



“Europe was born in pilgrimage, and its mother tongue is Christianity”

(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

Historic map of European network of the Ways of St. James)

(Image from the Pilgrim's Credencial, the official accreditation)



Camino históricos de Santiago desde todas partes de Europa;
<http://www.dealbacetasantiago.es>
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Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela

Statistics from the Pilgrim's Reception Office in Santiago de Compostela
Annual report, 2015

Total Number of pilgrims that arrived at the Pilgrim's
Reception Office in 2015: **262.516**

Male: 138.962 (52,93%)

Female: 123.554 (47,07%)

By foot: 236.773 (90,19%)

By bike: 25.346 (9,66%)

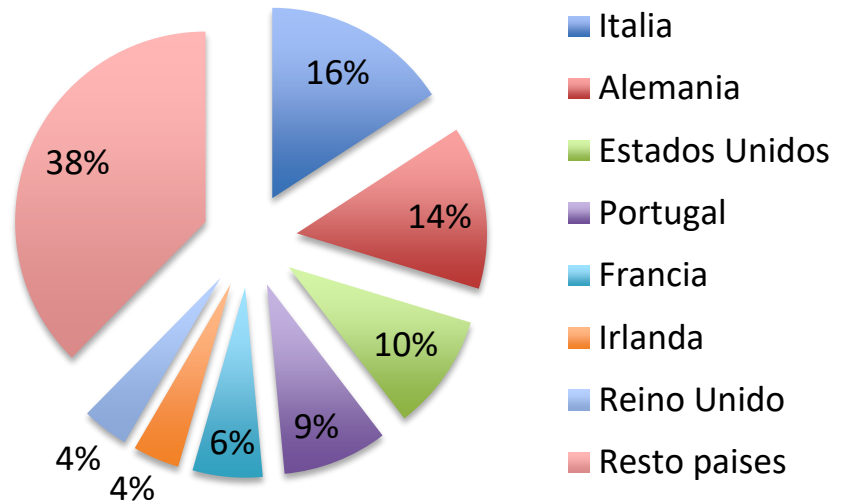
By horse: 326 (0,12%)

Wheelchair: 71 (0,03%)

Pilgrims from Spain: 122.420 (46,63%)

Pilgrims from other countries: 140.096 (53,37%)

Pilgrims (all countries except Spain)





“May the faith which has inspired pilgrims throughout history, uniting them in a common aspiration and transcending national differences and interests, inspire us today, and young people in particular, to travel along these routes in order to build a society founded on tolerance, respect for others, freedom and solidarity.”

The Santiago de Compostela Declaration, 23 October 1987



Aims of the Cultural Routes Programme:

- act as a channel for intercultural dialogue
- promote better knowledge and understanding of European cultural identity
- preserve and enhance natural and cultural heritage as a source of cultural, social and economic development



Core values of the Council of Europe put into practice through the Cultural Routes Programme:

- Human rights
- Cultural democracy and diversity
- Mutual understanding and exchange across boundaries

