



CAMINO TOKEN

Currency of the Camino de Santiago

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GLOSSARY

Albergue (*Spanish : hostel*); a hostel is a large house where people can stay cheaply for a short time.

Airdrop; an airdrop is a distribution of a cryptocurrency token or coin, usually for free, to numerous wallet addresses. Airdrops are primarily implemented as a way of gaining attention and new followers, resulting in a larger user-base and a wider disbursement of coins.

Blockchain; a system in which a record of transactions made in bitcoin or another cryptocurrency are maintained across several computers that are linked in a peer-to-peer network.

Camino (*Camino de Santiago*); the Camino de Santiago is a collection of routes that lead to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, traditionally travelled by Catholic pilgrims making penance it has evolved as a popular tourist activity.

Camino Angel; a modern term for someone who helps others on the Camino.

Camino Family; a small group of pilgrims who met along the Camino and walk together on the way to Santiago.

Camino Token (CAMINO); a Camino de Santiago themed cryptocurrency with real world utility to support the Pilgrims and Albergues along the Camino de Santiago.

Cryptocurrency (*also - 'crypto'*); a digital currency in which transactions are verified and records maintained by a decentralized system using decentralised technology, rather than by a centralized authority (like a database controlled by a bank). There are three main variations of cryptocurrency:

Coins are any cryptocurrency that has a standalone independent blockchain (Bitcoin, Ethereum etc)

Altcoins are considered as coins that are not Bitcoin.

Tokens are cryptocurrencies that do not have their own blockchain but live on another blockchain. As they live on another blockchain, they benefit from its technology. Tokens occupy a unique corner of the cryptocurrency market where they function as "utility" tokens within an application's ecosystem for incentivising certain behavior or paying fees.

Digital wallet; a digital wallet (or e-wallet) is a software-based system that securely stores users' payment information and passwords for numerous payment methods and websites.

Donativo (donation); a donation given for accommodation and food on the Camino to a Donativo Albergue. Traditionally any amount the Pilgrim can afford.

Donativo Albergues; a type of Albergue which are maintained exclusively with donations and don't receive any public funds. They are a work of love by veteran pilgrims and locals to help the pilgrims currently on pilgrimage to Santiago.

Ecosystem [cryptocurrency]; the numerous elements of

a digital or cryptocurrency which form the features and applications of the token or coin.

ERC20 Token; an ERC20 token is a standard used for creating and issuing smart contracts on the Ethereum blockchain. (See Smart Contract)

Exchange [cryptocurrency]; a platform for exchanging cryptocurrency which lists a selected range of various coins and tokens.

Founding Pilgrims; the first round of contributors involved with the Camino Token.

GPS (*Global Positioning System*); an accurate worldwide navigational and surveying facility based on the reception of signals from an array of orbiting satellites.

Helium [blockchain network]; a new blockchain built from the ground up to incentivize the creation of decentralized, public wireless networks.

Holder [cryptocurrency]; one who owns a cryptocurrency and typically holds on to it for investment purposes. Used as a metric for the stability and popularity of a currency on an exchange or crypto indexing platform.

LongFi; Long-range Wi-Fi is used for low-cost, unregulated point-to-point computer network connections, as an alternative to other fixed wireless, cellular networks or satellite Internet access.

Market [cryptocurrency]; Cryptocurrency markets are decentralised, which means they are not issued or backed by a central authority such as a government.

Milestone; 1. a stone set up beside a road to mark the distance in miles to a particular place. 2. a significant stage or event in the development of something.

NFT (non-fungible token); an NFT is a unique unit of data, typically a digital file or image, stored on a digital ledger, called a blockchain, which can be sold and traded.

Pilgrim; a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

Pilgrim (holder); a contributor and supporter of Camino Token who advocates for and holds Camino Token digital currency.

Pilgrims Wallet; a cryptocurrency wallet provided for users of Camino Token useful for travellers and pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago.

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID); Radio-frequency identification uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. An RFID system consists of a tiny radio transponder, a radio receiver and transmitter.

Smart Contract; a smart contract is a self-executing contract between buyer and seller being directly written into lines of code.

INTRODUCTION

The Camino de Santiago (Latin: Peregrinatio Compostellana, “Pilgrimage of Compostela”; Galician: O Camiño de Santiago), known in English as the Way of St. James, is a network of pilgrims’ ‘ways’ or pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the apostle are buried.

“It is a way sown with so many demonstrations of fervour, repentance, hospitality, art and culture which speak to us eloquently of the spiritual roots of the Old Continent.” — Pope Benedict XVI

Many follow its routes as a form of spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. It is also popular with hiking and cycling enthusiasts and organized tour groups.

Created and established after the discovery of the relics of James of Zebedee at the beginning of the 9th century, the Way of St. James became a major pilgrimage route of medieval Christianity from the 10th century onwards. But it was only after the capture of Granada in 1492, under the reign of Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile, that Pope Alexander VI officially declared the Camino de Santiago to be one of the **“three great pilgrimages of Christendom”**, along with Jerusalem and Rome.

Since 2013, the Camino de Santiago has attracted more than 200,000 pilgrims each year, with an annual growth rate of more than 10 percent. Pilgrims come mainly on foot and often from nearby cities, requiring several weeks of walking to reach Santiago. The French Way gathers two-thirds of the walkers, but other minor routes are experiencing a growth in popularity. ¹

Pilgrims from all around the world and all walks of life have converged on the paths of the Camino de Santiago for over 1000 years. During this period of history the way to St James has fostered a culture of

charity and benevolence towards pilgrims travelling on to the path to Santiago, many offering free food and accommodation for weary travellers. Pilgrim accommodations, known as Albergues, have been a long standing tradition for those making their spiritual journey along the Camino to rest their feet and sharing a pilgrims meal.

Camino Token (CAMINO) is a digital currency with real world utility to support pilgrims and supporters of the Camino de Santiago. Pilgrims may purchase Camino Tokens at any time before, during and after their pilgrimage and hold them for future pilgrimages. Camino Tokens can also be freely traded on digital currency exchanges as an investment or to support the Camino. The idea is that any Albergue, hostel, hotel, restaurant, pilgrim or Camino related business such as shops and cafés can accept payment of Camino Tokens as simply as downloading the Pilgrims Wallet and scanning a QR code.

Traditionally, each pilgrim on the Camino collects stamps along the way in what’s known as a Pilgrims Passport. Stamps are issued by Albergues as a proof of stay, or by cafes and stops along the way as proof of visit. In the Camino Token ecosystem we are introducing digitally generated NFT Camino stamps which operate in a similar way and each stamp is completely unique with a record of the date, time and location encoded into the stamp. These can be kept as a digital record of ones pilgrimage, or traded with other pilgrims keen on collecting a full set of Camino stamps.

Along with the Camino Tokens and stamps, we are launching the ability for supporters of the Camino to donate to their favourite Albergues (known as Donativo’s) and even sponsor pilgrims spiritual journeys as Camino Angels. ☀️



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BACKGROUND

For over a thousand years, pilgrims have been making the journey on foot to the Holy city of Santiago de Compostella in Spain. The journey itself is one of introspection and healing. Over the years, a support system has grown to provide beds, meals and other services to keep pilgrims safe, warm, nourished and healthy. A pilgrimage should be available to all comers regardless of their financial circumstances. Traditionally, services are sustained through a donation (donativo) principle where, those who can afford it, provide for those who can't. Principles of modern commerce are eroding those traditional values and the 'essence' of the Camino is in danger of being lost.

In 2018 a father and his son took a break from their careers (both developers) and set out on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in Spain. For both of them it was a life changing experience and gave them direction and purpose to help other pilgrims in any way they can. They spoke at length about ways this could be achieved and philosophised about how they could help using the skills and resources they already had.

During their pilgrimage the son needed to take a period of time off to work on a project which had a tight deadline and they split ways, leaving the father to continue on alone, who then completed the Camino with his newly adopted "Camino Family". After the project was completed the son continued his journey along the Camino and his father joined him once again and they walked into Santiago together.

They realised there needed to be a way for a pilgrim to be able to immerse themselves in the full experience without having the time restraints and stress centred around economic necessity. A solution wasn't clear at the time but this single question became the inspiration for the eventual creation of the Camino Token.

The father, a skilled developer and software architect was set to return to the Camino and walk his way into retirement, however in 2020 these plans were cut short with the world going into lockdown. Having a lot of spare time and not being able to leave the home except for exercise, he and his son discussed how one could still do a Camino style activity but in one's local area. Combining their knowledge of application and web development, the idea for a "Virtual Camino" came into existence. Other members of the father's 2018 Camino Family

simultaneously had the same idea and a team of dedicated pilgrims created what became The Camino for Good Virtual Camino — an application available on desktop, iPhone and Android where one can travel along the Camino virtually within the app while walking the streets and wilderness in their local towns and cities.

The Camino for Good application demonstrated global support for the continuance of a donation based, authentic hosting and support network centred around the Albergue accommodation system.

In 2022, father and son have again teamed to carry forward the project, beyond the constraints of the pandemic, to a sustainable support system to preserve the authenticity of pilgrimage. The son at this point had become a blockchain developer. Planning sessions with the father, a key architect of the Camino for Good app, birthed the idea of a digital currency with real world utility which, as well as being used to trade along the Camino, would provide a way for Pilgrims to be able to support themselves as they continue along their way.

Experience with the features of walking apps inspired the creation of a Pilgrim's Wallet incorporating sophisticated functionality to support the release of a proof-of-walk rewards system, location locked NFT Camino stamp generation, location sharing, user profiles and much more.

The inclusion of a digital cryptocurrency exchange, with the ability to trade for real (fiat) currency, enables pilgrims and supporters to donate to Albergues and other grassroots pilgrim hosting services as well as sponsoring specific pilgrims in real time from a global support network including friends, family and backers.

You're welcome to join our Camino family and help us support pilgrims and businesses along the Camino de Santiago. You can help by holding Camino Tokens yourself and, as the project unfolds, you will have the ability to donate Camino Tokens to Albergues of your choice or support a pilgrim as a Camino Angel! 🙏

MILESTONES

In keeping with the tradition of the Camino de Santiago, we are setting milestones along the way to guide Pilgrims (holders) along their journey with us. We consider all who support the Camino Token a part of our Camino Family and welcome all those who wish to walk the path with us.

Milestone Uno (One):

The purpose of the Camino Token (CAMINO) is to create a Camino de Santiago themed cryptocurrency with real world utility to support the Pilgrims and Albergues along the Camino de Santiago. For hundreds of years, pilgrims travelling along the Camino de Santiago have been supported by those living along the path to Santiago by their offering accommodation, food and encouragement for weary travellers. It has been a long standing tradition for pilgrims to donate what they can afford while on their journey, and upon completion many pilgrims will give back to the Camino in the form of volunteering, helping other pilgrims on their own pilgrimage, donating to the Albergues who helped them along the way and countless other acts of benevolence and support.

In a similar vein, our goal is to give back to the Camino and those who supported us along our life changing journey. The Camino de Santiago allowed both father and son the time to reconnect in a way which has almost been lost in this modern time. With the hustle and bustle of the modern age, technology and life commitments it is easy for families to slowly get caught up in daily life. We have designed a way which will allow pilgrims to take time out from modern life and enjoy what the Camino has to offer.

Another side effect of the modern day is the commercialisation of the Camino and an effort of vested interests to capitalise on the tourist revenue the Camino generates. Strict regulations, levies, taxes, policy changes are being put in place to regulate and control what has traditionally been a volunteer and charity based ecosystem. These changes have forced many volunteers and Albergues to close down or alter their business practices where they run the risk of non-viability as they may not have sufficient large capital reserves to comply with new regulations. The main survivors

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of this transformation has been the more expensive tourist style accommodation who, instead of helping pilgrims out of benevolence, are geared to profit from the tourism revenue. Essentially the 'essence' of the Camino is in danger of being lost, evidence of which can be seen all the way along the path with closed, Albergues businesses and abandoned towns. A heartbreaking phenomena to observe for all who have walked the Camino de Santaigo in the past few years.

"Our aim is to keep the Camino authentic"

To achieve this goal we have created the Camino Token (CAMINO) with an associated, comprehensive ecosystem which will allow Camino Token holders (Pilgrims) to support the Camino from anywhere in the world in real time, with minimal overhead as well as help them on their own journey.

The initial Inspiration came with the 2020 release of the Camino for Good Virtual Camino app which allowed pilgrims the ability to walk the Camino in their own backyards while they weren't able to get there themselves. The proceeds of this project have been donated to Albergues along the Camino to keep the Camino alive. The Camino for Good team have done an exceptional job at accomplishing the goal of supporting the Camino.

Using that model as a reference, the next stage of our goal (Milestone One) is to nurture the expansion of the global Camino family with the establishment of the Camino Token Ecosystem. The initial launch of the 'Founding Pilgrims' program will be the essential element to bringing authenticity of purpose back to the Camino. Milestone One will give 500 founding members the opportunity to purchase Camino Tokens (CAMINO) and gain early access to the new Camino digital currency application (Pilgrims Wallet). ☀️

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Milestone Dos (Two):

Our next goal is to mobilise a groundswell of support as quickly and fairly as possible. Sporadic one off donations to Albergues (with their associated costs and taxes) as a model going forward would take too long to make a significant, lasting impact. It is anticipated that the rising costs of doing business for the donativo model, may mean progressive closures. With each closure a little bit of the Camino spirit is lost to the monolithic profit motivated tourism model. We realised we needed a solution which could be implemented to all authentic donativo Albergues in one go instantly with no regulatory hindrance being enforced on small businesses.

Previously with donation funds being scarce, taxes being high, exchange rate fluctuations and regulations regarding donations to unincorporated Camino hosts, the task of providing hospitality authentically was unnecessarily problematic. Many traditional Albergues are simply families inviting pilgrims into their homes, providing a bed and a warm meal. Whilst regulations vary from region to region, as a response to the pandemic many families have been forced to comply with some or all hotel like requirements like fire safety systems, private amenities, commercial kitchen and alcohol licenses—or be forced to close their doors. In some cases Albergues have had to ‘secretly’ host pilgrims as publicly being open as a place of accommodation can attract heavy fines.

We believe that together we can implement a fair system to help out all Albergues to upgrade and comply, or at least give them a start in the right direction. Milestone dos is designed to create real world value for Camino Token (CAMINO) by creating the ability for it to be publicly traded on digital currency markets and exchanges. In this way, Albergues and supporters of the Camino are able to trade Camino Token donations for real (fiat) currency based on their real currency value at any given time.

To take steps in this direction, we came up with a way to instantly distribute donations to over 1000 Albergues in one transaction from a pool of 1 billion Camino Token representing the nominal initial launch value of \$5 million USD. Albergues have the option to trade these donations for fiat currency,

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or hold on to the tokens while the currency grows in value. We plan to generate an initial release of 1000+ digital currency wallets with an initial allocation of 1,000,000 Camino Tokens and make them available to Albergues along the camino. Using a unique algorithm specifically designed for this purpose to rapidly verify and assign wallets, Albergues will simply need to activate their accounts to get their instant allocation.

To coincide with this release of donations, we are unlocking the “Donativo” section of our website which has a directory of Albergues and their public digital wallet addresses. This will allow any pilgrim from anywhere in the world to donate Camino Token instantly to their favourite Albergue without a third party intermediary or regulatory requirements. Even if the Albergue hasn’t yet activated their digital currency wallet, the funds will accrue in their account until they verify and activate their digital Wallet.

To make a digital currency have real world value and utility it needs to be in circulation and freely be able to be traded on the open market. It is not enough to just have a closed ecosystem. Pilgrims, Albergues, investors and the general public need to be able to freely buy and sell their holdings without any restriction of time, location or supply. To achieve this goal of a valuable decentralised currency we will be providing a locked liquidity pool on Uniswap allowing one to trade and swap their holdings with cryptocurrency easily convertible into the fiat currency of their choice and cash out. This will give Albergues the ability to use their funds to upgrade and renovate their buildings and work towards complying with modern safety regulations.

Additionally, during this milestone we will be making applications to relevant cryptocurrency exchanges to list Camino Token (CAMINO) within their applications so it can be traded on the mainstream markets around the world.

Our goal is to welcome over 5000 new pilgrims (holders) into our Camino Family and start on our journey together. Like the Camino, we welcome Pilgrims from all walks of life, be it investors, supporters looking to donate or Camino Angels interested in supporting other pilgrims. ☀

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Milestone Tres (Three):

By milestone tres we will have the Camino Token in full circulation on open exchanges and cryptocurrency markets. This will in effect give the digital currency real world utility as a valuable asset and something which can be used in the real world. The next step is to expand on this and get the currency into circulation in the physical universe, meaning having the ability to buy a meal or pay for nights accommodation or get a café con leche (coffee with milk) anywhere along the Camino as well as Pilgrims the ability to pay it forward by helping out a weary traveller or simply the ability to split a bill with ones Camino family.

To do this we have created a Pilgrims Wallet which is a digital cryptocurrency wallet designed to be used with Camino businesses and Pilgrims alike. Pilgrims will have the ability to instantly transfer their valuable Camino Token with anyone by simply scanning a QR code of the receivers wallet. This function will be compatible with all major crypto wallets, so even if one doesn't yet have a Pilgrims Wallet they will still be able to send and receive tokens anytime, anywhere in the world.


Along with the release of the Pilgrims Wallet, we will also implement what's known as "Pilgrim Pay" where a Camino business, cafe, restaurant, Albergue, hotel etc will have a feature unlocked in their wallet app allowing them to set prices based on their products and services. It is a globally accepted feature that cryptocurrencies tend to fluctuate in price, sometimes by many times their value in any given moment. To help businesses effectively price their goods and services and to ensure pilgrims get them at the correct price, Pilgrims Pay will include a unique algorithm that calculates the exchange value of Camino Token to the real world costs of the goods. This feature will

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make it very easy for both businesses and pilgrims to trade Camino Token confidently.

Next we will unlock the "Support a Pilgrim" feature on the Camino Token website. This feature will allow pilgrims to publicly list themselves on the website and give them the ability to get sponsors for their pilgrimage. There are many reasons why pilgrims start their journey along the Camino and this allows one to get the support of their friends, family and community to achieve their goal. We have designed this feature to be an 'accountable' system where their support is held in a pool and released to the Pilgrim when they achieve certain goals. We have created a "proof-of-walk" system built into the Pilgrims Wallet app which monitors GPS coordinates, number of steps, time walking and other metrics to validate one's trek along the Camino. This ensures integrity of the 'Support a Pilgrim' feature by encouraging and incentivising pilgrims to arrive on the Camino de Santiago. This differs from similar crowd funding systems as the release of funds is based on verifiable real world activities. The funds release amounts are tied into the value of the average rate of a meal and a nights accommodation along the Camino.

As a final reward and motivation to complete the full Camino experience, upon arrival into Santiago one's remaining sponsored tokens are released and depending on the balance can fund a pilgrims journey home, or even a stay at the 5 Star Parador Santiago de Compostela hotel.

During this milestone we hope to have an organically grown Camino Family of over 20,000+ Pilgrims (holders) and become listed on major cryptocurrency exchanges like Coinbase, Binance and a range of others. 

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Milestone Cuatro (Four):

A major feature we are excited to develop and release is the Camino Stamp NFT Generator. Traditionally, each pilgrim on the Camino collects stamps along the way in what's known as a Pilgrims Passport. Stamps are issued by Albergues as a proof of stay, or by cafes and stops along the way as proof of visit. In the Camino Token ecosystem we are introducing digitally generated NFT Camino stamps which operate in a similar way and each stamp is completely unique with a record of the date, time and location encoded into the stamp. These can be kept as a digital record of ones pilgrimage, or traded with other pilgrims keen on collecting a full set of Camino stamps.

An Albergue or store along the Camino is granted the ability within their Camino app to generate non fungible tokens as Camino Stamps. Each stamp is unique and follows the traditional system of one stamp per pilgrim per nights stay. They are timestamped and dated and match the design of the traditional ink on paper stamps used in the real world. Additionally, the stamp generator is GPS locked, meaning that the function can only be used and stamps can only be generated from an exact GPS location. This ensures the authenticity of visit. For Albergues and additional authenticity step is included within the generator algorithm which only allows the generation of stamps corresponding to the number of beds in the Albergue. This makes each NFT 100% unique and very rare as there is a very limited supply. To get a full set one will need to trade with other pilgrims, thus making each Camino Stamp NFT very valuable and increase in value over time.

Next in this milestone we are working on a specific feature to add a level of safety for pilgrims on the Camino. For anyone who has done the Camino you will know how much logistics is involved with keeping track of your luggage and supplies. For those who haven't, basically you send your luggage forward to the next town while you walk carrying your valuables on your person in a day pack or pouch. Sometimes (actually many times) your luggage can end up in the wrong town, wrong Albergue or hotel, not get picked up, get lost or a whole range of other not so exciting events. To find your luggage you need to start calling around to

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hostels and courier services and when you finally find it somewhere you have to make quite an effort to retrieve it, either by taxi or walking back to wherever it ended up (I actually once walked an extra 20km in one day to get a bag which had gotten sent to a wrong location). Our solution to this is the invention of a "Digital Scallop Shell" which is a 3D printed scallop shell with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) device inserted into it's casing. Utilising an expanding network of LongFi devices on the Helium blockchain network (www.helium.com) each shell is tracked in real time whenever it is in range of the network. Combining this tracking feature and integrating it into the Camino App, a pilgrim will be able to see exactly where their luggage is, or the last location it was detected. In addition to luggage tracking, one can have an additional digital scallop on their person or attached to their day pack. This will allow a pilgrim to share their location with members of their Camino family, or with their loved ones back home, giving everyone peace of mind knowing exactly where they are at any given time. Unlike GPS tracking, the digital scallop technology doesn't require a charged device or live GPS connection. The technology will keep a record of the last known location of the shell at any time. This technology works anywhere in the world where the ever expanding Helium network exists.

Future projects are to expand on the Proof-of-Walk verification system and create a blockchain network which allows one to track real-world activities using blockchain technology. It will combine aspects of the proof-of-walk, proof-of-visit, GPS location and other verification aspects involved with outdoor distance based activities.

This milestones goal is to expand our Camino Family to over 100,000+ Pilgrims (holders) and to host a major promotional event which promotes the success of the Camino Token and our achievements in giving life back to the Camino. The event will be a walk from Sarria to Santiago over a week and will conclude with a concert just outside of Santiago. Tickets will be exclusive NFT tickets and purchased using Camino Tokens. The idea is to get pilgrims from all around the world to walk the final stage of the Camino together! 🌊

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Pilgrims Wallet:
Hold, Swap, Send & Receive Digital Currency.

Pilgrim Pay:
Pay for accommodation, food and supplies along the Camino using Camino Tokens.

Safety Tracking (Digital Scallop):
Share your location with friends & family as well as track your luggage using blockchain technology!

Investment:
Buy and hold Camino Token as an Investment.

Camino Stamp NFT Generation:
Proof of stay and proof of visit collectable NFTs.

Walk Rewards:
Unique proof of walk token rewards based on steps, GPS and walk times.

Pilgrims Passport:
Pilgrims passport generated on the blockchain with NFT Camino Stamps!

Donativo:
Donate to Albergues to support the Camino.

Support a Pilgrim:
Support a pilgrim on their Journey on the Camino de Santiago!

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PROJECT FEATURES

CAMINO TOKEN FEATURES - DETAILED EXPLANATION

Pilgrims Wallet - a digital wallet where one can store Camino Tokens for use on the Camino.

A pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago is a challenging and rewarding experience. Along the way, one learns how to live on very little in terms of what you carry and what is available in terms of life's luxuries. Everything one needs along the Camino needs to be carried in your luggage, be it on your back or in your suitcase. Security is something every pilgrim needs to be aware of as it is very easy to misplace valuables.

We have designed the Pilgrims Wallet to help pilgrims along the Camino by saving the hassle of carrying cash. The Pilgrims Wallet is the native application of the Camino Token and allows travellers to send and receive Camino Tokens to and from other Pilgrims as well as pay for accommodation and meals. All a pilgrim needs to do is add Camino Token to their wallet and it's kept safe in an encrypted wallet to use along the Camino.

As we continue development of the Pilgrims Wallet we will be including features such as:

- » Valuable Document Storage: securely store all of your travel and other valuable documents within the encrypted wallet. Even in the unfortunate event of losing one's phone, Pilgrims will have access to their ValDocs within their online wallet and can retrieve them at any time.
- » Travel Tracking: as a pilgrim walks along the Camino they can see where they have walked and visited along the way. This is based on features developed in the Virtual Camino App. A complete digital record of one's journey along the Camino.
- » Pilgrims Passport: as one checks in at various locations along the Camino pilgrims have the chance to collect stamps to keep a record of places visited. These stamps (known as NFTs) are digitally encoded with exact times and dates of one's visit and can be collected as valuable digital keepsakes.
- » Pilgrim Pay: this is a feature where a pilgrim and Camino business alike can confirm the current price of products and services in the local currency of the Camino. Using a sophisticated algorithm, Pilgrim Pay calculates the local currency price (for example EURO)

and converts it into Camino Token value. This allows Camino businesses the ability to receive Camino Token to the value of their regular priced services and saves having to keep track of exchange rates and digital currency values.


- » Digital Scallop: a long standing tradition with Pilgrims of the Camino de Santiago is the carrying of a scallop shell. It symbolically represents one being a pilgrim and is an important part of the Camino de Santiago mythology. We are in development of a 3D printed digital shell which contains a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag inserted within the casing. This then allows pilgrims to be able to track their luggage as well as the ability to let friends and family know their whereabouts. The shell is tracked using LongFi hotspots installed along the Camino. If one were to lose their phone or it were to get damaged or run out of battery, the Pilgrim and their luggage can still be located anywhere in the world within their Pilgrims Wallet.

Walk Rewards - a system where pilgrims are rewarded for walking along the Camino.

One of the biggest hurdles to starting on a pilgrimage is handling one's finances to be able to survive comfortably while walking. Not only does this delay starting on a pilgrimage, but it can also hinder the experience and sometimes even force a pilgrim to leave the walk to go home and make more money. With the Walk Rewards system we are giving pilgrims the ability to earn Camino Tokens while they walk and reward them for distances walked. A pilgrim will be able to afford basic accommodations at a donativo (by donation) style Albergue with rewards they have earned by walking a full day.

How it works:

When a pilgrim starts their journey along the Camino they activate the Walk Rewards feature within the Pilgrims Wallet App. As they walk from town to town their distance is tracked using a unique algorithm which combines GPS data, number of steps and time walked. The rewards are based on the distance one has walked within the day and are based on the average cost of a night's stay at a donativo style Albergue and pilgrims meal for that day. The rewards are given as Camino Tokens and can be donated to the Albergue they are staying at for that night.



The algorithm used to track pilgrims along the Camino is GPS locked to Camino path coordinates, meaning one can only earn Camino Token rewards while on the Camino. This encourages pilgrims to get on the path and continue on their journey and restricts those not on the Camino from claiming rewards.

We created this feature because while our lead dev—Jon—was walking the Camino in 2018 himself he used up his funds half way through and had to take on a development project to support himself. This hindered the full experience for him personally. While having to work, he had to constantly be finding accommodation with wifi, only walking half days so he had time to code making it impossible to keep up with his Camino Family. What was supposed to be a spiritual journey started to turn into a burden. Jon ended up taking a week off the Camino to complete the project and by that time had missed out on completing the Camino with his Father as planned.

To solve this problem the question was asked “how can one do the Camino without having to worry about making money” and 3 years later, the *Camino Token Walk Rewards* was the answer. Any pilgrim can earn Camino Token while walking on the Camino and have the ability to support themselves without the need to look for extra money sources.

Donativo - a system where pilgrims can donate Camino Token to their favourite Albergues.

During the pandemic lockdown Albergues along the Camino de Santiago had to close their doors. To re-open a new set of regulations have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of pilgrims walking the path to Santiago. With these new regulations many Albergues have had to reduce the number of beds available as well as renovate to upgrade their amenities. For some, this has not been a viable options, as the financial burden of making these changes are outside of their budgets. Many Albergues worked on what’s known as a ‘donativo’ system where the pilgrim paid what they could afford and accommodation was provided as an act of charity. With the new regulations, many donativo style Albergues are not able to reopen and the only accommodation providers able to comply were the expensive luxury style hotels.

The health and safety of Pilgrims is of the utmost importance and we agree that the new regulations will go a long way to help keep the Camino open

and safe for all. To help all Albergues we have created a Donativo section of our website which will allow pilgrims past and present to donate to their favourite Albergues of choice. We have listed publicly all the Albergues we could find along the main routes and publicly displayed their Pilgrims Wallet “Public Address” which allows anyone from anywhere in the world to send Camino Token via any major digital cryptocurrency wallet.

Each Albergue listed on our website will be contacted and given instruction as to how to claim their donations by activating their own Pilgrims Wallet. We have a thorough verification process to ensure that donations go to the right place.

In addition to the listing and ability to donate, we have allocated 1,000,000 Camino Token to each Albergue to help fund their renovations and required compliances.


The beauty of this method of donating is all the benefits of digital cryptocurrency allows.

To donate fiat currency (ie USD or Euro etc) there are a lot of restrictions and difficulties with transfers, exchange rates, taxes, bank fees, merchant fees etc, plus one needs to either run a credit card transaction or get bank details from the Albergue. It’s a very time consuming and not viable if one wants to donate small amounts to different Albergues.

With digital currency and our Donativo system, one can send as much Camino Token as you wish to any number of Albergues instantly from anywhere in the world. One can simply add the public address (or scan the QR code) and send Camino Token. Within less than a minute the Albergue’s account will have the tokens in their wallet.

The Albergue then has the option to “cash out” into the currency of their choice by transferring it to a cryptocurrency exchange, converting it to real (fiat) money and withdraw it to cover their business expenses. They can also hold on to the tokens while it potentially may increase in value on cryptocurrency markets if they wish.

What is great about this system also is that taxes only apply when they convert it into fiat currency. This means that they are not hit with massive tax bills needlessly with every donation and can save and hold on to their funds until they need it for their upgrades or general business costs.



Support a Pilgrim - a system where someone can sponsor a pilgrim on their journey to Santiago.

Supporting a pilgrim is a great way to help the Camino. We have created a unique way for pilgrims to crowd fund their journey with Camino Token sponsorship. A pilgrim looking to venture on the Camino can register themselves in the Support a Pilgrim section of the website and have their friends and family sponsor their pilgrimage. Sponsors are known as “Camino Angels”, a term which has evolved as one who helps others on the Camino.

Unlike many crowdfunding services around, the Support a Pilgrim system of sponsorship is unique. Camino Angels are able to choose the number of days they wish to sponsor and how much per day. When their sponsored pilgrim arrives on the Camino the funds are released daily based on the amount of Camino Token provided. This is what we call an “accountability” system of sponsorship which requires a pilgrim to actually be on the Camino and walking the path to receive their donated support. The tokens are only released to pilgrims located on the Camino by a GPS verification algorithm in a similar way to how Walk Rewards are tracked and calculated. It gives the Camino Angel of the pilgrim peace of mind that their contributions are being used to help the pilgrim on their journey.

Camino Stamp NFTs - proof of stay and proof of visit NFT stamps.

A major feature we are excited to develop and release is the Camino Stamp NFT Generator. Traditionally, each pilgrim on the Camino collects stamps (rubber ink on paper stamps) along the way in what’s known as a Pilgrims Passport (a folded card with squares for stamps). Stamps are issued by Albergues as a proof of stay, or by cafes and stops along the way as proof of visit. In the Camino Token ecosystem we are introducing digitally generated NFT Camino stamps which operate in a similar way. Each stamp is completely unique with a record of the date, time and location encoded into the stamp. These can be kept as a digital record of one’s pilgrimage, or traded with other pilgrims keen on collecting a full set of Camino stamps.

An albergue or store along the Camino is granted the ability within their Camino app to generate non fungible tokens (NFTs) as Camino Stamps. Each stamp is unique and follows the traditional system of one stamp per pilgrim per nights stay. They are timestamped and dated and match the design of

the traditional ink on paper stamps used in the real world. Additionally, the stamp generator is GPS locked, meaning that the function can only be used and stamps can only be generated from an exact GPS location. This ensures the authenticity of visit. For albergues and additional authenticity step is included within the generator algorithm which only allows the generation of stamps corresponding to the number of beds in the albergue. This makes each NFT 100% unique and very rare as there is a very limited supply. To get a full set one will need to trade with other pilgrims or walk the Camino many times over, thus making each Camino Stamp NFT very valuable and increase in value over time.

Investment in the Camino:

Like all cryptocurrency, Camino Token can be used as an investment. We have added a lot of utility and real world usage for the Camino Token and believe it to be a vital long term facility for the Camino de Santiago.

Many new cryptocurrencies are centred around ‘online’ utility such as online gaming, virtual worlds, digital events, games just to name a few. The trend seems to be encouraging more screen time and rewarding users for spending more time within a game or on a computer. Even outside of entertainment, there is a concept known as “gamifying” apps and online services to encourage repeated and constant usage of a product or service.

Our approach is to reverse the trend by ‘gamifying life’ and incentivising real-world activities. We aim to create an ecosystem which rewards real-world activities like hiking, social and outdoor pursuits away from screens. All of our future development we have this as our guiding principle.

The future for our development team is to develop blockchain applications which encourage health and fitness which reward users and incentivises real-world activities. 🌞

TECHNICAL DATA

Token name Camino Token

Ticker symbol CAMINO

Total Supply 5,000,000,000

Circulating Supply 5,000,000,000

Token Type BEP20

Contract Address 0x780355b0C4dc239D7c9153fadFDB2424D82f4557

Block Explorer <https://bscscan.com/token/0x780355b0C4dc239D7c9153fadFDB2424D82f4557>

BscScan Status Verified

Project Website www.caminotoken.com



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BEP20 Token Features:

The Camino Token has been developed as an BEP20 token on the Binance Smart Chain network. We chose to use this network because of its straightforward simplicity of token creation and that it is the most widely accepted and compatible network offering token creation. Because of this it has the most number of contract developers, a plethora of detailed documentation and is the most supported of all other blockchain networks. Ethereum allows not only token development but also a great way to develop decentralised apps (dApps) and is easily deployed to popular DeFi services such as PancakeSwap.

We have created the Camino Token with an Airdrop Mint function that allows us to run a scheduled script that rewards Pilgrims (holders) walking on the Camino with Walk Rewards. Walkers on the Camino will have their distance tracked daily and rewards will be airdropped to their Pilgrims Wallet address. Rewards will be calculated based on the value of a Pilgrims Meal and Donativo Albergue along the Camino (typically about €15 per day) for an average full days walk (about 15km). For simplicity and fairness we will reward each Pilgrim equally as long as a certain distance and time walked is achieved.

Albergue Distribution:

Upon launch of the token we will generate 1000 Ethereum wallet addresses and airdrop 1,000,000 token to each public address. These will be allocated exclusively for Albergues along the Camino. Each Albergue will be required to register and verify themselves as the principal contact for their business and when the Pilgrims Wallet is released they will have access to their 1M Camino Token. They will then be free to trade/swap their tokens on Uniswap, or send to an exchange which accepts Camino Token.

Founding Pilgrims:

Founding Pilgrims (those who have contributed during the token pre-sale) will be generated a new wallet address when they download the Pilgrims Wallet App (coming soon). If their wallet is activated with the same email address they used in the purchase of their Camino Token we will automatically airdrop their tokens to their wallet. This process will take some time as it will be done either manually or in batch airdrops on a weekly basis until all tokens are allocated. We hope to have this function completed on the day of token launch, however it may be unpredictable with the frequency of users downloading the Pilgrims Wallet. We will keep holders updated on the progress on our Discord server, Telegram channel, Facebook group and Twitter.

Marketing:

As a part of our marketing efforts we will also be airdropping Camino Tokens to users of the Pilgrims Wallet. These will be distributed to coincide with various major milestones and achievements we make as a community such as number of downloads of the App, number of holders, new listings on exchanges, Camino related events, full adoption of Camino Token across the Camino (all 1000 Albergue wallets activated) and more. It all depends upon the successes we have as a community.

Burn:

We have included a burn function within the BEP20 contract so as time goes on we will introduce systematic burns of tokens to limit token saturation within the ecosystem. This will be activated after a thorough testing period of the Walk Rewards system proves to be a success.

CAMINO FAMILY



JON TEYCHENNE
CO-FOUNDER

Jon has been a developer for over 15 years and has worked on hundreds of projects. From 2009 to 2019 Jon ran a successful digital agency in Sydney, Australia before moving to Perth WA where he now lives with his wife and baby daughter. He is an avid long distance hiker and has walked the Camino de Santiago in 2018 as well as other famous long distance hikes around the world. Jon is now a blockchain developer and works as a marketing manager in a business he owns with his wife.



LINDSAY TEYCHENNE
CO-FOUNDER

Lindsay is a veteran developer with over 25 years in software and application development. He has run his own software development and support company for over 25 years. Lindsay was nearing retirement in 2020 and had planned to travel to Spain to do the Camino de Santiago however these plans were cut short with the worldwide lockdowns. With lots of time on his hands and not able to leave home except for exercise, he and his Camino Family from his previous adventure on the Camino put together a web, iPhone and Android app which allowed pilgrims from around the world to walk the camino in their own areas. It became known as a ``Virtual Camino``. With the success of that app he and his son Jon decided to use their skills and experience on the Camino to continue development on other useful applications.

BUEN CAMINO!

From the Founding Pilgrims we would like to thank you for your contributions and in helping this project!

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