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Coastal Route + Spiritual Variant from Porto to Santiago de Compostela - 281 km/174 mi

Average stage - 17 km/10.5 mi

Longest stage - 23 km/13 mi

Porto places to stay

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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	\$\$-\$\$\$
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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. Se Cathedral to Aldeia Nova, 17 km/10.5 mi

- Distance – 17 km/10.5 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 200 m
- Descent – 220 m
- Walking surface – 2 km/1.2 mi – boardwalk; 14 km/8.6 mi – tar road; 1 km/0.6 mi – cobbled
- Walking along the coast - 4 km/2.4 mi + 10 km/6.2 mi - along the Douro River

Highlights

- Se Cathedral and the historical center of Porto
- Walking along the Douro River
- Walking along beautiful beaches
- Farol de Leça, a high lighthouse with the museum
- Boardwalk along the coast

Challenges

- The first 10 km/6.2 mi from the Cathedral are not marked. It's not difficult to find the route; you follow the Douro River for 10 km/6.2 mi till you get to the information office in Matosinhos. From there you can follow the yellow arrows.

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Stops along the route stage 1

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-6 km/ 0-3.7 mi	Porto	Along the Douro River, restaurants and cafes. You can skip the first 6 km by taking a tram #1 or #18 from the Cathedral to Passeio Alegre.
6 km/3.7 mi	Foz de Douro	São João Baptista Fortress and Barra do Douro Lighthouse
10.5 km/ 6.5 mi	Matosinhos Information office	You can get a stamp and find out where to buy a Credential. The first official Camino sign since the Cathedral.
10.5-13 km / 6.5-8 mi	Through Matosinhos	Restaurants, shops, cafes, ATMs
13 km/8 mi	Tourism information office	You can get a stamp or find out where to get a Credential
13 km/8 mi	Leça da Palmeira	Hotels, restaurants, bars, shops
13-17 km / 8-10.5 mi	Along the coast	Several cafes and restaurants along the beach. Some of them are closed in winter
15-17 km / 9.3-10.5 mi	On the boardwalk	
17 km/10.5 mi	Aldeia Nova	Guesthouses, restaurant, bar

Aldeia Nova - accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Casa Velha	book here	\$\$

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Casarão Paraíso	book here	\$\$

Stage 2. Aldeia Nova to Vila do Conde, 16.5 km/10.2 mi

- Distance – 16.5 km/10.2 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 80 m
- Descent – 75 m
- Walking surface – 15 km/9.3 mi – boardwalk; 1.5 km/0.9 mi – tar road.
- Walking along the coast – 15 km/9.3 mi.

Highlights

- Spectacular coastal scenery and beaches
- The historical center of Vila do Conde (Aqueduct Santa Clara, Convent of Santa Clara, Church of St. Clara).

Challenges

- Nothing in particular, a pleasant walking day by the sea.

Stops along the route stage 2

*MA - municipal (public) albergue

**PA - private albergue

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-9 km/ 0-5.6 mi	Agudela	A big supermarket, 400 m away from the Camino It's the last big shop for the day.
3 km/1.9 mi	Praia de Angeiras	Orbitur Campsite, guesthouse

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6 km/3.7 mi	Labruge, a small town	MA* (900 m away from the route, inland), guesthouse, cafes, restaurants
7 km/4.3 mi	Vila Chã, a small town	MA (800 m from the Camino, inland), guesthouses, campsite, cafes, restaurant
9 km/5.6 mi		Along the coast on the boardwalk
9-15 km / 5.6-9.3 mi	Praia de Mindelo	Hotels, restaurants, a shop
11.5 km/7.1 mi	Praia do Árvore	Hotels, restaurants, cafes, a shop
13.8 km/8.6 mi	Praia da Azurara	A guesthouse, cafes
14.5 km/9 mi		The route goes inland through Vila do Conde
15-16.5 km / 9.3-10.2 mi	Vila do Conde	MA, PA**, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacies

Vila do Conde - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos Santa Clara	+351 252 104 717	\$
HI Vila do Conde - Pousada de Juventude	book here	\$
Albergue Casa da Laura	+351 935 470 990	\$
Laranjal Guesthouse	book here	\$\$
Venceslau Wine Boutique Hostel	book here	\$\$
B&B HOTEL Vila do Conde	book here	\$\$
Vila do Conde - Os Maias	book here	\$\$
Residencial Princesa do Ave	book here	\$\$
A Rendilheira Boutique Hotel	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Stage 3. Vila do Conde to Apulia, 18 km/11 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 119 m
- Accumulated descent – 116 m
- Walking surface – 6 km/3.7 mi – boardwalk; 6 km/3.7 mi – tar road; 6 km/3.7 mi – cobblestones.
- Walking along the coast – 10 km/6.2 mi

Highlights

- A picturesque coastal walk between Espozende and Aguçadoura.
- A beautiful walk along the beach for 4 km/2.4 mi from Apulia.
- A beautiful small church in Apulia.

Challenges

- Walking through the cities (Vila do Conde and Póvoa de Varzim) for about 3 km/1.8 mi.

Stops along the route stage 3

Distance	Name	Facilities
3.3 km/ 2 mi	Póvoa de Varzim	MA (donation), hostel, hotels, restaurants, shops, ATMs, pharmacies
6.5 km/4 mi	O Ver a Mar	Hostel, hotels, restaurants, cafes
10.5 km/6.5 mi	Aguçadoura	MA, guesthouses, a shop, a restaurant, a bar
10.5-14.5 km/ 6.5-9 mi		On a boardwalk along the beach

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14.5 km/ 9 mi		A bar
18 km/11.2 mi	Apulia	PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops

Apulia - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Santiago da Costa	+351 961 885 803	\$
Hostel LUHU Surf Camp	info here	\$
Home of pilgrims d`Apúlia	book here	\$-\$\$
CMB Guesthouse	book here	\$\$
Quartos para Férias - Apúlia	book here	\$\$
Apulia Praia Hotel	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
vianahouse	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Apúlia Beach Avenue	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 4. Apulia to Belinho, 14.5 km/9 mi

- Distance – 14.5 km/9 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 245 m
- Accumulated descent – 263 m
- Walking surface – 8.5 km/5.2 mi – tar road; 6 km/3.7 mi – cobblestones.
- Walking along the coast – 1 km/0.6 mi

Highlights

- The small historical center of Fao
- The historical center and the promenade in Esposende.

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Challenges

- Nothing, in particular, an easy walk along the coast and through towns.

Stops along the route stage 4

Distance	Name	Facilities
3.5 km/ 2.2 mi	Fão	Hostels, guesthouses, restaurants, cafes, shops
4.5 km/ 2.8 mi		A cafe
5.3 km/ 3.3 mi		Hotel/restaurant
5.5 km/ 3.5 mi	Esposende	Hostels, hotels, restaurants, bars, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacies
10.5 km/ 6.5 mi	Marinhas	MA, guest houses, restaurants, a shop
13.5-15.5 km/ 8.4-9.6 mi		Several cafes and bars
14.5 km/ 9 mi	Belinho	Guesthouses, cafes, a shop

Belinho - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Casa São Pedro Belinho ONLY PILGRIMS	book here	\$\$
Casa do Chino	book here	\$\$
Casa do Pitoco	book here	\$\$
Antas Guest House	book here	\$\$
Casa do Passal (2-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$\$

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Stage 5. Belinho to Viana do Castelo 17 km/10.6 mi

- Distance – 17 km/10.6 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Accumulated ascent – 296 m
- Accumulated descent – 275 m
- Walking surface – 8.5 km/5.2 mi – tar road/asphalt, 3 km/1.8 mi – cobblestones, 5.5 km/3.4 mi – footpath
- Walking along the coast – 0 km, the entire stage is inland

Highlights

- A spectacular forest with a river between 2.4 km/1.4 mi and 3.7 km/2.2 mi. One of the most beautiful forest walks on the Portuguese Camino.
- Several beautiful churches where you can get stamps.
- A nice forest walk between 5.2 km/3.2 mi and 6.6 km/4.1 mi.
- The historical center of Viana do Castelo.

Challenges

- Several ascents and descents along the route.
- Walking on hard surfaces e.g. cobbled stones which are tougher on your feet.
- Walking on the sidewalk along a busy road for the last 2 km to Viana do Castelo.

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Stops along the route stage 5

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.4-3.7 km/ 1.5-2.3 mi		On a footpath through the forest
4 km/ 2.5 mi	Castelo do Neiva	
5 km/3.1 mi		The church of St Iago (stamp)
5.2-6.6 km/ 3.2-4.1 mi		A beautiful forest walk
6.5 km/4 mi		A food stop
9.5 km/5.9 mi	Chafe	Guesthouses and a cafe
12 km/7.5 mi	Anha, a small town	PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, a shop
14.5-16.5 km/ 9-10.2 mi		Walking along a busy street with many cars
9.9 km/6.1 mi		The Eiffel Bridge to Viana do Castelo
17 km/10.5 mi	Viana do Castelo	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, bars, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacies

Viana do Castelo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de peregrinos São João da Cruz dos Caminhos	+351 258 822 264	\$
Albergue de Santa Luzia	book here	\$
Villa Margarida	book here	\$
Hotel Jardim Viana do Castelo	book here	\$-\$

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HI Viana do Castelo - Pousada de Juventude	book here	\$\$
Rua Grande Hotel	book here	\$\$
Valentim House	book here	\$\$
Alex Point - Guest House	book here	\$\$
Hotel Margarida Da Praça	book here	\$\$
Pensao O Laranjeira	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
AP Dona Aninhas	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 6. Viana do Castelo to Vila Praia de Âncora, 18 km/11.1 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 318 m
- Descent – 305 m
- Walking surface – 3 km/1.8 mi – footpath; 10.5 km/6.5 mi – tar road; 4.5 km/2.7 mi – cobbled
- Walking along the coast - 0 km/0 mi you see the sea from far from time to time

Highlights

- Narrow cobbled streets with high stone walls in the first half of the walk.
- 6th-century convent Sao Joao de Cabanas, 30min. walk from Carreço.
- At 14 km/8,6 mi – a wonderful cafe in the middle of the forest with outside tables and chairs.
- A beautiful forest in the middle part.

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- The historical part of Vila Praia de Âncora.

Challenges

- Several ascents and descents.
- Walking on hard surfaces (tar roads, cobblestones) for most of the day.

Stops along the route stage 6

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-4 km/ 0-2.4 mi		The Camino goes through Viana do Castelo and its neighbourhoods
4-10 km / 2.4-6.2 mi		The route goes through small villages and fields
10 km/6.2 mi	Carreço, a small town	PA, guesthouses, restaurants, a shop, a pharmacy
11 km/6.8 mi		PA
12-13 km/ 7.4-8 mi		Walking through the forest
14 km/8.6 mi		A cosy cafe in the forest
17 km/10.5 mi	Âncora	A guesthouse, cafes
18 km/11.2 mi	Vila Praia de Âncora	Hostels, hotels, restaurants, bars, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacies, beach

Vila Praia de Âncora - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Hostel D'Avenida	book here	\$

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Quinta da Quinhas	book here	\$-\$\$
Guest House D'Avenida	book here	\$\$
Vivenda Atlantico	book here	\$\$
Villa Ribeiro	book here	\$\$
Guest House Pereira	book here	\$\$
Casa da Clô	book here	\$\$
Apartamentos Turísticos Vila Praia	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Albergaria Quim Barreiros	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 7. Vila Praia de Âncora (Portugal) to A Guarda (Spain), 14 km/8.6 mi

Today you cross from Portugal to Spain. The Minho River serves as a natural border between the two countries. You cross it by boat. The boats leave regularly throughout the day depending on the tide. You can book a spot and check the timetable [online](#).

- Distance – 14 km/8.6 mi
- Time – 4 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 318 m
- Descent – 305 m
- Walking surface – 1 km/0.6 mi – footpath; 11 km/6.8 mi – tar road; 2 km/1.2 mi – cobbled
- Walking along the coast - 4 km/2.4 mi

Highlights

- The walk along the coast between Vila Praia de Âncora and Moledo
- The historical center of Caminha

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- A boat ride from Caminha to A Pasaxe (pier)
- A beautiful forest walk from A Pasaxe
- The historical center and beaches in A Guarda

Challenges

- A change of time once you cross by boat from Portugal to Spain. Spain is 1 hour ahead.
- A steep ascent from A Pasaxe (the pier)

Stops along the route stage 7

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.5-6.5 km/ 1.6-4 mi		Walking along the coast
6.5 km/ 4 mi	Moledo, a small town	A hostel, guesthouses, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATM, a beach
7.5-9.3 km/ 4.7-5.8 mi		A long stretch along the road
10.5 km/ 6.5 mi	Caminha	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy
	Caminha pier	A boat ride from Caminha (Portugal) to A Pasaxe (Spain). Check departure times and book your ticket online
	A Pasaxe	A small pier
11-13.2 km/ 6.8-8.2 mi		The route goes up through the forest
14 km/8.6 mi	A Guarda	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy, beach

A Guarda - Accommodation

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Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos de A Guarda	+34 619 258 075	\$
Albergue O Peirao	book here	\$
Casa Roda 39	book here	\$\$
Hotel Bruselas	book here	\$\$
Playa Arena Grande Hotel	book here	\$\$
Hotel Eli-Mar	book here	\$\$
Camino Portugués Apartamentos	book here	\$\$
Loft BAINIS Peregrinos	book here	\$\$
Belo Horizonte Guest House	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hotel Vila da Guarda	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 8. A Guarda to Viladesuso, 17 km/10.5 mi

- Distance – 17 km/10.5 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Accumulated ascent – 255 m
- Accumulated descent – 270 m
- Walking surface – 8 km/4.9 mi - tar road/asphalt; 9 km/5.5 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking along the coast - 14 km/8,6

Highlights

- The spectacular coastal scenery from A Guarda
- The Monastery of Oia

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Challenges

- It's a relatively easy walking day mostly along the coast with short parts along the road on the cycling route with coastal views.

Stops along the route stage 7

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-1 km/ 0-0.6 mi		Walking through the town
1 km/0.6 mi		A small beach
1.2 km/0.7 mi		A restaurant
4-5.6 km/ 2.4-3.4 mi		On a cycling route along the road
7 km/4.3 mi	Portecelo, a small town	Hotels, a bar with a seaview
8.5 km/5.2 mi		Guesthouse
10 km/6.2 mi	A Mariña	Guesthouse
13 km/8 mi	Oia	Hotels, restaurants, cafes, a shop, a monastery, a beach
16 km/10 mi		Hotel
17 km/ 10.5 mi	Viladesuso	PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, a shop

Viladesuso - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Alojamiento Camino Portugues Oia	book here	\$

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Albergue da Estrela	info here	\$
Hotel Costa Verde	book here	\$\$
Casa Porto dos Barcos	book here	\$\$
Casa Ángel 1982	book here	\$\$
Hotel Restaurante Glasgow	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 9. Viladesuso to A Ramallosa, 19 km/11.8 mi

- Distance – 19 km/11.8 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours
- Accumulated ascent – 344 m
- Accumulated descent – 362 m
- Walking surface – 15.5 km/9.6 mi - tar road/asphalt; 3.5 km/2.2 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking along the coast - 9 km/5.5 mi

Highlights

- Beautiful coastal views
- A picturesque forest walk between 8 km/5 mi and 9,5 km/5,9 mi
- The historical center of Baiona
- The Old Bridge at the entrance to A Ramallosa
- The historical center of A Ramallosa

Challenges

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

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Stops along the route stage 9

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.6 km/1.6 mi	Porto Mougas	PA, guesthouses
4 km/2.4 mi	Pedra Rubia	A campsite/restaurant
7 km/4.3 mi	A Ermida	A hotel/cafe, campsite
8-9.5 km/ 5-5.9 mi		Through the forest over the hills
11 km/6.8 mi		A restaurant
14 km/8.6 mi	Baiona	PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy, castle, beach
17.5 km/10.8 mi	Sabaris	PA, hotels, campsite, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy, beach
19 km/11.8 mi	A Ramallosa	PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy, beach

A Ramallosa - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Pazo Pias P	book here	\$-\$\$
HOTEL HOLIDAY camino de Santiago	book here	\$-\$\$
Hotel Miramar	book here	\$\$
Hotel Arce	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Stage 10. A Ramallosa to Vigo, 21.5 km/13.3 mi

- Distance – 21.5 km/13.3 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours (moving time)
- Accumulated ascent – 381 m
- Accumulated descent – 345 m
- Walking surface – 13.5 km/8.3 mi – tar road/asphalt; 8 km/5 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking along the coast – 0 km the entire stage is inland

Highlights

- A forest walk between 10 km/6,2 mi and 12 km/7,4 mi
- A beautiful waterfall at 11 km/6,8 mi

Challenges

- Walking along a busy road between 12 km/7,4 mi and 14 km/8,6 mi
- Walking through the city for 4 km/2,4 mi at the end of the stage
- The lack of route marking in Vigo

Stops along the route stage 10

Distance	Name	Facilities
1-12 km / 0.6-7.4 mi		The route goes through the forest and villages
1.6 km/1 mi		A bar
2 km/1.2 mi	Nigran (300 m from the Camino)	Hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATM, pharmacy
4 km/2.4 mi		A cafe, a restaurant
8 km/5 mi	Saians	PA, a cafe

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10-12 km / 6.2-7.4 mi		The Camino goes through the beautiful forest
11 km/6.8 mi		A route split; the right route goes through the forest, the left route goes closer to the road
11.3 km/7 mi		A small waterfall
11.6 km/ 7.2 mi		A route split; the right route goes towards Albergue de O Freixo (5 km away from the Camino route)
12-14 km / 7.4-8.6 mi		Along a busy road with a couple of cafes and restaurants
14.3-17.5 km / 8.8-10.8 mi		Along the river
17.5-21.5 km / 10.8-13.3 mi	Vigo	Through the city of Vigo and its suburbs
21.5 km/ 13.3 mi	The Cathedral of Vigo	MA, hostel, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy

Vigo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de Peregrinos de Vigo	+34 650 812 048	\$
R4Hostel	book here	\$
Hotel Nautico	book here	\$
Hostal Real	book here	\$-\$-\$
Hostal Ancla Dorada	book here	\$-\$-\$
U Hotel Ogalia Vigo	book here	\$\$
Hotel Pantón	book here	\$\$
Hotel Atlántico Vigo	book here	\$\$
Apartamentos Alda Porta do Sol	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Hotel Compostela Vigo	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
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Stage 11. Vigo to Cesantes, 18.5 km/11.5 mi

- Distance – 18.5 km/11.5 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 223 m
- Descent – 242 m
- Walking surface – 13.5 km/8.3 mi – tar road; 5 km/3.1 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking along the coast - 8 km/5 mi - spectacular coastal view from the top of the hill

Highlights

- Stunning views of the coast from the Camino route
- Walking through a beautiful forest with small creeks and waterfalls
- The historical part of Redondela

Challenges

- Finding the route in Vigo without using any sort of navigation
- A couple of steep ascents in the first half of the Litoral Way
- A steep descent 2 km before Redondela
- The Litorla Way merges with the Central Route in Redondela expect to see a lot more people on the Camino from there on.

Stops along the route stage 11

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-3 km/ 0-1.8 mi		The Camino goes through the city

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5-13 km/ 3.1-8 mi		On the slope of the hill, through villages and forest
9 km/5.6 mi		A beautiful waterfall
14 km/8.6 mi		The beginning of a steep descent
16.5 km/ 10.2 mi	Redondela (the Coastal and Central routes merge)	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy
18.5 km/ 11.5 mi	Cesantes	PA, hotel, bar

Cesantes - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue O Refuxio de la Jerezana	book here	\$
A Dársena do Francés	book here	\$
Apartamento San Simón	book here	\$-\$-\$
La Cueva	book here	\$\$
Casa VOL - habitación	book here	\$\$
Alojamiento Casa MINSO	book here	\$\$
Camiño da Praia	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 12. Cesantes to Pontevedra, 18 km/11 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 396 m
- Descent – 371 m

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- Walking surface – 10.5 km/6.5 mi – tar road; 7.5 km/4.6 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
- The historical center of Redondela

Challenges

- A steep ascent (around 140 m) between 3.5 km/2.1 mi and 6.5 km/4 mi
- A steep and short descent (around 100 m) between 6.5 km/4 mi and 8 km/5 mi
- Another steep ascent (around 130 m) between 12 km/7.4 mi and 14 km/8.6 mi

Stops along the route stage 12

Distance	Name	Facilities
0.7 km/0.4 mi		PA
4.5 km/2.7 mi	Soutoxuste	Hotel, restaurant, bar, shop
5.5 km/3.4 mi	Arcade	PA, hotel, restaurants, bars, shops, ATM
7 km/4.3 mi	Pontesanpaio	Hotel, bar, ATM
7.6-9.6 km/ 4.7-5.9 mi		Walking through the forest
13.5 km/8.3 mi		A bar, a shop, a chapel where you can stamp your Credential
13.8 km/8.5		A split on the Central Route. Most people take the

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mi		complementary route because it goes through the forest instead of the "official" route along the road
14-17 km/ 8.6-10.5 mi		Walking on a footpath through the forest
18 km/11 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	\$\$\$

Stage 13. Pontevedra to Armenteira, 21 km/13 mi

- Distance – 21 km/13 mi
- Time – 5-6 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 606 m
- Descent – 358 m
- Walking surface – 9 km/5,5 mi footpath/gravel road, 12 km/7,4 mi asphalt/cobblestones

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Highlights

- The historical centre of Pontevedra
- The monastery of Poio
- The [beautiful old town of Combarro](#)
- A pleasant walk through the forest between Combarro and Armenteira
- The Monastery of Armenteira

Challenges

- Several short ascents and descents in the first half of the day between Pontevedra and Combarro.
- A steep and long ascent, 400 m in the second half of the day from Combarro to Armenteira. After conquering the hill by the end of the day you're quite tired.

Stops along the route stage 13

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi	A route split at the bridge in the forest	The right route is the Central Route, and the left route is the Spiritual Variant. If you want to continue on the Spiritual Variant take the left route.
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
21 km/13 mi	Armenteira	Municipal Albergue, hotel, restaurant

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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 14. Armenteira to Vilanova de Arousa, 23.5 km/14.6 mi

- Distance – 23,6 km/14,6 mi
- Time – 5-6 (moving time)
- Ascent – 170 m
- Descent – 417 m
- Walking surface – 15 km/9.3 mi on a footpath/gravel road, 8 km/5 mi on asphalt, 500 m/0.3 mi on a quiet road

Highlights

- A beautiful walk through the lush green forest along the river with small waterfalls and big boulders
- A quiet walk through a beautiful natural area along the river and between the vineyards
- A walk along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean on the last 3 km/1.8 mi before Vilanova de Arousa

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Challenges

- It was a relatively easy walk with no particularly challenging parts besides the downhill walk at the beginning but it wasn't steep, more of a gradual downhill.

Stops along the route stage 14

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
16 km/10 mi		Restaurant
19,5 km/12 mi		Bar
21-23 km /13-14 mi		A couple of restaurants
23.5 km/14.6 mi	Vilanova de Arousa	Municipal Albergue, hotel, restaurant, bar, pharmacy, ATM

Vilanova de Arousa - Accommodation

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	\$\$

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Apartamentos AD	book here	\$\$
Arco da Vella apartamentos	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Alquileres Delfina (1-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Marujita Vilanova	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 15. Vilanova de Arousa to Pedreira (Teo), 16.5 km/10.2 mi

This stage involves a boat ride. It's an official part of the route. 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 – 16.5 km/10.2 mi
- Time – 4 (moving time)
- Ascent – 170 m
- Descent – 417 m
- Walking surface – 1.5 km/0.9 mi on a footpath/gravel road, 15 km/9.3 mi on tar road/asphalt

Highlights

- A 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

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Stops along the route stage 15

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	Padron	MA, PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies
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
12-13 km/ 7.4-8 mi		Walking through the forest
13 km/8 mi	O Faramello	MA, PA, restaurant, bar
14.4 km/9 mi	Teo	Hotel/restaurant
15.8 km/9.8 mi		Cafe/shop
16.2 km/ 10 mi	Pedreira (Teo)	Private Albergue, hotel, cafe

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Pedreira (Teo) - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Aldea da Pedreira	book here	\$
Albergue Calm Stay	book here	\$\$
Casa Aurora (3-bedroom house)	book here	\$\$
Casa da Braña (3-bedroom house)	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 16. Pedreira(Teo) to Santiago de Compostela, 11.5 km/7.1 mi

- Distance – 11.5 km/7.1 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 410 m
- Descent – 196 m
- Walking surface – 7.5 km/4.6 mi – asphalt; 4 km/2.4 mi – footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 600 m/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 16

Distance	Name	Facilities
3.5 km/2.1 mi	O Milladoiro	PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies
6.5 km/4 mi		Cafe/souvenir shop
9 km/5.6 mi		A route split both routes go to the Cathedral, one is a bit longer
10 km/6.2 mi	Santiago de Compostela	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
11.5 km/7.1 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	\$
Santiago KM-0	book here	\$
Hostal San Pelayo	book here	\$\$
Hotel A Tafona do Peregrino	book here	\$\$
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