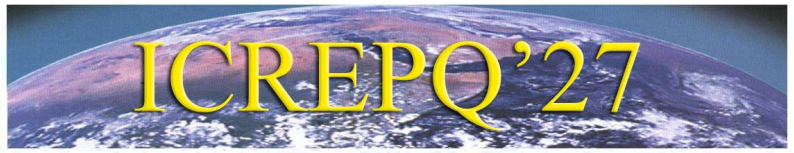

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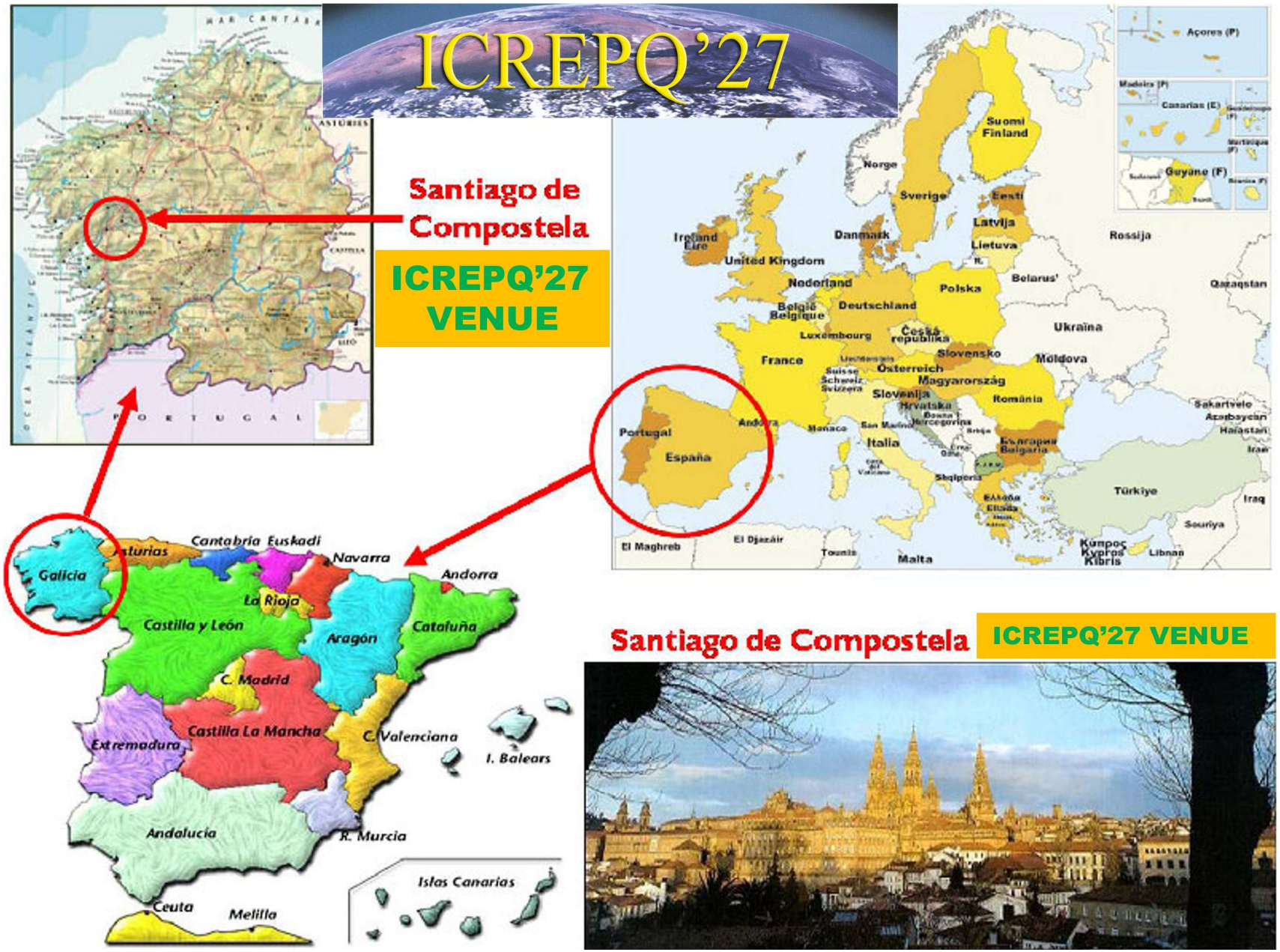
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Santiago de Compostela

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Santiago de Compostela was, and is, **the endpoint of the pilgrimage road** (although some pilgrims did, and do, go on to Finisterra to see where the boat carrying his body made land). It was one of the first tourist destination spots in Europe. Every shop within blocks of the cathedral catered to tourism, supplying food, drink, or souvenirs.

On the other side, 2027 is a Holy Year (Año Santo Jacobeo) and during that year, the Holy Door of the Cathedral is opened, and special plenary indulgences are offered to pilgrims and to all people who pass through the door.

Santiago de Compostela, social and commercial capital of the Autonomous Community of Galicia; declared a World Heritage City by UNESCO

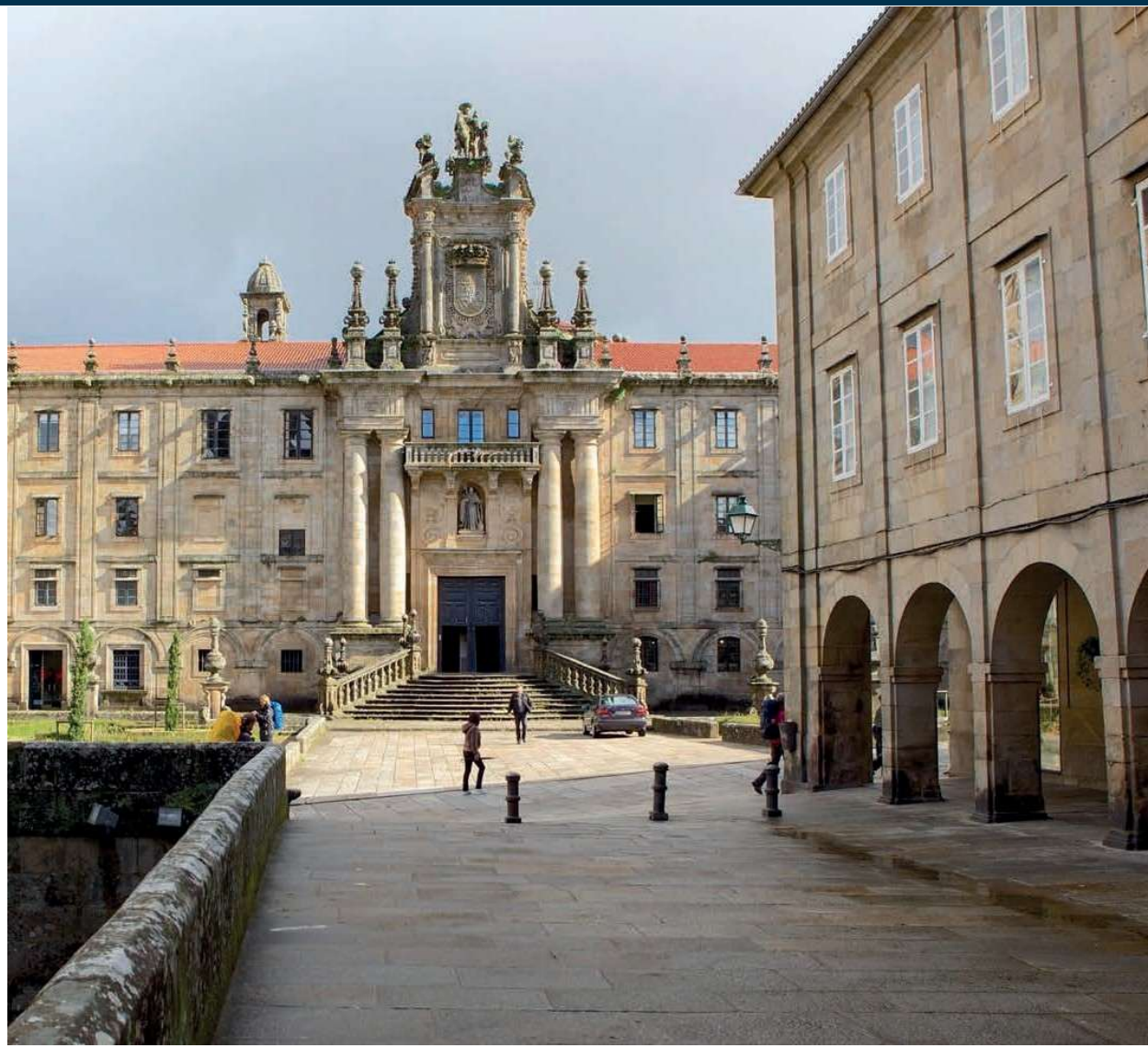
0.1 A Conference City:

As the final destination of Europe's most important pilgrimage route, it is a welcoming and friendly city that combines monumental beauty with the charm of a small university town, its fascinating history, and an attractive gastronomy based on the outstanding products of Galicia's land and sea.

Capital of Galicia and a millenary pilgrimage destination, **"Santiago de Compostela is one of the most indisputable heritage assets of Humanity. Due to its monumental integrity, the city brings together specific and universal values (...) in an urban setting that overflows with both history and timelessness."**

UNESCO–ICOMOS Report, 1984.

Today, Santiago de Compostela is also a major conference city, where the millenary tradition of welcoming pilgrims is complemented by extensive experience in organizing large national and international conferences. Easy to access, affordable and compact, Santiago guarantees strong attendance and is a city that congress delegates enjoy visiting.



Why Santiago?

For its history

As the final destination of Europe's most important pilgrimage route — the Camino de Santiago — which has left its mark in every corner, the city offers the congress delegate a truly unique attraction. Recognised by UNESCO as one of the most indisputable World Heritage Sites, a visit to the city is always memorable. The Cathedral, the ancient streets and the Plaza del Obradoiro leave no one indifferent.

For its infrastructure

Few cities of its size offer so much to conference delegates. Dozens of high-quality hotels with more than 5,500 beds, good air connections, a wide range of restaurants, and a modern, fully equipped conference centre with two adjoining hotels. All of this is supported by the highly experienced backing of numerous specialised companies within the meetings and events industry, with a strong tradition and proven capacity.

For its affordability

With an excellent hotel offer at prices around 20% below the Spanish average, a conference centre with very reasonable costs, outstanding value-for-money hospitality, and significant discounts on air fares, Santiago is a reliable, safe and highly competitive option.

For its beauty and charm

Santiago is both a major conference city and a small city full of charm. As the capital of Galicia, it is a compact city where everything is within walking distance. Simple and accessible, it offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere, with an impressive monumental area, a lively university environment and a pleasant, friendly street life.

For its gastronomy

Perhaps the second reason for making a pilgrimage to Santiago. Few forget the freshness and flavour of Galicia's fish and seafood, offered by the city's nearly one thousand restaurants. Traditional Atlantic cuisine and culinary innovation come together in this city renowned for its love of good food.

For the ICREPQ Conference

Conference attendance in Santiago typically increases by between 5% and 15% compared to the average in other cities. The appeal of Santiago will help ensure the success of the ICREPQ'27 conference.

0.2 Where?

Galicia Conference and Exhibition Centre

THE PROPOSED VENUE

Its innovative, multi-purpose design and privileged location at the end of the Camino de Santiago, in one of Europe's cities with the strongest cultural and tourism tradition, make it an outstanding choice for hosting conferences.

With a simple layout over just two floors, the building is easy for delegates to navigate and offers a large capacity with a wide range of conference and meeting rooms.

Two adjoining hotels enhance the venue's capacity and provide great convenience for attendees.
The rest of the city's hotels are located just 5 to 15 minutes away.

CAPACITY OF THE CONFERENCE CENTRE & HOTELS

The Galicia Conference and Exhibition Centre, fully equipped with all the necessary services and state-of-the-art technology, offers:

- 3 auditoriums with seating capacities of 1,500, 520 and 400 delegates
- 22 meeting rooms with capacities ranging from 10 to 140 people
- 8 conference rooms in the adjoining hotels, with capacities from 20 to 300 people
- 4,250 m² of covered exhibition space
- 3,500 m² of outdoor exhibition space
- Catering services for more than 1,500 people

A major asset of the venue is the two hotels located directly opposite the Conference Centre: Eurostars San Lázaro (4★) and Hotel OCA Puerta del Camino (4★ Superior), which together offer 296 high-quality rooms for delegates.

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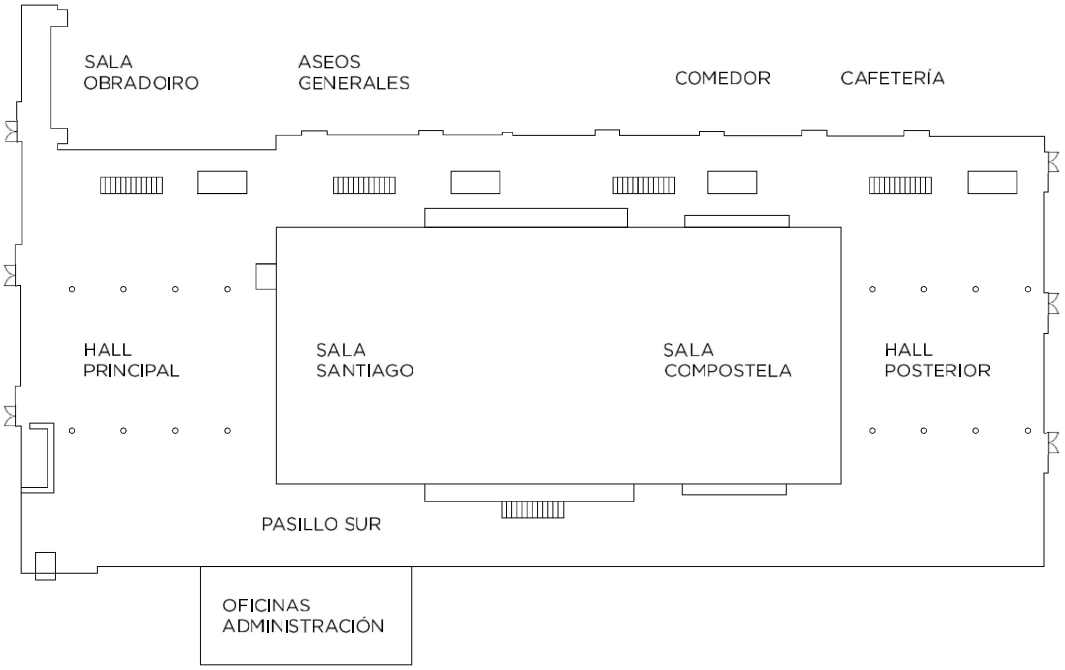
Spread over just two floors, it offers a total of 15,000 m², including:
Three auditóriums, Meeting rooms, VIP and press áreas, 4,250 m² of exhibition space surrounding the Conference, halls, Cafeteria, multiple parking áreas.
Accessible facilities for people with reduced mobility



CONFERENCE ROOMS

Located on the ground floor:

Main Auditorium – combines Santiago and Compostela rooms, total capacity: 2,100

Santiago Room – capacity: 1,580 (can be adjusted to 500 or 1,000)

Compostela Room – capacity: 520

Obradoiro Room – capacity: 400

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Accommodation

HOTEL CAPACITY IN SANTIAGO

The city of Santiago offers over 4,000 beds and 1,599 hotel rooms, ranging from 2 to 5 stars
Excellent ratio: 57% of rooms are in 4- and 5-star hotels at very competitive rates

Category	Hotels	Nº Rooms
5*	4	450
4*	12	1.314
3*	23	841
2*	5	59
Total	44	2.664

(Hotels located 5-15 minutes from "Palacio de Congresos")

Category	Hotels	Nº Rooms
4* Sup	Oca Puerta del Camino	164
4*	Eurostars San Lázaro	132
Total		296

(Hotels next of "Palacio de Congresos")

HOTEL LIST

Hotels 5*	Nº Rooms.
Eurostars Araguaney	81
NH Obradoiro	159
Palacio del Carmen	74
Parador Hostal dos Reis Católicos	136

Hotels 4*	
Oca Puerta del Camino	164
Compostela	100
Gran Hotel Santiago	143
Exe Peregrino	148
A Quinta da Auga	51
Gran Hotel los Abetos	149
San Francisco Hotel Monumento	83
Santiago Plaza	99
Eurostars San Lazaro	132
Virxe da Cerca	43
Congreso	110
Faranda los Tilos	92

Hotels 3*	Nº Rooms.
Altair	11
Exe Area Central	59
Castro	101
Capitol Boutique	19
Ciudad de Compostela	30
Herradura	20
Gelmírez	138
Nest Style Santiago	35
O Desvío	13
Pazo de Altamira	16
Pombal	14
Rua Villar	14
Ruta Jacobea	20
San Carlos	31
San Lorenzo	54
San Vicente	18
Santiago Apostol	104
San Miguel	17
Alda San Bieito	20
Lux Santiago	42
Praza Quintana	25
Carrís Casa de la Troya	23
Montes	17

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Transport

HOW TO GET TO THE CITY

No matter which mode of transport you choose, getting to Santiago de Compostela is easy thanks to its excellent connections with major cities in Spain and Europe.

By air

Santiago de Compostela Airport is just 10 minutes from the city and offers excellent air connections for national and international conferences. A Coruña Airport, only 45 minutes from the Congress Center, complements the city's flight options. With 3,250 daily seats to Madrid and Barcelona, there are reliable connections to both national and international destinations. Santiago ranks among the top five best-connected cities in Spain by air, providing ample capacity for conferences of up to 5,000 participants.

	No. of daily flights to Madrid	No. of daily flights to Barcelona	Other national destinations	Other international destinations	Taxi	Autobús
Santiago	6	3	8	5	20€	3€
A Coruña	3	1	4	2		
Vigo	7	2	7	1		
Total	16	6	19	8		

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ISLANDS
- GRAN CANARIA
- TENERIFE
- LANZAROTE
- FUERTEVENTURA
- PALMA DE MALLORCA
- IBIZA
INTERNATIONALS:
- AMSTERDAM
- LONDON
- FRANCFORT
- PARIS
- DUBLIN
- CORK
- GINEBRA
- BASILEA
- MARRAKECH
- NEW YORK...
- BRUSSELS
- MUNICH
- MILAN
- PRAGA
- VENECIA
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VALENCIA
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SEVILLA
MALAGA
GRANADA

By road

Santiago de Compostela has excellent road connections with numerous Spanish cities thanks to its modern network of highways and motorways. For this reason, traveling by car is a popular choice, accounting for approximately 15–20% of participants attending national conferences.

City of origin	Km	Time
A Coruña	73,6	52 min
Badajoz	597	6 h 4 min
Burgos	503,6	4 h 49 min
Cáceres	631,5	5 h 57 min
Gijón	301,5	3 h 20 min
León	331,8	3 h 26 min
Logroño	630,3	5 h 59 min
Lugo	114,8	1 h 30 min

City of origin	Km	Time
Madrid	604,3	5 h 27 min
Ourense	108, 4	1 h 13 min
Oviedo	308	3 h 24 min
Pontevedra	69, 9	53 min
Salamanca	428	4 h 9 min
Santander	472	5 h 4 min
Valladolid	451,6	4 h 7 min
Zamora	363, 1	3 h 40 min

By Train

Santiago de Compostela has an excellent train station, very close to the city center and within walking distance of both the historic and the new areas. For long-distance services, there are four daily direct trains to Madrid (three on Sundays), one to San Sebastián/Hendaye, and one to Barcelona. Regional trains run approximately every hour to the main destinations in Galicia: A Coruña, Vilagarcía de Arousa, Pontevedra, Ourense, and Vigo, with connections to Portugal.

In addition, there is a new high-speed connection (AVE) to Madrid, providing a direct link between Santiago de Compostela and the capital of Spain. The service runs about three times a day, with a travel time of approximately 3.5 hours. With these trains, Renfe now offers over 39,000 weekly high-speed seats (14,000 AVE and the rest Alvia), connecting Galicia and Madrid.

Buses
Urban Bus Line 6: San Marcos / Os Tilos

The city of Santiago de Compostela is served by Urban Bus Line 6 (San Marcos / Os Tilos). On weekdays, buses run from 7:00 to 23:00 with departures every 20 minutes; on Saturdays from 7:20 to 15:00 every 20 minutes and from 15:00 to 23:00 every 30 minutes; and on Sundays and public holidays from 7:30 to 23:00 every 30 minutes. Line 6 connects the Congress Center with most of the city's hotels.

There is also Line 6-A, which provides a direct connection between Santiago Airport and San Lázaro (Congress Center), with stops in the city center close to most hotels. Services run every 30 minutes from 7:00 to 23:00.

Taxis

Taxis are available 24 hours a day in Santiago de Compostela through Radio Taxi (phone: 981 569 292). For taxis adapted for people with disabilities, you can contact Euro Taxi at 981 535 154. Taxi stands can be found throughout the city, including in front of the Congress Center, at the train and bus stations, at Santiago Airport, Plaza Roja, and Plaza de Galicia.

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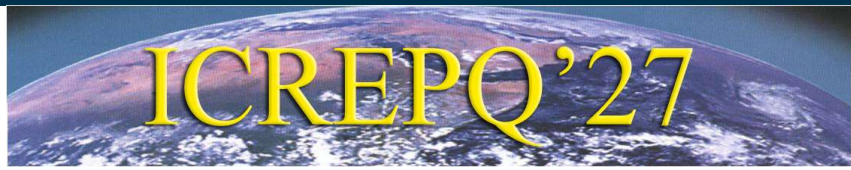
Spaces for complementary events



GALICIAN CENTER FOR CONTEMPORANY ART - CGAC

Designed by Álvaro Siza, the CGAC is located next to the Convent of San Domingo de Bonaval and its park. Its open, light-filled architecture features clean lines and abundant natural light. The center houses an important collection of contemporary art and offers spaces for conferences, meetings, and events, combining culture and functionality in a unique setting.

HOSTAL DE LOS REYES CATÓLICOS

This 15th-century former pilgrims' hospital, now a five-star Parador, is Santiago de Compostela's most emblematic accommodation and the oldest in Europe. Situated in the Plaza del Obradoiro near the Cathedral, it features cloisters, a Renaissance chapel, elegant lounges, and two luxury restaurants.

EUROSTARS GRAN HOTEL SANTIAGO

Just minutes from the train station and the historic center, the Eurostars Gran Hotel Santiago offers a wide range of high-quality services in an exceptional setting, paying close attention to the smallest details. The hotel features 11 spacious and elegant rooms, making it an ideal venue to ensure the success of any event.

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Spaces for complementary events

HOTEL MONUMENTO SAN FRANCISCO

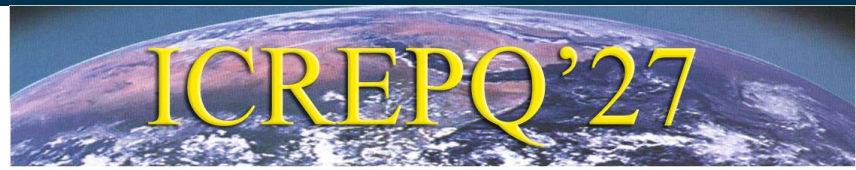
The Convent of San Francisco, founded in 1214 and located near Plaza del Obradoiro, combines its religious function with that of a four-star hotel, renovated in 2006. Its location, tranquility, and gastronomy stand out, and it offers historic spaces, glass-covered courtyards, and a neoclassical church suitable for professional events.

PAZO DE SAN LORENZO

The Pazo de San Lorenzo de Trasouto, built in 1216, is located near the historic center and is surrounded by a 50,000 m² walled estate with forests and gardens. Its historical value and the traditional charm of Galician pazos make it a Property of Artistic and Cultural Interest. It is available for events such as conferences, weddings, and meetings, by prior reservation only.

MONASTERY OF SAN MARTÍN PINARIO

Located in Plaza de la Inmaculada, in front of the north façade of the Cathedral, Pinario is the most valuable example of Galician Baroque architecture and the second largest monastery in Spain, after El Escorial. With over a thousand years of history, its spaces serve multiple functions: seminary, museum of sacred art, guesthouse, and meeting rooms.



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Cultural Activites

EXCURSIONS

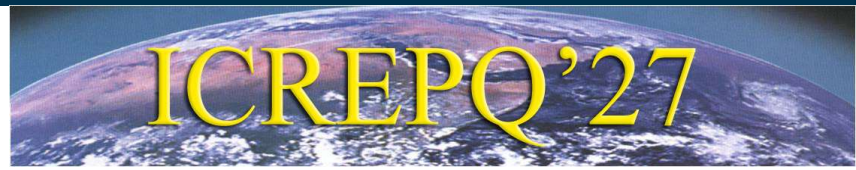
You cannot miss visiting Galicia, where the identity and soul of the region come alive. Stroll through the lively streets of Santiago de Compostela, climb the Tower of Hercules, and watch the ocean as the Romans did more than 2,000 years ago. Enjoy a seafood feast next to the traditional granaries (hórreos) of Combarro, in the heart of the Pontevedra estuary. Or visit the Cíes Islands and swim at what is considered one of the best beaches in the world. If you prefer the interior, you can explore Lugo from the heights of its Roman walls, or take a catamaran through the impressive canyons of the Sil River, enjoying the vineyards and monasteries of the Ribeira Sacra.

CLASIC SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Santiago de Compostela: This route focuses on the four main squares surrounding the Cathedral. The Plaza del Obradoiro, with the Colegio de San Jerónimo and the Cathedral; the Plaza de Platerías, featuring the Treasure Facade and the Fountain of the Horses; the Plaza de la Quintana, which includes the Convent of San Paio de Antealtares; and the Plaza de Azabachería, with the Chapel of La Corticela and the Monastery of San Martín Pinario.

ARTISAN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The porticoed streets of Santiago include landmarks such as the Casa del Deán, the Colegio de Fonseca, Plaza do Toural with the Pazo de Bendaña, and the University Square with the Church of the Compañía. The tour also includes the Faculty of Geography and History, the Arco de Mazarelos, the Church of San Fiz de Solovio, the Market-Plaza de Abastos, and several palaces and churches such as San Agustín, Las Ánimas, and San Martín Pinario.



EXCURSIONS

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO

Starting from Monte do Gozo, we will walk the last 5 km of the Camino de Santiago to the Cathedral, passing through San Lázaro (former hospital and sanctuary), the Concheiros neighborhood, Rúa de San Pedro, Puerta del Camino, Church of Santa María del Camino, Casas Reales (Church of Las Ánimas), Plaza de Cervantes (Church of San Benito and fountain), Rúa de Azabachería, and the North Gate of the Cathedral / Plaza del Obradoiro.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA "MEIGA"

This route will take us to discover the most mysterious points of Santiago de Compostela, exploring legends, rituals, and traditions. Sites include the Casa de la Balconada, Church of San Fructuoso, General Chapel of Las Ánimas, Cruceiro do Home Santo, Bonaval Cemetery, Colegio de la Enseñanza, Santo Antonio Fountain, and the Convent of the Mercedarian Mothers, among others.

"COSTA DE LA MUERTE" AND CAPE FINISTERRE

The Costa da Morte, famous for numerous shipwrecks throughout history, extends to Cape Finisterre, where the ocean shows its power and beauty. Fishing towns such as Muros and Muxía stand out for their craftsmanship, including the bobbin lace made by the "palilleiras." The region is also home to unique hórreos, such as the one in Carnota, one of the longest in Galicia.

VISIT TO CASTLE AND PAZO GARDENS

The excursion includes the gardens of the Pazo de Santa Cruz de Ribadulla, with its botanical collection and historic walkways, and the gardens of the Pazo de Oca, known as the "Galician Versailles," featuring a baroque chapel and ornamental ponds. The itinerary also includes the Pontevedra estuary.

EXCURSIONS

EXCURSION THROUGH THE RIAS BAIXAS

The Rías Baixas, an inland sea of Galicia, are renowned for their marine farms and fishing activities in towns such as Carril and O Grove. Remains of medieval towers, such as those in Catoira and La Lanzada, can be found, along with towns like Cambados, famous for its Albariño wine, the island of La Toja with its spa, and Combarro, known for its heritage of hórreos and cruceiros.

CIES ISLAND NATIONAL PARK EXCURSION

This tour takes us to the Cíes Islands National Park, crossing the Ría de Vigo by catamaran to reach Rodas Beach, considered one of the best beaches in the world. On the islands, visitors can enjoy hiking trails and discover the rich terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna.

RIBEIRA SACRA EXCURSION

During the Middle Ages, several monastic orders settled at the confluence of the Miño and Sil rivers, leaving numerous Romanesque churches and monasteries. This spectacular landscape of river canyons is also the heart of the Ribeira Sacra wine region, one of the most important in Galicia.

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Gastronomía

"In Galicia, eating is always a pleasure."

Santiago de Compostela offers an excellent representation of Galician cuisine in its many forms: from fine dining restaurants and charming traditional eateries or taverns, to pulperías (octopus restaurants) and tempting seafood restaurants, as well as trendy venues where chefs of the new Galician cuisine set the latest culinary trends. The city also features typical grills and churrasquerías, a legacy of the massive Galician emigration to Argentina, as well as bustling ham shops, wine bars, and traditional taverns where small tapas—often delicious—are usually served free with drinks, along with typical local dishes designed to be shared among several people.

Being a university city also ensures an extensive offer of daily menus at low prices, available in countless establishments across Santiago. Moreover, all regional Spanish cuisines—Basque, Castilian, Mediterranean, and more—are well represented, alongside vegetarian options and international culinary traditions, including Italian, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Palestinian, Moroccan, Turkish, Brazilian, and others.

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