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Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

A world away from the major tourist destinations of Madrid, Barcelona, and Seville lie innumerable corners of a picturesque country that equally deserve to be explored and savored. Join Carleton Professor Alfred Montero on this custom-designed itinerary, traveling westward across northern Spain in the heart of springtime.

Set out from the city of Bilbao for charming Santiago de Compostela, a short distance from the rugged Atlantic Sea coast. Along the way, our travels will take us through spectacular natural landscapes and to the façades of great architecture, from Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum to the mountains of Picos de Europa National Park; on a hike around the Covadonga Lakes, Ercina and Enol; down the winding streets of medieval towns such as Santillana del Mar and León; and finally to Rias Baixas, on the Atlantic coast, to watch and interact with local fishermen.

On one day, we will walk an approximately six-mile stretch of the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James), a vast network of pilgrimage routes that culminate in Santiago de Compostela. The Camino is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and we encounter several more World Heritage Sites along the way: the monuments of the town of Oviedo; Las Médulas, which was the most important gold mine in the Roman Empire for two centuries; and the beautiful Old Town of Santiago de Compostela; plus, we will visit the exact replica of the decorated, prehistoric cave of Altamira.

Enjoy discussions with Professor Montero, who will offer several talks about the politics and history of the regions through which we travel. Indulge in local cuisines, including a visit to a special cheese factory; taste regional wines, including a visit to the historic Marqués de Riscal winery; and stay in comfortable, well-located lodgings, including a converted 11th-century monastery in the historic city center of León and an 18th-century country house in Canedo, with an organic vineyard, that has been converted into a hotel.

I hope you will join Professor Montero and fellow Carls for this illuminating and thoroughly enjoyable journey through the north of Spain.

Sincerely,

Amy Bevilacqua '89

President, Carleton Alumni Council



San Salvador Cathedral in Oviedo

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Alfred P. Montero is Associate Dean and Director of Advising, the Frank B. Kellogg Chair of Political Science at Carleton College, and the senior editor of the refereed journal, *Latin American Politics and Society*. His main research areas

are the political economy of Latin American countries and the quality of democracy. Al is the author of *Brazil: Reversal of Fortune* (Polity Press, 2014), *Brazilian Politics: Reforming a Democratic State in a Changing World* (Polity Press, 2006), *Shifting States in Global Markets: Subnational Industrial Policy in Contemporary Brazil and Spain* (Penn State University Press, 2002), and he is co-editor with David J. Samuels of *Decentralization and Democracy in Latin America* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2004). Al has accompanied a number of previous Alumni Adventures, including both land tours and small-ship cruises in Cuba, Peru, Panama, and Costa Rica. He is married to a Spanish citizen (from Madrid) and has two children who are also Spanish citizens. Al's extended family is based in Madrid and Barcelona.

“Everything felt really first-class and well planned. Having a Carleton professor (Al Montero) along for a trip like this felt particularly vital as his personal insights...were woven so well with his obviously well thought out political science perspectives. His deep historical knowledge was tremendously entertaining to help us understand the finer points.”

- Andrew, Minnesota

Cover: Santillana del Mar Cathedral, (bottom from left) Rias Baixas, Guggenheim Museum entrance, Cangas de Onís

Marqués de Riscal winery



ITINERARY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Monday, May 16, 2022: Depart home for Spain

Tuesday, May 17: Arrive Bilbao, Spain | Guggenheim Museum | Welcome dinner

Arrive in Spain at Bilbao Airport (BIO) in the morning or early afternoon, and take a group transfer (time TBD) to our hotel. Get settled and then gather this afternoon to meet your faculty leader, tour manager, and fellow travelers before setting out to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum, Frank O. Gehry's architectural masterpiece. This breathtaking modern structure consists of 19 galleries clustered around a central atrium that soars skyward for 165 feet, beautifully illuminated by natural light. The titanium roof is a unique, twisting, curving, metallic sculpture that integrates the city's industrial waterfront with the nearby historic and business districts. Gather for a welcome dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao](#) for two nights.* (D)

Wednesday, May 18: Laguardia | Marqués de Riscal winery | Bilbao

Set out this morning for a full-day excursion into the province of La Rioja, an area renowned for wine production, and arrive in Laguardia, a hill-top village with sweeping, panoramic views over the Rio Ebro valley. Take a tour of this quaint, medieval town with a local guide and, after a group lunch, drive to the nearby village of Elciego to visit the historic Marqués de Riscal winery. Tour the vineyards and sample the wine. A remarkable sight on the property is the winery's hotel, which was designed by Frank O. Gehry. We return to Bilbao, where dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Thursday, May 19: Santillana del Mar walking tour | Altamira II | Cangas de Onís

This morning we drive to the charming medieval town of Santillana del Mar. One of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval villages, Santillana del Mar retains a romantic ambiance. We take a walking tour of the village, noting its roots from the early Middle Ages when the first dwellings arose in the shadow of the Romanesque monastery of Santa Juliana, including the Colegiata and cloisters of Santa Juliana. After an independent lunch in the village we re-group to visit Altamira II, an exact replica of the decorated prehistoric cave of Altamira (the "Sistine Chapel of Prehistoric Art"), with vivid depictions of bison and other animals dating back 15,000 years. We



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also visit the Altamira Museum, with its highly informative exhibits on Cantabrian prehistory and cave art. Continue driving to Cangas de Onís, set in the valley of the Rivers Sella and Güeña, amid Picos de Europa National Park, where we check-in to our hotel. Gather for a group dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Parador de Cangas de Onís](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

Friday, May 20: Covadonga | Hike around Lakes Ercina and Enol | Las Arenas | Cangas de Onís

Accompanied by a local guide, we visit the “capital” of the Picos de Europa, Covadonga, known as the first Christian kingdom (8th century A.D.) on the Iberian Peninsula and today a national shrine and place of pilgrimage. Then we walk around the Covadonga Lakes, Ercina and Enol, roughly a three-mile, two-hour hike that offers spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. After lunch in a local restaurant we visit a cheese factory (*quesería*) in Las Arenas to see how the famous local blue cheese, Cabrales, is produced. On our return to Cangas de Onís, we stop at the Mirador del Pozo de la Oración, one of the finest viewing points in the Picos. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Saturday, May 21: Oviedo: AM city tour, PM at leisure

We drive this morning to the city of Oviedo. Upon arrival, our morning tour includes visits to the 9th-century Churches of San Miguel de Lillo and Santa María del Naranco, both part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Monuments of Oviedo and the Kingdom of Asturias,” on the outskirts of the city. Then we visit Oviedo’s Gothic Metropolitan Cathedral Basilica of the Holy Saviour (San Salvador Cathedral), a major stop for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela; and historic Oviedo (the *casco antiguo*, or old town), including the famous, 19th-century Mercado el Fontán (food market). After we check-in to our hotel, lunch and the balance of the day are at leisure in Oviedo. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hotel Fruela](#).* (B)

Sunday, May 22: León

Depart Oviedo this morning and drive to León. In the company of a local guide we will visit León’s old quarter, including the 13th-century Gothic cathedral with 128 stunning, stained glass windows, one of the finest collections in Europe. Continue to the 11th-century Basilica of St. Isidoro where, in 1188, the first parliament in the history of Europe took place; and Casa de los Botines, designed by Antoni Gaudí, the architect

Photos from top: Las Médulas; images of bison at Altamira II; Mirador del Pozo de la Oración; Santa María del Naranco Church, Oviedo



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Photos (from top): San Miguel de Lillo Church, Oviedo; Santiago de Compostela; Casa de los Botines in León (designed by Antoni Gaudí)

of the famous *Basílica de la Sagrada Família* in Barcelona. After an independent lunch in the *Barrio Húmedo*, one of Spain's most celebrated areas for *tapas*, we re-group to take a guided, panoramic tour of the city by motorcoach. Check-in to our hotel, a converted 11th-century monastery in the historic city center, and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hotel Real Colegiata San Isidoro](#)*. (B,D)

Monday, May 23: Las Médulas | Canedo

Drive westward to the dramatic landscape of Las Médulas, which was the most important gold mine in the Roman Empire from the first through third centuries A.D. and is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch we continue driving deep in the countryside to the *Palacio de Canedo*, an 18th-century country house that has been converted into a hotel. Check-in, visit the property's historic, organic vineyard, and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Palacio de Canedo](#)*. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 24: Walk the Camino de Santiago from Cacabelos to Villafranca del Bierzo | Santiago de Compostela

Drive to the village of Cacabelos and set out on a walk (about 4.5 miles, and 2.5 hours) along a section of the Camino de Santiago through the countryside to the village of Villafranca del Bierzo. The "Routes of Santiago de Compostela: *Camino Francés* and Routes of Northern Spain," a network of four Christian pilgrimage routes, comprise a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch in Villafranca, we drive to Santiago de Compostela, at the end of the Camino de Santiago, where we check-in to our centrally-located hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Compostela](#) for three nights*. (B,L)

Wednesday, May 25: Santiago de Compostela: AM walking tour, PM at leisure

Set out this morning on a walking tour of Santiago, whose Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is considered one of the world's most beautiful urban areas. It was completely destroyed in the 10th century and rebuilt in the 11th century, and we will see its oldest structures, located around the Cathedral. Walk around the four famous squares; visit the Jewish quarter and the central food market, where we will find an impressive selection of Galician products; view the *Rua do Franco*, Santiago's oldest street; and continue to Alameda Park from where we will enjoy splendid views of the Cathedral and historic area. End with a guided tour of the famous Cathedral itself, a final destination every year for thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. Lunch and the balance of the day are at leisure. (B)

Thursday, May 26: Rias Baixas | Santiago de Compostela | Farewell dinner

Set out this morning for Rias Baixas, on the Atlantic coast, including a two-hour boat trip to watch and interact with local fishermen at work harvesting mussels, clams, razor clams, shrimp, and/or octopus (depending on the time of year). After lunch we visit a *bodega* (in Spain, this is a place where wine is sold) to sample the famous, local Albariño white wine. Return to our hotel in Santiago where we freshen up and gather for a festive farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 27: Fly home

Transfer to Santiago de Compostela Airport (SCQ), also known as Santiago-Rosalía de Castro Airport, for independent flights homeward. (B)



Palacio de Canedo, an 18th-century country house that has been converted into a hotel.

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. This tour is ideal for people with basic levels of fitness who are prepared, on occasion, to walk for up to 2 ½ hours at a time along paths that may be uneven, of varying gradients, and/or wet. In Covalonga, the hike around the lakes is approximately 3 miles, mainly on flat but also some gently sloping ground, and there is a flight of approximately 25 stairs to climb. The section of the Camino de Santiago that we will walk is approximately 4.5 miles on relatively flat ground. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocol set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested, and additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. Average May temperatures in this region range from the mid 70s (F) during the day to the low 50s overnight. Complete pre-departure details, including packing suggestions, will be sent to participants.

Accommodations



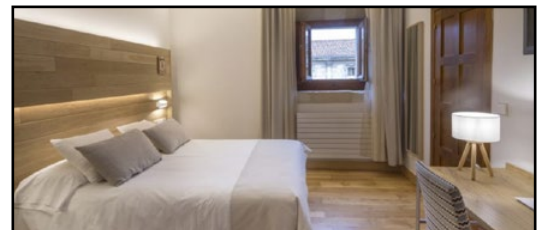
Bilbao - Two nights at the 5-star [Gran Hotel Domine Bilbao](#)



Cangas de Onís - Two nights at the 4-star [Parador de Cangas de Onís](#)



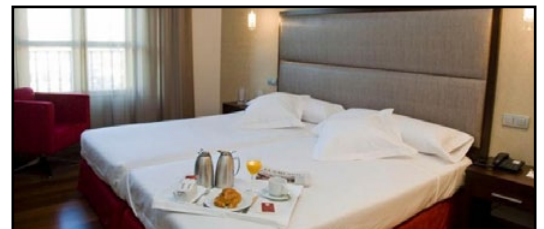
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León - One night at the 3-star [Hotel Real Colegiata San Isidoro](#)



Canedo - One night at the 4-star [Palacio de Canedo](#)



Santiago de Compostela - Three nights at the 4-star [Hotel Compostela](#)



TOUR PRICE Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (15-20 participants)	\$7,545
Double Occupancy (10-14 participants)	\$8,445
Single Supplement.....	\$985

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

PRICES INCLUDE:

- Leadership of Carleton College **Professor Al Montero**, expert **local guides**, and a **professional tour manager**
- **Ten nights in comfortable, ideally-located accommodations** as per the itinerary
- **Group arrival/departure transfers** (times TBD) on program dates
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**, with bottled water provided
- **Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners** including mineral water and wine
- **All gratuities** to porters, drivers, guides, waiters for included meals, and tour manager
- **All excursions**, entrance fees, local taxes, and service charges as per the itinerary
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list.

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group transfers are provided (times TBD) upon arrival on May 17th at Bilbao Airport (BIO) and to the Santiago de Compostela/Rosalía de Castro Airport (SCQ) for departure on May 27th. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare; passport and inoculation charges; all airport departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; meals or alcoholic or other beverages except as noted; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; portage or individual transfers to join or leave the group when traveling independently; and any items not specifically indicated as included.

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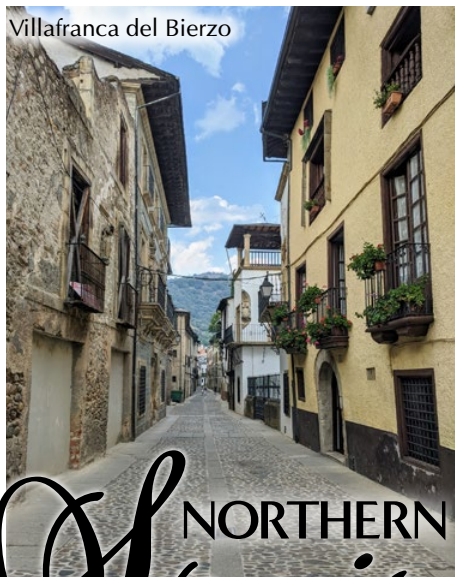
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