

Presenter

Brian Michalski

Title

Conquering the Camino

Mission

To educate and inspire audiences to serve others, explore places, and pursue opportunities near and far

Description

Soak up the sprawling coastal beauty of the 174-mile Portuguese Camino de Santiago as globetrotter Brian Michalski helps us navigate its many challenges and rewards. Through brilliant original snapshots and charming storytelling, learn about the pilgrimage's history, logistics, local cuisine, and more as we journey from Porto to northwestern Spain. ¡Bon Camino!

Community Interests

The Caminho Português is one of the world's most iconic and accessible multi-day treks for adventurers of all ages. While steeped in Catholic roots, today's Camino invites pilgrims of all backgrounds and beliefs to complete the voyage for any personal reason. Whether planning an upcoming adventure to the Iberian Peninsula or traveling vicariously, attendees will learn about Portuguese and Spanish cultures along with entertaining and interesting information about this fulfilling pilgrimage.

Audiences

- Seniors and Adults

Program Options

- **1 hour** (55-minute presentation, 5-15-minute live Q&A)
 - \$325 – Live virtual session (available via **Zoom** nationwide)
 - \$50 – Optional 30-day recording add-on
 - \$260 – Pre-recorded virtual video session (private **link sharing** via YouTube)
 - Additional presentation topics can be accessed [here](#)

Experience

As a LACONI Highly Effective Library Presenter, I have shared hundreds of in-person and virtual programs at over 100 local organizations about my worldwide adventures. See my full calendar [here](#).

References

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Website and Social Media

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Availability

Currently, I am scheduling online bookings through June 30, 2024.

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Photography

The pictures presented are my own and taken with my iPhone. Approximately 200 shots that help narrate the adventure are featured in my Google Slides presentation, with images below to preview:



Most pilgrims choose to begin the Caminho Português in charming Porto, Portugal



Taking in the beauty along the sprawling Atlantic coast



For all the coastal beauty offered, the Camino also provides adventures through villages, vineyards, and family farms



Local families enjoying a beach day in Vigo, Spain



Sea scallops are among the superb main courses offered along the path



Pilgrims can endure a steep climb to stay in an albergue next to this beautiful church in Viana do Castelo



Crossing iconic Ponte Medieval de Pontesampaio to enter that evening's resting point of Vilaboa, Spain



Connecting with fellow pilgrims is an essential part of the Camino experience



With the stunning cathedral on the horizon, the Camino provides a memorable finish in Santiago de Compostela, Spain