

# From Ferrol to Santiago

DISTANCE **113,4** Km  
DIFFICULTY **LOW**

FERROL-NEDA	15,467	km
NEDA-PONTEDEUME	13,204	km
PONTEDEUME-MIÑO	9,750	km
MIÑO-BETANZOS	10,175	km
BETANZOS-PRESEDO	12,009	km
PRESEDO-BRUMA	11,496	km
BRUMA-POULO	9,881	km
POULO-SIGÜEIRO	15,238	km
SIGÜEIRO-SANTIAGO	16,000	km

The English Way has two starting points: the ports of Ferrol and A Coruña. As starting from the first of these cities you walk a total of more than 100 km to Obradoiro square -condition set by the Catholic Church to obtain the Compostela (accreditation of the pilgrimage) at its Pilgrim's Office-, something that does not happen when starting from the second, Ferrol has today become the starting point par excellence of the English Way. It also has the advantage of offering magnificent panoramic views over the Atlantic, here calmed down as it enters the estuaries. Both routes meet in the village of As Travesas, in Carral. In addition, it should be noted that despite the stages indicated here, there are pilgrims who prefer to do in a single day the section from Pontedeume to Betanzos (19,925 km), the one that separates Betanzos from Bruma (23,505 km) and the one from Bruma to Sigüeiro (25,119 km). Thus, instead of investing nine days in traveling the English Way, only six are invested.

## THE HOSTELS

In **Ferrol** there is no public hostel at the moment. One is open in **Neda**, very close to the riverside. It offers 28 beds in two bedrooms. It has hot water, central heating, kitchen without utensils, dining room, showers, wifi in common areas, laundry, washing machine and clothesline.

In **Pontedeume**, a public hostel under municipal management has been opening its doors in the former fish market of Archbishop Rajoy in the harbour since 2010. The space is distributed in two bedrooms, with a total of 20 beds.

**Miño**. Its address is As Marismas s/n, at the foot of a castro and with magnificent views of the marshes. It has been in operation since 1999. It has two bedrooms with a total of 22 beds. Hot water, central heating, kitchen.

**Betanzos**. Known as Casa da Pescadería, it is located at number 4 of the street that gives it its name. It has three bedrooms with a total of 35 beds. Hot water, central heating.

**Presedo**. This is a municipal hostel located a couple of hundred metres from the English Way, next to the sanctuary of Nosa Señora da Saleta. It has 16 beds in its only bedroom.

**Bruma**. Hostel built from a traditional building. The latter is clearly distinguished from the modern addition. It offers 22 beds in three bedrooms.

**Poulo**. This is the most modern hostel on the English Way, halfway between Bruma and Sigüeiro, and occupies a large former rectory. It has 42 beds.

In addition to these official hostels, private establishments of various categories open their doors along the two branches of the Camino Inglés. Many of them offer to pick up the pilgrim to spend the night and transfer him to the same place the following day. More information on the web [www.caminoingles.gal](http://www.caminoingles.gal).



Presedo hostel

Web:  
[www.caminoingles.gal](http://www.caminoingles.gal)  
Facebook Group:  
**Camino Inglés Oficial**  
Facebook Fan Page:  
**Camino Inglés**  
Instagram:  
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## AGENDA

**Civil protection:** 112. **Health emergencies:** 061  
**Guardia Civil:** 065. **Weather forecast:**  
[www.meteogalicia.gal](http://www.meteogalicia.gal)

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**Ferrol Tourist Office**

Plaza de España s/n. Tel.: 981 944 251

**Xunta de Galicia Tourist Office (Ferrol)**  
Plaza Camilo José Cela s/n. Tel.: 981 337 131

**Pontedeume Tourist Office**

Torreón de Andrade. Tel.: 981 430 270

**Miño Tourist Office**

Estrada Praia. Tel.: 607 803 569

**Betanzos Tourist Office**

Cantón San Roque, 4. Tel.: 981 776 666

**Santiago Tourist Office**

Rúa Vilar, 63. Tel.: 981 555 129

**Galicia Tourist Office (Santiago)**

Mazarelos, 15. Tel.: 881 866 397

## Don't miss out

**Co-Cathedral of San Julián,**

in Ferrol. With the Camino passing very close to its door.



**Andrade tower.** It rises in the centre of Pontedeume. It serves as the local tourist office.



**Church of San Francisco,** in Betanzos. An excellent example of the rare Galician Gothic.



**Church of San Paio de Buscás.** In the municipality of Ordes. The main door, Romanesque, has a great value.



**Fonte da Santiña.** In the municipality of Oroso, and by the way with tables and benches to rest.







Enchanted Forest, near Santiago

■ The route from Ferrol has three stages. In the first one, the English Way runs practically next to the coast, and the ascents and descents, although here they are like everywhere in Galicia, are very short. In the second stage, from the city of Betanzos (which in the past was one of the capitals of the seven provinces into which the Community was divided) pilgrims will go uphill with hardly any downhill stretches for many kilometres, but the slope is so gentle that they will constantly see whole families doing the Camino, children included. And the third stage, from As Travesas -and therefore common for all pilgrims, whether they start from A Coruña or Ferrol- is gently descending until reaching the goal, the cathedral of Compostela.

■ It should be noted that there is a wide range of public hostels, with the exception of Sigüeiro, where there is a large number of private ones.

■ A brief description will say that the English Way starts from the port of Ferrol (where

there is an information office) and crosses the city, leaving through the district of Caranza, right next to the sea, which has become an estuary famous for its shipyards. In fact, the pilgrim reaches the bottom and crosses it by a bridge of medieval origin, to move to the other bank and continue to Neda.

■ Pontedeume is a town of medieval origin, and conserves numerous examples of this. It was fortunate that the new buildings did not encroach its small historic centre at all, which has become the centre of local life.



Pontedeume

■ Something similar happens with Betanzos, but while Pontedeume is next to the river Eume -which gives itself to the Atlantic right there-, this town was erected on top of a steep hill, where there had been a prehistoric castro.

■ From there, on leaving the coast the landscape changes. Now there are meadows and forests, with eucalyptus trees coexisting with the symbolic tree of Galicia par excellence, the oak (carballo). And with pine reforestations that move aside to give way to a beautiful riverside copse before reaching the village of As Carrás (end of the municipality of Ordes)



San Caetano

■ Between Sigüeiro and Santiago, which is the last stage of the English Way, three elements stand out. The first is the bridge that dates back to the Middle Ages, which is very large and spans over the river Tambre; a statue was placed in honour of Margery Kempe at the start of it. The second element, the Enchanted Forest. And the third, the church of San Caetano.

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