



Excerpts from:
Alexis' Journey on
The Camino de
Santiago

Camino de Santiago
- invierno -

Dia 2

Yesterday I embarked on the first

leg of my journey, a journey I never thought to take,

quite undeliberately if you will. You see

on Tuesday whilst looking for things to keep myself busy on my

"holidays" in bot-

mean studios I
had the sudden
thought to walk
the camera. Well,
once the seed has
been planted it
only grew. The
next day I met
with Paula to
pick her train
about the camera
only to find out
she'd only lasted
2 days! Thus for
some absurd reason

didn't dissuade me.

Yes, Paula the climber

the athlete only

lasting 2 days without

a backpack I must

add ST/CC didn't

stop me. A lack of

a logical planning

process one would

only be sure.

Well, after arriving

in Santiago and

meandering about in

the rain alongside

some truly terrible

tapas, I made my

way to the assembly
where I would spend
the night listening
to children scream
their heads off
unperused until
7am. Well, after
that I arose
around 7 and
headed for breakfast
& to catch the
train to Montfort
de Camos. This is
where my Camino
began. Although
taking some time

to adjust to the
weight on my shoulder
I started to get in
the spirit of adventure
again. Countryside,
green magical forest
and ancient church
and towns of
yesteryears greeted
me. I met with a
farming couple on
the way. She was
pushing a wheel
barrow of firewood
at the ripe old
age of 70+. We

chitchatted and she
complimented me on
my bravey conquer-
ing the talk on
my own and my
spanish as well
as which I was
delighted. Later on,
I was walking
through a wooded
area when I saw
what I thought
was a dog up
ahead. I whistled
for it & as it
came near I

Realized its tail
was much too bushy
and it was indeed
a fox. I quickly
started stomping my
feet as a reflex
hoping it would
think I was large
& a carter. I ran &
ran and — it
worked! Pretty amazing
but, I was a bit wide-
eyed after that!
Next I entered a
forest where it
~~began~~ ^{began} to hail —
yes hail! I would

believe only moments
before I had
been in sunbathing
with no jacket or
sweater, & suddenly
had ice showering
me from above!