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Sevilla / Seville

Seville is an all-year major tourist destination and there are lots of backpacker hostels and hotels ranging from cheap to outrageous. The establishments mentioned here are popular with pilgrims. **Easter week** and the week of the **Feria de Abril**, which takes place one or two weeks after Easter, are extremely busy, if you are planning to be in Seville during this time you will need to arrange accommodation well in advance, expect to pay far more than the normal price.

Triana Backpackers is on Calle Rodrigo de Triana, in Triana, across the river from the city centre. This well-run and friendly hostel has dorm beds at the pilgrim price of 16€ and is popular with pilgrims and backpackers (so possibly noisy). You must phone or email to get this price and it's only for your first night. Also singles 25€, doubles 40€. If you're cycling you can contact them about having your bike delivered there a few days before you arrive. They can also arrange bike hire. More information and booking on 954 459 960 or from their Website www.trianahostel.com/en Email sevillatriana@gmail.com

The Nomad Hostel is also popular with pilgrims. Dormitory beds from 22€, singles 60€, doubles 80€. It's at Calle Itálica 1, corner of Calle O'Donnell. Website www.thenomadhostel.com Tel 608 862 153
Hotel Simón, at Calle García de Vinuesa 19, about 120m from the cathedral, has been recommended by several pilgrims, it has double rooms from about 53€. Tel 954 226 660, website www.hotelsimonsevilla.com

Hospedería Convento de Santa Rosalía at Calle Cardenal Spínola 8, in the northern part of the city centre near the Alameda. Traditional pilgrim accommodation. Singles from 30€. Must be booked in advance. Tel 954 383 209

INFO The city of Seville has a population of 701,000. It is the capital of the Province of Seville and the Autonomous Community of Andalusia. Because it's a big city it has everything you're likely to need in the way of shops, cafés, and restaurants, banks, pharmacies, etc., but very little in the way of pilgrim-orientated services. For example, there is no dedicated pilgrim albergue. •

CREDENCIALES (pilgrim passports) are available from the following places: the very helpful and friendly **Amigos del Camino de Santiago en Sevilla**, at Calle Castilla 82, which is on the Camino as it passes through Triana. Opening hours vary, please check their website www.viaplata.org under *Atención al Peregrino*. **Librería Diocesana / Diocesan Book Shop** in the Archbishops Palace on Plaza Virgen de los Reyes, beside the cathedral on the **Giralda** (the tower) side. Go to the main entrance to the Archbishops Palace and it's on the right, 09:00 to 14:00, Monday to Friday. **Hotel Simón** and **Triana**

Backpackers (details above) also sell them. If you're going all the way you'll probably need more than one for all those stamps.

Credenciales are available on the Vía from larger municipal and religious albergues in major towns and cities, but if you think you'll need more than one it might be easier to buy them in advance. If you'll be in Seville at a weekend and you're in a hurry to start walking it might be better to get a Credencial in advance from (for example) your national Camino association. • **EQUIPMENT:** if you need to do some last-minute equipment shopping there's a **Decathlon** outdoor shop in the city centre near Las Setas on Calle Martín Villa. • **SIM CARDS:** if you need a **SIM card**, from Hotel Simón walk 20m towards the cathedral and on your left is a shop, **Photo & Phone**, which sells them. Mobile operator **Labara** has good plans for international calls and data: www.lebara.es **Vodafone** www.vodafone.es and **Orange** www.orange.es

now also do pre-paid plans aimed at visiting foreigners, they have several shops around town. • **PILGRIM MASS (Misa del Peregrino):** every morning at 08:30 in the cathedral, enter by the door on Avenida de la Constitución. • **BE AWARE:** Unfortunately, Seville is a big city and a tourist destination so there's a certain amount of opportunistic thievery and pick-pocketing, especially of mobile phones.

The Vía begins outside the main door of the cathedral, turn right to follow the tram tracks along **Avenida de la Constitución**, then at the corner of the cathedral turn left on to **Calle García de Vinuesa**, then first right on to **Calle Jimios**. This becomes **Calle Zaragoza**, which you follow through various twists and turns until it intersects with **Puerta de Triana**, where you'll see **Café de Indias** on your left. Now turn left and continue straight to cross **Triana Bridge** (Puente de Isabel II). Once across the river turn right after the **Mercado de Triana** along **Calle San Jorge** and **Calle de Castilla**. Where the Camino crosses Ronda de Triana, to the left is a **Carrefour supermarket** that opens at 08:00 working days, otherwise 09:00. 150m further you'll come to a modern square where there's a monument to the Vía de la Plata marking 1000km to Santiago (it's a bit late now to start wondering if what you're doing is a good idea). Walk up the steps to the right which bring you to a main road. Walk anticlockwise around the roundabout, crossing two busy roads (traffic is dangerous here) then turning right on to a footpath and left down to a large, run-down carpark where

you veer right and then left to cross the narrow bridge across the main branch of the Guadalquivir. **This route is marked with yellow arrows but they're easy to miss in the city. Once outside the city they become easier to spot.** 3.3km from the cathedral, just after crossing the narrow bridge over the main branch of the Guadalquivir, you have the **option** to continue straight to pass through the suburb of Camas, or to go right along the bank of the river (muddy after wet weather) and bypass Camas. Don't let the grimness of this first part get you down, things improve once you're out of the city. It's 6km to Santiponce, from the point where the routes divide regardless which way you go.

RIGHT / RIVER ROUTE 5.3km

Walk along the banks of the river for 1.3km then follow a lane as it veers left. In 1.5km you'll pass under an elevated motorway then continue straight under railway tracks and another motorway, then right to join a main road which you follow to the left to a roundabout where you rejoin the left route and turn right towards Santiponce. This route passes through some run down, deserted areas and not everyone will feel comfortable walking it on their own. You may encounter cute donkeys and unfortunately also loose dogs.

LEFT / CAMAS ROUTE 5.2km

1.5km to Camas from where the routes divide. Shops, cafés, bank, pharmacy. In Camas turn right at the roundabout with the fountain in the middle on to **Calle José Payán** and follow this until you come to the **Church of Santa Maria de Gracia** where you take the street to its left, also called **Santa Maria de Gracia**. From here the Camino continues straight along the side of a busy main road through suburbs and industrial areas, through two roundabouts until after 3.3km at a roundabout you come to where the two routes rejoin. Continue straight towards Santiponce.

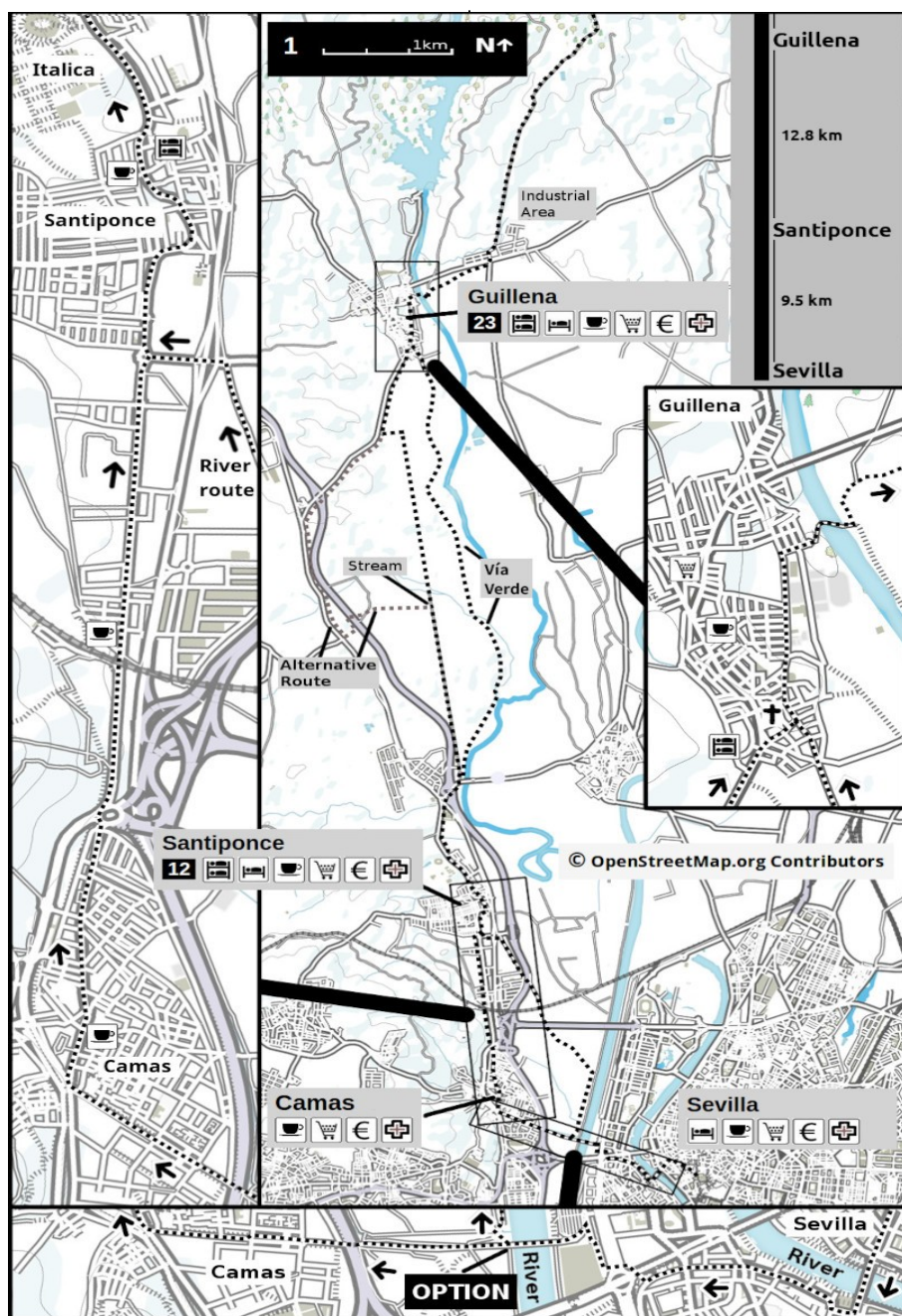
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REJOIN 1km BEFORE SANTIPONCE

9.5km (2h37m) to: **Santiponce**

Italica Hostel

Private | 12 beds | 19€ | Go right of Bodeguita Reyes down Calle de la Iglesia, at the square you will see it opposite. Free tea - coffee and



restaurant **Aldaki Tapas**, on Calle Arroyo, off the roundabout to the left.

Continue north along the main road through Santiponce, after 2.2km veer right at a roundabout and under the motorway and then veer left where the Camino leaves the main road.

In late 2023 construction of a new Vía Verde (greenway) was completed from here to Guillena. It veers right after you leave the main road 2.5km after Santiponce. Camino signposting at this point now indicates both routes. LEFT (or straight ahead) is the original route and RIGHT is the new Vía Verde.

Following the new right route it's 9.7km to Guillena. The route is well waymarked the whole way. There are bridges or pedestrian stepping stones across any streams. This is the best route after rain or if you're cycling. (Although it isn't entirely immune from flooding.)

Following the old left route it's 9.5km to Guillena. There's a stream you need to ford which may be difficult after rain. The local Amigos put a steel beam across the stream just downstream of the ford, however it won't be safe to use if the water is flowing quickly. Fortunately there is an alternative route which branches left 380m before the stream (sometimes there is a temporary signpost here but since it's the only possible left turn on a long straight road it would be hard to miss). Follow this road passing a farmhouse on your right then passing under the motorway, veer left and right to join a main road. Here you turn right and follow the road (veering right) all the way to Guillena. This detour adds about 3km to the day's walk (better than a muddy drenching or worse!)

12.8km (3h29m) to: Guillena

Albergue Luz del Camino

Private | 23 beds | 16€ | On the Camino on the left, on Calle Federico García Lorca. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Positive reports. Website albergueluzdelcamino.es Tel 665 068 222 Open 11:00

Hostal Francés, continue on the main road when the Camino veers right towards the church. Singles from 25€, doubles 45€. Their restaurant does a Menú de Peregrinos. Website www.hostalbarfrances.com Tel 639 594 496 or 625 663 508

INFO Shops, banks, cafés on or near Avenida de Andalucía, the main road through town and the road the Camino arrives on. If you continue straight on this road you'll pass

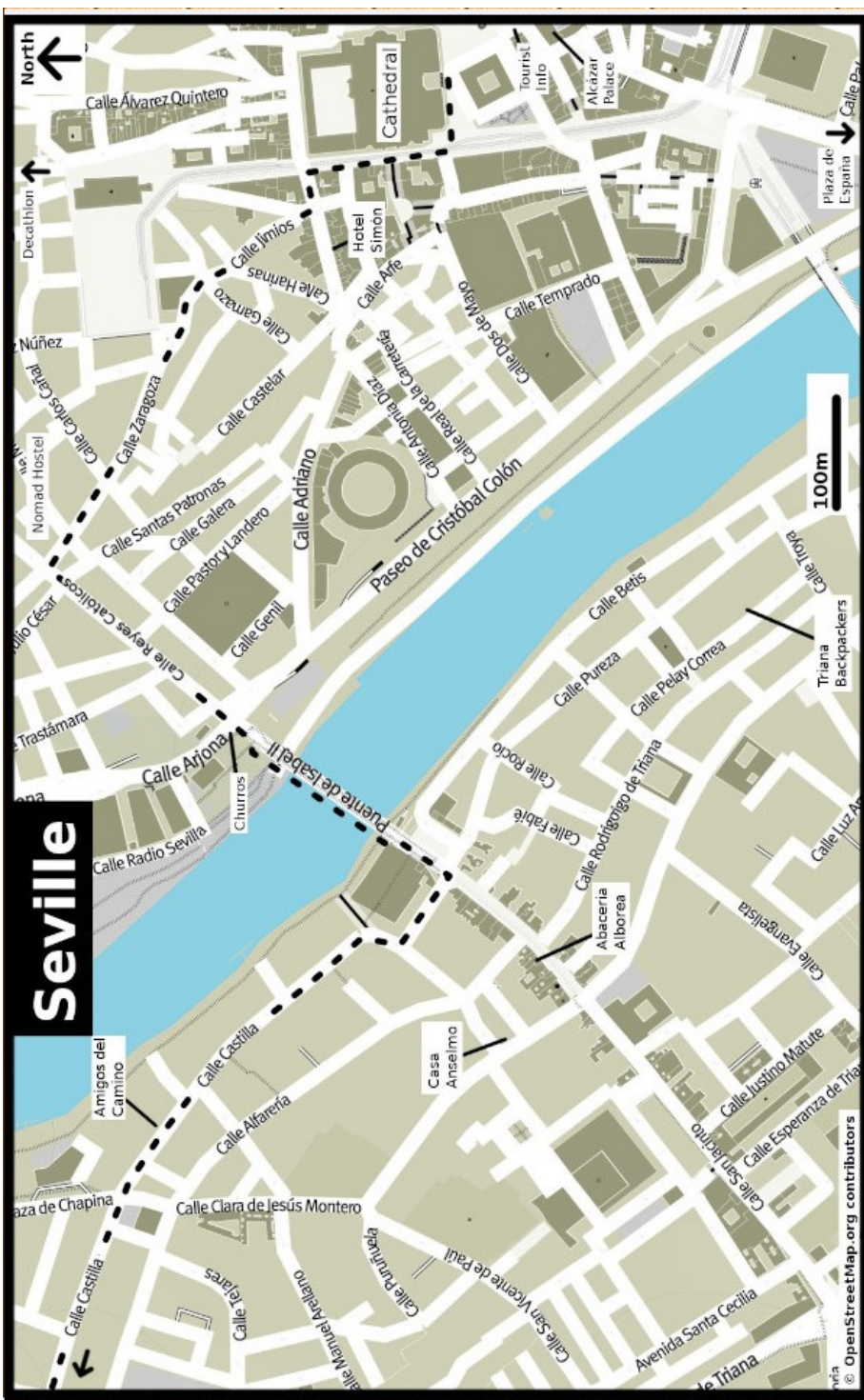
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snacks. Tel 636 678 376 Open early
Como en Tu Casa, on Calle Giralddillo, go down Calle Fleming where the Camino turns left at a roundabout, then turn left. Rooms from 30€ per person with breakfast. Kitchen. Positive reports. Closed July and August. Tel 609 412 038

Hotel Anfiteatro Romano, on the Camino on the right a little past the town, has been

recommended by many pilgrims, it has double rooms from about 60€. Website www.hotelanfiteatroromano.es Email reservas@hotelanfiteatroromano.es Tel 955 996 704

INFO Along the Camino you will find shops, cafés, banks, pharmacies. • **Bodeguita Reyes**, right on the roundabout, does good food. • Also good reports of



Hostal Francés. Further on you'll come to a roundabout, go right here for a **Mas supermarket**, open all day and a **pharmacy**. **Café La Alacena** next door to Mas opens at 06:30. **Banks** on Plaza España and Calle Fleming.

Leaving town continue past the municipal albergue on Avenida de la Vega and then first right down a road to a ford which you cross (if the water's too high there's a bridge to your left) and then up the slope to the right then veering left, then 1.5km to a roundabout where you veer left through an industrial area and eventually into open country. Just before Castilblanco the Camino veers left at a roundabout and follows **Avenida España** through town. Continue straight at this roundabout for the municipal albergue.

18.2km (5h43m) to:

Castilblanco de los Arroyos

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 30 beds | donativo | February to November except July and August |

Continue straight where the Camino branches left at the roundabout, it's just past the *Repsol* petrol station on the right. It may be staffed during busy times by volunteer hospitaleros from various countries, otherwise ask for the code to open the door at *Repsol*. Basic kitchen. Loads of space with a big balcony.

Tel 955 734 811 Website

www.alberguecastilblancodelosarroyos.blogspot.com.es Open 12:00

Albergue La Posada de Escardiel

Private | 7 beds | 17€ | with breakfast | At
Calle Pilar Nuevo, 15. Follow the Camino
through the town until near then end, after a
small roundabout, it's on the left. Laundry
facilities. Email

laposadadeescardiel@gmail.com

Tel 641 024 128

The palatial **Hotel Castillo Blanco**, is on the right 1km before the village, singles from 30€, doubles 40€, pilgrim prices. Website hotelcastilloblanco.com Tel 955 734 523

Casa Salvadora is highly recommended, it's on the Camino in the centre of the village at Avenida de España 43, cosy singles from 17€, doubles 30€. Microwave. Laundry facilities. Tel 615 500 963 or 615 500 962

Casa Ana on Calle León Felipe, to the left of the Camino at the church. House for rent for max 4 people, 25€ per person minimum 2. Kitchen. Tel 610 653 622

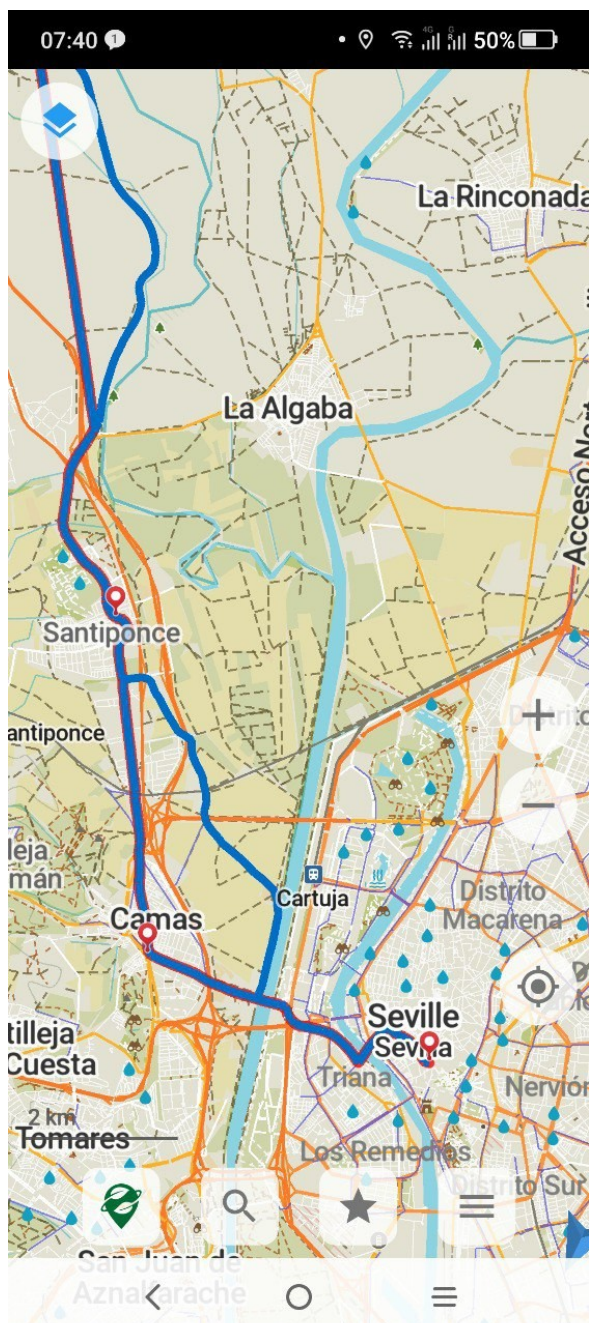
Casa Rural Callejon de la Mora on Callejón de la Mora, pass the Municipal and turn right at Café Macarena, it's a short distance up on the right. Singles 25€, doubles 50€.

Tel 647 603 116

INFO On or near the Camino as it passes

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through town there are **shops**, a **bakery**, a **bank** and a **pharmacy** (both opposite the entrance to the church), **post office**, and **cafés**. **Spar supermarket** with a good selection on Avenida del Puente in the centre of the village to the right of the Camino after Casa Salvadora, a bit hidden away. ● **Casa Macarena** does food and seems to be popular, it's on the main road. ● **Café Mancilla**, beside Casa Macarena, opens about 05:00. You can either follow the Camino or the main road through Castilblanco, they both end up in the same place.

The Camino then continues north along the main road towards Almadén. This road isn't usually busy. **There are no facilities of any sort on this stage and you should not be wandering out of Castilblanco without enough food and water to see you through to the end.** Continue on the road (SE-5405) for 9km until you veer right on to a recently constructed walking path which continues parallel to the road for 7km to **Finca el Berrocal** where you arrive at the entrance into the **Parque Natural Sierra Norte**. From here it's unpaved paths to Almadén. If the main gate is closed there's another pedestrian gate to the right which may be open (it is not visible from the road). Keep some high-energy food or drink in reserve for the last couple of kilometres where there's a steep hill which ascends abruptly about 100m. Alternatively you can follow the road all the way to Almadén, it's slightly longer but an easier climb.

28.5km (8h40m) to:

Almadén de la Plata

La Casa del Raloj

Private | 10 beds | 13€ | On the Camino going through the village on Plaza del Reloj. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Website www.eulate.net/ruraltelvez Tel 692 552 659 Open 11:00

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 16 beds | 12€ | Follow the Camino through the village until you see the Albergue Municipal signs. It's on Calle Puerto de la Cruz, a few minutes walk from the Camino. Phone number or instructions on the door. The hospitalera comes around later to stamp Credenciales. Kitchen.

Hostal Casa Concha, veer left from Plaza de la Palmeras. Singles from 25€, doubles 35€. Tel 954 735 043 or 659 459 938.

Hostal El Romeral, when you see Casa Concha on the right turn sharp left. Singles from 35€, double 45€. Website

www.elromeral.net Tel 653 347 444 or 954 735 453

INFO Follow the Camino past the distinctive old town hall with its purple tower, through Plaza del Reloj, then veering left to Plaza de la Palmera. Here standing with your back to the pharmacy, the **supermarket** is up the street on your right and the **bank** is up the street on your left. **Café El Raloj** and **Café La Morena** open early. Restaurant **La Murilla**, on the Camino beside the church, is good, as is **Restaurante El Molino** which is just across the main road.

The Camino is abundantly (if not always clearly) signposted through Almadén with signs and yellow arrows. If in doubt when leaving town aim for the bull ring on the hill to the north, the Camino passes it to its left.

13.9km (4h22m) to:

El Real de la Jara

Alojamiento del Peregrino

Private | 10 beds | 12€ | Shortly after entering the village on the right. Kitchen, laundry facilities, nice terrace. Good reports. Tel 654 862 553

La Casa del Cura

Municipal | 28 beds | 15€ | At Calle Real 39, On the Camino past Plaza España. Kitchen, Tel 633 248 505 or 954 733 007. New in 2024.

Alojamiento Molina

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | On the Camino past Plaza España at Calle Real 70. Sunny patio. Each dorm has 2 or 3 beds. Tel 610 026 132

Hostal Rural La Encina after passing Alojamiento del Peregrino, at the bottom of the street turn left and follow the signs through an industrial park. Singles from 40€, doubles 50€. Café / restaurant, reportedly good food. Noisy night club nearby at weekends. Website www.hostallaencina.es Email hostallaencina@gmx.com Tel 625 998 300

Alojamiento Turístico Mari Carmen, near the church, has rooms from 30€. Tel 609 971 340

INFO Cafés and a **bank** on the Camino as it passes through Plaza España and Calle Real. Avenida 28 de Febrero, which is left of the Camino from Plaza España, has a shop, more cafés, another bank and the post office. ● The café in **Casa de la Cultura** on Avenida 28 de Febrero has also been recommended for food. ● **Bar El Montero**, also on Avenida 28 de Febrero, has good tapas. ● **Restaurante Casa el Capote de Galloso** also does good food, especially carrillada / pork cheeks, continue along Avenida 28 de Febrero and it's on the right. ● **Café El Chati** on Plaza de España opens early.

1.3km you cross a stream which marks the border with the **Autonomous Community of Extremadura**.

10.4km from the stream to the A-66 motorway, where there is a **24 hour service**

station, shop with a good selection of regional products, café, ATM. In the same place is **Hotel Leo** with luxurious singles from 50€, café / restaurant. Tel 924 517 048.

Be careful crossing the various roads around the motorway. Yellow arrows are a bit scarce here, at the roundabout take the road under the motorway signposted **Monesterio**.

20km (6h24m) to: Monesterio

Albergue Parroquial de San Pedro

Parish | 14 beds | 10€ | On the Camino on the left, at Avenida Extremadura 218. Kitchen. Nice albergue, modern and clean with good facilities. Tel 924 516 097 (no reservations)

Albergue Las Moreras

Municipal | 50 beds | 12.50€ | On Calle Ronda Segura de León, signposted left from the Camino, about a 10 minute walk from there. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Doubles 45€.

Website www.alberguemonesterio.es Email info@alberguemonesterio.com Tel 679 587 435 Open 12:00

Hotel Moya on the left, singles 40€, doubles 50€. Café / restaurant. Website www.hotelmoya.es Tel 637 766 793 or 924 516 136

Hostal El Pilar on the Camino to the right at Calle Gallego Paz. Singles for 35€, doubles 50€. Website hostaldpilar.com Tel 656 876 475

Hostal Extremadura further along on the right. Pilgrim price singles from 15€, doubles 30€. Good value. Tel 924 516 502 or 626 813 079

Hotel Leo, on the way out of town on the left. Singles from 48€, doubles 62€. Café which opens early. Website hotelleo.es Tel 924 516 428 (not to be confused with the other Hotel Leo).

INFO Cafés, shops, banks and pharmacies are all to be found along the Camino as it follows Avenida Extremadura through town. **Supermarket** just past the parish albergue on left. • **Bar Naranjo**, opposite Hotel Moya, opens early. • Restaurant **Mesón Casa Juan**, near Las Moreras has been recommended. • **Bar El Cono**, past the parish albergue on the right, has also been recommended for food. • **El Melli**, also past the parish albergue opens early with freshly made, country style churros. • A more expensive option but good reports about restaurant **el Rinconcillo** which is near the end of Avenida Extremadura, on Plaza de Triana.

Some misleading waymarkings on this stretch - follow the yellow arrows in preference to any 'official' markings (ie. the metal boxes), however there are places where the yellow arrows are scarce in which case you'll have to rely on the metal boxes. If you can't find any markings

remember that you need to head north towards Fuente de Cantos which is intermittently visible on the horizon way before you get there.

13.2km you'll cross a river which can flood after heavy rain. If it's impassible 2km back there is an unpaved lane to the left/south, follow this for 500m until it joins a minor road where you turn right. This road brings you to Fuente de Cantos.

From the river it's 7.8km to Fuente de Cantos - currently no albergue but several other places to sleep.

Dia supermarket on Calle Carriceros, left of the Camino, and a **Spar supermarket** on Paseo de Extremadura, near the main road.

Cafés and several **banks** and a **post office** on Calle Llerena (right at the church) and on Plaza Zubarán (at the top of Calle Llerena). **Pharmacy** near the church.

Restaurante El Gato, does a good pilgrim menu, continue straight up Calle Llerena to the main road and turn left. **Restaurant Venta del Gato**, which is on the opposite side of the main road, is also good. The owners are brothers.

El Zaguán de la Plata, at Calle Llerena 40, from the Camino turn right at the church.

Unfortunately not currently operating as an albergue. Apartments for 2 to 6 persons, kitchen, laundry facilities. Variable pricing from 50€. Website www.elzaguandelaplata.es Tel 924 500 999 or 678 277 716

Hotel La Fábrica at Calle Real 117, after the church turn right on to Calle Carmelitas and continue straight, when you see the main road ahead of you it's on the left. It has been recommended. Singles about 29.20€, doubles 41.40€. Café / restaurant. Website www.hrlafabrica.com Tel 924 500 042

Hostal Vicenta, continue past El Zaguán de la Plata, at the square veer right on to Calle Isabel la Católica to the end then turn left. Singles 17€, doubles 26€. Café / restaurant. Old and a bit run down. Tel 611 617 641

27.2km (7h47m) to: Calzadilla de los Barros

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 14 beds | 10€ | On Calle Ermita, where the Camino veers right at a small square continue straight on to Calle Manuel Galván, then the second right. Work days before 15:00 go to the Ayuntamiento for the key, outside office hours phone the number on the albergue door. Tel 924 584 745

Hostal Los Rodríguez is on the main road 600m off the Camino to the right from the main square, it has singles from 15€, doubles from 30€. Check ahead for Fridays and Saturdays. Café / restaurant. Tel 924 584 808 or 675 610 787

INFO The Camino passes through the main square, Plaza España where a **bank** and the Ayuntamiento. To the right on Calle Iglesias is

a small supermarket. A little further on is another **shop** and a **pharmacy**.

1.9km after Calzadilla, the Camino turns left, this route can be flooded after rain. There is an alternative left turn at the main road 500m after this one.

14.7km to Puebla de Sancho Pérez

Puebla de Sancho Pérez: Shops, cafés, banks, all on the Camino. However they take their siesta very seriously. **Café Abadía**, left at the church, is usually open.

Hostal el Monte, has been recently recommended, it's on Calle San Antonio, signposted to the right 420m. Singles 22€, doubles 36€. They also have a restaurant which is also reported good. Tel 670 222 267 or 924 575 581

4km to Zafra.

Between here and Zafra there used to be two routes you could chose from however recently the right route (through the railway station) has been closed.

The Camino to Zafra goes along the side of a road for 2km before it forks left for a while and rejoins the main road near Albergue Van Gogh. (You can also ignore the left fork and continue along the road all the way.)

18.3km (5h06m) to: Zafra

Albergue Van Gogh

Amigos | 30 beds | 12.50€ | On the Camino on the right before you come to the town centre. Laundry facilities. In a wonderfully preserved traditional old house. Tel 924 969 123 or 617 846 551 Open 12:00

Albergue Convento San Francisco

Private | 18 beds | 15€ | Follow the Camino through the town centre until you see it to your left. Laundry facilities. Evening meal, breakfast. Singles 20€, doubles 30€. Friendly. Email conventosanfranciscozafra@gmail.com Tel 680 663 806

Hotel Las Palmeras in the centre of the town on Plaza Grande, Singles from 45€, doubles 55€. Website www.hotellaspalmeras.net Tel 924 552 208

INFO **Dia** supermarket on the Camino on the left just before the Amigos albergue. Other shops, cafés, banks, pharmacies, etc., all on the Camino as it winds its way through Zafra's beautiful town centre. • **La Barca** near the Amigos albergue, does platos combinados and local wines - both excellent. • **Restaurante La Rebotica** on Calle Boticas, comes highly recommended, although it's not cheap. • **Restaurante El Rincón de Julia** is also good. • **Metro Café**, on the Camino on the right, opens early.

From the Amigos albergue the Camino runs straight up **Avenida de la Estación**, diagonally across **Plaza España** then down pedestrianised **Calle**

Sevilla, to the centre of town at **Plaza Grande**, which it crosses on to **Calle Tetuán** before turning right on to **Calle Conde de la Corte** and then veering left and, close to the municipal albergue, right on to **Calle Ancha** then **Calle San Francisco**, straight across a roundabout towards a tower, **la Torre de San Francisco**, and from there into open country.

4.4km (1h24m) to: **Los Santos de Maimona**

Albergue Turístico

Municipal | 6 beds | 8€ | On Calle Maestrazgo. Kitchen. During the week get the key from the Tourist Office, on Plaza de España. When they're closed go to the Policía Local on Avenida de la Constitución. Good reports. Website piropoblancos.es Email oficinadeturismo@lossantosdemaimona.com Tel 924 544 294 or 924 544 801

INFO The Camino arrives on Plaza España opposite the church. To the right is a café, **Asociación de Agricultores**, easy to miss. Beside it is the **Ayuntamiento** with a **Tourist Office** and a **public toilet**. On the Camino just past the church there's a **shop, banks and a pharmacy**. **Coviran supermarket**, after the church continue straight and take the first street on the right (no street name visible), it's down there 50m on the left.

The Camino arrives in front of the church on Plaza España, and then passes to its left. Thanks to the local Amigos for their massive yellow arrows!

Albergue La Almazara closed at the end of 2023.

15.3km (4h11m) to: **Villafranca de los Barros**

Albergue Extrenatura

Private | 18 beds | 15€ | **March to November** | On Calle Carvajales, right of the church on Plaza España. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Singles 25€, doubles 45€. This albergue has a history of closing without warning, better to call and confirm. Website www.alojamientoextrenatura.es Tel 656 314 025 Open 12:00

Hotel Diana on Calle Lepanto, turn left at Mercado Municipal. It has nice singles for 40€, doubles 50€. Website www.hoteldiana.es Tel 924 520 502

Casa Perín, follow the Camino through town until you get to Plaza de la Coronada, where there is a church on your left, it's on your right on the corner. Singles for 30€, doubles 45€, triple 69€, quadruple 80€. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Bike storage. Tel 646 179 914 or 679 082 948

INFO The Camino arrives in town at Plaza Mercado with the **Municipal Market** / **Mercado Municipal** on the corner on your

right. Turn left here on to **Calle Lepanto**, which is the town's main street, with two supermarkets, cafés, banks and pharmacies.

• **Hotel Diana** has a good restaurant with a menú del día and a café which is open in the morning from 07:00. • **Restaurante Buiza** has been recommended. It's on the main road towards the north of town, in the same building as **Peña Cultural Flamenca**. Tel 924 524 259 • Also good reports of the menú del día in **Le Bistró**, it's across Plaza España from Albergue Extrenatura. • **Bar Manzano** opens early, it's on Calle Carillo Arenas, to the right at Casa Perín.

Some dead-straight Roman road walking on this part. If this stage is too long for you there is the option to detour to **Almendrales**. To get there turn left on a good quality unpaved road about 1km after the beginning of the long straight stretch. Almendrales has all facilities.

Good reports of **Hotel Los Angeles**, on Calle Macarena. Singles from 45€, doubles 55€. Website www.hlangesalmendrales.com Email reservas@hlangesalmendrales.com Tel 924 670 319

Good Menú del Día in **Cafetería Andana**, on Calle San Blas.

For a shorter route from here to Torremejía walk north along the main road, when you come to the motorway use the bridge to get to the other side and follow the unpaved road which runs parallel to the motorway on the right.

27.5km (7h14m) to: **Torremejía**

Albergue Rojo Plata

Private | 26 beds | 16€ | On Calle José de Espronceda, signposted from the Camino. Website albergue-rojo-plata.com Tel 658 854 372

Hotel Milenium on the main road near the supermarket, singles 25€, doubles 40€. Café / restaurant. Website www.hostalrestaurantemilenium.es Tel 924 341 095

INFO There are cafés and a small shop and a Pharmacy on the main road and a **Dia supermarket** in the same building as **Hotel Milenium**. • **Restaurante Alameda** has been recommended. It's at Avenida de Extremadura, 27, which is the main road south of **Hotel Milenium**. Website restaurantalameda.com • **Café Madrile** also does good food, it's on the Camino (main road) on the left. • **Café Bar La Niña** opens early, it's a little past Café Madrile on the opposite side of the road. The Camino continues on or near the main road for 6.6km north of Torremejía until a sign indicates to join a path on the right. From here it's a more-or-less straight run into Mérida.

15.4km (4h05m) to: **Mérida**

Molino de Pan Caliente

Municipal | 20 beds | 10€ | Turn left after crossing the Roman Bridge / Puente Romano, the albergue is past the new bridge, to the left of the road beside the river. Contact details posted on the door. Tel 682 514 366 Open 11:30

Centrally located **Hostal Senero** at Calle Holguín 12, has been recommended, singles from 33€, doubles 40€. Website www.hostalsenoro.com Tel 924 317 207

Hotel Aquaforum at Calle Sagasta 10, has been recommended. Doubles 45€. Website aquaforumemerita.com Tel 647 224 473

INFO Mérida, with a population of 57,000, is the capital of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura. All facilities are available.

Supermarket on Calle Jesé R Mélide, open seven days. **Banks** on Plaza de España and along Calle F Valverde Lillo which runs north from it. • Restaurant **Mesón El Pestoreje** on Plaza de España has excellent tapas and raciones. • **Vegetarian restaurant Shangri-La** on Calle Sagasta has been recommended. Closed Sunday to Tuesday. • Leaving town on the Camino, **Bar Acueducto** opens at 06:30 (07:00 on Sundays). A few metres further on to the left is a **24h pharmacy**.

6.1km to Proserpina, cafés (although usually nothing open in the morning).

Pass straight through a roundabout and take a left fork signposted as a cul-de-sac. Then follow a footpath which skirts the reservoir until it rejoins the road and continues north.

After Proserpina the Camino follows a small road for 4km until, just before the road turns right over a bridge (clearly marked with yellow arrows on a tree), it goes left on to a sandy lane. The Camino then continues on unpaved lanes until El Carrascalejo.

13.8km (3h59m) to:

El Carrascalejo

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 24 beds | 15€ | In a renovated building on the right after you turn left at the church. Kitchen. Modern facilities. Tel 618 979 583 or the number on the door, or just go to the bar next door.

INFO Café that does food beside the pilgrim albergue.

2.6km (0h45m) to: **Aljucén**

Albergue San Andrés

Municipal | 20 beds | 15€ | Follow the Camino to the right after the square, it's a little up the hill on the left. Kitchen. Private rooms from 30€. See instructions on the door. Tel 691 231 248 or 680 885 329

Termas Agua Libera, on the Camino on the

left, is a Roman-themed hotel with Roman restaurant, Roman baths and Roman massages. Doubles 40€. Details from their website www.aqualibera.com

Casa Rural Mérida, on the Camino on the right. Doubles 55€, triples 80€. Tel 657 392 901

Casa Rural La Plata, beside the shop. Singles from 35€, doubles 50€. Tel 691 231 248

INFO Café **Bar La Plaza**, does food and it opens for breakfast (new, replaces Kiosko el Parque). There's a **small shop / bakery** on the same street as the municipal albergue, open 10:00.

Leaving Aljucén follow the main street (Calle Mayor) north for 330m until the Camino takes a right turn on to another road which it follows for 1km until it joins a bigger road to the left for 400m before turning right on to an unpaved lane. 14.1km from leaving the road to the right turnoff to the Basilica de Santa Lucía del Trampal.

If you're interested in architecture and historic sights you may enjoy the detour to the **Basilica de Santa Lucía del Trampal**. It's a 7th century church in Visigothic style, one of the few remaining. It's 4km off the Camino on a path to the right. From the basilica you can continue 4.5km along quiet roads to Alcuéscar. If your destination is **Albergue Turístico Los Olivos** then 700m past the turnoff for the Basilica you'll see a sign pointing **LEFT** towards Puerto de la Herrerías, follow this and it brings you there in 1.3km. At this point the **Camino goes RIGHT** bringing you directly to Alcuéscar in 2.8km.

19.4km (5h37m) to: Alcuéscar

Los Esclavos de Maria y los Pobres

Religious | 12 beds | donativo | In a monastery on the main road on your left before the town, visible from the Camino. Good reports of the new regime. Website esclavosdemariaydelpobres.es/casa-de-la-misericordia-alcuescar Tel 651 323 466 Open 13:00

Albergue de Alcuéscar

Private | 32 beds | 20€ | On Calle Fuente del Castaña which is close to the route into town if you take the detour to the Basilica de Santa Lucía, beside the bullring. Kitchen. Doubles from 50€. Email jorgechavez@mayaresasores.com Tel 620 273 352

INFO On Avenida Constitución (passing café Alta Cuesta on your left) on the right there's a Chinese **shop** with long opening hours which sells basic groceries. Further up turning left on to Calle Virgin del Rosario is a **pharmacy**, and further again turning right on

to Calle Hernandez Pacheco, there's a **Dia supermarket** and a **bank**. • Restaurant / café **Alta Cuesta** does food and they open early. • Restaurant / café **El Cortijo** has also been recommended. It's on Calle Almeida Corrales, left off Avenida Constitución. • **El Rincón de Paco** has also been recommended for food, it's beside the park. • Continue up Calle Hernandez Pacheco and turn right on to Calle Real to **Churrería Maria** which opens early. The Camino turns sharp left just after the monastery. 8km to Casas de Don Antonio, the Camino bypasses the village.

Casas de Don Antonio. There's a **café** which also sells bread, in the Centro Social (behind the Ayuntamiento), and a **pharmacy** nearby. 7km to Aldea del Cano, the Camino bypasses the village which is a little to the right.

15km (3h55m) to:

Aldea del Cano

Miliario del Verdinal

Municipal | 9 beds | 10€ | Ask in Restaurante Las Vegas for the key, it's right next door. Kitchen, laundry facilities. 9 beds, 4 mattresses. Tel 927 383 004

Casa Rural Via De La Plata has singles from about 40€, doubles 55€. Breakfast. Website www.crviadela Plata.com Tel 666 431 420

INFO **Restaurante Las Vegas** does a good menú del día and opens at 08:00. The **Hogar de Mayores** café next to the albergue has *vino de la tierra*, local un-aged wine, and tapas. There are several small **shops**, two on the street directly across the main road from the albergue, of which **UDACO** has a good selection, and another on Calle Nueva. **Pharmacy** on the square in front of the church.

11.4km (3h05m) to: Valdesalor

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 14 beds | 6€ | At the beginning of the town on the left. Microwaves and laundry facilities. Keys from the Town Hall / Ayuntamiento or as posted beside the door. Tel 927 129 711 or 655 661 370

Hostal Posada de la Plata at the northern end of the town on Calle Fernando de Magallanes. Singles 30€, doubles 40€. Tel 610 748 928 Open early

Alojamiento el Miajon de los Castuos, on Calle Pedro de Valdivia, has doubles from 50€. They also have a small café and a shop. Tel 645 536 435

INFO Turning left after the albergue, then first right on Calle Pedro de Valdivia is a **café** and a **shop**, then second right on Calle García de Paredes is another **shop**. • **Hogar del Pensionista** does food and opens at 07:00. It's on the street on the south side of the church. • The restaurant at the **Repsol** petrol station past the village on the main road has been recommended, it opens early (closed

Tuesday).

From Valdesalor continue north on the right side of the main road. Waymarking isn't great here but basically, the Camino meanders parallel to this road for 5.4km then it heads off into open country before arriving into the suburbs of Cáceres.

11.6km (3h19m) to: Cáceres

Las Veletas

Private | 40 beds | 18€ | At Calle General Margallo 36, follow the Camino past Plaza Mayor and the Iglesia de Santiago, after 400m it's on the right. Laundry facilities. Singles 26€, doubles 32€, triples 42€. Very good reports. Website www.alberguelasveletas.es Tel 681 258 701 Open 12:00

Hotel Don Carlos on Calle Pizarro has singles from 50€, doubles 70€. Tel 927 225 527

Vargas Figueroa Hostel has been recommended. It's on Calle Cuesta de la Compañía, in the old city, a few minutes walk from Plaza Mayor. Breakfast, bicycle parking. Dorms 25€, doubles 60€. Website vhostelcaceres.com/en/home Tel 927 196 314 **Pensión Carretero** on Plaza Mayor (north end on the left) has nice singles from 30€, doubles 45€. Good reports. Website pensioncarretero.com Tel 927 247 482

INFO Cáceres, with a population of 96,000 people is the second largest city in Extremadura (after Badajoz). It has all facilities. There are several **supermarkets** on or near the Camino entering the city (on the way out of the city there are none). In the centre (but NOT on the Camino) there are **supermarkets** on Calle Pintores and Calle Moret. At the north end of Plaza Mayor is a **pharmacy**. From Plaza San Juan, down Calle San Pedro are **banks**, with more banks on Avenida de España. There is a **Decathlon** if you need gear, it's 3km from the centre, bus 4 from Avenida de España. The **Tourist Office** is in the old city opposite the cathedral. • **Restaurante Centro**, also on Plaza San Juan has a good, moderately priced menu with local specialities. • If you feel like splashing out **Enoteca La Maestra** also on Plaza Mayor is good, if a little pricey. • **Restaurante El Figón de Eustaquio** on Plaza de San Juan serves good quality local cuisine.

The Camino turns right at Plaza San Francisco and enters the walled old city from the east. At the cathedral it turns sharp right. **If you want to go to Plaza Mayor and the part of the city with cafés, shops, etc., then continue straight here along Calle Arco de la Estrella**. After the cathedral the Camino leaves the old city on to Plazuela de Santiago where we pass Iglesia de Santiago and veer left and continues north out of the city along Calle de Zapataría, passing to the left of the

bullring, from where you can easily pick up the waymarkings. Between here and Casar de Cáceres the Camino has been rerouted to follow a slightly longer route which avoids the busy main road. Watch out for where it branches left off of Avenida de las Lavanderas just before where the dual carriageway ends.

12.3km (3h29m) to:

Casar de Cáceres

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 20 beds | 6€ | Follow the Camino into town until you see the **Town Hall / Ayuntamiento** on your right, the albergue is on your left. Ask in **Bar Majuca** or **Bar El Siglo** for the keys, or the **Tourist Office** across the square. Kitchen, laundry facilities. The first room suffers from being too close to the toilets with their noisy extractor fan. Possibly also earplugs needed at weekends due to the town's riotous night-life. Tel 669 961 887

Albergue Rural Ruta de la Plata is on the left at the beginning of the town, it bills itself as *El Albergue* however it's more a hotel than an albergue. Singles from 30€, doubles 60€. Tel 927 904 508

INFO **Dia supermarket** on the Camino on the way into town. **Cafés, shops, banks** and a **pharmacy** on the Camino near the municipal albergue. • **Bar Majuca** is friendly and does excellent food. • **Bar El Siglo** has also been recommended. • **Churrería Borges** on Calle Barrio Nuevo opens at 06:00, from the door of the municipal albergue pass through the arch opposite and take the first left, closed Tuesday. Continue north along the main street to leave town. After 1.9km, where there's a small round building with a pointed roof, take the right fork. Restrictions due to AVE works are now finished so the Camino has returned to its old route down to the reservoir. The track here is in use by regional trains, but not yet high-speed ones. 21km to the turnoff for the albergue at Embalse de Alcántara. If you're continuing to Cañaveral, immediately after the second bridge leave the road and follow a steep path up to the right. To get to the albergue at Embalse de Alcántara stay on the road. **This albergue has been closed since 2021, as of late 2024 there is no news of when it will reopening. Please see updates.**

The guest house on the main road, **Alcántara, Pesca, Evasión**, has single rooms for 25€ and doubles for 40€, breakfast included. However, they prefer dealing with groups and may be reluctant to open for individuals.

Tel 927 090 510. Website www.alcantarapescaevasion.com

ALTERNATIVE: From Embalse you can continue on the road (N-630) all the way to Cañaveral (slightly shorter).

33km (9h33m) to: Cañaveral

Albergue Cañaveral

Private | 20 beds | 16€ | On the Camino on the right. Modern facilities. Restaurant (open when there's enough pilgrims). Doubles 43€. In winter phone to check availability. Website www.hostelcanaveral.com Tel 669 402 446 or 655 351 976 Open 12:00

Posada La Campana is on the main square near the Ayuntamiento / Town Hall. Doubles 60€. Website www.posadalacampana.com Tel 616 569 434

Hostal Málaga, on the Camino near the end of the town. Singles from 30€, doubles 50€. Café / restaurant. Tel 658 657 474

INFO The Camino follows the main road through town. Along it you will find cafés and a shop. There's another shop, several more cafés and banks to the left of the Camino near the church and along Calle Real. • The evening meal in **Restaurante Asador** has been recommended, it's on the Camino. • **Churrería Los Arcos** opens at 07:00, it's on the Camino on the right. • **Petrol station** on the Camino a little past the town.

There is some confusion about the route immediately after Cañaveral. Follow the main road north until you see yellow arrows directing you on to a lane on the left. (There are signs for other hiking routes around here 'Camino Naturales' - do not be tempted to follow them!) This ascends gently at first and then more steeply before descending to a road which you cross and veer right to pass through the car park of a strip joint, **El Puerto** (does not give pilgrim discounts and in any case doesn't open until long after your bedtime), then veering left to follow the yellow arrows on a path through a wood.

Over the following stages there are several villages which are described as (turnoff). These are villages which have a pilgrim albergue but which are not on the actual route of the Camino. The distances given is the distance to the point on the Camino where you turn off to get to the village in question, not the actual distance to the village. The distance of the village from the Camino is given in the route description (see below for Grimaldo). Getting back to the Camino from one of these villages is described in the

detailed information for the village.

The village of Grimaldo is 650m off the Camino. Turn right at an abundantly signposted junction and follow a sometimes overgrown path which passes under the motorway, veers right over a small stream then uphill to Grimaldo.

8km (2h32m) to:

Grimaldo (turnoff)

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 12 beds | donativo | On the right on the main road beside Bar Grimaldo (ask there for the key). Laundry facilities. Nice, simple albergue in a pleasant village. Tel 650 848 181 Open early

La Posada de Grimaldo has been highly recommended as an alternative to the pilgrim albergue. It does a special pilgrim price of 25€ per person in a double room or 35€ if you want a room to yourself, breakfast included. Kitchen, laundry facilities. It's a little past the albergue on the same side of the road. In a historic building with sumptuously decorated rooms. Website www.laposadadegrimaldo.es Tel 616 931 745

INFO Cafés. **Bar Grimaldo** does good *platos combinados* and opens in the morning, closed Wednesdays. • **Asador Grimaldo** also does food at lunchtime. Closed Mondays. • To get back to the Camino from Grimaldo, from the albergue walk up through the village for 620m to a road junction where you take a left, this brings you under the motorway and back to the Camino.

The village of Ríolobos is 4km off the Camino to the left. The place where your turn off is clearly signposted.

7.8km (2h13m) to:

Ríolobos (turnoff)

Camping Las Catalinas

Private | 40 beds | 20€ | Turn right when you come down the hill into the village, it's beside the main road. Café / restaurant. They do an evening menu and breakfast. If you chose to stay here the friendly and helpful owner may be able to drop you back on the original route in the morning. Website

www.campinglascatalinas.es Tel 605 824 086

Casa Rural Abuela Máxi 25€ per person or 40€ if you want your own room. Also a studio apartment, 1 person 40€, 2 people 50€. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Swimming pool in summer. Website abuelamaxi.com/peregrinos Tel 670 733 093

INFO In the village there are two small **shops, cafés, a bank** and a **pharmacy**, all near the church. In the park beside the albergue is an enormous duck pond. • From Ríolobos you can return to the Camino by continuing past Camping Las Catalinas, for 4.4km along the road until you rejoin the

Camino where it leaves the road to the left, from there it's 6.3km to Galisteo.

4km after the turnoff for Río Lobos you cross a canal and then turn right on to a road which you follow for a short distance until the Camino goes left on to a lane.

5.7km to the turnoff for San Gil. The village of San Gil is 2.4km off the Camino, it has a shop, cafés and a pharmacy. From San Gil you can continue on an alternative route to Carcaboso completely bypassing Galisteo. Like the other route it's all road walking.

San Gil. Bar **Las Pizarras** does good tapas and meals, it is on the main road at the end of the village. **San Gil also has a municipal albergue which has been closed since before Covid.**

11.4km (3h11m) to: **Galisteo**

Albergue Turístico de Galisteo

Private | 8 beds | 18€ | On Calle Viña de Egidio, up the alleyway to the right of Bar Los Emigrantes. Microwaves. Tel 615 284 201

Hostal Los Emigrantes above Bar Los Emigrantes, facing you when you arrive in the village. Singles from 20€, doubles 30€. Tel 670 881 326

La Pensión del Parador, on the Camino on the way out of town, has nice double rooms for 38€. Tel 645 986 793.

INFO Where you arrive in front of **Bar Los Emigrantes** the Camino turns up to your left. Further up the hill to the right of the Camino in the walled town through Puerta del Reys on Plaza de España there's a **shop**, a **bank** and a **bakery**. • The food in **Bar Los Emigrantes** has also been recommended. • **Hogar del Pensionista**, in the old town just off Plaza Eapaña, has also been recommended for food.

From **Cafétería Las Picotas** walk up the hill towards the walled town and continue walking with the town walls to your right to the other side of the walled town from where you should be able to pick up the waymarkings which lead steeply downhill and across an old bridge over the Río Jerte, straight through a roundabout, under the motorway and then right at another roundabout to follow the paved road north towards Carcaboso. 6km Aldehuala del Jerte. Café, shops.

House to rent for up to 7 people, **La Teja del Jerte**, at Calle Constitución 16. Information and reservations from their website atejadeljerte.com Tel 635 287 650

11km (3h01m) to: **Carcaboso**

Albergue de Peregrinos Señora Elena

Private | 11 beds | 15€ | Continue up the main road. Laundry facilities, kitchen with microwaves. A little run down.

Tel 659 774 580

Albergue Los Miliarios

Municipal | 30 beds | 18€ | Signposted to the right of the Camino on Calle Los Militarios. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Singles 40€, doubles 70€. Nicely renovated old school building. Website losmiliarios.es Tel 613 806 647 or 631 032 604

Hostal Ciudad de Cáparra (adjoining Restaurante Cáparra) has singles 30€, doubles 50€. Good reports. Website www.ciudaddecaparra.com Email info@ciudaddecaparra.com Tel 927 402 444

INFO The Camino arrives into town on the main road, along which you will find **cafés** and a small **supermarket** next to a small park on the right. Further up on the left is a smaller **shop** with longer opening hours. **Pharmacy** up a street on the right. • **Restaurante Cáparra**, on the main road up from Señora Elena, part of Hostal Ciudad de Cáparra, does an excellent menú del día, and meals in the evening.

Walking Notes Carcaboso to Aldeanueva del Camino

Between Carcaboso and Aldeanueva del Camino things are a bit confusing because the available accommodation is all off the Camino. Your options, if you start from Carcaboso, are basically the following: (1) Walk 18.6km to Oliva de Plasencia where there is an albergue and a guest house. (2) Walk 18.2km to Cáparra and arrange to be picked up there by one or other of the hotels. (3) Walk to Cáparra then follow the road to Hostal El Avión for a total of 23.4km. (4) Walk through Cáparra and then take the road to Hostal Asturias or Hotel Jarilla for a total of 28.7km. (5) Walk to Aldeanueva in one day in 38.3km.

For a visual representation of the options go to www.viadelaplataguide.net and click on Route Charts.

The Vía Verde

*There is now a **Vía Verde** (combined cycling and walking track built along the route of an old train line) which starts in Plasencia and finishes past Puerto de Béjar. For some of its length it runs parallel to the Camino. It passes beside Hostal el Avión, Hostal Asturias and Hotel Jarilla, then close to **Aldeanueva del Camino** before taking a detour around **Hervás** (a beautiful town with one of the best-preserved Jewish quarters in Spain, scroll down for the albergue) and continues from there to **Baños de Montemayor** and **Puente de Béjar** (important to note, it doesn't actually go through any of those towns, it passes close to them). If you stay in one of the off-Camino hotels the Vía Verde can be a handy way to rejoin the Camino, without involving any backtracking. It's also a good alternative if it's been raining a lot.*

*The **Vía Verde** is literally right beside **Hostal El Avión**. To get to it from **Hostal Asturias**, cross the road and walk through the enormous lorry park and pass to the left of some buildings. To get to it from **Hotel Jarilla**, from*

the rear of the hotel cross about 100m of open ground.

*For an overview of the **Vía Verde** in relation to the Camino see the chart on page ? and Map ?.*

Leaving Carcaboso pay careful attention to waymarkings at the various road junctions. 1.3km from the village there is a point where previously there were two routes which divided here for about 2km. Nowadays the Camino continues straight at this point. **12km to Dehesa Ventaquemada, turnoff for Oliva de Plasencia** The village of Oliva de Plasencia is 6.6km off the Camino to the right along a sometimes busy road.

12km (3h40m) to: **Oliva de Plasencia (turnoff)**

Albergue Turístico San Blas

Private | 15 beds | 23€ | With the Ayuntamiento at your back, cross the square and take the street to the left, then right and right again, it's there on the right, on Calle Real. Kitchen. Website alberguesanblas.com Tel 647 563 450

Casa Rural Vía Cáparra on Calle Torre. Singles 35€, doubles 48€. Website www.viacaparra.com Email cr.viacaparra@gmail.com Tel 640 992 243 They may collect from Ventaquemada or Cáparra.

INFO **Shop** beside the Casa Rural, **café**, **pharmacy** beside the Ayuntamiento. • **Bar Cáparra** does expensive food. It's at the eastern edge of the village in a low building, easy to miss. • From **Oliva de Plasencia** you can follow a quiet road which will take you to Cáparra in 6.4km (signposted).

6.2km to Cáparra Roman City. At the **visitors centre** in Cáparra there are **public toilets and vending machines** for snacks and drinks (you will need coins and the building isn't always open). The visitors centre is 300m from the Camino, turn right at the arch itself or shortly after it.

Hostal El Avión is in **Villar de Plasencia**, 5.2km off the Camino from **Cáparra** along a quiet road (CC-11.2). They may provide a pick-up service from Cáparra. Singles 40€, doubles 60€. Tel 652 779 448. To get back to the Camino from **Hostal El Avión** either retrace your steps back to Cáparra or walk north along the **Vía Verde**.

On the Camino after Cáparra there are several rivers which you cross using stepping-stones and which may be extremely difficult to cross during periods of wet weather. Please ask advice locally and don't attempt dangerous river crossings - especially if you're on your own. If it has

been raining a lot your best bet may be to go to Oliva de Plasencia and follow the minor road north from there until Hostal El Avi6n and follow the **Vía Verde** from there. 8.2km after Cáparra, turn off for **Hostal Asturias and Hotel Jarilla**. Where the Camino runs along the side of a straight road you'll see yellow writing pointing right. Both hotels are 2.3km from this point, on the other side of the motorway.

Hotel Jarilla, across the road to your left. Singles 30€, doubles 50€. Café / restaurant with good food. Website www.hoteljarilla.com Tel 927 477 040

Hostal Asturias has singles 30€, doubles 60€, a café / restaurant. They may pick up from Cáparra on request. Under new management. Tel 927 477 057 or 663 968 927

NOTE: there is a point on the **Vía Verde** 2km north of Hotel Jarilla where it intercepts with a path which brings you straight back to the Camino before Aldeanueva.

After the turnoff for Hostal Asturias / Hotel Jarilla, in 4.9km you will pass underneath the motorway then immediately see signs pointing left to ford a river. This river is often too big to ford, in which case you should cross the river on the bridge on your right and continue on the road until you rejoin the Camino. You will pass under the motorway three more times before Aldeanueva.

Private (20, 30€ with breakfast) Albergue Vía de la Plata, in the old train station in Hervás, so quite a distance off the Camino but bang on the **Vía Verde**. Private rooms. Website www.albergueviadelaplata.com Tel 621 129 521

PLEASE NOTE: the hotels which pick pilgrims up from the Camino do so as a courtesy to pilgrims, they are not in any way obliged to bring you back to the Camino the next morning.

26.3km (7h34m) to: **Aldeanueva del Camino**

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 10 beds | donativo | On the left shortly after arriving in the village. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Renovated and reopened in 2023 after being closed for about ten years. Contact / instructions on the window.

La Casa de mi Abuela

Private | 25 beds | 14€ | On Calle Alcázar, cross over a stone bridge and just after the Ayuntamiento veer right. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private with 3 beds 45€, 4 beds 60€. Website www.lacasademibuena-albergue.com Email alvaro@arhrestauracion.com Tel 692 531 587 or 630 410 740

Hostal Restaurante Montesol, on the Camino beside the main road at the end of the village. Singles 30€, doubles 40€. Café / restaurant. Tel 927 484 335

INFO A shop, a bank and several cafés on the Camino. For the main road turn left at the square (where you see LiberBank on the right), when you come to the main road the **supermarket** is to the right and the **pharmacy** is to the left. • **Bar Sebas** has probably the best menú del día of the whole Vía, turn left at the main road. • On the left at the square is **Churrería El Mercao** which opens at 08:00.

Follow the Camino north through the village to where it joins the main road, at a roundabout (motorway service station café open 24h, to your left), cross over the motorway and veer left. The Camino to Baños is along the side of the road, although there are some places where you can walk a little off the road. About 2km out there's a bollard which urges you to veer right on to a lane, ignore it and stay on the road. 5.1km café.

9.5km (2h57m) to: **Baños de Montemayor**

Albergue Turístico

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | To the right of the Camino as you walk through town, at Calle Castañar 42. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Breakfast. Nice garden. Tel 655 620 515 or 635 453 540 Open early

Hotel Glorieta, on the main road to the left of the Camino. Singles from 40€ with breakfast. Café / restaurant. Book from their website www.hotelrestaurantelaglorieta.com Tel 927 488 018 or 638 181 801

INFO On the main road are cafés and restaurants, a **Coviran supermarket**, a **pharmacy** and a **bank**. The town centre is east of the main road. On the Camino, opposite the Town Hall / Ayuntamiento, is a small shop and further along it are cafés and a churrería. • Rxcellent food in **Restaurante La Peña** on the main road opposite the bank. • **Bar Carlos**, on the Camino near the Ayuntamiento, also does food (a bit pricey). Turn sharp left after the Ayuntamiento and follow the Camino as it winds its way through the village before joining the Roman road up the side of the valley towards the pass.

3km with a 200m ascent to Puerto de Béjar. **Entering Castilla y León**. Shortly after comes Peñacaballera, café and a petrol station with a small shop. Shortly after the petrol station the Camino turns left away from the road. The pilgrim albergue at Puente de Béjar is to the right at this

point.

3.1km (1h16m) to:

Puente de Béjar

Albergue de Peregrinos de Puerto de Béjar

Amigos | 16 beds | donativo | March to October | A little to the right of the Camino at the point after the petrol station where it leaves the main road. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Staffed by volunteers. Tel 652 506 189 or 683 610 660

El Jardin del Conde on the Camino on the left shortly after where it leaves the main road. Café / restaurant. Doubles 64€. Nice rural setting. Website

hotelruralel jardindelconde.com Email reservas@hotelruralel jardindelconde.com Tel 654 160 424 or 682 591 108

INFO Some limited food available from the **petrol station shop**. • Restaurant **La Pequeña Estación** is in the nearby old railway station, only opening at weekends and not in the winter. Tel 605 880 052 • The railway line here is the same **Vía Verde** mentioned before. Beautiful walking through rolling hills to...

9.3km (2h51m) to:

Calzada de Béjar

Alba y Soraya

Private | 28 beds | 13€ | On your left as you enter the village. Comfortable, spacious albergue. Fireplace, laundry facilities. The friendly owners live in the village. Evening meal and breakfast on request. Private rooms, singles 20€, doubles 30€. Website alojamientosalbasoraya.com Tel 646 410 643 or 606 958 145

Casa Rural Jorge at the start of the village has been recommended by many pilgrims. It has singles 30€, doubles 46€, triple 65€, breakfast included. Evening meal. Kitchen, Laundry facilities. Website www.casauraljorge.com Tel 636 075 086 or 923 416 542

Also recommended is **Calzada Romana**. It's on the Camino near the end of the village on the right. Singles 28€, doubles 48€, triples 66€, breakfast included. Evening meal on request. Laundry facilities. Website en.calzadaromana.com Tel 696 112 340

INFO Café to the left of the Camino behind the church.

8.9km (2h25m) to: **Valverde de Valdelacasa**

Albergue Santiago Ap6stol

Municipal | 7 beds | 12€ | To the left of the Camino, on Calle Real. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Two private rooms 17€. Ask in the village bar for the key, if it's closed call. Tel 696 368 046

INFO Café which does good food, on the Camino at the end of the village, closed

Monday from 12:30.

3.6km to Valdecasa, small **shop**, continue straight where the Camino goes left, down Calle Mesones the left on to Calle Solanillo. Then it's to your right, no sign but a roll out shade over the window. 2km after Valdecasa there is a junction with a lot of confusing yellow arrows. Basically you have two options, either continue on the road or take the lane which goes left at a right angle, this seems to be the 'official' Camino. Both routes bring you to Fuenterroble in approximately the same distance.

11.8km (3h35m) to:

Fuenterroble de Salvatierra

Albergue Parroquial Santa María

Religious | 70 beds | donativo | Walk through the village and it's on your right at a junction. Look for the massive white cross. Sometimes a communal evening meal and breakfast.

Website

alberguedefuenterroble.wordpress.com

Tel 923 151 083

Casa Rural Arrieros Familia Garcia has single rooms from 35€. The owners live on the Camino at the start of the village however the guest house is a short walk away. Website www.casauralarrierosfamiliagarcia.com Tel 636 213 491 or 923 151 071 or 635 438 750

INFO Cafés on the Camino, **shop** a little to the left, signposted. • **Mesón el Pesebre** does tasty meals from about 18:00. It's on the Camino. • Food in **Café José** has also been recommended. It's also on the Camino.

There are two possible routes here. They divide 11.8km after Fuenterroble at a gate / cattle grid with a sign which says **Dueña de Abajo**. The two routes rejoin in the village of Morille.

The **RIGHT ROUTE** passes through **Pedrosillo** (albergue, cafés, shop) and has a total distance (Fuenterroble to Morille) of 29.8km.

The **LEFT ROUTE** passes through **San Pedro de Rozados** (albergue, café) and has a total distance (Fuenterroble to Morille) of 32km.

THE RIGHT ROUTE

From where the routes divide to Pedrosilla is 6.5km.

RIGHT 18.4km (5h17m) to:

Pedrosillo de los Aires

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 10 beds | donativo | Walk up Calle Iglesia to the church, pass to its left then

turn left on to Calle el Sol, you'll see the Ayuntamiento in front of you, pass it to the right, the albergue is basically behind it on Calle Consejo. Kitchen. Tel 629 129 647 or 609 107 381

INFO **Café Meson Lucia** by the swimming pool on the left at the beginning of the village does OK food. There's another bar behind the church and yet another near the albergue, neither of which serve food, closed Mondays. **CLOSED?** • There is a small **shop** with no sign, from Café Meson Lucia turn left, at the next corner is a grey house with a balcony, ring the bell and if they're open they'll respond, they sell everything you need to cook for yourself in the albergue (this is an option worth considering).

5.2km to Monterrubio de la Sierra.

6.3km to Morille.

THE LEFT ROUTE

From where the routes divide to San Pedro is 16.3km.

Walk uphill along an unpaved path, passing to the right of the windmills on the top of **Pico de la Dueña** (1,145m, highest point on the Camino so far). Then steeply downhill on another rough path before joining a road.

San Pedro de Rozados is a little off the Camino to the left. Follow the road if you wish to continue to Morille.

LEFT 28.3km (8h12m) to: San Pedro de Rozados

Albergue Mari Carmen

Private | 12 beds | 10€ | April to October approximately | On Calle de Oriente, ask for the key in VII Carreras restaurant. Basic, neglected. Tel 923 344 075

Hotel Rural VII Carreras, on Calle Corpus Cristi, turn right on to Calle Rodera then right again. Doubles 65€, triples 70€. Café / restaurant. Website

www.turismoruralviicarreras.es

Tel 923 344 075

INFO Shop. • **Hotel Rural VII Carreras** has a **café / restaurant** which does food of variable quality.

RIGHT AND LEFT ROUTES REJOIN IN MORILLE

RIGHT 11.5km (3h18m) | LEFT 3.9km

(1h01m) to: Morille

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 24 beds | 10€ | Just to the left of the Ayuntamiento. Keys from Bar Marcos or call the number on the door. The albergue is spread over two buildings, which one they open first depends how many pilgrims are around. The hospitalero can provide food when the bar is closed. Tel 626 460 272

INFO Shop to the right of the Camino past the albergues. Café, **Bar Marcos**, to the left of the Camino, does food, closed Wednesdays. 10km to Miranda de Azán, which

is 250m to the right of the Camino. Cafés which all open about 10:00. However, **no pilgrim albergue** (despite the rumours!)

3.2km after the turnoff for Miranda the Camino crosses a road where abundant yellow arrows urge you to turn left. Ignore them and continue straight.

Approaching Salamanca you'll pass under a road on to an urban street, past a roundabout and into a park where you turn right and walk with a stream on your left. You will see a yellow arrow telling you to cross a footbridge to the right, ignore it and continue to follow other yellow arrows with the stream on your left through a tunnel under a railway line, past a petrol station and straight along a street until you see the Roman bridge over the river Duero which you'll cross to the city proper.

9.5km to Salamanca

Once over the bridge, cross the road and continue right uphill to the point where the right turn to the municipal albergue is indicated with a metal Camino sign set into the ground with the letter 'A' for 'Albergue'.

19.6km (5h29m) to: Salamanca

Casa la Calera

Municipal | 18 beds | donativo | Follow the metal plates in the ground after crossing the bridge and climbing the hill into the old city. Those with 'A' point to the albergue. Kitchen. Excellent albergue run by permanent staff and volunteers. In off-peak times you may need to call a number on the door. Website salamancaenlaviadelaplata.es

Tel 652 921 185 Open 15:00

Hotel Condal, on Plaza de Santa Eulalia two minutes walk from Plaza Mayor. Good location and excellent value for a tourist city. Singles / doubles from 39€. Tel 923 218 400. Website www.hotelcondal.com

Hostal Granada at Calle Fray Luis de Granada 12, a few minutes walk north of Plaza Mayor and near the Camino leaving town. Singles / doubles from 35€. One of the better budget options. Tel 923 622 977

INFO Salamanca, with a population of 228,000 is the largest city and capital of the Province of Salamanca. The Camino passes right through the city centre, close to the most important sights, banks, pharmacies, places to eat, etc. • Follow the Camino past the Cathedral, on the left is **Croissantaría Paris**, which opens about 08:00 with coffee and freshly baked pastries. • A little further on the right opposite Casa de la Concha is a **Carrefour supermarket** which opens 7 days. • **Café / Bakery Granier**, on the Camino

after **Plaza Mayor** also has nice pastries. • A little further on on the right at a roundabout is **Cafetería Toscano** which opens at 07:30, closed Tuesday. • Also on the Camino past Plaza Mayor is a **pharmacy** that open every day of the year. • There's a big **Decathlon** outdoor equipment shop about a 40 minute walk from the centre, or get bus 20 to Santa Marta from Gran Vía, getting off at Leclerc supermarket. It's south east of the centre. **Leaving Salamanca there are almost no waymarkings of any description.** Luckily it's mostly straight all the way. From Plaza Mayor continue north along Calle de Zamora, then straight over a roundabout on to Paseo Torres Vilarroel, where there's a small shop / bakery that opens at 07:00, continuing straight to another roundabout where you veer left on to Avenida de Borgoña, then straight through another roundabout by a large Carrefour supermarket. Here the Camino crosses to the right side of the road and (just when you've abandoned all hope) Camino waymarkings appear again! 7km to Aldeaseca de la Almuña. Café Bar La Pedania, turn left at a small park with a fountain (Plaza Mayor) and walk 100m. Small supermarket a little further along the Camino on the right. Between here and Castellanos de Villiquera there are two routes. **For the right (old) route** continue straight and cross to the right side of the main road just after the village, and then cross it again after 2.8km. **For the left (new) route** turn left at Plaza Mayor (a small park with a fountain) and continue more-or-less straight out of the village. Don't miss the sharp right turn after 1.5km. The left route is a bit more scenic. Both routes are about the same length. 4.8km to Castellanos de Villiquera, café, shop by the church, pharmacy.

15.9km (4h27m) to: **Calzada de Valdunciel**

Albergue La Casa del Molinero

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | Follow the Camino through the village past the Town Hall / Ayuntamiento and it's on the right. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Breakfast. Singles from 25€, doubles 36€. Tel 689 008 562

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 8 beds | 8€ | Past Casa del Molinero then turn right after the community centre just as you're about to come back into open country. For the keys see the instructions on the door, or the door may just be open, in which case call the hospitalero to tell them

you're there. Kitchen. Website calzadadevaldunciel.es/peregrinos/albergue-del-peregrino Tel 717 706 637 or 923 310 024 **Bar El Pozo**, right at the Plaza on Calle Laguna, does an excellent Menú del Día (lunchtimes only). They also rent single rooms from 25€, doubles 50€. Website www.hostalrestaurantelpozo.es Tel 639 152 697 or 666 634 740

Casa Rural Mari Carmen, on the Camino on the left before the Plaza. Singles 25€, doubles 45€. Tel 923 310 101

INFO The Camino arrives on to Plaza de la Constitución. From here the albergues are straight on. For **café / restaurants, shops, pharmacy** turn right on to Calle La Laguna. • The more upmarket **Restaurante Joaquín**, has good tapas and a full menu, including Platos Combinados, if you ask nicely. Follow Calle la Laguna to the main road and turn right. • Also good reports of restaurant **Mesón Fuentebuena**, also on the main road before you arrive to Restaurante Joaquín. • The **ATM** of Unicaja is only available during office hours.

5.2km cross under the motorway. After rain it may be necessary to follow a short detour to avoid getting your feet wet. It's clearly waymarked.

20.2km (5h41m) to: **El Cubo de Tierra del Vino**

Albergue Torre de Sabre

Private | 20 beds | 18€ | Signposted to the right of the Camino before the village, on Calle Travesía de la Ermita. Laundry facilities. Evening meal, breakfast. Singles 30€, doubles 40€. Tel 633 424 321 or 697 759 418

INFO **Shop** on Calle García de la Serna, left off the Camino. **Café, pharmacy** on the Camino. • **Restaurante Casa Iván** on the Camino on the left, has been recommended, lunchtimes only, closed Saturdays. Continue down El Cubo's main street, veer right at the church, cross the river and then take a left.

13.6km (3h43m) to: **Villanueva de Campeán**

Albergue Vía de la Plata

Private | 23 beds | 12€ | On the Camino on the right. Laundry facilities. Microwave. Vending machine with snacks. Tel 630 980 967 or 679 934 641

Posada Real del Buen Camino, on Calle Cruz 2. Doubles 110€. They also do meals and breakfast. Website www.laposadadelbuencamino.com

Tel 620 235 322

INFO No facilities since the bar closed in 2024. The **Club de Jubilados** does bocadillos, however you should bring food with you if possible.

4km to the **turnoff for San Marcial**, straight ahead where

the Camino turns sharp right, 1km off the Camino. In San Marcial **Bar el Cruce**, on the main road, does food, open 10:00, and there's a small **supermarket**. From San Marcial you can rejoin the Camino by following the main road north for 1.8km. The detour works out at about the same distance as following the Camino.

100m before where the Camino joins the main road is the right turn for **El Perdígón**, 1km off the Camino, where **Hostal Rural El Perdígón** has been recommended. Website www.hotelruralelperdigon.com Tel 679 495 499

18.4km (4h54m) to: **Zamora**

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 36 beds | donativo | On the Camino up the hill and around a sharp bend on the right. Kitchen. Excellent facilities. Tel 980 534 097 Opens at 14:00

Casa Mara has been recommended. It's on the Camino 800m before the bridge, Calle de Fermoselle 13. Singles 34€, doubles 46€, breakfast included. Tel 622 067 804 Open 12:00

Hostal Bajo La Muralla, on Calle Feria, on the Camino after Plaza Mayor. Singles 35€, doubles 55€, triples 70€. Website www.bajolamuralla.es Tel 980 530 769

INFO Zamora has a population of 66,000 and is the capital and largest town in the Province of Zamora. It has all facilities.

Shops, cafés, banks and pharmacy on the Camino on or near **Plaza Mayor**. The **Tourist Office** is near the cathedral. • Running south off Plaza Mayor is **Calle de los Herreros** where you'll find many **tapas bars**. Such as, **Taberna la Salita** is good for slightly posh (but not expensive) tapas and local wines. It's on the right. Closed Sunday and Monday. • On the same street **Bayadoliz** has been recommended for food, although their cryptic menu may make ordering a bit random. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. •

Restaurante El Horno on Calle. Renova, just off Plaza Mayor, has an excellent Menú del Día, served until 15:30. • Zamora has a **Decathlon** outdoor store conveniently located near the Camino to the north of the city. Opens 09:30. • On the Camino on the left when leaving town (Calle de la Hiniesta) is a Café / Bakery, **Pan el Viso**, which opens every day at 07:30. • Zamora is a stop on the high-speed (AVE) train line between Santiago and Madrid.

The Camino turns left and crosses Plaza Mayor diagonally and then goes down Calle de las Costanillas, veering left at the bottom on to Calle de la Feria then it continues straight across a roundabout. From there it's straight ahead on to Calle Morana then veering left on to Carretera Hiniesta. Then continue straight through another

roundabout and walk on the right until the Camino leaves the road and continues on a lane. NB. Another Camino goes west from here towards Portugal, a signpost marks the spot where the paths divide, be careful not to get the routes confused.

7km to Roales del Pan, a small Coviran supermarket. The municipal albergue here is closed, no plans to reopen it. After Roales you will begin to encounter the northern AVE route. A bridge has been built over the new tracks so no special detours are needed.

19.2km (5h24m) to:

Montamarta

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 20 beds | 5€ | March to November | In the old school building, to the right of the Camino before the village after passing under the main road. Kitchen.

Tel 685 104 808 or 980 550 112 or the contact details on the door. Open 14:00

Casa Rural El Molino de Castilla in a renovated mill on the main road just before Restaurante Rosamari. They have a nice enclosed garden with a swimming pool. Singles 35€, doubles 50€, triples 75€.

Recommended by several pilgrims. Website molinodecastilla.com Tel 655 014 076

Casa Rural El Bruñedo, on the Camino on the left shortly after the turnoff for the supermarket. Singles 30€. Tel 636 484 666

Casa Rural El Tío Bartolo on Calle Carlos Pinilla, turn left for Corviran, then right, then left. Singles 25€. Tel 650 405 236

INFO The Camino joins the main road at the municipal albergue and then follows it north through the village. There's a **Coviran Supermarket** down a street to the left at the bus stop. **Bakery** on the Camino on the left. •

Café / Restaurante Rosamari is very welcoming and does good food and excellent tapas and opens about 07:30, it's on the Camino near the end of the village. • **Café El Pescador** to the left at Rosamari. Fairly new. Good reports for food. • Good reports of the platos combinados in **Fisuk Bar y Parrilla**. It's on the main road on the right.

When the reservoir is in flood you'll have to cross the road bridge and turn left towards a small church.

4.1km the Camino turns sharp right, crosses the motorway and then continues north. Continue straight here if you wish to follow the N-631 which will bring you directly to Tábara in approximately 25km, bypassing Fontanillas, Riego and Granja, road-side walking with heavy traffic including HGVs.

12.6km (3h32m) to:

Fontanillas de Castro

Albergue Castroterafe

Association | 12 beds | donativo | On the main road at the north end of the village. Follow the Camino through the village past the church, where it turns left follow the signs for the municipal albergue. Wonderful volunteer run albergue with communal evening meal and breakfast. Tel 676 151 949

3.8km (1h00m) to:

Riego del Camino

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 13 beds | 5€ | Unipal (13, 5€) at Calle España 32. Look for a yellow post box. Microwaves. Tel 699 360 203. Open 12:00

INFO Café **La Biblioteca** on Calle las Escuelas, does food. Not open in the morning and closed Wednesdays.

6.7km to Granja de Moreruela

6.6km (1h48m) to: Granja de Moreruela

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 20 beds | 6€ | Near the church, beside the main road. For the key go to café Tele Club, on the opposite side of the main road at the northern end of the village. Tel 980 587 183

Casa Rural Donde Victor Luna has singles 50€, doubles 70€, breakfast included. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Reported to be fabulous! Website www.dondevictorluna.com Tel 665 874 773

Casa Rural Tío Quico from the main road pass the albergue and turn left on to Calle Dr. Damián González Galindo, it's on the right. Singles 40€, doubles 50€, quadruples 80€. Website www.casadeltioquico.com Tel 695 260 905 or 695 260 906

INFO Café **Tele Club** does substantial meals and opens about 07:30. There is a **shop** on the Camino beside the church and a **pharmacy** on the main road at the north end of the village.

Behind the church is a sign which marks the point where the Camino Sanabrés divides left from the **Vía de la Plata** to follow a course through southern Galicia to Santiago. **The Camino Sanabrés**

6.7km from Granja you will cross a bridge called **Puente Quintos over the river Esla**. Immediately after the bridge the Camino turns left off the road and follows the river for 1.1km before turning right just before the brow of a hill (where there is a good view of the river to the south). It then passes to the left of a ruined farmhouse and continues on unpaved roads to Faramontanos (care required on

some parts near the river). After the bridge it is also possible to walk on the (fairly quiet) road all the way to Faramontanos. 11.5km from the bridge to Faramontanos de Tábara, shop, cafés and a pharmacy, all on or near the Camino. **Bar Nemesio**, on the Camino, does food.

The albergue **La Casa Azul y Amarilla** in Faramontanos only opens in summer. Donativo, 4 places. Telephone 692 643 223.

Call ahead to check availability. 6.8km to Tábara. Approaching and leaving Tábara you will cross the AVE (high-speed train) tracks, however this does not interfere with the Camino route.

The Camino doesn't actually enter Tábara. Just before you arrive in Tábara you'll see arrows pointing right and the church up to your left. The arrows pointing right are the Camino continuing after Tábara. If you want to go to the village, head for the church.

25.3km (7h07m) to: Tábara

Albergue El Roble

Private | 14 beds | 12€ | Just off the main square, veering right. Café / restaurant, reported good, with vegetarian options. Singles from 34€, doubles 56€, triples 70€, evening meal included. Tel 650 629 969 or 980 590 300 Open 10:00

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 24 beds | donativo | About 1km off the Camino. Cross Plaza Mayor diagonally and follow the signs. Run by a welcoming hospitalero who, in the style of traditional pilgrim hospitality, prepares an evening meal and breakfast. Accommodation is now in a new building with excellent modern facilities adjacent to the original albergue.

Tel 637 926 068

INFO Small **supermarket** on the left on the main road where you arrive into town. Across the main road is Plaza Mayor and around it are a **pharmacy**, **cafés**, **banks**. The café of **Albergue El Roble**, just off Plaza Mayor, does food and opens for breakfast.

10.2km after Tábara you have the choice of two routes. The right route goes through **Bercianos de Valverde**. The left route goes through **Villanueva de las Peras**. The distances given for both routes are from divide to rejoin.

RIGHT ROUTE 5.2km...

4.3km to Bercianos de Valverde from the point where the routes divide, **no facilities**. From here to Santa Croya de Tera is 8.4km.

LEFT ROUTE 5.6km...

3.8km to Villanueva de las

Peras from the point where the routes divide.

LEFT 14km (3h55m) to:

Villanueva de las Peras

Albergue La Alameda

Private | 12 beds | 12€ | **March to October** |

On Calle La Alameda, to the right of the Camino. Microwave, laundry facilities.

Singles 20€, doubles 30€. Tel 696 321 223

INFO Café Bar La Plaza, on the Camino, has good tapas. **Bar La Moña** has closed. 8.4km to Santa Croya de Tera from Villanueva de las Peras.

RIGHT AND LEFT ROUTES REJOIN BEFORE SANTA CROYA DE TERA

Santa Croya de Tera, small supermarket closed Saturday afternoon and Sunday, and a café. If you need to shop do it here, there is no shop in Santa Marta de Tera. 1km to Santa Marta de Tera. The Camino goes immediately left after crossing the bridge (although the yellow arrows had been repainted to send pilgrims through the village).

RIGHT 23km (6h25m) | **LEFT** 9.4km

(2h34m) to:

Santa Marta de Tera

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 13 beds | 5€ | **March to November** | Follow the signs from outside the church. Keys from the exhibition centre beside the church. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Nice, modern facilities. Tel 626 752 622 Open 10:00

INFO Remember to stock up in Santa Croya de Tera.

Since the closure of Casa Anita in Santa Croya de Tera, this has turned into an accommodation bottleneck with the albergue often filling up early in the day. You would be wise to get here early or to have a Plan B. An alternative is to walk west along the main road (N-525) for 5km to Camarzana de Tera where there are cafés, a shop, a bank, a pharmacy and two accommodation options.

On the main road in Camarzana on the right, **Hotel Juan Manuel** has a warm welcome and singles from 40€, doubles 55€. They also have a good restaurant. Website www.hoteljuanmanuel.es Tel 980 650 897 **Regato Verde** is 800m north of Camarzana along ZA-P-2556, which branches right off the main street 100m after Hotel Juan Manuel. Singles from 30€, doubles 50€. Website: www.regatoverde.com Tel 681 063 030 Open 15:00

There are **cafés, shops** and a **pharmacy**

nearby and you can rejoin the Camino in about 2km by walking west along the N-525 and turning left on to the ZA-105. This detour adds about 1.5km of extra walking.

5.8km after Santa Marta the Camino comes to a main road at a gravel quarry. Turn left here and cross the bridge over the Río Tera. The Camino to Calzadilla continues to the right after the bridge. Shortly before Calzadilla there is a set of confusing arrows pointing to the right. Ignore them and continue straight over the canal until you reach a paved road.

11.1km (2h59m) to:

Calzadilla de Tera

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 6 beds | **donativo** | Continue straight past the **UDACO supermarket** uphill towards the top of the village. The albergue is upstairs in a building between the Medical Centre / Consultorio de Atención Primaria, and a children's playground. The door may be open, otherwise look for instructions.

Tel 980 645 845

INFO The Camino passes more-or-less straight through the village until it comes to a canal where it turns left. At the beginning of the village you'll see a sign for **Café Bar Blanco** 700m to the right, reported good for food. Turn left here and walk straight uphill for a **UDACO supermarket**. Walk past the albergue about 100m with the playground on your right for the **bakery**.

Be careful because there is some confusing waymarking in this area. You should follow the canal to Olleros. Whichever arrows you find in Calzadilla should be pointing you to this canal.

1.9km to Olleros de Tera

Café Bar La Trucha, with unpredictable opening hours.

Guest house **Casa Julia**, walk past the church and cross the main road on to Calle Otero, then right on to Calle de las Eras, it's at the top on the left. Kitchen with groceries for sale. Breakfast. Singles 25€, doubles 40€, 10€ more in winter to pay for heating. Tel 660 088 620 Continue through the village, cross a main road on to another road, pass to the left of a concrete structure and walk towards a church 1.4km in the distance. From this church you'll walk through open country for 2.6km before arriving at a dam, **Embalse de Agavanzal**. Approaching the dam there is a sign on the road indicating bicycles to go left (BICIS), this is the **recommended route** as of September 2024 because the other route is overgrown. Cross the dam and turn immediately left.

9.8km (2h47m) to:

Villar de Farfón

Albergue Rehoboth

Private | 4 beds | **donativo** | **April to October**

- **outside that time call to confirm** | On the Camino leaving the village on the left. Run by a South African family who have dedicated themselves to missionary work. Kitchen. Evening meal and self-service breakfast. Reservations accepted. See their Website www.pilgrimmission.org Tel 647 297 390

INFO Albergue Rehoboth treats passing pilgrims to tea or coffee and biscuits.

6.1km (1h43m) to:

Rionegro del Puente

Albergue de Peregrinos Virgen de la Carballeda

Municipal | 30 beds | 10€ | To the right of the main road after crossing the bridge. The key can be had from Asociación Gastronómica or Bar Palacio. Kitchen. In a renovated medieval pilgrim albergue. Tel 637 124 061 or 686 041 405

INFO The restaurant **Asociación Gastronómica / Me Gusta Comer** has been highly recommended by many pilgrims, open lunchtime and evening, closed Wednesdays. • **Community Café La Vereda** opened in 2023. Open 08:30, later at weekends. Closed Mondays.

3.6km, roadside café, **El Empalme**, 260m along a minor road to the left of the Camino, open from 09:00, closed Mondays.

9km (2h35m) to: **Mombuey**

Albergue de Mombuey

Municipal | 8 beds | **donativo** | On Calle la Iglesia, where the Camino turns left from the main road towards the church. For the key ask in the house which is behind you to the left when you're facing the albergue door. Microwave. Tel 980 642 711

Hotel La Ruta 500m before the village on the right. Café / restaurant which does a Menú del Día. Singles 30€, doubles 45€. Tel 980 642 730

INFO Mombuey has all facilities. On the Camino are **cafés, shops, banks**. **Dia supermarket** right up Calle Panaderos from the Camino. On the main road a little past where the Camino turns left towards the church, a **pharmacy** and a **bakery**. After Mombuey the Camino follows close to the main road for 2.2km before crossing the motorway. Watch out for rabbits and deer. 5km from Mombuey to Valdemerilla. 3.5km to Cernadilla. This municipal albergue is closed. 1.9km to San Salvador de Palazuelo. This municipal albergue is closed.

3.4km Entrepeñas

Azul Sanabria, to the left of the Camino. Can accommodate groups of three: one person 40€, two persons 50€, three persons 60€. The same people own nearby **Las Peñas del Corredor** with singles 30€, doubles 45€. Kitchen. Open March to November. Tel 676 653 466

Casa Rural el Cuco, at the end of Entrepeñas on the right, has doubles from 50€. Evening meal and breakfast. Website www.casaelcuco.es Tel 664 245 298 or 679 511 629

Be careful not to miss the left turn leaving Entrepeñas.

16.9km (4h53m) to: **Asturianos**

Nuestra Señora de la Asunción

Municipal | 22 beds | 6€ | In the Sports Centre / Polideportivo, follow the signs through the village and up the hill. Ask for keys in the Sports Centre Bar. Tel 679 819 360 Open 14:00

INFO Shop and pharmacy, both left where the Camino joins the main road. The café in the **Polideportivo** does food. • **Bar Meson El Carmen**, on the main road, is good for food.

Off-road sections between Asturianos and Puebla de Sanabria may be muddy and flooded after rain.

3.4km to Palacios de Sanabria, cafés and pharmacy. **Bar Mirador**, on the main road, is usually open for breakfast. To rejoin the Camino cross the main road from Bar Mirador and veer left uphill.

2.6km to Remesal.

2.9km to Otero de Sanabria.

2.5km to Triufé.

3.5km to Puebla de Sanabria.

14.8km (4h12m) to:

Puebla de Sanabria

Albergue Casa Luz

Private | 34 beds | 12€ | April to October |

On the left on the Camino as it enters the town. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Good reports. Website www.alberguecasaluz.es Tel 619 751 762 **Closed for much of 2024.**

Check updates.

Hostal San Francisco, on Calle Venta la Galvana, up the street to the right opposite Albergue Casa Luz, has singles from 37€, doubles from 60€. Tel 654 127 160 Reception down the street in the bar of the same name. Website hostalsanfrancisco.sanabria.eu

Tel 980 620 907 or 980 620 896

INFO Puebla de Sanabria is a large town with all facilities. Shops, cafés, pharmacy on the Camino near where it enters the town. Across the bridge and up the hill to the left are bakeries and banks and **Bar España** which is excellent for tapas and usually opens at 08:00 for breakfast. • **El Mesón Remate** has also been recommended, as has **Restaurante**

Tierra de Lobos, on the Camino before the albergue. • Puebla de Sanabria has two railway stations, the old one has direct

regional trains from Valladolid passing through Zamora, the new one is a stop on the Madrid to Santiago AVE line.

The Camino through Puebla follows the main road and turns right immediately after crossing the bridge. Follow this road around the old town until it crosses another bridge, now continue straight for 1km until the Camino turns abruptly left and continues on a path beside a river for 2.5km before rejoining the main road. If this path is flooded following the road (N-525) all the way is a good alternative.

9.8km to Terroso from Puebla de Sanabria. This village lies on a long (but scenic) meander which can be avoided by following the road.

12.3km (3h37m) to:

Requejo de Sanabria

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 20 beds | 5€ | Past the roundabout there's a pharmacy to the right, the albergue is behind that. Basic but comfortable. Contact information on the door. Tel 647 948 186

Albergue Casa Cerviño

Private | 22 beds | 15€ | April to September |

On the left beside the main road, after the roundabout. Kitchen, laundry facilities.

Private rooms, 25€ per person. Website www.albergue-sanabria.com Tel 686 024 213 Open 12:00

Hotel Mar Rojo next door to Casa Cerviño. Comfortable singles/doubles 60€. Café / restaurant. Tel 980 622 446

INFO Two small shops, cafés, pharmacy, all on the Camino. • The café / restaurant in **Hotel Mar Rojo** is good and opens in the morning at 07:30. • **Restaurante Tu Casa**, about 800m up the main road (Avenida Juan Seisdedos / Johnny Sixfingers) west of the village, has a good value traditional Menú del Día in an old fashioned ambiance, lunchtime and evening.

The construction of the high-speed train from Madrid to Galicia is completed and the long years of detours to the route of the Camino in this area are finished. The good news is that the new route is off-road all the way to Padornelo. The bad news is that it's a bit longer than if you follow the road (N-525). **NOTE:** There are several possible routes around here. The one described below is what I walked in summer 2023, it is well waymarked and should be passable and safe in all weathers. The route I had walked a year earlier was blocked by a fence in 2023 (although the fence was easy to climb). There is also the historical route which was

blocked by a high security fence on one side and a dangerous fast flowing river which is only passable in very dry weather.

Follow the Camino through Requejo and continue straight past the cemetery and then continue straight into the woods. After 4.3km you will come to a clearing where the AVE passes to your left on a viaduct. Veer right uphill on an unpaved road, after 400m turn sharp right (almost doubling back on yourself) up a construction road which zigzags its way up to beside the main road in 2.6km. Continue with the main road to your right. You will pass underneath several flyovers and zigzag several times before reaching the pass at A Canda in 2.7km, where there is a monument (Beware of some contradictory signs here indicating an alternative route). The altitude here is 1,365m and it is the **highest point of the Camino Sanabrés (and the entire Camino from Seville to Santiago)**. From the monument continue downhill to cross the motorway again. Then follow the road into Padornelo.

1.5km to Padornelo from the pass. Padornelo has a café, **Bar Silva**.

400m after Padornelo, **Hotel Padornelo** has a café which does good tapas, and a good restaurant. Singles 35€, doubles 45€, triples 55€. Website www.hotelpadornelo.com Tel 652 077 319

Follow the main road after Padornelo for 1.6km to where you veer right before a bridge, now walk 600m until on the left you see a path leading downhill. This brings you to Aciberos after 700m. Parts of this path are prone to flooding, so after rain it may be better to remain on the main road for another 700m and follow the road down to Aciberos.

3.4km from Aciberos to Lubián.

17.9km (5h58m) to: **Lubián**

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 16 beds | 5€ | The first building on the right when you enter the village. Kitchen. Contact details on the door. Basic. Tel 980 624 003

Guest house **La Casa de Irene**, on the right straight after the Municipal Albergue. Singles from 33€, doubles from 50€. Tel 679 138 616

Hotel Rural Val los Pigarros which is part of **Bar Javi** has nice singles 35€, doubles 55€, including breakfast. Go to Bar Javi to check in. Website alojamientosenlubian.es Tel 619 938 244

Guest house **Casa Mariana** on Avenida de Manuel Fabrega Coello has singles from 35€

and doubles 50€. Good reports.
Tel 980 624 050

INFO There's a small **supermarket** on the Camino, closed Saturday afternoons and Sundays. At the top of the town on the main road are **Bar Javi** and **Bar Estrella**, both open about 08:00 and both have been recommended for food. To the west of the caf  s is a **pharmacy**.

From the turnoff to the **Santuario de La Tuiza** (signposted), follow the paved road down to the bridge, past the recreation / sports area, and pass under the motorway. The Camino continues past the **Sanctuary** and then the 320m climb to **Portela de la Canda** begins.

Parts of this stretch can be flooded after rain. It is possible to walk on the road: leaving Lubi  n follow the ZA-106 west for about 9km until it intersects with the Camino at **Portela de la Canda**, a few hundred metres after where the motorway enters a tunnel. Due to the meandering routes the road follows walking on the ZA-106 to this point would be about 9km compared to 6.7km on the Camino. 6.9km from Lubi  n to the pass, **Portela de la Canda**, at altitude 1,260m.

Welcome to Galicia!

1.5km from the pass to A Canda.

3.3km to Vilavella

Vilavella has two caf  s, both a little off the Camino, the food in **Bar ON** has been recommended, closed Mondays. **Hostal Porta Galega** closed in early 2024.

3.5km to O Pereiro.

About 700m off the Camino to the north of O Pereiro on the main road is **Finca Cazador** with a hotel and restaurant. Singles from about 26  , doubles 38  . Tel 988 425 596 or book on their website fincacazador.es Closed Friday.

5.2km to O Ca  izo.
4km to...

24.6km (8h00m) to: A Gudi  a

Albergue de A Gudi  a

Xunta | 44 beds | 10   | Follow the main road until you see it on the left opposite a church, Capela do San Mart  o. In a new building since 2021. Typical Xunta luxury.

Tel 696 820 722 - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** be careful when setting off from this albergue that you follow the yellow arrows for the **Laza** route. It is easy to end up on the Ver  n route if you turn left outside the albergue.

Walk along the main road for 600m past the Xunta Albergue for the following: on the right **Hotel Relojero** has singles from 30   and doubles from 40  . Tel 988 042 384

Hotel Bruma II, on the left. Singles from 40  , doubles 64  . Website hotelbruma.es
Tel 676 966 312

INFO A Gudi  a has all facilities. **Shops,**

caf  s, a pharmacy and banks, all along the main road. • **Bar O Peregrino**, on the Camino on the left, does good tapas. • Most of the town's **restaurants** are along the main road about 600m past the Xunta albergue.

Caf   San Francisco, beside the Repsol petrol station on the right, does good food and opens early. • A little further on the left, **El B  falo** has a good men   del d  a and other dishes. • The restaurant in **Hotel Relojero** is also reported to be good.

The Camino veers right off the main road on to R  a Maior. After about 200m is the point where the Laza (right) and Ver  n (left) routes divide. **Only the Laza route is described here.** Very few people walk the Ver  n which is considerably longer.

7.7km to A Venda Da Teresa.
2.3km to A Venda Da Capela.
3.2km to A Venda Do Bola  o.
A steep 248m descent to Campobecerros.

20.3km (6h28m) to:
Campobecerros
Albergue de Rosario

Private | 20 beds | 10   | Signposted from the Camino. Look for the statue in local tradition dress outside. Tel 650 530 547 Open 11:00
May reopen in 2025. Check updates.

Pension Rurale Casa Nu  ez, go to Caf   Casa Nu  ez. Singles 25  , doubles 35  . A bit basic. Tel 988 077 624 or 608 887 835

INFO Caf   Casa Nu  ez does a good Men   del D  a, including local specialties.
3.1km to Portocamba.

8.4km (2h41m) to: As Eiras

Casa Ulteira

Association | 5 beds | donativo | On the Camino on the right. Kitchen with products to make a simple meal. Run by the local pilgrims association who have been providing refreshments to pilgrims for many years. Call or message to reserve. Tel 650 883 004 or 679 215 750

Guest house **Casa Terra Alma** has been recommended for accommodation and food. Doubles from about 60  . Website terra-alma.es Tel 659 128 097

INFO The Association Albergue very kindly lays out some refreshments for pilgrims. Spectacular scenery, to Laza (if it isn't foggy and rainy).

6.1km (1h52m) to: Laza

Albergue de Laza

Xunta | 34 beds | 10   | A little outside the village. Go to **Protecci  n Civil** to check in, they're on the right on the Camino. Kitchen. Tel 988 422 112 Open 12:00

Casa Blanco Conde which is just to the left where the Camino goes right towards the village, singles 39  , doubles 50  , triples 69  . Tel 609 787 178 Positive reports.

INFO Shops, pharmacy, bank and bakery, all on or near the Camino. Several caf  s do food. • Good reports of the food in **Restaurante Picota**. • Caf   **O Descanso do Peregrino**, to the left of the Camino on the main road as you're leaving the village, opens at 07:00.

3.4km along a quite road to Soutelo Verde
3km to Tamicelas. Then a steep 380m ascent to Alberguer  a.

12km (4h24m) to: Alberguer  a

Albergue El Rinc  n del Peregrino

Private | 24 beds | 10   | March to November | On the Camino on the right, ask in the bar **El Rinc  n del Peregrino** opposite for access.

Kitchen, laundry facilities. Some groceries for sale. Tel 628 832 269

INFO Caf   **El Rinc  n del Peregrino's** walls are adorned with shells with all the names of the pilgrims who have passed through. This is a good place to try the local moonshine, Aguardiente, Hierbas, etc., caution is advised, they also do sandwiches and some groceries, closed Mondays.

7.5km (2h12m) to:

Vilar de Barrio

Albergue de Vilar de Barrio

Xunta | 24 beds | 10   | On Avenida de San Fiz, in the centre of the village, just to the right of the square. Kitchen (yes a kitchen), laundry facilities. Open 12:00

Guest house **A Casa do Adelino** is a little to the right of the Camino before the town at Camino Vilar-A, 37. Doubles from 70  . Tel 609 635 762

INFO Shop, caf  s. Bank on the Camino after the square. **Supermercado Claudio** has a good selection, at the southern end of the square on R  a do Outeiri  o. • Restaurant **Casa Carma  a**, which is across the road from the Xunta Albergue, is unmissable if you want to experience fine dining as it was in the 1950s. • **Bistr   don Manuel** on the south side of the square has also been recommended. 2.3km to B  veda. Caf   a little off the Camino to the left. 800m to Vilar de Gomareite, caf  . 5.4km to Bobadela. 1.2km to Padroso. Caution is advised on the final descent to Xunqueira de Amb  a which can be slippery when wet.

14.2km (4h11m) to:

Xunqueira de Amb  a

Albergue de Xunqueira de Amb  a

Xunta | 24 beds | 10   | Modern albergue just to the right of the Camino before the village. Kitchen. Tel 988 436 069 Open 12:00

Pensi  n Tur  stico Casa Tom  s, on Plaza San Rosendo. Microwave, laundry facilities. Caf   / restaurant with a men   del d  a, reported good. Doubles 36  , triples 54  . Website

pensioncasatomas.es Tel 637 580 772 Open 12:00

The guest house **Casa do Souto** has been recommended, it's right of the Camino on to Camiño Lavandeiro the straight ahead to Praza de San Roque. Singles from 35€, doubles 45€. Evening meal, breakfast (must be requested in advance). Tel 669 851 544

INFO Cafés, a **Finia supermarket** and **pharmacy**, all along the main road through the village. • The restaurant in **Pensión Turístico Casa Tomás** has been recommended, open to non residents.

The Camino follows the winding road through the village, past the church and then turns right following the signpost for **A Pousa**. Then after about 40m it veers left down a side road.

3.1km to A Pousa, café, supermarket.

4.3km to Ousende.

800m to Penelas, café, shop.

2.2km to Venda do Rio.

500m to Pereiras, café.

2.2km to A Castellana, café. This is where the suburbs of Ourense begin. At the beginning of the industrial zone are some information boards for pilgrims with maps. From here it's unpleasant suburban walking to the city centre.

2.2km to Reboredo, at the right turn on to Estrada ao Polígono, arrows urge you to go right up a hill on a narrow lane, you can either follow them or continue straight on Estrada ao Polígono. Soon afterwards, at a roundabout, you need to go left on to a minor road, Rúa do Cruceiro, rather than following the dangerous main road.

2.8km to Seixalbo, café.

2.5km to the **second roundabout** where the Camino veers left down Avenida de Zamora (2nd exit). Follow the Camino for the **Xunta Albergue**, for **Grelo Albergue** take Rúa Nosa Señora da Sainza (1st exit).

22.1km (6h15m) to:

Ourense / Orense

Albergue de peregrinos de Ourense

Xunta | 42 beds | 10€ | On Rúa da Barreira, take the left option at the roundabout before the city centre, walk about 700m on the right side of the street until you see steps leading down to the right (signposted Albergue). Walk down these and cross the small square at the bottom veering right. Continue up the hill on Rúa das Burgas and turn left at the top, the albergue is on the corner. They have Credenciales. If you are starting your Camino here you can sleep here if there is space at 18:30. This rule is strictly enforced. Beautiful kitchen, zero utensils. Open 13:00

Grelo Albergue

Private | 38 beds | 19€ | Continue straight at the roundabout where the Camino goes left and walk up Rúa a Peña Trevinca, it's on the left. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Website www.grelohostel.com Tel 988 614 564 or 698 171 725

Albergue Augas Quentes

Private | 36 beds | 18€ | On Rúa Vicente Risco, after the Roman bridge take a right on to Rúa Mercado and then left. Microwaves. Website www.albergueaugasquentes.com Tel 609 909 112 or 988 061 322 Open 16:00

Hotel Miño, at Rúa Papa Xuan XXIII, 2, after Praza Maior turn left off the Camino on Rua da Concordia, walk to the end and veer right. Singles from 40€, doubles 47€. Website hmorense.com Tel 988 217 594

Hostal Lido two doors up from Hotel Miño. Singles from 40€, doubles 50€.

Tel 988 213 600

Hostal La Rotunda is opposite the northern railway station (there are two, one south of the river and the main one to the north), singles from 40€, doubles 50€. Tel 988 607 759

INFO Ourense's population is 106,000 and it is the capital of Province of Ourense. It has all facilities. Along the Camino, there are cafés, **shops**, **pharmacies** and **banks**. Around the Xunta albergue and the nearby Praza Maior there are cafés, restaurants, banks, etc. • There's a good Menú del Día at restaurant **La Brava**, on Rúa San Miguel, right of the Camino a little past Praza Maior. • Also on Rúa San Miguel, **Restaurante Casa Toñita** has also been recommended. • A little to the left of the Camino after Praza Maior, on the corner of Rúa do Progreso and Rúa Papa Juan XXIII, is **Bar Montgre**, excellent place for breakfast, open 06:00.

*For a visual representation of the options go to www.viadelaplataguide.net and click on **Route Charts**.*

After crossing the bridge, 300m up the hill the Camino divides, the right route turns on to Avenida de Santiago, while the left route continues straight towards the (northern) railway station, visible up the hill. Both routes involve a steep climb to get out of the valley of the River Miño.

Statistically both routes are very similar. The right route is 22.5km with total ascent 694m and total descent 300m, the left is 21.6km with total ascent 772m and total descent 379m. Calculated using the Munter method there's only a 2 minutes difference in estimated walking time. So there's no clear easier route. I've walked both in different weather conditions so when people asked me which one I recommend I tell them: dry weather right route, wet weather left. This is based on the left route having more

road walking and being less prone to flooding. But, to be clear, in wet weather you will get your feet wet whichever way you go.

RIGHT ROUTE 22.5km

Turn right on to Avenida de Santiago which you follow for 700m, walking on the RIGHT otherwise you'll miss the waymarkings, until the Camino veers on to a minor road to the right. After a short while you'll cross the main road again and continue steeply uphill. You'll cross another road and then there's a steep 250m climb over 2km.

12.3km from Ourense to Tamallancos, cafés.

1.1km to Bouzas, café.

5.1km to Viduedo, café, shop.

El Alojamiento Pazos is in the village of Pazos. To get there take a right turn on to a small road where the Camino crosses it 600m after Viduedo. From the Camino it's 550m.

Doubles 40€, triples 60€. Including breakfast.

If you wish to stay two nights they provide a shuttle service to and from Castro Dozón.

Tel 619 445 640

2km to Casas Novas...

LEFT ROUTE 21.6km

Continue straight up the hill, walking on the right, when you see the **railway station** (station café opens 05:00) in front of you veer left and pass in front of it on to **Rúa Eulogio Gómez Franqueira**, from where you basically follow the yellow arrows on the right side of the street, along the side of a busy main road for 2.8km to Quintela, where, opposite **Bodegas Arnoya**, you take the smaller road which branches right. You follow this for 700m until, outside the showrooms of **Gómez y Crespo** (farm machinery manufacturing), where the road goes right, you continue straight. You pass under the new train viaduct to the tunnel under the old train tracks, push the button to get pedestrian priority and (with your torch lit, just in case some driver ignores the traffic lights) pass through the tunnel. After the tunnel the climb begins, 290m ascent over 2.2km.

11.8km from Ourense to Cima de Vila.

3.5km to Ponte Mandras, café a little after the village.

4.3km to Casas Novas...

LEFT AND RIGHT ROUTES REJOIN IN CASAS NOVAS

Casas Novas, from here it's 2km to Cea.

RIGHT 22.5km (7h22m) | **LEFT** 21.6km

(7h20m) to: **Cea**

Albergue de Cea

Xunta | 40 beds | 10€ | Just to the left of the Camino at the start of the village, follow the signs. Kitchen. Tel 600 878 289
Guest house **A Quinta de Cea**, at Rua España 50, close to the Xunta hostel, has doubles from 40€. Also apartments to rent. Information and reservations from their website www.aquintadecea.com Tel 622 252 641 or 669 955 686

Casa Mañoso, at Rúa Campo da Feira, 6, to the right at Praza Maior then right again. Singles 45€, doubles 60€. Website www.casamanoso.es Tel 687 932 467 or 637 068 412

INFO The Camino leads straight up to **Praza Maior**, if you continue straight, veering left, up Rúa Melilla, at the top is Rúa Calvo Sotelo where there are a shop, cafés, including **Sol y Luna** which opens early and also does full meals, and a bank. Around Praza Maior are restaurants, various cafés, a bank and a pharmacy.

There are two routes between Cea and Castro Dozón. The **right route** is the 'official' one and passes through **Oseira**. The left route is slightly shorter.

RIGHT ROUTE 19km

From **Praza Maior** go north on to **Rúa da Praza Maior** and cross the main road on to **Rúa de Lodairo** (past the Bread Monument) and follow the signs.
6km through open country to Pielas. Café, **O Toxo**, reported good.

RIGHT 8.6km (2h42m) to: **Oseira**

Refugio del Monasterio de Oseira

Xunta | 40 beds | 10€ | The albergue is behind the monastery, walk to the right when you're facing the main entrance. Modern albergue. Tel 988 282 004 Open 13:00

INFO Two cafés, both of which do food, although neither opens in the morning and both are closed on Mondays. • The monastery can be visited as part of a guided tour in the evenings, details from the giftshop. You may also attend a prayer (Vespers) service with the monks. It is also possible to stay in the monastery, they accommodate people who wish to stay for 2 to 7 nights as a retreat. Details from their website mosteirodeoseira.org (go to *Hospedería de Oseira* from the main page)

The walk to Castro Dozón begins with a 1.4km 170m steep climb over rocky ground. 6.4km to A Gouxá, café - not open mornings. 4km to Castro Dozón

LEFT ROUTE 14.6km

From **Praza Maior** go north on to **Rúa da Praza Maior** and then at the main road turn left,

walk for 140m then go right following the signs that say **Oseira 9**, pass alongside the **Community Centre / Edificio Multiusos** and follow the yellow arrows.

1.8km to Cotelas, cafés.

In Cotelas, on the Camino on the right, guest house **O Refugio** with en suite rooms, singles 20€ and doubles 30€. Evening meals and breakfast in their café, open from 07:00. Tel 606 709 167

Guest house **Casa Carmen**, 700m off the Camino to the right just after O Refugio. Singles from 32€, doubles 65€. Kitchen, outdoor swimming pool. Website: www.casacarmenfreas.com Tel 672 263 630

LEFT 5.1km (1h42m) to: **Piñor**

Albergue de Piñor

Xunta | 36 beds | 10€ | On the camino on the right beside the Capilla a la Peregrina. New in 2024.

INFO Café, pharmacy.

1.1km to Arenteiro, café.

1.2km to O Reino.

Restaurante Hostel Ateneo, turn left at O Reino and follow the OU-154 for 500m until the 2nd turn right which brings you down to the main road. Turn left onto the main road, it's 370m from here. Café / restaurant. Singles 20€, doubles 40€. Please call to reserve. Tel 988 403 203

7.1km to Castro Dozón. Care is necessary on this part because of faded and missing waymarkings.

RIGHT AND LEFT ROUTES REJOIN IN CASTRO DOZÓN

Castro Dozón, the municipal albergue here is closed and the building is now being used as a training centre for landscape gardeners.

Cafés. Small Coviran supermarket behind Bar Cantón opposite the park. **Pharmacy** on the main road just south of the village. Basic food also from the **petrol station** on the Oseira variant 150m south of the village.

Guest House **Casa Dozón/Bubela**, on the main road near the pharmacy. 30€ per person with breakfast. Kitchen, laundry facilities.

Website www.casabubeladozon.com

Tel 620 542 503

From **Castro Dozón** it's 19km to **A Laxe**

4.6km north of Castro Dozón the Camino veers left away from the main road on to a minor one.

1.5km to Puxallos.

6.8km to Estación de Lalín, cafés, guest houses.

A Taberna da Vento, just past the roundabout, first exit, does good food. Also café **A Estación**, just off the second exit, closed Mondays.

Hostal A Taberna De Vento, same building as the restaurant of the same name. Doubles from 40€. Website a-taberna-de-vento.marketinghotelero.top Tel 629 306 679
3.7km to A Eirexe, café. A new

private albergue is current being built in A Eirexe. Please see updates. 2.4km to A Laxe.

RIGHT 29.4km (9h32m) | **LEFT** 28.5km

(9h01m) to:

A Laxe / Bendoiro

Albergue de Peregrinos

Xunta | 28 beds | 10€ | Cross the road to your right after passing beside a roundabout beside the motorway. In a modern spacious building. Microwaves. Needs a proper clean. You exit through a different door to the entrance, pay attention to SALIDA signs. Open 13:00

INFO Some basic groceries are available from the **petrol station** shop in the industrial estate across the motorway. **Pharmacy** to the right off the Camino 100m past the albergue. • On the Camino 300m past the albergue is a café / restaurant called **Ma. José** which does an excellent Menú del Día. • This is where the Camino de Invierno joins the Camino Sanabrés.

2km to Prado, shop, pharmacy, café on the main road just to the right of the Camino. 4.8km at the beginning of an industrial zone where the Camino goes left, there is a sign pointing to a café 50m off the Camino. It's more like 150m.

9.7km (3h10m) to: **Silleda**

Albergue Santa Olaia

Private | 20 beds | 10€ | In the centre of the town down an alleyway behind the church, Nosa Señora da Saleta. Laundry facilities. Website www.alberguesantaolaia.es

Tel 679 508 709 or 626 405 652 Open 12:00

El Gran Albergue del Peregrino

Private | 20 beds | 15€ | On Rúa Antón Alonso Río, also to the right of the Camino. (Also known as **Hostal González**) Kitchen, laundry facilities. Singles 20€, doubles 35€, triples 60€. Tel 986 580 156 Open 11:00

Albergue Trabazo

Private | 24 beds | 15€ | To the right of the Camino on Rúa Alfonso Trabazo. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Website www.alberguetrabazo.com Tel 722 129 401

Albergue Turístico Silleda

Private | 20 beds | 15€ | On Rúa Venezuela, which is to the right of the Camino, ask in Bar Maril. Laundry facilities. Singles from 25€, doubles 40€. Website

www.albergueturisticosilleda.es

Tel 643 898 693 or 675 751 144 Open 12:00

Hostal Casas Novas, on the Camino on the right at the start of the town has also been recommended, singles from 40€, doubles 54€. Their café opens early. Website www.hostalcasasnovas.com Tel 604 042 974 or 986 580 898

Hotel Ramos, further up Rúa Venezuela. Singles from 40€, doubles 50€. Website www.hotelramos.com Tel 633 325 154 or

986 581 212

INFO The Camino arrives on the main road and follows it north through town. On or near the Camino are cafés, a **pharmacy** and **banks**. There are two **supermarkets** both to the right of the Camino on Rúa Emilio Elonso Paz. Friendly **Café Bar Maril** (part of Albergue Turístico) does a good evening meal and opens at 07:00.

Follow the Camino along the main road north through the town to where it veers left on to a path.

6.9km (1h56m) to: **Bandeira**

Albergue de Bandeira

Xunta | 36 beds | 10€ | On Rúa Lourdás, 200m to the right of the Camino just past the centre of the town. Signposted. Open 13:00 **Hotel Victorino Leira Xesbran**, on the Camino on the left just before the turnoff for the municipal albergue, has singles from 35€ and doubles 48€. Tel 986 585 330

INFO The Camino arrives along the main road and then follows it north through town. On or near the Camino are **cafés**, **banks** and **pharmacies**. Around the corner from the Xunta albergue, is a **Dia supermarket**. Use one of the pedestrian crossings in town to cross to the right side of the street, otherwise you'll be crossing at a dangerous bend.

5.1km (1h27m) to: **Dornelas**

Casa Leiras

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | closed Christmas and New Year | On the Camino on the right. In a nicely renovated farm building. Café / restaurant. Communal evening meal with vegetarian options on request. Breakfast. Good reports. Run by a young Italian couple. Camping also possible. Tel 620 483 603 or 634 613 690

INFO Café.
Steep descent to Ponte Ulla.

8.1km (2h24m) to: **Ponte Ulla**

Albergue O Cruceiro

Private | 18 beds | 16€ | Up steps to the right of the flyover after turning left after the bridge. Laundry facilities. They have a café / restaurant and private rooms. Good reports of albergue and restaurant. Singles 30€, doubles 50€, triples 65€. Website www.ocruceiro.es Tel 981 512 099 Open 10:00

A Taberna de Gundián, on the left a little after crossing the bridge. Singles 30€, doubles 50€. Tel 981 512 431

INFO Cafés, Carrefour supermarket a little to the left of the Camino just under the flyover. • **Bar Restaurante Rios**, near the bridge has been recommended (although it's been temporarily closed for a while now). The Camino goes up steps to the right just before the flyover.

4.3km (1h42m) to: **Outeiro**

Albergue de Outeiro

Xunta | 32 beds | 10€ | In an isolated spot to the right of the Camino. Laundry facilities. Tel 689 352 875 Open 13:00

INFO No services available locally, you will need to stock up in Ponte Ulla. If you feel like treating yourself about 3.4km further along the Camino is a guesthouse which has been recommended, **Casa de Casal**, double rooms from about 60€. Website www.casadecasal.com Tel 981 503 227

7.9km (2h22m) to: **Deseiro**

Albergue Reina Lupa

Private | 14 beds | 18€ | February to November | Beside the main road a short distance to the left of the Camino before the village, next to Bar Rosende. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Café / restaurant. Double rooms 45€. Website alberguereinalupa.com Tel 679 842 829 or 981 511 803 Open 12:00

INFO Cafés.
4.5km to Piñeiro, cafés.
1.4km just before the suburb of Angrois you'll pass the bridge over the railway track which was the scene of a train crash on 24 July 2013 in which 80 people died.
3.1km to Santiago Cathedral.

9km (2h56m) to: **Santiago de Compostela**

These albergues are on or near Rúa dos Concheiros which the Camino follows before it enters the historic centre.

Albergue Santos

Private | 22 beds | 20€ | March to November | On the Camino on the left. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Tel 881 169 386 Open 11:00

Albergue Porta Real

Private | 22 beds | 20€ | April to October | Also on Rúa dos Concheiros. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Tel 633 610 114 Open 11:00

Albergue La Estrella de Santiago

Private | 24 beds | 19€ | April to October | On Rúa dos Concheiros, on the left. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Website www.laestrelladesantiago.es Tel 617 882 529 Open 09:00

Albergue Seminario Menor

Religious | 170 beds | 22€ | Easter to October | Off the Camino to the left. From Praza de San Pedro turn left on to Rúa de Blevís and follow the signs. Kitchen, laundry facilities, shop. You can stay as long as you like but you must vacate the dorms between 09:30 and 13:30 and return before 00:30. Private rooms. Website www.alberguesdelcamino.com Tel 881 031 768 Open 13:30

These albergues are in the historic centre, close to the cathedral.

O Fogar de Teodomiro

Private | 20 beds | 20€ | On Praza de la Algalia, a few minutes north of the cathedral. From the Camino turn right on to Rúa de Algalia de Arriba and walk about 200m. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Noisy and other negative reports. Tel 881 092 981

Albergue Linares

Private | 12 beds | 22€ | From the Camino turn right on to Rúa de Algalia de Arriba and walk to the top and it on the right on the corner. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Tel 981 943 253 Open 13:00

The Last Stamp / El Último Sello

Private | 62 beds | 22€ | March to November | Just to the left of the Camino at Praza de Cervantes. Kitchen. Good reports. Website www.thelaststamp.es Tel 981 563 525 Open 14:00

Albergue Azabache

Private | 20 beds | 25€ | March to October | On the left just before the cathedral. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Website albergueazabache.com Tel 981 071 254 Open 11:00

Albergue km 0

Private | 50 beds | 25€ | March to December | On Rúa Carretas, the same street as the Pilgrims Office, from Praza Obradoiro go left in front of the Parador and turn right. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Website santiagokm0.es Tel 624 029 410 Open 13:00

Albergue Mundoalbergue

Private | 34 beds | 22€ | Two minutes walk west from Praza do Obradoiro, down the steps to the left of the Ayuntamiento and continue straight, on Rúa San Clemente. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Common room with fireplace. Website www.mundoalbergue.es Tel 674 415 600 Open 11:00

Albergue Blanco

Private | 20 beds | 20€ | Also down Rúa das Hortas to the end, then right, on Rúa Galeras. Laundry facilities, microwaves. Private rooms. Website www.prblanco.com Tel 699 591 238 Open 14:00

These albergues are outside the historic centre.

Albergue Meiga Backpackers

Private | 26 beds | 20€ | March to November | On Rúa dos Basquiños, same direction as Albergue La Salle, just a little further. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Some negative reports. Website www.meigahostel.com Tel 981 570 846 Open 10:00

La Estación

Private | 25 beds | 19€ | April to October | On Rúa Xoana Nogueira, near the railway station. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Website www.alberguel aestacion.com Tel 639 228 617 Open 12:00

INFO INFORMATION • Although Santiago de Compostela is the capital and ecclesiastical centre of Galicia it is only the 6th largest city coming after Vigo, A Coruña, Ourense, Lugo, Pontevedra and Ferrol. Until 1982 A Coruña was the capital. • There's a

helpful **City Tourist Office** on Rúa do Vilar, they have good maps of the city and various other leaflets about sights and events. They also organise guided tours with different themes, have MP3 audio guides and information about the **Camino to Fisterra / Finisterre**. On Rúa Nova is **Pilgrim House**, a US-run meeting space for pilgrims which provides services such as **printing boarding cards** and **laundry**. **Post Office** with *Poste Restante* on Rúa do Franco. **Supermarket** on Praza do Toural, at the other end of Rúa do Vilar from the cathedral. There's a **taxi rank** on Rúa de San Francisco, just off the Praza do Obradoiro, from where taxis will take up to four people to Finisterre for about 100€ (the exact price is down to your negotiating skills). The **bus to the airport is the 6A** (and not, repeat NOT the 6), you can get it from **Rúa do Hórreo**, past Praza de Galicia, it usually runs every 25 minutes and takes about 45 minutes, cost 1€, however please ask at the **Tourist Info Office** for the latest on timetable and route. A new **bus station** opened in 2021 replacing the old one, it's near the train station and accessible from there via a pedestrian walkway. • **THE PILGRIMS OFFICE** • The **Pilgrims Office / Oficina de Peregrinos** (or to call it by its correct name *Centro Internacional de Acolida ao Peregrino*) is where you go if you want a **Compostela certificate**. It is on Rúa das Carretas, from Praza do Obradoiro standing facing the Parador walk left down the ramp and turn right, it's down the end on the left. It is open 09:00 to 19:00, closed 25 December and 1 January. At busy times it's advisable to register in advance on their website oficinadelperegrino.com • Close to the Pilgrims Office is a **Left Luggage Office** for pilgrims, where you can leave your backpack while you're visiting the cathedral, open until 20:30, also an office to buy long-distance **bus tickets** and a **post office**. • **OTHER ACCOMMODATION** • Santiago offers a wide variety of accommodation ranging from five star hotels to rooms in private apartments. Pilgrims mostly stay around the historic old city, rarely venturing to the new part of town, which in any case is rarely necessary because the old city has all the facilities you're likely to need. • The following have been recommended for private rooms: **Hospedaje Mera** on Portal da Pena, from about 35€ for singles. Tel 981 583 867 **Bar Tita** on Rúa Nova has rooms from about 40€. Tel 981 583 867. **Seminario Mayor**, in the old monastery opposite the cathedral on Praza da Inmaculada, has 'flexible' pricing starting at about 40€ for single rooms, and a good buffet breakfast. You can reserve from their website: www.sanmartinpinario.eu Tel 981 583 009 **Café A Campana**, on Rúa da Moeda Vella, just off Praza da Inmaculada has rooms from 35€ for singles. Its location is excellent although not everybody will appreciate its 'Fawltly Towers' style of management. A 'Camino Fossil aka veteran pilgrim' (SYates

on Ivar's Camino Forum) welcomes pilgrims in her home, details from her website www.egeria.house

The Camino to Finisterre begins on the Praza Obradoiro: Facing the **Hostal dos Reis Católicos**, with the cathedral on your right, walk down the slope to the left, same direction as the Pilgrims Office, but instead of turning left continue straight ahead down **Rúa das Hortas** and **Rúa da Poza de Bar**. It's signposted with yellow arrows from there on.

West of Santiago waymarkings are far less ubiquitous than on the Camino Francés and are mostly the (official) concrete post type with a scallop-shell symbol on them, positioned at an angle which indicates the direction to follow. You may find this disconcerting at first. The general rule to keep in mind is that at each point where there is a choice of directions there will be a waymarking of some sort.

9.6km (2h56m) to: Ventosa

Albergue A Casa do Boi

Private | 20 beds | 20€ | On the Camino on the left just after crossing the main road (AC-453). In a nicely renovated village house. Café / restaurant. Laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.acasadoboi.com Tel 981 890 967 Open 15:00

INFO Café.

1.7km to Aguapessada, café, pharmacy.

3.4km to Trasmonte, café.

1.9km to Pontemaceiro, café.

2km to Chancela de Abaixo, café.

1.8km to Negreira

11.0km (3h31m) to: Negreira

Albergue Anjana

Private | 20 beds | 15€ | April to November |

On the Camino on the right. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Website albergueanjana.es Tel 607 387 229 Open 12:00

Albergue Alecrin

Private | 39 beds | 15€ | Easter to October |

A little to the right where the Camino meets the main road. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Good reports. Website www.albergueennegreira.com Tel 616 628 768 Open 12:00

Albergue Cotón

Private | 40 beds | 15€ | Easter to October |

On the Camino on the left at a roundabout. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Website alberguecoton.es Tel 881 979 654 Open 12:00

Albergue El Carmen

Private | 34 beds | 14€ | On the Camino on the

right where it turns left away from the main road, above Café Mezquita. Laundry facilities. Private rooms. Positive reports. Website

www.alberguehostalmezquita.com

Tel 636 129 691 Open 12:00

Albergue San José

Private | 47 beds | 15€ | March to November

| To the right of the Camino in the centre of the town, on Rúa de Castela. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website

www.alberguesanJose.es Tel 881 976 934 or 691 771 423 Open 12:30

Albergue de Negreira

Xunta | 20 beds | 10€ | Follow the Camino

through the town, up a hill, through an archway and it's there on your left, on Rúa Patrocinio. Run down and not very clean. Open 13:00

Albergue Bergando

Private | 25 beds | 17€ | 1400m from the town

but they may be able to pick you up from there. An educational farm with a variety of animals. Microwaves. Breakfast. Private rooms. Tel 659 447 204 Open 1300

INFO With 2,000 inhabitants this is the biggest town you'll pass through between here and the coast. It has all facilities. **Restaurante Casa Barqueiro** has been recommended. Fiestas San Cristóbal 10 July, Entroido 15 February.

9.5km (3h18m) to: A Pena

Albergue Alto da Pena

Private | 22 beds | 17€ | On the Camino.

Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant, is reported good. Private rooms. In a nicely renovated building. Tel 609 853 486 Open 12:00

Albergue Rectoral San Mamede da Pena

Private | 24 beds | 17€ | April to October |

On the Camino. Microwaves, laundry facilities. Communal evening meal. Private rooms. Good reports. Tel 649 948 014 Open 14:00

INFO Café.

4.0km (1h09m) to: Vilaserío

Albergue O Rueiro

Private | 32 beds | 14€ | March to October |

On the Camino. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Breakfast. Private rooms. Website orueiroenvilaserio.com Tel 659 568 139. Open 11:00

Albergue Casa Vella

Private | 15 beds | 14€ | Easter to October |

On the Camino. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Bohemian atmosphere. Private rooms. Good reports. Website casavellavilaserioblog.com Tel 615 669 283 or 981 893 516

Albergue Municipal

Municipal | 15 beds | donativo | Unicipal (15,

donativo), in the old school building at the end of the village. Mattresses. Basic but functional. Tel 981 893 506

INFO Café.

6.8km to Maroñas, café.

7.8km (2h16m) to:

Santa Mariña

Albergue Casa Pepa

Private | 40 beds | 15€ | A little to the left of the Camino opposite the church. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Private rooms. Good reports. Website www.alberguecasapepa.es Tel 981 852 881 or 686 234 342 Open 12:00

Albergue Santa Mariña

Private | 30 beds | 14€ | April to November | On the Camino on the right a little after the village. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Tel 981 852 897 or 655 806 800 Open 12:00

INFO Cafés.

6.2km (1h51m) to: **Lago**

Albergue Monte Aro

Private | 25 beds | 15€ | On the Camino on the left. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Website alberguemontearo.com Tel 682 586 157 Open 12:00

INFO Café.

4.4km (1h12m) to:

Ponte Olveiroa

Albergue Ponte Olveira

Private | 15 beds | 17€ | March to October | On the Camino on the right. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Private rooms. In a nicely renovated farm building. Tel 666 950 223 Website www.ponteolveira.com Open 12:00

INFO Café.

1.8km (0h30m) to: **Olveiroa**

Albergue Casa Manola

Private | 16 beds | 15€ | On the Camino on the left. Laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Private rooms. Very modern. Website casamanola.com Tel 981 741 745 Open 12:00

Albergue Hórreo / Casa Loncha

Private | 53 beds | 15€ | March to November | On the Camino on right as you enter the village. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Also private rooms. Website www.casaloncho.com Tel 981 741 673 or 626 006 769

Albergue Santa Lucía

Private | 16 beds | 15€ | March to October | Across the street from the Xunta. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website alberguedeolveiroa.com Tel 602 613 393 Open 12:00

Albergue de Olveiroa

Xunta | 34 beds | 10€ | In the village signposted from the Camino. In several different buildings. Open 13:30

INFO Cafés.

3.4km (1h03m) to: **O Logoso**

Albergue O Logoso

Private | 40 beds | 15€ | Signposted. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Café / restaurant. Small shop. Family run. Good reports. Private rooms. Website ologoso.com Tel 659 505 399

Open 13:00

INFO Café.

1.7km (0h35m) to: **Hospital**

Albergue O Casteliño

Private | 18 beds | 14€ | On the Camino. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Café / restaurant 600m away where you check in. Tel 615 997 169 or 981 747 387

INFO Café.

Shortly after Hospital is where the routes to Fisterra / Finisterre (LEFT) and Muxía (RIGHT) divide. From here Muxía is 25km and Fisterra is also 25km.

Direction MUXIA: 4km Dumbria, pilgrim albergue, cafés, shops and a bank. This route is described in detail after the entry for Muxía.

13.6km (3h39m) to: **Cee**

Albergue O Bordón

Private | 24 beds | 15€ | A little to the left of the Camino on the descent down to the town. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Good reports. Tel 655 903 932 Open 12:00

Albergue Talieiro

Private | 15 beds | 18€ | On the Camino just before you reach the main road. Microwaves. Laundry facilities. Breakfast. Private rooms. New in 2024. Website alberguetalieiro.com Tel 647 801 669

Albergue Moreira

Private | 14 beds | 15€ | April to October | On Calle Rosalía de Castro. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Good reports. Website www.alberguemoreira.es Tel 620 891 547 Open 13:00

Albergue A Casa da Fonte

Private | 40 beds | 15€ | April to October | On the left on the Camino near the town centre, Rúa de Arriba. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Good reports. Website albergueacasadafonte.blogspot.com Tel 699 242 711 Open 12:00

Albergue Tequerón

Private | 10 beds | 15€ | On the Camino on the right at little after A Casa da Fonte. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.alberguetequeron.com Tel 666 119 594 Open early

INFO Cee has all facilities and lots of cheapish hotels.

The Camino veers up to the right away from the harbour before the village of Corcubión.

1.7km (0h30m) to: **Corcubión**

Albergue San Roque

Amigos | 12 beds | donativo | On the Camino about 2km after turning up from the harbour. The only albergue run by Amigo volunteers in Galicia. Communal evening meal and breakfast. Tel 679 460 942 Open 16:00

INFO Facilities are in Corcubión which the official route of the Camino by-passes.

Cafés, shops, a bank and lots of other accommodation. Pharmacy on Travesía Carrera Fábregas.

2.7km (0h56m) to: **A Amarela**

Albergue San Pedro

Private | 4 beds | 20€ | On the Camino on the left. Microwaves. Laundry facilities. Private rooms. Tel 670 395 045

8.1km (2h23m) to:

Finisterre / Fisterra

Finisterre's modern Galician name is **Fisterra**. That's what you'll see on signposts.

For purposes of describing the location of albergues we are considering that the Camino ends at the Xunta Albergue:

Albergue Cabo da Vila

Private | 28 beds | 19€ | March to November | On the Camino on the way into town, on Avenida de A Coruña. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.alberguecabodavila.com Tel 607 735 474 Open 13:00

Albergue Oceanus

Private | 30 beds | 18€ | On the Camino on the right, opposite Coviran supermarket. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.oceanusfinisterre.es Tel 609 821 302 Open 13:00

Albergue de Finisterre

Xunta | 26 beds | 10€ | Follow the Camino down into the town, when you see the harbour on your left the albergue is straight ahead on the corner of Rúa Real. Kitchen, laundry facilities. One night only and only if you walked from Santiago. Admission from 13:00. Late night access using a code.

Albergue Por Fin

Private | 11 beds | 17€ | Easter to November | Turn right at the Xunta, on Rúa Federico Ávila. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Tel 636 764 726

Albergue O Encontro

Private | 14 beds | 15€ | Turn right at the Xunta then first left, on Rúa do Campo. Laundry facilities. Private rooms. Tel 696 503 363

Albergue Buen Camino de Sonia

Private | 50 beds | 17€ | March to November | Turn right at the Xunta, then right at the top and first left, on Rúa Atalaya. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Website

www.buencaminofinisterre.com

Tel 640 996 600 Open 11:00

Albergue La Espiral

Private | 15 beds | 17€ | Turn right at the Xunta, then first left on to Rúa do Campo then continue on to Rúa Fonte Vella. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Tel 607 684 248 Open 12:00

Albergue Finistellae

Private | 20 beds | 13€ | Easter to October | Follow the waterfront from the harbour until you come to the little beach, then straight on to Rúa Manuel Lago Pais. Kitchen, laundry

facilities. Private rooms. Good reports.
Website www.finistellae.com Tel 637 821 296

Albergue Fin da Terra e do Camiño

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | Same direction as Albergue de Paz but continue around the harbour and turn right into Rúa Alfredo Saralegui. Kitchen. Laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website alberguefindaterra.wixsite.com Tel 675 361 890

Albergue Arasolis

Private | 16 beds | 15€ | Easter to October | Continue straight past the Xunta to Praza da Constitución, then straight and it's on the left, on Rúa Aras Solis. Kitchen, laundry facilities, small shop. Friendly owner. Tel 638 326 869 Open 12:00

Mar de Fora

Private | 30 beds | 16€ | April to November | Turn right at the Xunta, then left at the top and first right on to Rúa Potiña. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.alberguemardefora.com Tel 648 263 639

Albergue Mar de Rostro

Private | 25 beds | 16€ | May to November | Turn right at the Xunta, then right at the top and it's on the right, on Rúa do Alcalde Fernández. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Tel 637 107 765 Open 12:00

INFO Fisterra is a biggish town with all facilities. There are three **supermarkets**, one on the Camino on the way into town, another at the little beach, and the other up the hill from the Xunta and left, on Rúa do Alcalde Fernández. **Pharmacy** on Rúa Real, continue straight past the Xunta towards Plaza Constitución. Travel agents for bus and train tickets across the road from the Xunta, **Brigantía Viaxes**, they also rent apartments and houses by the day. The **bus stop** for buses to and from Santiago is also right beside the Xunta, as is the taxi rank from where taxi drivers can take up to four passengers to Santiago for (about) 100€ in a little over an hour. There is also a bus service to Muxía, leaving three times daily weekdays only, with a change in Cee. The certificate for walking from Santiago, the **Fisterrana**, is available from the Xunta or from the *Ayuntamiento*. If you get the opportunity it's well worth your while walking to Fisterra and spending a few days just hanging out around town and at the beach (some people don't want to leave!). There's a laid-back après-Camino feel and lots of hard partying, as well as tearful good-byes. Between Fisterra and Muxía there are no shops and the only (regularly open) place to eat is in Lires. Waymarking, in the form of concrete bollards, has been greatly improved on this route and can be followed easily in both directions.

The Camino to MUXIA

Leave Fisterra walking back towards Santiago up **Rúa Santa Catalina**. After 600m you come

to a point where there's a stone cross and a path leads to the right down towards the beach, here you should continue walking along the main road for about 300m until you veer left before **Asador San Ronque**. You'll see the first Muxía bollard here. There are also yellow arrows with M and F. **The Xunta in Muxía may want to see a stamp from Lires as proof that you walked from Fisterra (and vice a versa).**

3.7km to Hormedesuxo from Fisterra. The Camino veers right at a crossroads. After 100m there is a café, Bar la Razón, to the right. 3km to Buxán, small donativo café (sometimes). Pass through Buxán veering right and continue on a road through a wood for 900m, then turn left. 1.7km to Castrexe. Just before the village there is an option to veer left and walk a path which follows a coastal route into Lires, it's about 1km longer. On this route, beside a lonely beach watch out for the **Fonte Soleiros / the Fountain of the Lonely**. With its motto: *Se téis mal d'amores bebe da Fonte Soleiros, que a falta dun bo mozo saénche sete zalameiros*. 3.1km to A Canosa. From here it's 1.7km to Lires.

13.3km (4h08m) to: Lires

As Eiras

Private | 25 beds | 19€ | Coming from Fisterra it's to the right of the Camino up a small hill. In the same building as the café / restaurant and run by the same family. Laundry facilities. Also private rooms. Website ruralaseiras.com Tel 981 748 180 or 662 261 818 Open 12:00

INFO The café of As Eiras does food. Shortly after Lires the Camino crosses the río Castro where a footbridge has replaced the stepping-stones where pilgrims used to get their feet wet. 3.5km to Guisamonde. 1.7km to Morquintán. Café. 4.7km to Xurarantes, where you join the road walking past the beautiful beach at Playa Lourido. Now follow the road straight into Muxía in 3.3km.

14.2km (4h22m) to: Muxía

Albergue de Muxía

Xunta | 32 beds | 10€ | On a hill at the southern end of the town on Rúa Enfestio. Kitchen. Extraordinary, modern, purpose-built albergue. You can only stay there if you walked from Santiago or Finsiterre and can show proof (stamp in Credencial or receipt from hotel and recently they've begun to insist on a stamp from Lires too). One night only. Open 13:00

Albergue@Muxía

Private | 40 beds | 15€ | Just down the street from the Xunta. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Tel 609 615 533

Albergue Da Costa

Private | 10 beds | 16€ | On the way into town coming from Fisterra, on Avenida de Doctor Toba. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.dacostamuxia.com Tel 676 363 820 Open 12:00

Albergue Muxía Mare

Private | 18 beds | 14€ | On Rúa Castela. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.alberguemuxiamare.es Tel 981 742 423 Open 12:00

Albergue Arribada

Private | 40 beds | 20€ | Near the main square, on Rúa del Río. Kitchen, laundry facilities. Private rooms. Website www.arribadaalbergue.com Tel 981 742 516 Open 13:00

Albergue Bela Muxía

Private | 45 beds | 16€ | On Rúa da Encarnación which runs north-south two streets back from the quays, near the Tourist Office. Kitchen, laundry facilities. In a modern, purpose-built building. Spacious dorms. Private rooms. Website www.belamuxia.com Tel 687 798 222 Open 13:00

INFO Muxía has all facilities. Many **fish restaurants** and **cafés** along the harbour.

Pharmacy on Rúa Real, one street back from the quay. **Buses** leave from the quay. Services daily to Santiago taking about two hours. Also services to Fisterra taking about 45 minutes.

The albergues should have up-to-date timetables. Local **taxi drivers** will take up to four people to Fisterra for about 40€ and Santiago for about 100€, ask around in albergues and cafés for contact details. There is a local pilgrimage to the waterfront church every year on the Sunday following 8 September. Fiestas El Carmen July, a local pilgrimage, the Romaría da Barca, takes place to the church of Santuario de A Nosa Señora da Barca on the first Sunday after 8 September. • **The Little Fox House / Casa do Reposito** is a 'post-Camino retreat' a little off the Muxía - Lires Camino. Please reserve in advance on 686 315 328. It is *donativo*. More details from their website www.thelittlefoxhouse.com

The following description of the route between Muxía and Dumbria is written from the point-of-view of a pilgrim starting in Muxía. The waymarkings are much easier to follow in the other direction (Dumbria - Muxía). In Muxía, follow the waymarkings south from the quays. After 700m turn left on to the wooden boardwalk and follow this to the end and then continue straight along a grassy lane. 1.2km to Chorento, continue straight until at the end of

the village opposite a large house on the right the Camino forks to the left and then at the end of this road turns right towards Os Muiños. 2km to Os Muiños, café on the main road a little off the Camino to the right. After Os Muiños continue to the left along a coastal road through a forest until just before the village of Merexo the road turns left and the Camino continues straight on a smaller road for about 100m before turning right past a house and continuing on a lane through a forest straight all the way to Vilarde. Now turn left and zigzag down the hill. 4.2km to San Martiño, from here continue straight parallel to the main road.

9.7km (3h14m) to: **Quintáns**

Albergue Et Suseia

Private | 10 beds | 18€ | To the right of the Camino just before the village (coming from Muxía). Microwave. Laundry facilities. Tel 620 854 011 Open 12:00

INFO Cafés.

Alternatively, between Os

Muiños and Quintáns it's slightly shorter to follow the main road.

In Quintáns cross the main road and continue straight up the hill. This brings you on to a lane through farmland and forest for about 5km until you rejoin a paved road where you turn left and follow the road.

5.1km (1h35m) to: **Senande**

Albergue O Cabanel

Private | 12 beds | 15€ | 800m before Senande (approaching from Muxía direction). Café / restaurant. Private rooms. Website albergueocabanel.com Tel 600 644 879

INFO Cafés and a shop (in the first café).

In Senande turn right at the village square on to the main road, continue past two cafés (left and right) and, just at the edge of the village, take the small road which veers left. After about 1km this road turns a sharp left then a right then a left again. Now walk straight for about 1km until you rejoin a paved road where you turn left. 2.4km to Trasufe. Take the right turn up through the

village, at the top veer right on the road and almost immediately, where there's a small white house, take a left on to a lane which leads uphill. After 1.5km you'll come to a disused road, take the lane to the left here and in about 300m you'll cross the new main road and continue on a smaller road into Dumbría. From here it's still 2km to the albergue.

6.3km (1h58m) to: **Dumbría**

Albergue de la Xunta de Dumbría

Xunta | 26 beds | 10€ | At the end of the village if you're coming from Muxía. Modern Xunta. Kitchen. The hospitalero calls in the afternoon.

INFO Cafés, supermarket, bank. Pharmacy on Calle Buxán.

From the Xunta, to walk towards Olveiroa, turn right on to the main road and follow it (sometimes veering left and right) for about 4km until you join the Santiago-Fisterra Camino at a roundabout.