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Central Route + Spiritual Variant from Porto to Santiago de Compostela - 250 km/155 mi

Average stage - 12 km/7.4 mi

Longest stage - 16 km/10 mi

Porto - Accommodation

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Albergue de peregrinos de Porto	albergueperegrinosporto.pt	\$
Easy Host Porto	book here*	\$
O2 Hostel	book here	\$
Porto Spot Hostel	book here	\$
Change The World Hostels	book here	\$
SUPERNOVA Hostel	book here	\$
Portuense Alojamento Local	book here	\$\$
A Portuguesa Guest House	book here	\$\$
Best Guest Porto Hostel	book here	\$\$
Oporto Santa Catarina Residence	book here	\$\$
The Poets Inn	book here	\$\$
Hotel Peninsular- Porto	book here	\$\$
Aparthotel Oporto Sol	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Utopian - Design Suites Porto	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Oporto Comfort Dom Hugo Apartment	book here	\$\$\$

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Porto tours and activities

1. [Discover Porto's Highlights on a 2-Hour Private Electric Tuk Tuk.](#)
2. [Porto: Douro River Boat Cruise with Port Wine Tasting.](#)
3. [Douro Valley Tour: 2 Vineyard Visits, River Cruise, Winery Lunch.](#)
4. [Porto: An Intimate Fado Show in a Historical Tavern.](#)

Stage 1. Porto to Araujo, 9 km/5.6 mi

- Distance – 9 km/5.6 mi
- Time – 2-3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 150 m
- Descent – 173 m
- Walking surface – 5 km/3.1 mi – asphalt, 4 km/2.4 mi – cobbled
- Walking on the road – 0 km

Highlights

- Se Cathedral and the historical center of Porto.

Challenges

- Finding the Camino route from the Cathedral is sometimes difficult.

Stops along the route stage 1

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-2.5 km/ 0-1.5 mi	The historical center of Porto	
2.8 km/1.7 mi	Albergue Nossa Senhora do Rosario	
5-11 km/ 3.1-6.8 mi	Residential areas and suburbs of Porto	

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6 km/3.7 mi	Porto suburbs	Big supermarkets with cafes
7 km/4.3 mi	Porto suburbs	The route splits into the Coastal Route (the left route) and the Central Route (the right route)
8.4 km/5.2 mi	Araujo	A big supermarket
9 km/5.6 mi	Araujo	Hostel for pilgrims

Araujo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
A Casa Vermelha Hostel	+351 928 152 752	\$
Porbálio Oporto & Maia Center #2	book here	\$\$
Porbálio Oporto & Maia Center #1	book here	\$\$
Free Wave Rooms	book here	\$\$
Hotel Vianorte	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 2. Araujo to Gião, 14.5 km/9 mi

- Distance – 14.5 km/9 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 140 m
- Descent – 157 m
- Walking surface – 8 km/5 mi – asphalt, 6.5 km/4 mi – cobbled
- Walking on the road – 0 km

Highlights

- Walking through quiet towns with many small churches.

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Challenges

- A couple of stretches near a busy road and industrial areas.

Stops along the route stage 2

Distance	Name	Facilities
2-3 km/ 1.2-1.8 mi		Walking along the road through the forest
3-5.5 km/ 1.8-3.4 mi		Suburbs and busy roads
5.5 km/3.4 mi		Big supermarkets with cafes
8 km/5 mi		Shop, bar
9.5 km/5.9 mi	Mosteiro	Hotel, cafe
11 km/6.8 mi	Vilar	Shop, cafe
12.5 km/7.7 mi	Gião	Restaurant
13.5 km/8.3 mi	Gião	Shop
14 km/8.6 mi	A route split	The right route goes through a quiet area, the left goes on the road
14.5 km/9 mi	Gião	Guesthouse Casa Mindela (600 m from the Camino route)

Gião - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Casa Mindela Farmhouse	book here	\$\$
Gião - Paradise Residence	+351 912 804 888	\$\$

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Douro Village B	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Quinta Victoria	info here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 3. Gião to São Pedro De Rates, 15.5 km/9.6 mi

- Distance – 15.5 km/9.6 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 180 m
- Descent – 197 m
- Walking surface – 8.5 km/5.2 mi – asphalt; 6 km/3.7 mi – cobbled; 1 km/0.6 mi - footpath/gravel.
- Walking on the road – 0 km

Highlights

- Walking through the beautiful forest.
- Quiet countryside.

Challenges

- Walking on a hard surface most of the day – 14.5 km/9 mi are on tar roads and cobblestones.

Stops along the route stage 3

*MA - municipal albergue **PA - private albergue

Distance	Name	Facilities
0.5 km/0.3 mi		Bar, shop
1.5 km/0.9 mi		Cafe, ATM
2.5 km/1.5 mi	Veirão	Municipal Albergue do Mosteiro do Veirão
3.5 km/2.1 mi	Vilarinho	PA**, shop, restaurant, cafe, bar

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6.5 km/4 mi	A route split	Take the alternative route through the fields, the main route goes on the road
9.7 km/6 mi	São Mamede	Cafe
12.5 km/7.7 mi	Arcos	Hotel, restaurant, cafe
15.5 km/9.6 mi	São Pedro De Rates (Rates)	MA*, hotels, restaurants, shop

São Pedro De Rates - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de peregrinos de São Pedro de Rates	info here	\$
Casa Mattos	+351 919 822 398	\$\$-\$
Casa da Vila Guest House	book here	\$\$
CasaAnabela	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 4. São Pedro De Rates to Barcelinhos, 14.5 km/9 mi

- Distance – 14.5 km/9 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 300 m
- Descent – 320 m
- Walking surface – 5 km/3.1 mi – asphalt; 4 km/2.4 mi – cobbled; 5.5 km/3.4 mi - footpath/gravel.
- Walking on the road – 0.3 km/0.1mi on a quiet road

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Highlights

- Beautiful forest scenery throughout the day.
- The pilgrims park in the forest at 2 km/1.2 mi.

Challenges

- No place to stop for food or coffee for 7 km/4.3 mi between Rates and Portela.
- Several short steep ascents and descents throughout the day.

Stops along the route stage 4

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-7 km/0-4.3 mi		Walking through the forest
2 km/1.2 mi	A Pilgrim's Park in the forest	A nice area for resting
6.5 km/4 mi	Pedra Furada	PA (donation), guesthouse, restaurant, cafe
7.5 km/4.6 mi		Restaurant
8 km/5 mi		Bakery
10.5 km/6.5 mi		Bar
12.5 km/7.7 mi		Shop
14.5 km/9 mi	Barcelinhos	MA, PA, hotel, restaurant, cafe, shop, ATM

Barcelinhos - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de peregrinos Amigos da Montanha	info here +351 253 830 430	\$
Albergue-Residência do Senhor do Galo	+351 253 833 304	\$

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Casa das Pombas	book here	\$-\$\$
Top'Otel	book here	\$\$

Stage 5. Barcelinhos to Portela da Tamel, 11 km/6.8 mi

- Distance – 11 km/6.8 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 210 m
- Descent – 158 m
- Walking surface – 4.5 km/2.7 mi – asphalt; 2.5 km/1.5 mi – cobbled; 4 km/2.4 mi - footpath/gravel.

Highlights

- Several chapels and churches along the route.
- Walking through the beautiful forest and fields.

Challenges

- Several ascents and descents; nothing long or very steep.

Stops along the route stage 5

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.5 km/ 0.9 mi	Barcelos	MA, hostel, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, bars, ATMs, pharmacies
3 km/1.8 mi	Vila Boa	Albergue Flora
5.5 km/3.4 mi		Bakery

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5.5-10 km / 3.4-6.2 mi		Forest and fields
11 km/6.8 mi	Portela da Tamel	MA, hotels, restaurant

Portela da Tamel - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de S. Pedro Fins	info here +351 253 137 075	\$
Albergue Casa de Santiago	+351 914 463 272	\$\$
Hotel Leonchic	book here	\$\$

Stage 6. Portela da Tamel to Vitorino dos Piães, 12.5 km/7.7 mi

- Distance – 12.5 km/7.7 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 210 m
- Descent – 250 m
- Walking surface – 7 km/4.3 mi – asphalt; 4.5 km/2.7 mi – cobbled; 1 km/0.6 mi - footpath/gravel.

Highlights

- Walking through the forest, fields, and small towns.

Challenges

- A steep descent at the start of the day.
- A couple of ascents in the second half of the day.

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Stops along the route stage 6

Distance	Name	Facilities
0.8 km/ 0.5 mi	Portela de Tamel	MA, restaurant
2.5 km/ 1.5 mi	Aborim	Casa de Santiago Albergue
6.5 km/4 mi	Balugães	Hotel Casa da Quinta da Cancela
11.5 km/ 7.1 mi		Hotel Casa da Fernanda
12.5 km/ 7.7 mi	Vitorino dos Piães	PA, hotel, cafe

Vitorino dos Piães - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Casa da Fernanda	+351 914 589 521	\$-\$\$
Albergue Casa Sagres	+351 962 916 441	\$-\$\$
Hotel Estabulo de Valinhas	book here	\$\$
Alminhas da Mindua	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 7. Vitorino dos Piães to Ponte de Lima, 12 km/7.4 mi

- Distance – 12 km/7.4 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 105 m
- Accumulated descent – 195 m

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- Walking surface - 8 km/5 mi - asphalt, 2.5 km/1.5 mi - cobbled, 1.3 km/0.8 mi - footpath/gravel

Highlights

- The historical center and the bridge in Ponte de Lima.

Challenges

- A steep ascent at the start of the day.

Stops along the route stage 7

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi		Hotel Quinta da Albergaria
6 km/3.7 mi	Sobreiro	Albergue O Caminheiro
6.5 km /4 mi	Seara	Hotel, cafe, bakery
12 km/7.4 mi	Ponte de Lima	MA, hostel, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets ATMs, pharmacies

Ponte de Lima - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal Albergue de Ponte de Lima	info here +351 925 403 164	\$
A Trajadinha do Lima	book here	\$
HI Ponte de Lima - Pousada de Juventude	book here	\$
Old village Hostel	book here	\$
Anoitecer Itinerante AL	book here	\$\$-\$
Centro da Vila	book here	\$\$
Graciosa Guest House	book here	\$\$

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Casa Cardeal Saraiva	book here	\$\$
Casa das Andorinhas	book here	\$\$
Guest House Alojamento Local centro Ponte de Lima	book here	\$\$
Casa da Travessa	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
INLIMA Hotel & Spa	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Camões Apartments	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 8. Ponte de Lima to Labruja, 9.5 km/5.9 mi

- Distance – 9.5 km/5.9 mi
- Time – 2-3 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 150 m
- Accumulated descent – 85 m
- Walking surface - 6 km/3.7 mi - asphalt, 2 km/1.2 mi - cobbled, 1.5 km/0.9 mi - footpath/gravel

Highlights

- A decorated Camino wall on the Central Route around the corner from the public albergue in Ponte de Lima.
- Beautiful forest and tranquil fields.

Challenges

- A steep ascent at the end of the day.

Stops along the route stage 8

Distance	Name	Facilities
1-7.5 km /		Walking through the field and forest

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0.6-4.6 mi		
3 km/1.8 mi	Arcozelo	Oasis do Caminho camping
7.7-8.5 km/ 4.7-5.2 mi		Walking along the road
8.5 km/5.2 mi	Codeçal	Bar
9.4 km/5.8 mi	Labruja	PA, a guesthouse

Labruja - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Casa da Valada	+351 967 742 694	\$-\$\$
Albergue O Conforto	info here	\$-\$\$
Guesthouse Quinta da Labruja	book here	\$\$

Stage 9. Labruja to Fontoura, 16 km/10 mi

- Distance – 16 km/10 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 470 m
- Accumulated descent – 510 m
- Walking surface - 5 km/3.1 mi - asphalt; 2 km/1.2 mi - cobbled; 9 km/5.5 mi - footpath/gravel.

Highlights

- Walking through a beautiful forest.
- Cruz dos Franceses – a stone cross at 12,5 km/7,7 mi marks the place where locals ambushed soldiers of Napoleon's army during the invasion of 1809.

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Challenges

It is the toughest day on the Central route in this itinerary because of two steep and long ascents and descents. Make sure to carry enough water and some snacks. If you find it too challenging you can split the day and stop in Rubiaes.

- A steep and long ascent at the start of the day, 300 m up
- A subsequent steep and long descent, 250 m down
- Another steep ascent at 10 km/6.2 mi, 100 m up
- A steep and long descent at the end of the day, 200 m down

Stops along the route stage 9

Distance	Name	Facilities
0.6-3.6 km / 0.4-2.2mi		A steep ascent on a footpath through the forest
3.1 km/1.9 mi		Cruz dos Franceses, a stone cross in the forest
6.4 km/ 4 mi	Agualonga	Bar
7.1 km/4.4 mi	Agualonga	Casa de Lamas homestay
7.6 km/4.7 mi	São Roque	Guesthouses, Albergue
8.6 km/5.3 mi	Rubiães	Municipal Albergue, guesthouse, bar
9.6 km/5.9 mi		Restaurant
10.3-10.8 km / 6.4-6.7 mi		Walking along the road
10.8-12 km / 6.4-7.4 mi		Walking on the old Roman road
16 km/10 mi	Fontoura	PA, guesthouse, ATM, bar

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Fontoura - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue PilgerPause	info here	\$
Casa da Quinta do Cruzeiro	book here	\$\$
Quinta de Real	book here	\$\$

Stage 10. Fontoura (Portugal) to Tui (Spain), 11.5 km/7.1 mi

- Distance – 11.5 km/7.1 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 150 m
- Accumulated descent – 120 m
- Walking surface - 8.5 km/5.2 mi - asphalt; 2 km/1.2 mi - cobbled; 1 km/0.6 mi - footpath/gravel.

Highlights

- Valença Fortress is located on the top of the hill and offers spectacular views of the town and its surroundings.
- A metal bridge across the Minho River offers beautiful views of both shores and Tui fortress.
- Tui Fortress is a Spanish fortress on the opposite side of the river.

Challenges

- Time changes, once you walk across the bridge from Portugal to Spain. Spain is 1 hour ahead of Portugal.

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Stops along the route stage 10

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.5 km/1.5 mi	Paços	Albergue/guesthouse
3.5 km/2.11 mi	Pedreira	Guesthouse, restaurant
6 km/3.7 mi		Cafe
8.3 km/5.1 mi	Valença	MA, PA, hostels, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, bars, ATMs, pharmacies
9-10 km / 5.5-6.2 mi	Valença Fortress	Hotels, restaurants, bars, shops
10 km/6.2 mi	Bridge over the Minho River	Crossing from Portugal to Spain
11.5 km/7.1 mi	Tui (Spain)	MA, PA, hostels, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, bars, ATMs, pharmacies

Tui - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de peregrinos de Tui	+34 649 502 704	\$
Albergue Buen Camino Tui	book here	\$
Albergue Convento Del Camino	book here	\$
Jacob's Hotel TUI	book here	\$
Ideas Peregrinas	book here	\$
Colón Tuy	book here	\$\$
O refugio	book here	\$\$
La Buhardilla de Tuy (1-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$
Pension La Corredera	book here	\$\$

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El Atico de Villalmar (penthouse apartment)	book here	\$\$\$
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Stage 11. Tui to Porriño, 16 km/10 mi

- Distance – 16 km/10 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 171 m
- Descent – 185 m
- Walking surface – 13 km/8 mi – asphalt, 3 km/1.8 mi – gravel/footpath
- Walking on the road – 2 km/1.2 mi

Highlights

- Walking through the forest at the beginning of the day.

Challenges

- Walking through a large industrial area with many factories between 9.5 km/5.9 mi and 13.5 km/8.3 mi (if you don't take the alternative route).
- Walking next to a busy road between 13.5 km/8.3 mi and 15.5 km/9.6 mi (if you don't take the alternative route).

Stops along the route stage 11

Distance	Name	Facilities
7 km/4.3 mi	Ribadelouru	Guesthouse, cafe
8.7 km/5.4 mi	A route split	Take the alternative route which goes through the nature area, the main route goes through the industrial area. The distance on both routes is more or less the same

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9.2 km/5.7 mi	On the main route just after the split	Albergue Casa Alternativo
9.5-13.5 km / 5.9-8.3 mi	On the main route	A large industrial area
13.5 km/4.3 mi	On the main route	Restaurant
13.5-15.5 km / 8.3-9.6 mi	On the main route	Walking next to a busy road
14.5 km/9 mi	On the main route	Restaurant, bar
15 km 9.3 mi	Porriño	
16 km/10 mi	Porriño center	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacy

Porriño - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos O Porriño	info here +34 986 335 428	\$
Albergue Senda Sur	book here	\$
Albergue Fonte dos Aloques	book here	\$
Albergue Rincon del Peregrino	book here	\$
Albergue Alojamiento Camino Portugues	book here	\$
Casucho da Peregrina	book here	\$-\$ including breakfast
Pension Cando	book here	\$\$
Apartamento Sanjuan	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Apartment Nordes	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Apartment A Cabana II	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Apartment Bretema	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 12. Porriño to Redondela, 16 km/10 mi

- Distance – 16 km/10 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 260 m
- Descent – 285 m
- Walking surface – 14.5 km/9 mi – tar road; 1.5 km/0.9 mi – footpath/gravel road.

Highlights

- The picturesque town of Mos.
- Walking through the forest in the last part of the day.
- The historical center of Redondela.

Challenges

- At 2 km/1.2 there is a dangerous road crossing. It's a busy road with no traffic light or pedestrian crossing. You have to run across the road.
- A steep ascent between 5 km/3.1 and 9.5 km/5.9, over 170 m up
- A steep descent between 9.5 km/5.9 and 13 km/8 mi, over 170 m down

Stops along the route stage 12

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.5 km/1.5 mi	Veigadaña	MA, bar

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4.3 km/2.6 mi		A vending machine with snacks and drinks
5 km/3.1 mi	Mos	MA, rental apartment, restaurant, bar
9.5 km/5.9 mi		Cafe
10 km/6.2 mi		Bar
11.6 km/7.2 mi	Saxamonde	PA/bar O Corisco
16 km/10 mi	Redondela	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacy

Redondela - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos Casa da Torre	+34 618 338 045	\$
Santiago de Vilavella	book here	\$
Albergue Parroquial Santiago Apostol de Redondela	book here	\$
Alfonso XII	book here	\$
Pilgrim Rooms	book here	\$-\$-\$
La Casa de la Abuela Boticaria	book here	\$\$
Anabel Home	book here	\$\$
A Casa da Herba	book here	\$\$
As Mimosas d'Cross Apartment	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Stage 13. Redondela to Pontsanpaio, 9 km/5.6 mi

- Distance – 9 km/5.6 mi
- Time – 2-3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 212 m
- Descent – 200 m
- Walking surface – 6 km/3.7 mi – tar road; 3 km/1.8 mi – footpath/gravel road.
- Walking on the road - 0.5 km/0.3 mi

Highlights

- Walking through a beautiful forest throughout the day.
- The Medieval Bridge de Pontesanpaio over the River Verdugo with spectacular views.

Challenges

- A steep ascent between 1.7 km/1 mi and 4.7 km/2.9 mi, around 140 m up.
- A steep and short descent between 4.7 km/2.9 mi and 6 km/3.7 mi, around 100 m down.

Stops along the route stage 13

Distance	Name	Facilities
2 km/1.2 mi	Cesantes	PA, hotel, bar
2.7 km/1.6 mi		PA
6.5 km/4 mi	Soutoxuste	Hotel, restaurant, bar, shop
7.5 km/4.6 mi	Arcade	PA, hotel, restaurants, bars, shops, ATM
9 km/5.5 mi	Pontesanpaio	Hotel, bar, ATM

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Pontsanpaio - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Hostel Albergue O Mesón	book here	\$
Chousiña - one bedroom house	book here	\$\$
Casa Héroes de Pontesampaio (one bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$
Hostel Albergue O Mesón - Habitación superior Luxury	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 14. Pontsanpaio to Pontevedra, 11 km/6.8 mi

- Distance – 11 km/6.8 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 200 m
- Descent – 195 m
- Walking surface – 7.5 km/4.6 mi – tar road; 3.5 km/2.1 mi – footpath/gravel road.

Highlights

- Walking through a beautiful forest.
- The historical center of Pontevedra.

Challenges

- Another steep ascent between 1 km/0.6 mi and 3 km/1.8 mi, around 130 m up.

Stops along the route stage 14

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Distance	Name	Facilities
0.6-2.6 km / 0.4-1.6 mi		Walking through the forest
6.5 km/4 mi		A bar, a shop, a chapel where you can stamp your Credential
6.8 km/4.2 mi		A split on the Central Route. Most people take the complementary route because it goes through the forest instead of the "official" route along the road
7-10 km/ 4.3-6.2 mi		Walking on a footpath through the forest
11 km/6.8 mi	Pontevedra	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacy

Pontevedra - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos Virgen Peregrina	+34 986 844 045	\$
Bulezen Urban Hostel	book here	\$
Acolá Hostel	book here	\$
Slow City Hostel Pontevedra	book here	\$
Albergue Nacama Hostel Pontevedra EXCLUSIVO PEREGRINOS PILGRIMS	book here	\$
CASA MARUXA pensión	book here	\$\$
PENSIÓN SANTA CLARA	book here	\$\$
Acolá Rooms	book here	\$\$
Hotel Boa Vila	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Galicia Palace	book here	\$\$\$

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Stage 15. Pontevedra to Combarro, 11 km/6.8 mi

- Distance – 11 km/6.8 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 180 m
- Descent – 150 m
- Walking surface – 9.5 km/5.9 mi – tar road; 1.5 km/0.9 mi – footpath/gravel road.

Highlights

- The monastery of Poio
- The small [beautiful old town of Combarro](#).

Challenges

- Several short ascents in the second half of the day.

Stops along the route stage 15

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi	Route split at the bridge in the forest	The split is well-marked; you won't miss it. The right route is the Central Route, and the left route is the Spiritual Variant. Take the left route if you want to continue on the Spiritual Variant.
5.5 km/3.4 mi	Cabaleiro	Hotel, restaurant
9 km/5.6 mi	Poio	Hotel, restaurant
11 km/6.8 mi	Combarro	Private Albergue, hotel, supermarket, restaurant, ATM, pharmacy

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Combarro - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Nuestra Señora del Camino	book here	\$
A Casa de Santos	book here	\$-\$\$
Casa Mariñeira	book here	\$\$
A Casa do Redeiro	book here	\$\$
Apartamento La Cantera	book here	\$\$
Atico Mirador Rualeira	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hotel Xeito	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Casa Noelmar	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Apartamento La Cantera	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Casa Rualeira	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 16. Combarro to Armenteira, 10 km/6.2 mi

- Distance – 10 km/6.2 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 406 m
- Descent – 150 m
- Walking surface – 7.5 km/4.6 mi - footpath/gravel road, 2.5 km/1.5 mi - tar road.

Highlights

- A beautiful walk through the forest between Combarro and Armenteira
- [The Monastery of Armenteira](#).

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Challenges

- A steep and long ascent from Combarro, 400 m up.
- A steep descent to Armenteira, 150 m down.

Stops along the route stage 16

Distance	Name	Facilities
10 km/6.2 mi	Armenteira	Municipal Albergue, hotel, restaurant

Armenteira - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Armenteira	+34 619 53 40 87	\$
Albergue Turistico En Armenteira A Fragua do Ferreiro	book here	\$
Albergue Armenteira	book here	\$-\$\$
Albergue CAROI HOSTEL & ROOMS Armenteira	book here	\$-\$\$
Monasterio de Armenteira	info here	\$\$
CARBALLO DE PRADO 1900	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Pousada Armenteira	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 17. Armenteira to Ponte Arnelas, 13 km/8 mi

- Distance – 13 km/8 mi
- Time – 3-4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 50 m
- Descent – 270 m

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- Walking surface – 10 km/6.2 mi - footpath/gravel road; 3 km/1.8 mi - tar road.

Highlights

- A beautiful walk through a lush green forest along the river with small waterfalls and big boulders covered in moss.
- A walk through a quiet area along the river, between the vineyards.

Challenges

- A long descent from Combarro through the forest, 250 m down.

Stops along the route stage 17

Distance	Name	Facilities
5 km/3,1 mi	Restaurant	
6,5 km/4 mi	Restaurant	
10 km/6,2 mi	Restaurant	
13 km/8 mi	Ponte Arnelas	Hotel, restaurant, shop, pharmacy

Ponte Arnelas - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Hostal O Legado de Ramira	book here	\$\$
Casa Carmucha	book here	\$\$

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Stage 18. Ponte Arnelas to Vilanova de Arousa, 10.5 km/6.5 mi

- Distance – 10.5 km/6.5 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 150 m
- Descent – 130 m
- Walking surface – 3 km/1.8 mi - footpath/gravel road; 7.5 km/4.6 mi - tar road.

Highlights

- A walk along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean for the last 3 km to Vilanova de Arousa.

Challenges

- No particular challenges, a nice and easy walking day.

Stops along the route stage 18

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi		Restaurant
6.5 km/4 mi		Bar
8-10 km/ 5-6.2 mi		A couple of restaurants
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Vilanova de Arousa	Municipal Albergue, hotel, restaurant, bar, pharmacy, ATM

Vilanova de Arousa - Accommodation

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Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal albergue de Arousa	+34 619 534 087	\$
Albergue A Corticela	book here	\$
Albergue A Salazon	info here	\$
Hotel Bradomin	book here	\$\$
Guest house SAL E PEDRA	book here	\$\$
Apartamentos AD	book here	\$\$
Arco da Vella apartamentos	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Alquileres Delfina (1-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Marujita Vilanova	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 19. Vilanova de Arousa to O Faramello, 13 km/8 mi

You can buy a boat ticket online or at the office in Vilanova de Arousa. I suggest booking it online in advance to make sure you get a spot on the boat, during the season it fills up quickly.

Two companies offer a boat ride

- [La Barca del Peregrino](#)
- [A Mare Turismo Nautico](#)

- Distance – 28 km/17 mi by boat + 13 km/8 mi walking from Pontecesures to O Faramello.
- Time – 1h30min. – the boat ride; 3-4 hours – walking
- Ascent – 90 m
- Descent – 86 m
- Walking surface – 1.5 km/0.6 mi - footpath/gravel; 11.5 km/7.1 mi - tar road.

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Highlights

- The spectacular boat ride from Vilanova de Arousa to Pontecesures.
- The historical center of Padron (the Church of Santiago, the Convent of Santo Antonio de Herbon).
- The beautiful Galician forest.

Challenges

- Walking next to a busy road between 4 km/2.4 mi and 5 km/3.1 mi

Stops along the route stage 19

Distance	Name	Facilities
28 km/17.3 mi (boat ride)	Pontecesures The start of the walk	Municipal Albergue, hotel, restaurant, bar, shop, pharmacy, ATM
2 km/1.2 mi	Padrón	Municipal Albergue, private Albergues, hotel, restaurant, bar, supermarket, pharmacy, ATM
4-5 km/ 2.4-3.1 mi		Along a busy road
4.2 km/2.6 mi		Restaurant, cafe
4.7 km/2.9 mi		Hotel, restaurant
5-6 km/ 3.1-3.7 mi		Walking through villages
7.5 km/4.6 mi		Private Albergue O Logar de Jesus
8.2 km/5 mi	A Esclavitude	Guesthouses, shop, restaurant, bar,
10.9 km/6.7 mi		A rest area
11 km/6.8 mi	Areal	Guesthouse
11.5 km/7.1 mi	Picaraña	Several hotels and restaurants along the route

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12-13 km/ 7.4-8 mi		Walking through the forest
13 km/8 mi	O Faramello	MA, PA, restaurant, bar

O Faramello - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos de Teo	info here	\$
Albergue La Calabaza del Peregrino	book here	\$

Stage 20. O Faramello to Santiago de Compostela, 14 km/8.6 mi

- Distance – 14 km/8.6 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 410 m
- Descent – 196 m
- Walking surface – 10 km/6.2 mi – asphalt; 4 km/2.4 mi – footpath/gravel.
- Walking on the road – 0.6 km/0.3 mi on a quiet road

Highlights

- The historical center of Santiago de Compostela.
- Arriving at Obradoiro Square and seeing the Cathedral and hundreds of other pilgrims.

Challenges

- Several ascents throughout the day.

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Stops along the route stage 20

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.4 km/0.8 mi	Teo	Hotel/restaurant
2.8 km/1.7 mi		Cafe/shop
3.2 km/1.9 mi	Pedreira	Private Albergue/cafe
6.6 km/4.1 mi	O Milladoiro	PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies
9.6 km/6 mi		Cafe/souvenir shop
12 km/7.4 mi		A route split both routes go to the Cathedral, one is a bit longer
13 km/8 mi	Santiago de Compostela	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
14 km/8.6 mi	Cathedral and Obradoiro Square	The end of the Camino Portuguese

Santiago de Compostela - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue San Lazaro (3 km/1.8 mi from the cathedral)	+34 981 571 488	\$
Albergue Seminario Menor	book here	\$
Dream in Santiago	book here	\$
Albergue O Fogar de Teodomiro	book here	\$
Albergue Porta Real	book here	\$
Albergue The Last Stamp	book here	\$

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Santiago KM-0	book here	\$
Hostal San Pelayo	book here	\$\$
Hotel A Tafona do Peregrino	book here	\$\$
Hotel Alda Avenida	book here	\$\$
Pensión Residencia Fornos	book here	\$\$
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Hospedaria San Martin Pinario	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Parador Hostal Reis Catolicos	book here	\$\$\$

Santiago de Compostela tours and activities

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2. [Finisterre and Costa da Morte: The Most Complete Tour of Santiago.](#)
3. [Old town walking tour in a small group.](#)
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