teachers & school staff from primary and secondary level, and special needs.

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<sup>\*</sup>The programme is subjected to changes in case of unforeseen circumstances.

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