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# *Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela*

## **'Seven Crowning Stars'**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Led by Peter and Sarah Dawkins, Jonathan Tod and Tara Donovan**

The purpose of this pilgrimage is to explore, learn about, enjoy and enhance a magical landscape temple in Galicia. This is a unique journey to Santiago de Compostela. We will visit many of the places well known to pilgrims on the Camino. However, we will divert from the 'French Way' and go north to the coast and part-encircle Santiago de Compostela, pilgrimaging to the seven stars of the crown chakra of Europe. This pilgrimage relates closely to our earlier pilgrimages in Portugal, as the seven stars include the higher crown chakras of the three Portuguese 'Great Pillars', which are at Ponferrada, Lugo and Santiago de Compostela.

**Bilbao – Burgos – Castrojeriz - León – Astorga – El Cruz e Ferro – Ponferrada – Villafranca del Bierzo – Lugo – A Coruna – Muxia – Finisterre – Santiago de Compostela**

Europe takes its name from the classical myth of Europa and the Bull, and mainland Europe can indeed be seen imaginatively as a 'bull', with the British Isles seated on its neck as 'Europa'. Spain and Portugal are the 'head of the bull'. Santiago de Compostela focuses the crown chakra of the European 'Bull' landscape temple. 2021 is a 'Holy' or 'Jubilee' year, in which St James' Day falls on a Sunday. This last happened in 2010 and will not occur again until 2027. Holy years are considered to be very powerful and important years to pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.



We (Peter and Sarah, Jonathan and Tara) have discovered a sequence of major landscape chakras (centres of energy) which are marked energetically by seven great stars. The journey follows a shape which is similar to the shape of an Egyptian Adze; the tool used in the mummification process by the Ancient Egyptians to ritually and symbolically open the mouth of the pharaoh's ascended soul, so that he can speak the truth or Word of God and thereby help those incarnate on earth.



We have been inspired to make this journey. Prior to our reccie in September 2019, we believed that our journey would follow a traditional 'chakra' landscape temple from root to crown. However, it became clear at the beginning of the reccie that this journey was very different. Seven great 'Stars' wanted to be discovered. Six of them are bright and radiant, and shine from the hearts of great angels over-lighting certain very important and special sites in Galicia, northern Spain. A seventh is more concealed. They are interconnected and communicate with each other for the greater good of mankind.

We are making this journey as a pilgrimage, in the sense of honouring the places by greeting, appreciating and enjoying them, their people and each other. We have two principles which we endeavour as a group to fulfil, which are to make the effort to love who we are with, wherever we are and whatever we are doing, and to do the right thing, in the right place, at the right time, and with the right intention. In this way we can enhance the places and the whole landscape temple, enthusing it with love and thereby helping to transform the planetary energies into ethereal 'light'. In such ways we help to build the 'light body' of the planet, which in turn affects consciousness everywhere in beneficial ways.

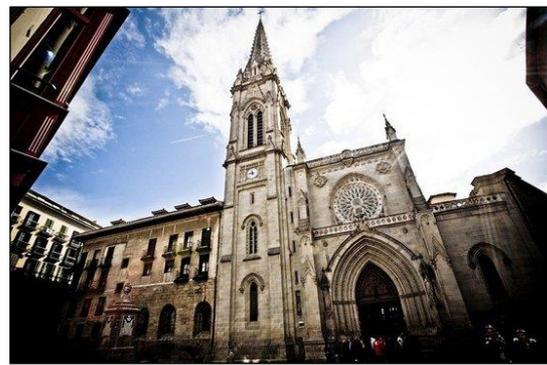
In addition, by pilgrimaging in this way within the Bull of Europe, we can help Europe to metaphorically breathe its physical breath in conjunction with its spiritual breath (inspiration). Taurus, the Bull, is associated with the throat chakra; Europa is associated with the alta-major chakra. The former is represented by mainland Europe, the latter by the British Isles. The former is the gateway for the physical breath, the latter for the spiritual breath. The two breaths, breathing in harmony, are what the world needs, and what each pilgrim can perform as an act of loving service.

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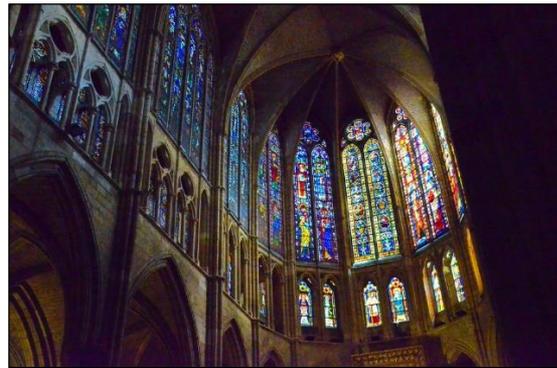
### Itinerary Highlights

**Tuesday 18th May** – arrive at the Hotel Ercilla Lopez de Haro in Bilbao [well situated in the centre of Bilbao], 5 minutes walk across the bridge to the Old Quarter; welcome meeting followed by dinner.

**Wednesday 19th May** – After a morning meeting and lunch, we will go out into Bilbao visiting some of the main sites. There will be an opportunity in the afternoon to visit the world-famous Guggenheim Museum. The city's Old Quarter and the Museum are both within walking distance of the hotel. Late afternoon, we will visit 'as pilgrims' the cathedral dedicated to St James and make our dedications for the journey. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Ercilla Lopez de Haro.



**Thursday 20th May** – After breakfast, we will set off by air-conditioned coach to Burgos, which is an important stopping point on the French/Jacobian camino to Santiago de Compostela. We will visit the vast cathedral and have a lunch of local speciality dishes. In the afternoon we will visit the Templar church in Castrojeriz and travel on to Leon. We will stay at the Plaza Mayor at the NH Collection Hotel Plaza Mayor, which is the main square in the middle of the old town.



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – After Paneurhythmy (for those that want to) and breakfast, we will visit the important sites in Leon, spending time in the cathedral and the Plaza Major, and enjoying a coffee break in one its historic streets. Afterwards we will travel on to Astorga, which is at the north end of the Via de la Plata, which is the camino which brings pilgrims from southern Spain. Here pilgrims meet the French Way and turn westwards to complete their journey. We will have lunch before visiting the cathedral. We will spend time here working on the ‘hidden star’, and stay overnight.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – After Paneurhythmy and breakfast, we will travel to El Cruz e Ferro, which is an ancient mound of stones and rocks brought by pilgrims from their homes to this place. In accordance with tradition, with our backs to the mound, we will throw stones which we will each bring from our homes over our shoulder, symbolically marking this journey away from home to adventure into the world for higher purpose.

We will then move on to Ponferrada, and visit the Basilica dedicated to St Mary and the 12<sup>th</sup> century Templar Castle. These sites are steeped in learning and, we believe, formed the base for a great mystery school to which early aspirants and later Templar knights were sent to learn and train for a life beyond the mundane. This is the higher crown chakra of the left-hand pillar – the left-hand pillar being associated with Divine Intelligence and understanding. We will spend the remainder of the day here and stay overnight at the Hotel Ponferrada Plaza.



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – After Paneurhythmy and breakfast, we will travel on to the Church of Santiago in Villafranca del Bierzo. The north-facing doorway is known as ‘the Gateway to Forgiveness’. A 12<sup>th</sup> century pope allowed the sick and ailing to be deemed to have completed their pilgrimage here, prior to the climb up the mountains of Galicia. This was allowed in exceptional circumstances and only in a holy year. This is such a year. This is a gateway to the sacred lands of Galicia. Shortly after this stop, we will divert north, away from the French camino, and head for Lugo. We will arrive in time for an attunement together in the cathedral before lunch, and an opportunity to explore this great city, the higher crown chakra of the central pillar. Late afternoon, we will travel on to the Noa Boutique Hotel in Santa Cruz, a modern designer hotel overlooking the bay to A Coruna. We will have drinks on the terrace, dine and spend the night there.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – After Paneurhythmy and breakfast, we will travel on to A Coruna and visit the lighthouse, built on the island site of the more ancient ‘Tower of Hercules’ and consider the mythical story of St Breogan, which is associated with this place. We will move on to Muxia, further along the coast where we will enjoy local cuisine and after visit the sanctuary associated with St Mary and the fabled magical rocks. We will stay overnight in Cee and prepare for our early start the following day.



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – We will wake and leave early so that we can be at the Sun Temple above the sacred promontory at Cape Finisterre in time for sunrise. Here we will be led in sacred ceremony and dance. We will later walk down to the hotel for coffee and croissants, and to the rocks below where pilgrims who had successfully completed their pilgrimage would traditionally burn their pilgrims' clothes, symbolically to help earthbound souls depart. Our final journey will be from here to Santiago de Compostela. We will go to our hotel, Hotel Palacio del Carmen, and then have free time to rest or explore the city before meeting again mid-afternoon, with a guide, to visit the cathedral together. We will return to our hotel and have our last meeting together, during which we will share, remember and give thanks for our journey together. Followed by a celebratory dinner, during which there will be speeches and a loving-cup ceremony.



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – After Paneurhythmy and breakfast, the pilgrimage ends. Some may decide to stay on and go to the midday 'Pilgrims Mass' at the cathedral. Santiago de Compostela airport is a 20-minute taxi-ride from our hotel.

*[The organisers reserve the right to adjust or amend the programme if necessary.]*

## Travel suggestions

- The Hotel Ercilla Lopez de Haro in Bilbao is 20-25 minutes by taxi from Bilbao airport.
- There are flights to many European destinations from Santiago de Compostela.

## Cost

Double Occupancy £1,430 per person

Single Occupancy £1,970 per person

Cost includes all hotels (bed, breakfast and dinner), entrance fees, coach hire, organisation, teaching, leadership, guide, and most lunches (see below).

Costs exclude flights and transport to hotel in Bilbao and from hotel in Santiago de Compostela after the pilgrimage ends. Lunch in Santiago de Compostela is also excluded. Minibars, hotel pay TV, laundry, hotel phone, and all drinks are at your own cost.

## Further Information & Booking

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## Outline Programme and Itinerary

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May (earth day)

15.00 to 18.00 - pilgrims arrive in Bilbao and stay at the Hotel Ercilla Lopez de Haro, which is in the centre of Bilbao

18.30 – welcome meeting (1 hour) – come dressed for dinner

19.30 – dinner

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (water day)

0830 – 09.30 – breakfast

10.00 – 12.30 – Peter and Sarah shall set the framework for the pilgrimage – followed by lunch

14.00 – All the main attractions are within walking distance of the hotel. We will first visit the Guggenheim Museum [20 mins walk].

16.15 – We will walk from the Museum around the south bank of the River Nervion and cross into the Old Quarter where we will visit St James Cathedral [the cathedral does not open until 5pm in the afternoon].

17.00 – Dedications at the Cathedral

17.45 – walk back to the hotel together

18.30 – 19.30 – Talk by Peter and Sarah on pilgrimage skills

20.00 Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Ercilla Lopez de Haro. (suggest pack as early departure the next day)

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May (air day)

07.15 – Paneurhythmy (for those that want)

07.45 – 08.45 – Breakfast [keep hats/ water and sun cream/ notebooks separate from luggage as will be needed during the day]

09.00 – leave hotel promptly and travel to Burgos [we will have this coach for the remainder of the journey].

11.00 – visit Burgos Cathedral, and after lunch together in Burgos.

14.30 - leave Burgos and visit the templar church at Castrojeriz

16.15 – coach on to Leon

18.15 – arrive in Leon – dinner and overnight at the NH Collection Plaza Mayor Hotel in the main square in the centre of the old town

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May (fire day)

07.30 – Paneurhythmy

08.30 – breakfast in hotel

09.30 – walk together to Leon Cathedral and after to Plaza Major. Followed by coffee in a traditional street in the old town.

12.30 – Coach to Astorga and late lunch in traditional local restaurant

15.00 – visit Astorga Cathedral

17.00 – go to hotel in Astorga

19.30 – dinner and overnight in Hotel Spa Via de la Plata, Astorga

21.00 – meeting and sharing after dinner

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (earth day)**

0730 – Paneurhythmy

08.15- 09.15 – breakfast in hotel

09.30 – coach to ancient and sacred mound ‘El Cruz e Ferro’

10.30 – coach on to Ponferrada – visit the Basilica dedicated to the Virgin Mary before lunch

13.00 – lunch in outdoor restaurant next to the Templar Castle walls.

14.30 – visit Templar Castle

17.00 – coach to hotel in Ponferrada

19.30 – dinner and overnight at the Hotel Ponferrada

21.00 – meeting/sharing

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (water day)**

07.30 – Paneurhythmy

08.15 – 09.00 – breakfast in hotel

09.00 – coach to ‘Gateway to Forgiveness’ in Villafranca del Bierzo

10.00 – coach to Lugo [the higher crown chakra of the central pillar]

11.30 – arrive in Lugo and visit the cathedral

13.00 – lunch in Lugo and time in the early afternoon to explore and to walk around some of the ancient city walls.

17.00 – Coach to Santa Cruz (on northern coast of Spain)

19.30 – drinks on the terrace with views out over the Bay and dinner and overnight in hotel – Noa Boutique Hotel

21.00 – meeting/sharing

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May (air day)**

0730 – Paneurhythmy

08.00 – 09.00 – breakfast

09.00 – leave by coach to A Coruna (20 minutes) – visit the Tower of Hercules.

11.00 – coach to Muxia and early lunch near Muxia (house speciality ‘Paella’)

14.00 – visit the sanctuary in Muxia and the magic rocks.

15.30 – coach to Cee (on the coast) and go straight to the hotel [45 minutes]

19.30 – dinner in hotel (suggest early night as dawn start for ceremony in Finisterre the next day)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May (fire day)**

06.15 – leave the hotel promptly so that we can be at the Sun Temple in Cape Finisterre in time for sunrise

07.15 – sunrise at the Sun Temple – Peter and Sarah will lead a ceremony

09.00 – coffee/ orange juice/ croissants (loo stop) at O Semaforo de Fisterra Hotel – terrace high up above the rocks of Cape Finisterre below. spend some time on the rocks.

10.30 – coach to our hotel in Santiago de Compostela.

12.00 – arrive at the hotel, Hotel Palacio del Carmen. Time to rest/ lunch/ explore Santiago de Compostela (lunch at Pilgrim’s own expense)

15.30 – meet at the Praza do Obradoira on the north side of the Cathedral – this is the main square and is where pilgrims congregate to celebrate the end of their pilgrimage and prepare to enter the cathedral.

We will have a guide who will take us into the cathedral. We will arrange time in the cathedral for a group attunement.

18.30 – last meeting/ sharing/ remembering and thanking in hotel

20.00 - Celebratory dinner in hotel (Love Feast)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

07.30 – Paneurhythmy

08.30 – breakfast in the hotel

Pilgrimage ends

Santiago de Compostela airport is 25 mins in a taxi from the hotel – some may wish to go the Pilgrims Mass in the Cathedral which is at midday every day.