

CAMINO MOZÁRABE DE SANTIAGO



Safety/Security Tips from the Civil Guard:

- Wear bright, **high-visibility** or reflective garments, especially when traveling on roads with motor vehicles and/or when it is dark. This will help prevent traffic accidents, and make it easier to find you in the event you get lost.
- When **travelling on roads**, always use the left shoulder, keeping an eye on the traffic at all times. Walk single file, with enough separation to prevent falls that could produce a Domino effect. Do not walk in large groups that may hamper or obstruct traffic.
- When **crossing a road**, pay attention to the traffic, and cross as quickly as possible. Never cross where a bend or rise in the road reduces visibility.
- It is advisable to **walk with others**. If this is not possible, it is important to have a mobile phone and **stay in contact** with friends or relatives, informing them of your plans. Charge your cell phone battery every day and, if necessary, carry a spare battery.
- **Keep an eye** out for other potential **users** of the road, such as runners, riders and cyclists, especially in areas with lots of vegetation, poor visibility, or steep slopes.
- **Draw up an itinerary** of your hike, and always use ways marked as the "Camino de Santiago". Avoid shortcuts, and do not accept invitations or advice from unknown persons who suggest that you stray from the official Camino de Santiago route.
- Download the app of the Secretary of State for Security, "**AlertCops**", which will allow you to communicate quickly and easily with State Security Forces, report criminal acts or accidents, and share your location with family, friends and security forces in real time. In the province of Cordoba, you can choose the "**Guardián Camino Mozárabe**", security feature in the application, which will share your location with the Cordoba Civil Guard, and automatically inform you if there are any incidents on the Camino.
- **Keep a close eye** on and review your **belongings** at all times, especially at sites where you stop to drink, eat, or rest. Avoid carrying valuable objects; if you must, be discreet.



- Do not leave any **rubbish** along the way, especially any that could produce forest fires. **Fires** should only be lit in authorized places, and never in areas that are heavily wooded, or during periods when it is prohibited (i.e., summer).
- It is best to carry your necessary **documentation** (ID, passport, health card, bank cards and cash) in zippered pockets. Avoid carrying them in the exterior backpack pockets, where they are visible and easily accessible.
- Be careful when traveling close to farms, herds of livestock, or farmhouses, as in these areas it is common for there to be guard **dogs**, which can be aggressive if they feel that they or the properties they are used to defend are threatened.

More safety tips from Guardia Civil:

http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/servicios/consejos/Camino_de_Santiago.html



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