

Our scope


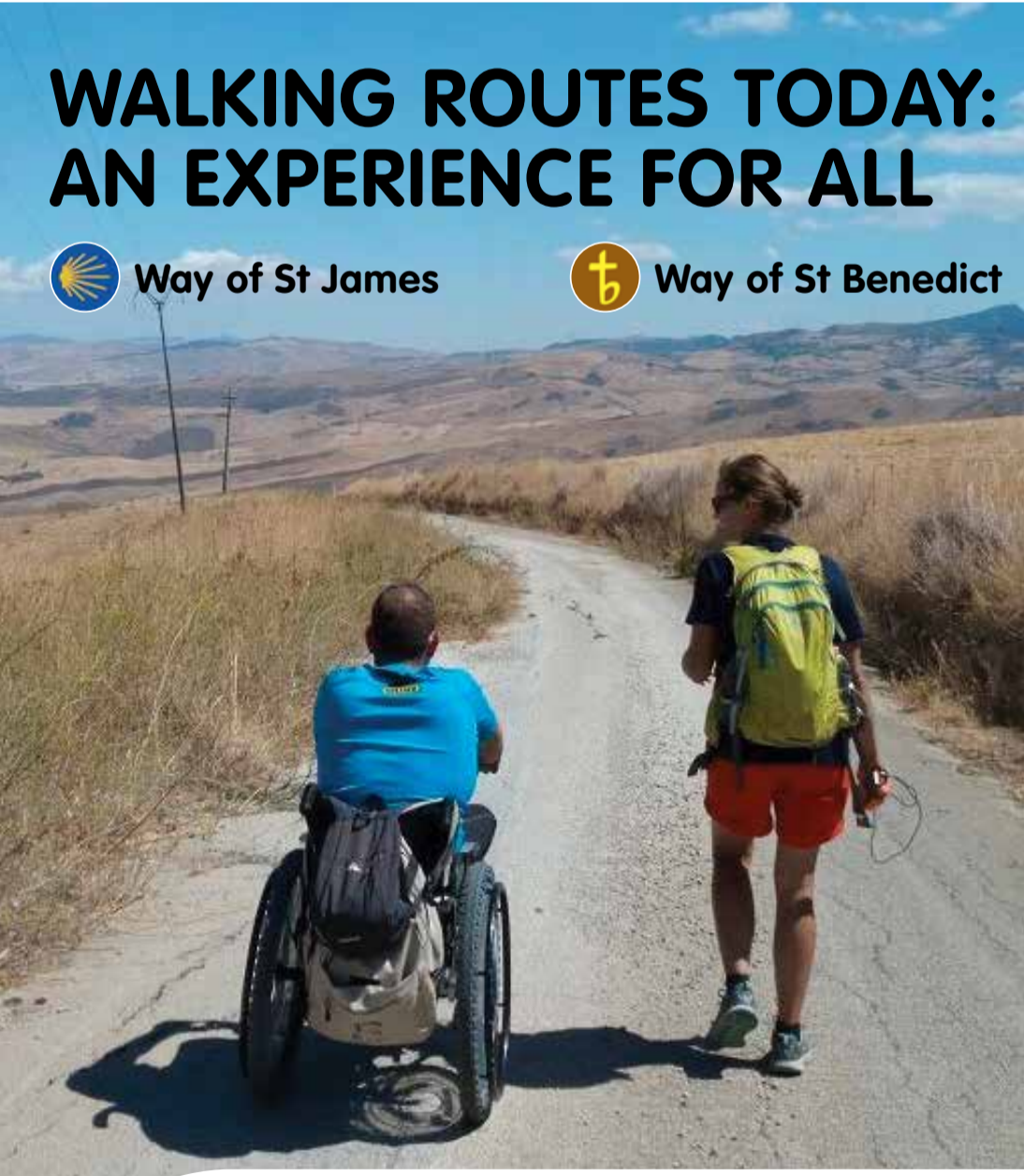
Main aim of the SABER project has been to create an accessible tourism offer by improving facilities and services along two existing itineraries of EU relevance: the "Way of St James" in Spain, the most popular pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, and the "St Benedict Way" in Italy, a route linking the most important places related to the life of Saint Benedict from Norcia, the patron saint of Europe.

Project partners have been working to reach this scope by focusing on the following areas of intervention:

- > **TRAINING** of tourism services suppliers in order to make them aware of the opportunities linked to accessible tourism, i.e. a tourism for all people, regardless of their physical limitations, disabilities or age.
- > **MAPPING AND EVALUATION** of the level of accessibility of existing itineraries, services and facilities in order to create adapted
- > **ENGAGEMENT** of public and private tourism services providers in order to commit them to remove existing barriers, obstacles and to increase the quality and accessibility of the tourism offer along the two routes.
- > **MARKETING STRATEGIES** in order to identify the best channels to promote and commercialize the adapted destination packages designed for both routes.

Including all useful information for you to choose from ten different packages the one that suits you best, either in Spain or in Italy; also includes contacts of tour-operators for better advice.

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"OpenUpRoutes!" is our brand and invitation to make trails and routes more inclusive and universal, thus everyone, with permanent or temporary impairment, can enjoy tourism experiences along cultural and natural routes.

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Main outputs and results

- > **AN ACCURATE AND GEO-REFERENCED SURVEY OF THE EXISTING SERVICES** and accommodations and their relevant level of accessibility along the routes in Italy and Spain: 670 km of trails checked on both routes (37 in Italy, 300 in Spain) and 275 services and facilities checked and evaluated according to accessibility criteria. A total number of 953 accessible resources (services/facilities) were identified along the two itineraries.
- > **5 WORKSHOPS** realized in Italy and Spain to raise awareness on accessible tourism: our training courses organized in Italy and Spain were attended by 306 and 121 tourism services providers, respectively.
- > **10 ADAPTED DESTINATION PACKAGES** were designed according to selected stages for each route; the best accessibility conditions and minimum risk for tourists with particular needs as well as accommodation, restaurant and transfer services with higher level of accessibility were taken into account.
- > **8 ROUND TABLES** were organized in Italy and Spain to involve key local stakeholders. A "Chart of the Accessible Tourism Offer" with agreed level of accessibility to be applied in different areas of intervention was defined. To overcome existing barriers and obstacles, stakeholders were asked to commit and define an "Action Plan" with relevant measures to be undertaken.
- > **A COMMON MARKETING PLAN** has been produced in order to identify best strategies to promote and commercialize the adapted destination packages.
- > **FACT SHEETS** to inform travel agencies and tour operators about key features of accessible destination packages (design criteria of packages, technical specifications of most suitable hand bikes to cover the routes, type of accommodation selected, recommendations and advices before and during the tours etc.).
- > **A COMMON MARKETING PLAN** has been produced in order to identify best strategies to promote and commercialize the adapted destination packages.



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Way of St James



KEY RESULTS FROM FIELD TESTS

Along the two legs tested
(For Galicia: Sarriá-Santiago - 43 km;
for Castilla: Burgos-León),
182 accessible resources were identified,
among which 112 refers to accommodations:
> Galicia: 44 accessible accommodations;
> Castilla: 68 accommodations / 15 restaurants/
40 monuments / 14 public utilities/ 1 leisure

CODE
ESCB001

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Burgos - León

6 STAGES

STYLE Independent / self-guided

DURATION 9 days / 8 nights

DAILY DISTANCE 15 km

TYPE OF TRIP Wheelchair with electric hand bike (PMR) and bicycle (companion)

TYPE OF TRAVELLER People with reduced mobility (wheelchair) with companion

BOOKABLE DATES 1st April - 15th June / 1st September - 30th October



History, nature and culture, between two of the most interesting cities on this route, both declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

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Way of St Benedict



KEY RESULTS FROM FIELD TESTS

> 22.37 % of accommodations is accessible to PRM
> 10.09 % of accommodations is accessible to PRM if accompanied
> 26 % of low-budget accommodations is accessible to PRM
> Without taking into account fountains, rest areas and public parking spaces, 38.22 % of services available to tourists are accessible to PRM

CODE
CSP-AGO

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Norcia - Montecassino

16 STAGES

STYLE Self-guided tour

DURATION 16 days (or blocks of 4/5/6)

TYPE OF TRIP Tour with road-book, GPS tracks and telephone assistance

TYPE OF TRAVELLER Self-sufficient, physically trained people; visually-impaired people with companion; not suitable for PRM

BOOKABLE DATES May-October. Some legs also in March / April / November



This tour is suitable for people who can walk medium-long distances and manage themselves along the entire route.

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ESCW002

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Burgos - León

6 STAGES

STYLE Independent / self-guided

DURATION 9 days / 8 nights

DAILY DISTANCE 20 km

TYPE OF TRIP Walking tour / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER Visual / cognitive disability / seniors

BOOKABLE DATES 1st April - 15th June / 1st September - 30th October



Experience the best of the Camino: a tour designed for seniors or people with visual or cognitive disabilities, always travelling with a companion.

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CSP-GEO

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Norcia - Montecassino

16 STAGES

STYLE Tour with professional guide

DURATION 16 days (or blocks of 4/5/6)

TYPE OF TRIP Walking tour / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER Self-sufficient, physically trained people; visually-impaired people with companion; not suitable for PRM

BOOKABLE DATES May-October. Some legs also in March / April / November



This tour is suitable for people who can walk medium-long distances with the support of a hiking guide.

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CODE
ESCB003

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Burgos - León

3 STAGES

STYLE Independent / self-guided

DURATION 6 days / 5 nights

DAILY DISTANCE 40 km

TYPE OF TRIP E-bike / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER Seniors with companion

BOOKABLE DATES 1st April - 15th June / 1st September - 30th October



Pedalling on the Camino: a trip designed for senior tourists who wish to travel few stages of the Camino by bike. The use of an electric bicycle is recommended.

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CSP-VGE

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Norcia - Montecassino

16 STAGES

STYLE Guided tour with a qualified guide and support vehicle

DURATION 16 days (or blocks of 4/5/6)

TYPE OF TRIP Walking tour / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER Self-sufficient, yet not physically trained people, i.e. visually-impaired, families, senior people; not suitable for PRM

BOOKABLE DATES May-October. Some legs also in March / April / November



This tour is suitable for people who can walk medium-long distances with the assistance of a hiking guide and a support vehicle for any contingency.

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DESTINATION PACKAGE

León - Santiago

4 STAGES

STYLE Self-guided with adapted support vehicle with driver

DURATION 6 days / 5 nights

DAILY DISTANCE 15 km

TYPE OF TRIP Hybrid hand bike and bike

TYPE OF TRAVELLER PRMs (max. 2) and companions with no disability (max. 3)

BOOKABLE DATES 1st April - 15th June / 1st September - 30th October



For small mixed groups of participants with reduced mobility (PRM) and participants without any disability travelling by bike; with accommodation in hotels.

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SMALL GROUPS WITH SUPPORT VEHICLE

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CSA-HEB

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Norcia - Montecassino

16 STAGES

STYLE Self-guided tour with road-book, GPS tracks and telephone assistance

DURATION 16 days (or blocks of 4/5/6)

TYPE OF TRIP Bike, E-bike cultural tour / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER People who prefer walking on tarmac, cyclists; suitable also for physically trained PRM

BOOKABLE DATES May-October. Some legs also in March / April / November



For people who prefer walking or cycling on tarmac and also for PRM who can manage themselves along the entire route since a sidewalk is not always in place.

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SELF-GUIDED

CODE
ESCB005

DESTINATION PACKAGE

León - Santiago

4 STAGES

STYLE Self-guided with adapted support vehicle with driver

DURATION 6 days / 5 nights

DAILY DISTANCE 15 km

TYPE OF TRIP Hybrid hand bike and bike

TYPE OF TRAVELLER PRMs (max. 2) and companions with no disability (max. 3)

BOOKABLE DATES 1st April - 15th June / 1st September - 30th October



For small mixed groups of participants with reduced mobility (PRM) and participants without any disability travelling by bike; accommodation in pilgrim hostels.

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SMALL GROUPS WITH SUPPORT VEHICLE

CODE
CSA-GVS

DESTINATION PACKAGE

Norcia - Montecassino

16 STAGES

STYLE Guided tour with professional guide

DURATION 16 days (or blocks of 4/5/6)

TYPE OF TRIP Bike, E-bike cultural tour / pilgrimage

TYPE OF TRAVELLER People who prefer walking on tarmac, cyclists; suitable also for not physically trained PRM

BOOKABLE DATES May-October. Some legs also in March / April / November



For people who prefer going on tarmac although a sidewalk is not always in place; suitable for PRM with a hiking guide and a support vehicle for any contingency.

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