

Coastal + Central + Spiritual Route from Viana do Castelo

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Coastal + Central route + Spiritual Variant from Viana do Castelo to Santiago de Compostela - 183.5 km/114 mi

Average stage - 20 km/12.4 mi

Longest stage - 25 km/15.5 mi

Viana do Castelo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
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Albergue de peregrinos São João da Cruz dos Caminhos	+351 258 822 264	\$
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Villa Margarida	book here	\$
Hotel Jardim Viana do Castelo	book here	\$-\$
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 1. Viana do Castelo to Vila Praia de Âncora, 18 km/11 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11 mi

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- 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.
- 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 1

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

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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 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	\$
Guesthouse Pereira	book here	\$-\$\$
Guest House D'Avenida	book here	\$\$
Quinta da Quinhas	book here	\$\$
Casa da Clô	book here	\$\$
Villa Ribeiro	book here	\$\$
Sossego da Laurinda	book here	\$\$
Abrigo do Portinho	book here	\$\$
Albergaria Quim Barreiros	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hotel Meira	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 2. Vila Praia de Âncora to Gondarém, 19 km/11.8 mi

- Distance – 19 km/11.8 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 270 m

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- Descent – 225 m
- Walking surface – 17 km/10.5 mi – tar road; 2 km/1.2 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking along the coast - 6 km/3.7 mi
- Walking on the road - 1.5 km/1 mi

Highlights

- A spectacular coastal walk from Praia de Ancora to Moledo
- The historical center of Caminha
- Many beautiful traditional Portuguese churches and chapels. I think I saw more than 10 of them on the way from Caminha to Valença. Every town or village along the route has one.
- A beautiful forest walk between 16 km/10 mi – and 18 km/11 mi.

Challenges

- Several short ascents and descents on the route through the forest

Stops along the route stage 2

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-5 km/ 0-3.1 mi		Walking along the coast
5 km/3.1 mi	Moledo, a small town	A hostel, guesthouses, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATM, a beach
6-8 km/ 3.7-5 mi		A long stretch along the road
9 km/5.5 mi	Caminha	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy
12 km/7.4 mi	Seixas	Private Albergue, hotels, cafes, shop, pharmacy
16-18 km/ 10-11 mi		On a footpath through the forest
19 km/11.8 mi	Gondarem	Hotels, restaurants

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Gondarem - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Cantinho do sossego	book here	\$\$
Casas da Loureira Cerveira	+351 966 626 333	\$\$
Casa IRIS	+351 962 344 446	\$\$
Hotel Boega	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 3. Gondarém to Valença, 20 km/12.4 mi

- Distance – 20 km/12.4 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 204 m
- Descent – 180 m
- Walking surface – 18 km/11 mi – tar road; 2 km/1.2 mi – footpath/gravel road

Highlights

- The historical center of Vila Nova de Cerveira.
- Valença Fortress and Old Town.

Challenges

- Several short ascents and descents in the first half of the route.

Stops along the route stage 3

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-5.5 km/0-3.1 mi		Through villages and forest
1.5 km/0.9 mi		Hotel Boega
5 km/3.1 mi	Vila Nova de Cerveira	Hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATM, pharmacy

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5.5 km/3.4 mi		Hotels
12 km/7.4 mi		A guesthouse
14.5 km/9 mi	São Pedro da Torre	Hotels, restaurants, shop
18.5 km/11.4 mi	Valença outskirts	Cafes, hotels, shops, pharmacies
19.5 km/12.1 mi	Valença historical center	Municipal Albergue, Private Albergue, hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATMs, pharmacies

Valença - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal Albergue São Teotónio	+351 961 168 501	\$
Alvorada Medieval	book here	\$
Hostel Bulwark	book here	\$
Albergue e AL O Brasão Valença	book here	\$-\$
Hotel MABI	book here	\$\$
Hotel Val Flores	book here	\$\$
Alojamento da Vila	book here	\$\$
Residencial Portas do Sol	book here	\$\$
Domus Avocat	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Apartamentos Lumar	book here	
Pousada de Valença	book here	\$\$\$

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Stage 4. Valença to Porriño, 20.5 km/12.7 mi

- Distance – 20.5 km/12.7 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 192 m
- Descent – 204 m
- Walking surface – 17.5 km/10.8 mi – tar road; 3 km/1.8 mi – footpath/gravel road
- Walking on the road - 2 km/1.2 mi

Highlights

- The historical center of Tui
- A beautiful forest walk after Tui

Challenges

- A change of time after crossing the bridge between Portugal and Spain. Spain is 1 hour ahead of Portugal.
- If you don't take an optional forest route at 14.5 km/9 mi you will walk through a large industrial area. So take the optional route (the left route) that goes along the river.

Stops along the route stage 4

Distance	Name	Facilities
1-2 km / 0.6-1.2 mi	Valença Fortress	Hotels, restaurants, bars, shops
3 km/1.8 mi	Bridge over the Minho River	Crossing from Portugal to Spain
5 km/3.1 mi	Tui (Spain)	MA, PA, hostels, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, bars, ATMs, pharmacies
12 km/7.4 mi	Ribadelouru	Guesthouse, cafe

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13.7 km/ 8.5 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
14.2 km/ 8.2 mi	On the main route just after the split	Albergue Casa Alternativo
14.5-18.5 km/ 9-11.4 mi	On the main route	A large industrial area
18.5 km/ 11.4 mi	On the main route	Restaurant
18.5-20.5 km/ 11.4-12.7 mi	On the main route	Walking next to a busy road
19.5 km/12.1 mi	On the main route	Restaurant, bar
20.5 km/12.7 mi	Porriño	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 5. Porriño to Cesantes, 18 km/11.1 mi

- Distance – 18 km/11.1 mi
- Time – 5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 283 m
- Descent – 305 m
- Walking surface – 16.5 km/10.3 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 5

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.5 km/1.5 mi	Veigadaña	MA, bar
4.3 km/2.6 mi		A vending machine with snacks and drinks
5 km/3.1 mi	Mos	MA, rental apartment, restaurant, bar

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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
18 km/11.1 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 6. Cesantes to Pontevedra, 18 km/11 mi

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

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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 6

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 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
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

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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 7. 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

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

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- 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 7

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

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	\$-\$\$

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Monasterio de Armenteira	info here	\$\$
CARBALLO DE PRADO 1900	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Pousada Armenteira	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 8. 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

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 8

Distance	Name	Facilities
5 km/3.1 mi		Restaurant
6,5 km/4 mi		Restaurant

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

Stage 9. Vilanova de Arousa to Milladoiro, 19.5 km/12 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.

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Two companies offer a boat ride

- [La Barca del Peregrino](#)
- [A Mare Turismo Nautico](#)
- Distance – 19.5 km/12 mi
- Time – 5 (moving time)
- Ascent – 136 m
- Descent – 90 m
- Walking surface – 2 km/1.2 mi on a footpath/gravel road, 17.5 km/10.8 mi on asphalt.

Highlights

- A spectacular boat ride from Vilanova de Arousa to Pontecesures.
- 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 9

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

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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/8.9 mi	Teo	Hotel/restaurant
15.8 km/9.8 mi		Cafe/shop
16.2 km/10 mi	Pedreira	Private Albergue/cafe
19.5 km /12 mi	O Milladoiro	PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies

O Milladoiro - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Albergue Milladoiro	book here	\$
Pension O Camino Milladoiro	book here	\$\$
B&B HOTEL Santiago Milladoiro	book here	\$\$
Hotel Payro	book here	\$\$
Alojamiento Santa Maria II	book here	\$\$
Apartamento En Camino	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Casa Rural as Bentinas	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Stage 10. O Milladoiro to Santiago de Compostela, 8 km/5 mi

- Distance – 8 km/5 mi
- Time – 2 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 390 m
- Descent – 166 m
- Walking surface – 5 km/3.1 mi – asphalt, 3 km/1.8 mi – footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 600 m 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.

Stops along the route stage 10

Distance	Name	Facilities
3 km/1.8 mi		Cafe/souvenir shop
5.5 km/3.4 mi		A route split both routes go to the Cathedral, one is a bit longer
6.5 km/4 mi	Santiago de Compostela	MA, PA, hotel, ATM, supermarket, pharmacy, restaurant, bar
8 km/5 mi	Cathedral and Obradoiro Square	The end of the Camino Portuguese

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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	\$\$
Hotel Alda Avenida	book here	\$\$
Pensión Residencia Fornos	book here	\$\$
Pensión Residencia Fonseca	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hospedaria San Martin Pinario	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
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1. [Santiago: Cathedral & Museum Tour + Pórtico of Glory Option.](#)
2. [Finisterre and Costa da Morte: The Most Complete Tour of Santiago.](#)
3. [Old town walking tour in a small group.](#)
4. [Tapas Tour of Santiago de Compostela.](#)

Coastal + Central + Spiritual Route from Viana do Castelo

20 km/12.4 mi - Walking stages + Accommodation

Portuguese Camino planning resources

- [How to train for the Camino?](#)
- [10 easy steps to prepare for the pilgrimage.](#)
- [What to pack for the Portuguese Camino de Santiago?](#)
 - [Best shoes to walk the Camino](#)
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