



## Leadership

ON THE WAY TO SANTIAGO  
EXPERIENTIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### Introduction:

We are all called to play a unique role in life's symphony that no one else can perform. Learning for and about leadership to better the world requires leaders of excellence willing to serve with integrity. Integrity grows from alignment with what we owe to be.

This experiential leadership program is held in two complementary stages.

In Valencia, Spain we will learn about the excellence of service leadership, studying principles and values required to sustainable ethics. We'll explore dynamic aspects of self-knowledge in service to others as a key for life's meaning.

From Ponferrada to Santiago de Compostela, putting in action what we have learned, in seven journeys we'll walk the second stage. With a very good breakfast and a clear aim in mind we'll begin each day. We'll have then, four or five hours to "put to work and simmer" the visualized project. At the end of every journey wrapping-up personal and team challenges and achievements get us all together around the table again.

### History

The name Santiago goes back to the Apostle James (Saint James = Santiago) who went to this most north-western part of Spain, called by the Romans "Finis Terrae", "end of the world", to preach and convert people to Christianity.

After returning to Palestine in 44 a.C., he was taken prisoner by Herodes Agrippa and tortured to death. The king forbade to bury him, but in the night Jacob's disciples stole the body and brought him, in a sarcophagus of marble, on board of a small boat. The current of the sea drove the boat to the Spanish coast, into the port of the Roman province's capital, Iria Flavia. Here the Apostle was buried at a secret place in a wood.

Centuries later, in 813, the hermit Pelayo listened music in that wood and saw a shining. For this shining the place was called, in Latin, "Campus Stellae", field of the star, name that was later on turned into Compostela.

Bishop Teodomiro, who received notice of that event, instituted an investigation, and so the tomb of the Apostle was discovered. King Alphonse II declared Saint James the patron of his empire and had built a chapel at that place. It is reported that from then on Saint James did several miracles, even that he fought side to side with King Ramiro I in the decisive battle against the Moors.

More and more pilgrims followed the way of Santiago, "Camino de Santiago", and the original chapel soon became the cathedral of the new settlement, Santiago de Compostela.

In 12th and 13th century the town had its greatest importance, and Pope Alexander III declared it a Holy Town, like Rome and Jerusalem. Pope Calixto II declared that the pilgrims who went to Santiago in a Holy Year should be free of all their sins. El Año Santo (Holy Year) is celebrated each time when the Apostle's day (July, 25) is a Sunday.

Quoted from: <http://www.red2000.com/spain/santiago/history.html>

## Academics:

### THE PROGRAM

El Camino de Santiago is a two stages program:

1st stage, in Valencia, from Monday, June 30th to Thursday July 17th.

2nd stage, "on the way to Santiago", from Saturday July 19th, to Friday July 25th.

Two classes will be taught: Leadership Principles and Leadership in action.

### CLASSES SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29th	30th	July 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Arrival day	<u>Classes begin</u> 1. Orientation 2. Practical dimension of leadership (2h)	1. Leadership principles 2. Practical dimension of leadership	1. Leadership principles 2. Practical dimension of leadership	1. Leadership principles 2. Practical dimension of leadership	1. Leadership principles 2. Practical dimension of leadership	Free day
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20th	21th	22th	23th	24th	25th	26th
1. Practical dimension of leadership 2. From O Cebreiro to Sarria, by Samos route 38 km	1. Practical dimension of leadership 2. From Sarria to Portomarin, 22 km	1. Practical dimension of leadership 2. From Portomarin to Palas de Rei, 24 km	1. Practical dimension of leadership 2. From Palas de Rei to Arzúa, 28 km	1. Practical dimension of leadership 2. From Arzúa to Santiago de Compostela, 39 km	End of the pilgrimage and program closing in Santiago	Departure Day

\*times and classes may vary according to needs.

A total of seventy two contact hours are distributed in two courses of 36 hour each, as follows:

- In Valencia, fourteen class days of 4 hours each.
- The *Leadership in action* course continues during the pilgrimage, three hours every day.

### **UNIVERSITY COURSES / CREDITS**

All courses are university level, taught in English, and fully accredited. Each course is worth 3 US/Canadian semester credits. Credits are jointly granted by Viator Foundation and Fasta University, in the form of a transcript showing the number of earned credits, the course level, and grades for each course.

It is recommended that students make arrangements for the transfer of credits with the appropriate official at their universities before leaving their home countries.

### **FACULTY**

International experienced professors teach Viator's leadership courses; 2008 program will have Professor Guillermo Cogorno and Professor Juan Gabriel Ravasi as main courses teachers. The Viator faculty and staff help students feel completely at ease. Professors are kind and approachable. A certain degree of informality and a readiness to share cross-cultural experiences are basic to Viator's perspective.

### **Student 's Life:**

Valencia has much to offer to foreigners: sandy beaches, historical sites, cultural and enjoyment activities are always near by.

Academic activities are concentrated from 8am to 1pm. The morning starts with breakfast at 7am and ends at lunchtime.

Afternoon is free to participate in optional activities or engage in whatsoever you like most. Along the program there are two free weekends to travel.

Please, take a look to any of the many Valencia sites on the web to see by yourself the wonders of this mediterranean City. <http://www.aboutvalencia.com/>

### **ROOM AND BOARD**

In Valencia, students are placed on single rooms with private bath, on the dorms area of Viator's facilities. Breakfast and lunch are included in the price of the program.

On the way to Santiago we'll "put on action" what we have learned about leadership, that's means we'll be living as pilgrims. Actually much better! We won't have to beg to eat and sleep! We'll be staying in youth hostel during the pilgrimage and full board provided.

<http://caminodesantiago.consumer.es/>

### **ORIENTATION & CITY TOUR**

Airport pickup is included on the arrival day. Be sure to email your flight plans in advance! To become acquainted with your professors and classmates the first day orientation and an afternoon City tour are scheduled.

### **Administrative Details:**

#### **HEALTH CARE**

The health care system in Spain provides basic universal health care for all. It is highly recommended that each student bring a copy of his or her own medical records and it is mandatory obtaining travel health insurance.

### **COST**

The price of the program is U\$S 3950=.

This includes: tuition, housing, board, cultural activities and airport pick up.

Additional funds should be budgeted for supplies, local transportation and personal expenses.

Upon acceptance a Confirmation Fee is required to secure your place in the program.

Please, see payments schedule.

The price of the program does not include airfares.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payment of fees should be sent to Viator's office, in accordance with the following schedule:

Application Fee: U\$S 50= (non refundable) – To be sent with the application form.

Confirmation Fee: U\$S 450= (non refundable) – To be sent upon acceptance.

The balance of (U\$S3500) will be due on May 1st, 2008.

### **PAYMENT METHODS**

Payments must be in US dollars.

All fees must be paid using any of the following methods:

1. Check to: Viator Foundation / 513 South Post Oak Lane, Apt 4 / Houston, TX 77056
2. Bank wires / Online Banking
3. E-check
4. Western Union
5. PayPal



With your *Acceptance letter* you will receive the required information according to your suitable method of payment. Please, be aware that you are responsible for any fees associated with the payment method you choose.

### **REFUND POLICY**

Application and confirmation fees are non refundable.

If the applicant withdraws from the program forty days or more prior to the date it begins, he/she is entitled to a full refund corresponding to the fees paid for tuition room and board. If the applicant withdraws from the program thirty-nine days or less prior to the date it begins, he/she is NOT entitled to any refund corresponding to tuition fees, but will receive a refund of the money not committed paid for room and board.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Viator Foundation works for social and cultural development; therefore, we devote part of our funds to help students who are interested in taking our courses but cannot afford them. Any student who cannot pay the total amount corresponding to any program may apply for financial assistance and/or a scholarship, filling up the *Application and Financial Aid* form. Viator Foundation will grant such assistance after carefully considering each application according to funds availability. Scholarships and financial assistance are mainly devoted to students coming from developing countries. In no case, full scholarships will be granted and under no circumstances can we provide funds for traveling. We encourage students to find outside funding and we can provide a letter of support for you. Please consult your home university for

funding opportunities. A large percentage of participants receive funding from their home universities to attend our program.

### **OTHER FINANCIAL AID**

Some students have arranged financing from private sponsors, such as organizations with interests in the international arena. Students may choose to consult Peterson's Financial Resources for International Study or similar guides to organizations that offer economic help. Students may also independently investigate potential sources of financial assistance. You may be able to find additional information at the following website: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

### **Enrollment:**

Participants are selected based on the quality of their application and essay. Finalists may be contacted for a phone interview and/or to be asked submit official transcripts and letters of recommendation. We encourage everyone to apply early. The committee will be reviewing applications as they are received.

### **REGULAR APPLICATION**

For those who do NOT require financial aid admission deadline is February 15th, 2008. Applicants will receive a final answer by March 15th. Later applications will be considered according to places availability in the program. Early applicants will receive an answer within a month of the application date.

### **APPLICATION WITH FINANCIAL AID**

Deadline for student applying for financial aid is February 15th, 2008. Applicants will receive a final answer by March 15th. Later applications will be considered according to funding and places availability in the program.

Dates

Regular Application Deadline	February 15th, 2008.
Acceptance letter	March 15th, 2008
Confirmation Fee	Upon acceptance
Balance deadline	May 1st, 2008.
Arrival Date	Sunday, June 29th, 2008.
Orientation	Monday, June 30th
Trip to Ponferrada	Thursday, July 17th
Arrival to Santiago de Compostela	Thursday, July 24th
Closing / Farewell Party	Friday, July 25th

» [Regular Application](#)

» [Application and Financial Aid](#)