

# ON OUR RETURN WE MAY LEAVE BEHIND THE CAMINO SPIRIT IN THE SPECIAL WORLD

IMPROVED FITNESS

'BETWIXT & BETWEEN'
STORYTELLING

RISK & ADVENTURE

SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

CONNECTION TO NATURE

**COMMUNITAS** 

BREAK THROUGH LIMITATIONS

SIMPLICITY

**SOLITUDE** 

CONTRIBUTION & HELPING OTHERS

SELFDISCOVERY &
LEARNING

**MYSTERY** 

**PLAY** 

NEW LIFE RHYTHM

DAILY PURPOSE

**HEALING & SUFFERING** 

FREEDOM TO BE YOU



# ARRIVING BACK HOME WE MAY FEEL...

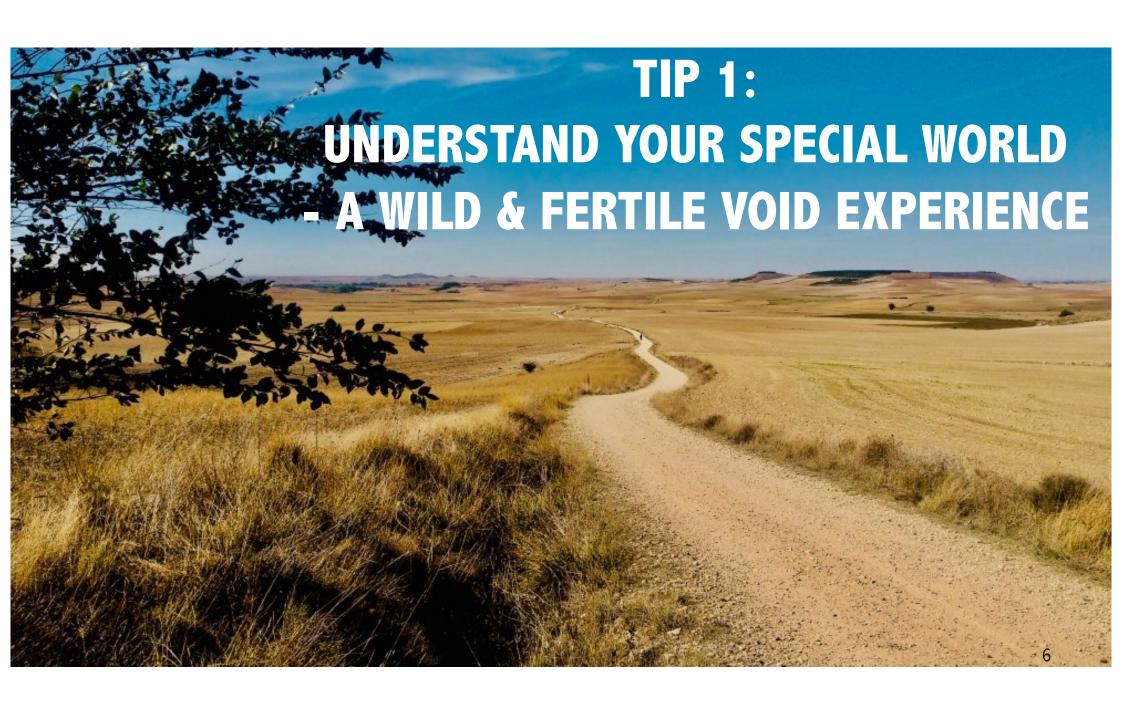
- Joy and Excitement
- Inner disequilibrium
- Disillusionment
- Fear
- Confusion/Stuckness
- Powerlessness
- Misunderstood

## 3 TIPS TO HELP NAVIGATE THE RETURN HOME

1. UNDERSTAND YOUR SPECIAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

2. CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT TRULY BE 'CALLING' YOU NOW

3. ALLOW CAMINO WISDOM TO BE A ROADMAP FOR LIFE



### HOW TO UNPACK YOUR SPECIAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

#### Take the time to:

- Write/re-visit your Camino journal
- Consider more deeply the good, the bad and the ugly moments of your Camino and what you 'gained'/ 'lost' through them
- Look at the people you met and how they impacted you, and you them, through the stories you heard and shared
- Explore the moments of serendipity and how you interpreted them
- Become aware of how you responded to fears coming true and what happened next
- Find a Camino mentor or someone who can understand your experience. What can you learn from them?

# TIP 2: CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT BE 'CALLING' YOU NOW

#### Returning Home:

The Journey Continues

Workbook



At its heart, the journey of each life is a pilgrimage through unforeseen and sacred places that enlarge and enrich the soul.

John O' Donohue

# THE RETURNING HOME WORKBOOK

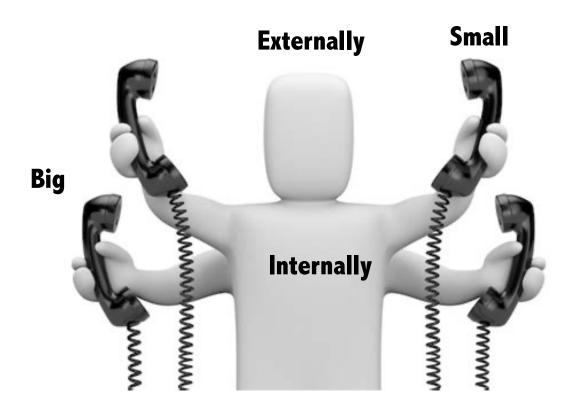
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## WHAT DO YOU MISS FROM THE CAMINO?

- the feeling of improved physical condition
- community and a shared group identity
- a sense of accomplishment
- solitude and time with myself
- immersion in nature
- learning new things
- a sense of bravery and expanding personal boundaries
- a sense of freedom

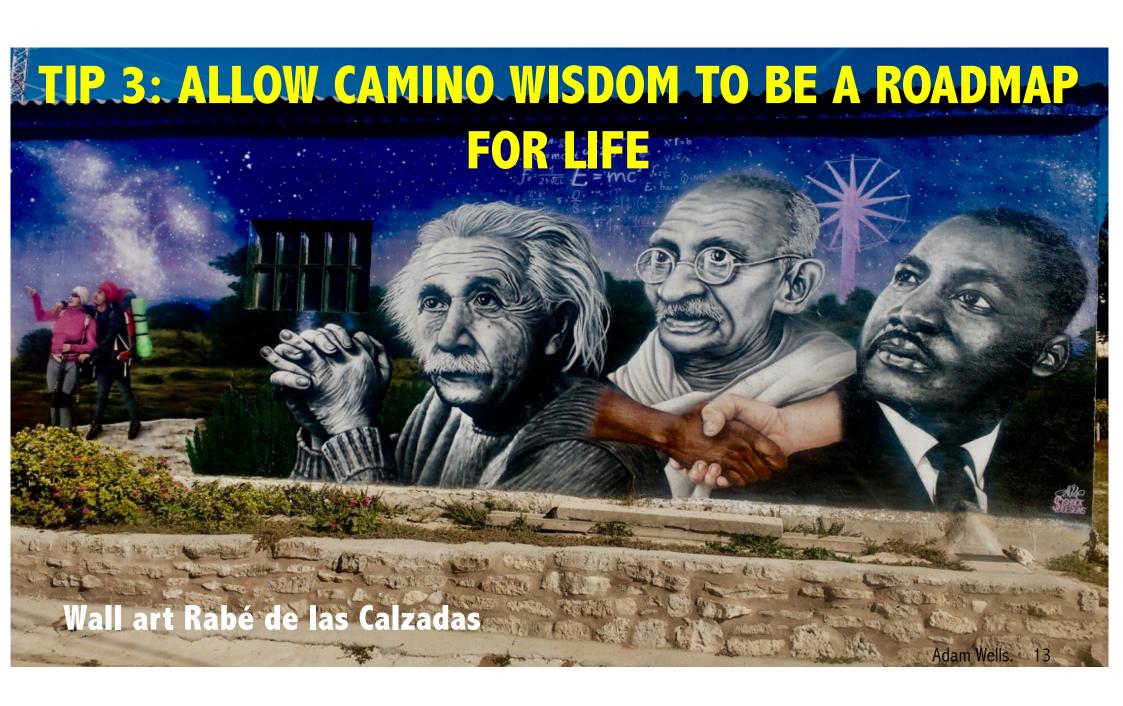
- spiritual growth
- the excitement of dreaming about and planning my Camino
- connecting with a global community
- engagement in story telling my own and those of others
- living a more simple life
- connecting with others beyond trivial
- moments of discernment and selfknowledge

## **'CALLS' ALSO COME KNOCKING THROUGH...**



- Life issues
- Recurring dreams
- Symptoms of poor health
- Relationship friction
- Synchronicity
- 'Aha' moments
- Ultimatums received
- Injustice

OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE. OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS THAT WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE. IT IS OUR LIGHT, NOT OUR DARKNESS THAT MOST FRIGHTENS US. WE ASK OURSELVES, WHO AM I TO BE **ACTUALLY, WHO ARE** GORGEOUS, THERE IS NOTHING ENLIGHTENED ABOUT SHRINKING SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE WON'T FEEL INSECURE AROUND YOU. WE ARE ALL MEANT TO SHINE. AS CHILDREN DO. WE WERE BORN TO MAKE MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS WITHIN US. IT'S NOT JUST IN SOME OF US: IT'S IN EVERYONE AND AS WE LET OUR OWN LIGHT SHINE. WE UNCONSCIOUSLY GIVE OTHER PEOPLE PERMISSION TO DO THE SAME. AS WE ARE LIBERATED FROM OUR OWN FEAR, OUR PRESENCE AUTOMATICALLY LIBERATES OTHERS.





When we look at our Camino from the perspective of our entire life journey, we can see how the Camino might act as a portal into, as Jung would say, 'the second half of life'.

'We cannot live the afternoon of life according to the program of life's morning; for what in the morning was true will in evening become a lie.'

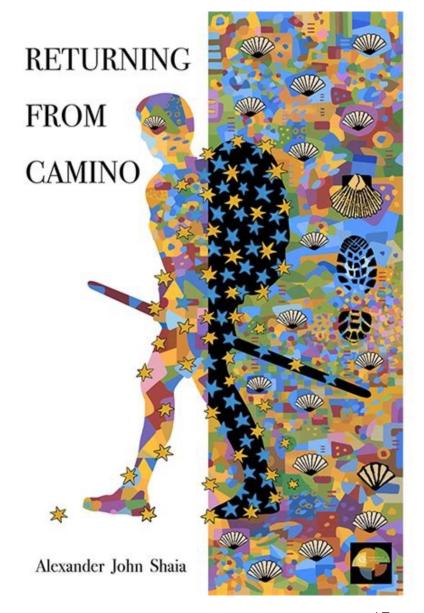
Carl Jung

# 'Life is a short pause, between two great mysteries.

Carl Jung



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