

# Key Spanish Terms and Phrases for Pilgrims on a Daily Basis

## General

The following is a short list of Spanish phrases that will be useful to pilgrims.

<b>Spanish Phrase</b>	<b>English Meaning</b>
He perdido la ruta. ¿Puede Ud indicarme el Camino de Santiago?	I am lost.Can you give me directions to el Camino de Santiago?
¿Hay una fuente cerca/cercana?	Is there a fountain nearby?
¿Podria conseguir algo de agua?	May I have some water?
Quisiera un plato/vino típico de esta región.	I would like a typical dish/wine of this region.
¿Cuál me Ud. recomienda?	What do you recommend?
¿Dónde está el refugio para peregrinos?	Where is the hostel for pilgrims?
¿Donde está la oficina del médico?	Where is the doctor's office?
¿Donde hay la parada de autobus?	Where is the bus stop?
¿Donde hay un centro de salud?	Where is a health center?
¿Dónde hay un teléfono público?	Where is there a public telephone?
¿ Acepta tarjetas de teléfono?	Will it accept telephone cards?
¿Hay aquí un autobus a _____?	Is there a bus to _____?
¿Puede Ud. esbozarme esto/eso?	Can you sketch that for me?
¿Tiene Ud algunos papeles en que puedo escribir?	Do you have some paper for me to write on?

## Backpacking Equipment

The following are words useful for matters concerning clothing and back packing equipment.

<b>Spanish Phrase</b>	<b>English Meaning</b>
anorak	rain jacket
bordón	walking staff
botas (de trekking)	boots (for hiking)

calcetines	socks
chubasquero	rain jacket
forro polar	fleece jacket
gorra	cap, head covering
guantes (de lana)	gloves (of wool)
cordón de bota	boot lace
crema solar	suntan lotion
cuerda	rope
jabón líquido	liquid detergent
jersey grueso	heavy knit sweater
mochila	backpack
navaja	knife
pantalones (cortos)	pants (short pants)
rollo de papel higiénico	roll of toilet paper
saco de dormir	sleeping bag
taponos de oídos	ear plugs

## The Doctor/Pharmacist

If you need to replenish your medical supplies or talk to a pharmacist, the following words should be useful.

<b>Spanish Phrase</b>	<b>English Meaning</b>
guja	needle
alcohol	alcohol
crema antiinflamatoria	anti-inflammatory cream
desinfectante	disinfectant
ampollas	blisters
elásticas	elastic
esparadrapo	band-aid, sticking plaster
Estoy enfermo/a (male/female)	I'm sick.
hilo	thread
inflamación	inflammation
Soy ... diabético/a epiléptico/a	I'm ... diabetic epileptic

asmático/a	asthmatic
tijeras	scissors
vendas de algodón	cotton bandages

ayuntamiento	town hall, city council
bajada	descent
banco	bench, bank
barranca	hill

barranco	ravine, gully
bifurcación	fork (in road, river)
bodegas	wine cellar
bosque	woods, forest
calzada	paved highway, gravel walk

## Signs

You will encounter a lot of signs, too many to address all but the most important here.

Spanish Phrase	English Meaning
Camino Particular	Private Road
Camino Pecuario	Path/road for movement of animals (trashumancia)
Coto Privado de Caza	Private Hunting Area
Cuidado con el perro	Beware of the dog
No pisar el césped	Do not walk on the grass
Prohibido el paso	No entry
Prohibido tirar basura	Do not dump trash
Propiedad privada	Private Property

camino ancho	wide road
camino rural	country road, farm road
camping	camping site
campo de fútbol	soccer field
campos de cereal	grain fields
cañada vallada	cattle path
canal	canal for water, usually agricultural

## Landmarks

Many of the words used for landmarks on the maps associated with Spanish guides to the Camino are not included in the pocket Spanish dictionaries that are convenient to carry. This selection should cover most of those you will encounter.

Spanish Phrase	English Meaning
acequia	irrigation ditches/ducts
alambrada	wire fence
alto de ...	heights of ... (used to denote a ridge)
andadero	easy access, on the ground
arco	arch
área de descanso	rest area
arroyo	small canyon
asfalto	asphalt surface
atajo	shortcut
autopista	modern divided highway, usually used for toll road

carretera	roadway
casas	houses
castillo	castle
cementerio	cemetery
cerco	fence
cerco metálico	chain-link fence
chalé	chalet, detached house in mountains
charca	pool of water
chopera	poplar grove
chozo	small hut; hovel
collado	hill
cruce	crossing, intersection
cruz	cross, the sign of the cross
depósito de agua	water tank
desvío	detour
embalse	dam, reservoir
encrucijada	crossroads, junction
entrada finca	farm entrance
ermita	chapel, hermitage, the dwelling of a hermit, esp. when small and remote

escalera	stairs	población	built up area, usually housing area
escombrera	trash dump	portillo	gate (when used in the name, it indicates a mountain pass)
fábrica	factory	poste eléctrico	electric power pole, pylon
ferrocarril	railroad	poste y pasarela	post and footbridge (?)
fuelle	fountain, source	pozos	wells
gasolinera	gas station	praderas	meadow, rich pasture-ground
granja	farm	puente (medieval /hierro)	bridge (medieval/iron)
harinas	flour mill	Puerto de ....	Pass of (Name of a mountain pass)
laguna	lake	rodadas	ruts, tire tracks
menudo inundado	sometimes flooded	rotonda	a round building
mesón	inn, old, country-style restaurant and bar	salida	exit
miliario	vertical posts or pillars that indicate distance	senda	trail
monolito	a stone monument in a single piece	sendero	path
murallas	wall or rampart which surrounds a place	subida (fuerte)	ascent (steep)
muros de piedras	stone walls	transformador	transformers, electrical substation
nave (ganadera)	feed lot	traversía	traverse
nave (porcina)	pig feed lot	túnel	tunnel (for automobiles or trains)
palomar	pigeon house (large round or square structures)	urbanización	residential area/housing development
parabólica	tower with parabolic antennas (microwave relay tower)	vado	entrance
parque	park	vertedero	garbage dump
paso subterráneo	subterranean passage (tunnel for pedestrians)	vértice geodésico	triangulation pillar
pinares	pine forests	vivero	nursery
pinos	pine trees	zona industrial	industrial area
pista	track, path		
pista ancha	wide path		
pista de gravilla	gravel path		