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The Coastal + Central Route from Viana do Castelo to Santiago de Compostela - 177 km/110 mi.

Average stage - 17 km/10.5 mi

Longest stage - 21 km/13 mi

Viana do Castelo - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
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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	\$\$\$

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Stage 1. 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.
- 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.

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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
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	\$
Quinta da Quinhas	book here	\$-\$\$
Guest House D'Avenida	book here	\$\$
Vivenda Atlantico	book here	\$\$
Villa Ribeiro	book here	\$\$
Guest House Pereira	book here	\$\$

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Casa da Clô	book here	\$\$
Apartamentos Turísticos Vila Praia	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Albergaria Quim Barreiros	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 2. Vila Praia de Âncora to Seixas, 12.8 km/8 mi

- Distance – 12.8 km/8 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 187 m
- Descent – 174 m
- Walking surface – 1 km/0.6 mi – footpath; 9.8 km/6 mi – tar road; 2 km/1.2 mi – cobbled.
- Walking along the coast - 4 km/2.4 mi
- Walking on the road - 1.5 km/0.9 mi

Highlights

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

Challenges

- 1 km/0.6 mi of walking on a narrow shoulder of the road.

Stops along the route stage 2

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.5-6.5 km / 1.6-4 mi		Walking along the coast

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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
10.4 km/6.5 mi	Caminha	MA, PA, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATM, pharmacy
12.8 km/8 mi	Seixas	Private Albergue, hotels, cafes, shop, pharmacy

Seixas - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Albergue de São Bento	book here	\$
Donna Nega Alojamento Local	book here	\$\$
Residencial Sao Pedro	info here	\$\$
aMaRe Country House	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 3. Seixas to Vila Nova de Cerveira, 12.8 km/8 mi

- Distance – 12.8 km/8 mi
- Time – 3 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 240 m
- Descent – 180 m
- Walking surface – 10.8 km/6.7 mi – tar road; 2 km/1.2 mi – footpath/gravel road.

Highlights

- 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.

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- A beautiful forest walk between 4.5 km/2.7 mi and 6.5 km/4 mi.
- The historical center of Vila Nova de Cerveira.

Challenges

- Several ascents and descents along the route.

Stops along the route stage 3

Distance	Name	Facilities
2.2-6.4 km/1.5-4 mi		On a footpath through the forest
6.7 km/4.2 mi	Gondarem	Hotel
6.4-12.8 km/4-8 mi		Through villages and forest
8.3 km/5.2 mi		Hotel Boega
12.8 km/8 mi	Vila Nova de Cerveira	Hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATM, pharmacy

Vila Nova de Cerveira - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
Casa Gwendoline - Albergue / Hostel	book here	\$
HI Vila Nova de Cerveira	book here	\$
Pilgrims Rest - Hostel - Albergue	book here	\$
Casa Nossominho	book here	\$\$
Casa Cervo Artes	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Quinta de São Roque	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Casa do Cais Cerveira	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Stage 4. Vila Nova de Cerveira (Portugal) to Tui (Spain), 17.5 km/10.8 mi

- Distance – 17.5 km/10.8 mi
- Time – 6 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 235 m
- Descent – 205 m
- Walking surface – 16.5 km/10.2 mi – tar road; 1 km/0.6 mi – footpath/gravel road.
- Walking on the road - 0 km

Highlights

- The historical center of Valença
- Valença Fortress and walls
- The bridge over the Minho River
- The historical center of Tui

Challenges

- A change of time once you cross over the bridge from Portugal to Spain. Spain is 1 hour ahead.

Stops along the route stage 4

Distance	Name	Facilities
1.6 km/1 mi		Hotels
7 km/4.3 mi		A guesthouse
9.6 km/6 mi		Restaurants
10.4 km/6.5 mi	São Pedro da Torre	Cafes, shop, hotel
13.3 km/8.3 mi	Valença outskirts	Cafes, hotels, shops, pharmacies
14.5 km/9 mi	Valença historical center	Municipal Albergue, Private Albergue, hotels, restaurants, cafes, shops, ATMs, pharmacies

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14.5-15.5 km / 9-9.6 mi	Valença Fortress	Hotels, restaurants, bars, shops
15.5 km/9.6 mi	Bridge over the Minho River	Crossing from Portugal to Spain
17.5 km/10.8 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	\$\$
El Atico de Villalmar (penthouse apartment)	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 5. 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

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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 5

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
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/8.3 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
16 km /10 mi	Porriño	Municipal Albergue, private Albergues, hotels, restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, ATMs, pharmacy

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

Stage 6. 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.

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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 6

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
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	\$-\$-\$

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La Cueva	book here	\$\$
Casa VOL - habitación	book here	\$\$
Alojamiento Casa MINSO	book here	\$\$
Camiño da Praia	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 7. 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

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

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Stops along the route stage 7

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

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	\$\$

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PENSIÓN SANTA CLARA	book here	\$\$
Acolá Rooms	book here	\$\$
Hotel Boa Vila	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Galicia Palace	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 8. Pontevedra to Caldas de Reis, 21 km/13 mi

- Distance – 21 km/13 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 275 m
- Descent – 270 m
- Walking surface – 12 km/7,4 mi – asphalt, 9 km/5,6 mi – footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 0 km, 1 km on a footpath along the road

Highlights

- The beautiful forest between 6 and 9 km and between 16 km and 19 km
- The charming historical center of Caldas de Reis

Challenges

- No places to stop for food/coffee for the first 9 km
- 12 km/7,4 mi walking on tar (asphalt)

Stops along the route stage 8

Distance	Name	Facilities
0-1.4 km /	Pontevedra	Cafes, restaurants, shops, hotels, ATMs

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0-0.8 mi		
3 km/1.8 mi	The route splits	The optional route of the Portuguese Camino - the Spiritual Variant
9 km/5.5 mi	A Portela	Cafe Pousada Peregrino
9.5 km/5.9 mi	A Portela	Private Albergue
9.5-10.5 km/ 5.9-6.5 mi		Walking next to the road on a footpath
11.5 km/7.1 mi		A vending machine, a bar
15 km/9.3 mi		A couple of cafes
16.5 km/ 10.2 mi	Briallos	Municipal Albergue (300 m from the Camino follow the signs)
18 km/11 mi		Cafe
19.5 km/12 mi	Tivo	Private Albergue/bar Vintecatro
21 km/13 mi	Caldas de Reis	PA, hotels, guesthouses, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies

Caldas de Reis - Accommodation

Name	Booking info	Price range
ALBERGUE de Caldas de Reis URRACA	book here	\$
ALBERGUE A QUEIMADA Exclusivo Peregrinos	book here	\$
Albergue GBC Caldas	book here	\$
Albergue Agarimo	book here	\$
Albergue As Pozas Termas	book here	\$
Pensión A Fonte	book here	\$-\$\$
Pensión Atenea & Via Romana	book here	\$-\$\$

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Martínez Rooms Pilgrims	book here	\$-\$\$
Pensión Río Umia	book here	\$\$
Pension As Burgas li	book here	\$\$
TERRA DE AUGAS II (2-bedroom apartment)	book here	\$\$
HOTEL LOTUS	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
Casa Herreria	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 9. Caldas de Reis to Padron, 18.5 km/11.5 mi

- Distance – 18,5 km/11,5 mi
- Time – 4-5 hours (moving time)
- Ascent – 283 m
- Descent – 296 m
- Walking surface – 11 km/6,8 mi – asphalt, 7,5 km/4,6 mi – footpath/gravel
- Walking on the road – 0 km

Highlights

- The picturesque Galician forest with small waterfalls, rivers, and rest areas.
- A beautiful church at 5,8 km/3,6 mi
- The historical center of Padron

Challenges

- An easy walking day on the Camino.

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Stops along the route stage 9

Distance	Name	Facilities
2-5.2 km / 1.2-3.2 mi		Walking through the forest
5 km/3.1 mi		A 40-kilometers to Santiago sign
5.4 km/3.3 mi	O Cruceiro	Bar, guesthouse
5.8 km/3.6 mi		Church of Santa Mariña de Carracedo
7.2 km/4.4 mi		Cafe
8.5 km/5.2 mi		Bar
9.6 km/5.9 mi	O Pino	Municipal Albergue
9.8 km/6 mi		A rest area in the forest
10-11.5 km / 6.2-7.1 mi		Walking through the forest
12 km/7.4 mi	San Miguel de Valga	Cafe, restaurant
14.6 km/9 mi		Rest area
15.5 km/9.6 mi		A water fountain
15.6 km/9.6 mi		A coffee stall
16.5 km/ 10.2 mi	Pontecesures	MA, hotels, shops, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies
18.5 km/11.5 mi	Padron	MA, PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies

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Padron - Accommodation

Hotel/albergue	Booking info	Price range
Municipal Albergue de Padron	info here +34 673 656 173	\$
Albergue and rooms Murgadan	book here	\$
Albergue con encanto d'camino	book here	\$
Albergue and rooms O Pedron	book here	\$
Albergue Camino do Sar	book here	\$
Albergue Corredoiras	book here	\$
Ecorooms Padron	book here	\$\$
Primavera	book here	\$\$
Sleep Padrón	book here	\$\$
Arteleira2 Rooms Apartment	book here	\$\$
Hotel Pazo de Lestrove	book here	\$\$\$

Stage 10. Padron to O Milladoiro, 17.6 km/10.9 mi

- Distance – 17.6 km/10.9 mi
- Time – 5 (moving time)
- Ascent – 136 m
- Descent – 90 m
- Walking surface – 2 km/1.2 mi on a footpath/gravel road; 15.6 km/9.6 mi on asphalt.

Highlights

- The beautiful Galician forest

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Challenges

- Walking next to a busy road between 2 km/1.2 mi and 3 km/1.8 mi

Stops along the route stage 10

Distance	Name	Facilities
2-3 km / 1.2-1.8 mi		Along a busy road
2.2 km/1.3 mi		Restaurant, cafe
2.7 km/1.6 mi		Hotel, restaurant
3-4 km / 1.8-2.4 mi		Walking through villages
5.5 km/3.4 mi		Private Albergue O Logar de Jesus
6.2 km/3.8 mi	A Esclavitude	Guesthouses, shop, restaurant, bar,
8.9 km/5.5 mi		A rest area
9 km/5.5 mi	Areal	Guesthouse
9.5 km/5.9 mi	Picaraña	Several hotels and restaurants along the route
10-11 km / 6.2-6.8 mi		Walking through the forest
11 km/6.8 mi	O Faramello	MA, PA, restaurant, bar
12.4 km/7.7 mi	Teo	Hotel/restaurant
13.8 km/8.5 mi		Cafe/shop
14.2 km/8.8 mi	Pedreira	Private Albergue/cafe
17.6 km /10.9 mi	O Milladoiro	PA, hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, ATMs, pharmacies

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 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 Bentina	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$

Stage 11. 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

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Stops along the route stage 11

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

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	\$\$-\$\$\$

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Hospedaria San Martin Pinarrio	book here	\$\$-\$\$\$
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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.](#)
4. [Tapas Tour of Santiago de Compostela.](#)

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