



# Baggage Transfer Service Overview

*Walk Light, Travel Smart: What to Know About Baggage Transfers*

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## What Is It?

Baggage transfer services allow you to walk with just a daypack while a trusted courier transports your main bag to your next lodging. These services are available on most major Camino routes and are widely used by pilgrims of all ages and abilities.

## How It Works

### 1. Book Your Lodging First

You must have a confirmed reservation at both your current and next accommodation. Transfers depend on accurate addresses and clear drop-off instructions.

### 2. Schedule Your Pickup

- Call the service before **6:00 p.m. the day before** your walk.
- Provide:
  - Your current lodging name and address
  - The next day's lodging name and address
  - Your name (as written on your bag label)
- You'll be told where to leave your bag (e.g., "in the lobby next to the red couch").

### 3. Prepare Your Bag

- Have it ready for **early morning pickup** (before you leave).
- Attach a **clear label** with your name. A **plastic placard + permanent marker** is best.
- Ensure your bag meets the **weight limit** (usually 10–12 kg or 22–25 lbs).



## Delivery Details

- Bags are dropped off **sometime before a designated time** (you'll be informed).
- If your bag isn't there when you arrive but it's still **before the cutoff time**, don't worry—another van may still be en route.
- **Do not ask the driver about your bag**—they usually don't have details about other vans or delivery schedules.





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## If Your Bag Doesn't Arrive

- **Wait until the promised delivery time passes.**
- If it still hasn't arrived, **call the company directly.**
- Occasionally, bags aren't picked up if the request came after the cutoff.
  - In these cases, your bag is usually **transported the following day** to your *next* lodging.

## How to Book a Transfer

Transfer companies operate along most popular Camino routes. You'll find a mix of national and regional providers, often coordinated by local accommodations. Common services include:

- [Correos](#) (Spain's official postal service)
- [Jacotrans](#), [Pilbeo](#), and other local operators
- **Ask your host**—hotels, pensions, and albergues can often help arrange same-day baggage transfer. But be considerate and recognize that this isn't their job. They are not concierges.

## Pro Tip: Get Travel Insurance

- **Use a good daypack.** Just because most of your gear is transferred doesn't mean you won't carry anything. Choose a well-fitted, supportive daypack to carry water, layers, snacks, first aid, and essentials.
- **Get travel insurance.** Delays or rare losses can happen—insurance gives peace of mind.
- **Attach a durable label.** Soft paper tags can rip. Use a plastic placard or luggage tag with your name written clearly.

