

Las Peregrinas...women who walk.

In this one-hour point of view documentary, we first meet Sue Kenney in her natural habitat, story telling, keynote speaking, being interviewed on television, etc., concerning her all-consuming life interest in the Camino. We follow them on the Camino at various stages, talking directly to the camera in daily diaries and in unguarded, highly emotional moments witnessing first hand, varying degrees to which each individual is affected by the quest. All the while Sue's trust in the Camino to guide her as a leader and her pilgrim values are constantly being tested. With spectacular location photography, candid, moving emotional drama and laugh-out-loud humour, culminating in a breathtaking pilgrim's Mass in the Cathedral de Santiago.

Synopsis

Vivacious, outgoing, spiritual and always on the move, Sue Kenney is a woman that people are drawn to, confide in, and open themselves up to. As well as discovering Sue's driving passion to live her life purpose in everything she does, we are introduced to the historical, religious, spiritual, and legendary stories of the life-transforming Camino. We learn about the fascinating story of how Sue came to lead a group of five first-time Canadian women from various cultures and backgrounds who trade in their heeled shoes for thick soled boots and baggy pants to walk the Camino. Through interviews with these adventurous women filmed before they leave, we find out about who they are; their current lives; why they choose to leave the usual physical and emotional comfort zones of the vast majority of North Americans; what answers they are seeking; what they fear now and when they return home; and what their expectations are for this journey and more. Along the way monks, priests, farmers, hostel operators and a cast of multi-national pilgrims, talk about what has changed, why women walk the Camino and how it has evolved over the centuries, to include women. Following the journey of *Las Peregrinas* takes each viewer on a pilgrimage of their own leaving you asking more about what it means for a woman to leave the comforts of our lifestyle to become a simple pilgrim on the road to Santiago.

Market In the last century, interest in this pilgrimage route has consistently increased worldwide, especially after it was deemed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Last year pilgrims from 103 different countries walked and almost 40% were between the ages of 36 and 60 years. Teachers, retired people, artists, students and make up 60% of this market. The largest number of foreign pilgrims comes from Italy, Germany, France, Portugal, USA and the Netherlands followed by the UK, Austria, Canada, Belgium, Brazil and Switzerland.

Director/Producer Sue Kenney Sue's purpose in life is to inspire people. She is the author of a best selling book called *My Camino*, a writer, producer, director, keynote speaker and entrepreneur. With her extensive background in marketing and sales from over 20 years in the corporate telecommunications industry, blended with her profound experiences as a pilgrim, she balances the ability to be a creative artist with a strong business sense. Sue is also a 2001 FISA World Masters Rowing Championships Canadian Gold Medal Champion. Sue lives on a lake north of Toronto and is presently working on co-writing the screenplay adaptation of her book *My Camino* for Oscar-Nominated Cirrus Productions. She has released her second book on the Camino called *Confessions of a Pilgrim* where she walked the Portuguese Route.

Producer and Writer Bruce Pirrie Bruce graduated from York University in Toronto with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, majoring in Film Production and English. He then began a long and fruitful association with Second City that saw him move from being an Actor who wrote and performed in six reviews, to a respected Director, Head Writer, and Producer, in various Second City stage, television and film projects. Through his association with Second City Bruce has been nominated and received various national awards including; Dora Mavor Moores, Geminis, and the Canadian Comedy Awards. Bruce was also a Writer, Head Writer, Director and Producer on several television shows for Steve Smith and S&S Productions, including, *The Red Green Show*, *Supertown Challenge*, *Mr. Happy*, *The Fifth Quadrant* and the feature film, *Duct Tape Forever*. He has just completed writing a feature film script and currently has a one-hour dramatic series in development with CBC. In 2004 Bruce was editor of the book *My Camino* and he walked it himself in 2005. Bruce is co-writing the screenplay adaptation of Sue's book.

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