

Before starting the journey to Spain, I thought about reaching the end of the Camino de Santiago. But as the trip went on, I saw that everything I encountered added actual worth to the experience. Along with a physical struggle, this path marks a spiritual purification. Dealing with the uncertainty helped me realise that actual development is the path to reaching objectives. This ambiguity drives my sense of adventure and helps me value every contact and turning point.

Along the journey, I followed my daily itinerary and deliberately tried to absorb all I encountered. The first few days were difficult as I got used to the rigours of this kind of travel, and walking for long distances taxed my body. Still, I decided to welcome this event since I saw its unique worth. I gradually fell in love with the backpacking way of life, sharing stories with total strangers and valuing the unique sensation trekking offers.

Along the Camino de Santiago, I encountered other pilgrims from all nations and backgrounds, each with unique motivations for starting the journey. Hearing their life events and tales changed my viewpoint. This engagement improved my critical thinking ability and helped me to approach issues from several angles. For instance, when confronted with a difficulty, I began considering creative ideas instead of only conventional ones. Along with improving my awareness, this cross-cultural interaction sharpened my communication and teamwork abilities. Originally planning a single journey, I had met plenty of friends by the end.

All told, my voyage to the Camino de Santiago was one of difficulties and surprises. From the first objectives to the later personal development, this experience improved my awareness of the world and academic interests and helped me to appreciate the process of reaching goals. The Expeditions Fund offered by Queen Mary University of London gives me this unusual chance to widen my horizons. This journey affected my perspective of travel and my mental and intellectual mode. This experience will be very beneficial for me in overcoming many obstacles on the road.

