

Avilés - Muros de Nalón

You leave **Avilés** through the Parque del Muelle, towards Avenida de Alemania, this is the first effort of the day as it requires climbing. From the top, you have to come down through a gravel road to the tourist spot of **Salinas**, which has one of the longest beaches in Asturias. From there you continue to Santiago del Monte, past the village of La Cruz.

Forests and villages accompany you until you get to El Castillo, with its wonderful castle, in private hands nowadays. You can ignore the signs for pilgrims and continue to the beginning of **Soto del Barco**, it is a nice walk.

In **Muros de Nalón** you have to go down towards the river, cross it and access the town, with the Plaza Marqués de Muros, where you will find the church of Santa María and the town hall. You can visit the old palaces of Valdecarzana and Vallehermoso although you can also see them the next day as they are on the way out towards the next section.

In Muros you will find the Playa de Aguilar, from there you start the Ruta de Los Miradores (Route of the Miradors), an area with high cliffs that takes you to the mouth of the River Nalón. Barges used to sail down this river loaded with coal coming from the mines. There are tables, benches, huts and fountains along the way.

El consejo del cartero

“If you are not too tired you can take a detour from Soto del Barco up to San Esteban de Pravia for a swim in the seawater pools. The first coal harbour in Spain was located here, and you can still see the cranes that were used to load the coal and the old coal harbour facilities in the present marina. Listed as one of Spain’s historical and industrial sites, you should not leave without taking a look at the night lighting”. **Isabel María Suárez, Correos de Muros of Nalón.**

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Muros de Nalón - Soto de Luiña

The Camino follows the same direction as the previous section, crossing railway tracks and going into forest footpaths until you reach the village of **El Pitu**, in the municipality of Cudillero. By the road, you will see the Palacio de Selgas, built by indianos, where there are guided tours to see paintings by Goya and El Greco.

Towards Cudillero, you will reach the railway station and later you will have to cross the N-632. The highway takes you on a detour to climb up the valley towards the Concha de Artedo, where you continue along the beach of El Rellayo and the village of Mumayor.

The day ends at **Soto de Luiña**, a small village also belonging to Cudillero, with its church of Santa María, which was for a long time a pilgrim's hospital, and the Casa Rectoral, a beautiful manor now used as the local cultural centre.

El consejo del cartero

"Some 3 km away you will find Cabo Vidio, a cape from where you can see Estaca de Bares, the Northernmost point in the Iberian peninsula. At low tide, you may see the Iglesona, a cave excavated into the rock. In San Martín de Luiña, 2 km away, the first weekend in August there is a market and the boda vaqueira, a re-enactment of a wedding of the vaqueiros, an ancient Asturian community who live in the mountains in the summer and come down with their cattle towards the "brañas", the lands close to the sea, in the winter". **Elena Suárez, Correos Soto of Luiña.**

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Soto de Luiña - Cadavedo

If you follow the N-632 with some short detours, you will come to a signpost indicating **Camino del Norte** to the left and straight ahead towards Ballota. We recommend that you go straight ahead, as the historic route has some difficult and even dangerous stretches, with parts that may be missing or inaccessible if the weather is rough.

If you go straight ahead, you will reach **Novellana** and **Castañeras**, where you can leave the Camino and enjoy the views close to the beach of Playa del Silencio. The next villages in the Camino are Santa Marina and **Ballota**, accessed through the main road by many pilgrims.

1 kilometre after Ballota, there is a detour down a forest track and across the creek amongst vegetation towards Tablizo. From there to Ribón there is a gravel road parallel to the coast with great views. After that, there are only some 3 kilometres left to reach **Cadavedo**. The chapel of Regalina is about a mile away from the village and those who decide to walk a little further will enjoy the views from the mirador at Punta del Cuerno, located on the cliffs and overlooking the beaches of Cadavedo, Ribeirona and Ribón.

In Cadavedo, you can also find some villas of indianos such as the Villa Hilda, which is supposed to be a replica of El Vedado, in Cuba, or the Casa Roja, taking its name from its red façade.

Once you leave Cadavedo, you will see the Torre de Villademoros, a tower of the Late Middle Ages and a good example of defence architecture.

El consejo del cartero

“Cadavedo was a very relevant spot for whaling during medieval times and you must not miss its shell-shaped beach. In August, they hold the Romería de la Regalina, an open air festival held on a field located next to the shrine, in the Campo de La Garita. This romería started in the Middle Ages to honour the Virgen de Regla and is still celebrated, also supported, by pilgrims. The romería includes feasting outdoors, in particular enjoying the “bollos preñaos” (delicious bread buns filled with chorizo)”. **José Vicente Martínez, Correos of Cadavedo.**

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Cadavedo - Luarca

To begin this section, you leave **Cadavedo** through a footpath that goes through the villages of Vilamoros, Quintana and San Cristobal, to eventually reach the main road. The path goes up to the church of San Miguel de **Canero**, then through oak and chestnut groves, until you cross the River Esva. When you reach Hostal Canero, pilgrims on bicycles must continue on the N-634 while those on foot must climb a pleasant yet demanding path behind it. After Hostal Canero, you will be back on the N-634. Before you cross the road to leave the Autovía del Cantábrico to your left, you may continue to the right on the N-634 to enjoy the wonderful view of Playa de Cueva, 500 m away.

After you cross the autovía and go back to the main road, detours continue until **Barcia**, where you can get some provisions.

A nice spot before reaching the harbour of Luarca is the chapel of Nuestra Señora la Blanca and its cemetery with a view. **Luarca** is your destination for the day, a beautiful fishing village surrounded by mountains at the mouth of the River Negro. A walk around the fishing area of Cambaral and Pescadería is highly recommended, as well as visiting its churches, such as the one of Santa Eulalia.

In Luarca, you will find a rather peculiar museum, the Museo del Calamar (Squid Museum) where you can see some giant squid and other creatures found all over the world. The Parque de la Vida in La Mata was created to raise awareness about marine and terrestrial ecosystems. It is adjacent to the wildlife rehabilitation centre CEPESMA, where sick or injured animals receive care. It includes a planetarium and the Jardines del Chano, a 20-hectare garden with a lake and 10000 types of camellias and another 568 plant varieties.

El consejo del cartero

“To visit the chapel of la Blanca (Capilla del Nazareno), you have to take a detour and leave the Northern Way (this stretch belongs to the Camino Real). Just go straight ahead at the Puerto de Luarca (the harbour) instead of turning left. Some 400 m to your right you have some nice views of the Bay of Biscay and to the left, the hilltop where you can find the Capilla del Nazareno. Then you have to cross the road to the lighthouse, go down the stairs and get to the Mesa de los Mareantes, where a series of mosaics tell an abridged version of the long history of our town. You may then continue towards the cemetery and go down the stairs to the Carretera del Faro to finally reach the harbour of Luarca”. **Pedro Peláez, Correos of Luarca.**

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Luarca - La Caridad

From the Plaza del Ayuntamiento in **Luarca**, you need to go into the area of El Chano towards the ruins of the 10th-century church of Santiago. The first village on the Camino is **Otur**, and from there you will be walking on a path that is quite dull at the beginning but becomes interesting when descending towards El Bao. Once you reach **Villapedre**, you go past the church of Santiago and you need to cross the River Monte over a wooden bridge.

When you come to the main road you will see a private home where pilgrims who want to stay at the hostel of Piñera must register. Here you can see the church of San Salvador. You will have to cross a creek walking on stepping stones, and you will come close to the industrial park of La Colorada, where you have access to all sorts of services.

The next village is **Navia**, where you can see the mouth of the river of the same name and the neo-Gothic church of Nuestra Señora de la Barca. You leave Navia going up towards the main road while you overlook the ria, and that is the last push to **La Caridad**.

El consejo del cartero

“This whole area is full of wonderful beaches, for example in this section you will see the beaches of Otur, 6 kilometres away from Luarca, that of Barayo (with accesses from Vigo-Puerto-Vega), that of Sabugo, World Biosphere Reserve, and Pormenande and Porcia, both in El Franco. In La Caridad you can see the Museo de la Forja, admission is free and it exhibits ironworks forged the traditional way. The Cuevas de la Andina, 9 km away, are a natural monument of ancient caves, with a walk excavated into the rock, a walkway and wooden stairs. Nearby, some 2 km away, you will find Viavélez, a picturesque fishing village where Corín Tellado, our own Barbara Cartland, was born. You can take a walk along the harbour and visit the Palacio de Jardón”. **María del Carmen Gayol, Correos of La Caridad.**

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La Caridad - Ribadeo

You leave **La Caridad** from Avenida de Asturias up to **El Franco**, past the chapel of San Pelayo and the church of Valdepareas. A footpath takes you down to the River Porcia, and you have to cross it to reach the municipality of **Tapia de Casariego**, where there is a surfing competition during Easter week. If you wish to spend the night at Tapia de Casariego, you must follow the sign at the fork and walk for 5 kilometres. If you want to follow the Camino, you will have to continue walking for 6 kilometres to Brul amidst agricultural fields most of the time. In **Tol**, the sign for the Camino leads you to **Vegadeo**, a path that was followed before the bridge over the Eo existed. Nowadays, most pilgrims continue to Ribadeo on the road past Barres and Figueras.

The original way started at Puerto de Porcillán, where boats with pilgrims crossing from Asturias used to moor; they used to climb up to Plaza de España and from there they continued along Calle San Francisco towards the Chapel of San Lázaro and then towards Ove and Vilela. Nowadays, most pilgrims enter **Ribadeo** through the bridge of Los Santos.

Ribadeo's old town includes the interesting architecture that earned the town a place on Spain's list of cultural heritage sites in 2004.

Some remarkable buildings are A Aduana Vella (18th c.), the Castillo de San Damián (18th c.), O Cargadoiro (20th c.) and the Plaza de España, the heart of town where the town hall, formerly a neoclassical palace that belonged to Ibáñez, and the Torre dos Morenos are located. The latter is not in a proper condition though you can still admire its past grandeur. The sober but well-preserved convent of Santa Clara and the parish church of Santa María del Campo (which used to be an old Franciscan convent in the 13th century) complete the list of attractions you cannot miss.

El consejo del cartero

"Once you reach Ribadeo and after a short break, you should take a look at the old town and get to the Plaza de España to have something to drink or eat on the terrazas. You can go down to the harbour to admire the Ría do Eo with Figueras and Castropol on the background, and enjoy a wonderful meal in any of the restaurants in this area. If you have some time, you should get to the Praia das Catedrais and the Harbour of Rinlo, with one of the oldest fishermen's associations in Spain, where you can have a lovely arroz caldoso. Back to Ribadeo and before you go to sleep, I recommend a walk along the streets of San Roque, Villafranca del Bierzo or Clemente Martínez Pasarón with their impressive villas of indiano architecture.". **Elisa Iglesias, Correos of Ribadeo.**

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Ribadeo - Lourenzá

After leaving **Ribadeo** from the Calle San Lázaro, you will reach a football pitch on the main road. You have to go towards the cemetery to go up to the neighbourhood of Pastoriza de Obe. From there you will already see the road signs to **Vilela**. In Vilar, you have to take a forest track, but if it is raining you should avoid it and get to **A Ponte de Arante** along the LU-133.

The Camino goes through a wood and into the municipality of Barreiros; from up there you can see the grazing fields and cattle, in a small valley traversed by the River Porto Bragán, where you will find the village of Vilamartín Pequeno and, on the other slope, Vilamartín Grande. Pilgrims have to cross the river and climb a steep stretch leading to **Vilamartín Grande**, to the left of the Capilla del Carmen. If you follow the Camino, before descending towards Gondán, you may enjoy great views from the hilltop of Vilamartín Grande, a sort of viewpoint from where you can see the entire valley of Cabarcos, including San Xulián and San Xusto. In **Gondán** (S. Xulián de Cabarcos) you will find a small chapel honouring the Virgen del Pilar and, just beside it, the fountain of Cimadevilla, where pilgrims usually stop to quench their thirst.

You continue descending towards the area of S. Xusto de Cabarcos, crossing the River Puxigo. You then leave the tar road and take a path to the Church. There you will see the cruceiro (stone cross) where the Chapel of Buen Suceso used to be until it was destroyed in 1984. You continue down to **O Corveiro** and from there onwards you will see plenty of Camino signs. After a short but steep climb, you will cross the Ponte da Pedra, a medieval bridge, to enter **Vilanova de Lourenzá**, with the chapel of Santa Cruz just by the football pitch. Lourenzá is famous for its “faba de Lourenzá”, a kind of bean.

El consejo del cartero

“In Lourenzá, you must not miss the 10th-century monastery with its 6th-century marble tomb, a unique piece. The most remarkable feature is its Baroque façade, designed by the same architect who designed the Obradoiro façade in Santiago, Compostela-born architect Fernando Casas Novoa. You can visit the Fortaleza de Tovar in San Tomé, a fortress open from April to October from 10 to 13 and from 16 to 20 hours and from November to March from 10 to 14, or go for a walk along the Paseo Fluvial and the recreation area of A Cazolga (Lourenzá)”. **José Alvarez, Correos of Lourenzá**.

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Lourenzá - Gontán

This section begins in **Lourenzá**, going up with some respite here and there towards the area of Arroxo, where you will find the N-634, which will take you to Carballal. After that, you have to take a detour to the chapel of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Down in the valley, you will see the town of **Mondoñedo**, with its wonderful architecture, one of the 7 capitals of the ancient Kingdom of Galicia. The cathedral of Santa María is mainly built in Gothic style, with an impressive rose window on the main façade, though some parts are Romanesque and others are built in Renaissance style. Apart from the Cathedral, the old town also offers the beautiful Praza da Catedral, the chapel of Os Remedios, the seminary of Santa Catalina and the old Town Hall.

Once you finish your visit to this beautiful town, you can leave going past the Fonte Vella towards **Lousada**, an 8-kilometre stretch on a quiet local road. You should take some provisions with you before you start this part of the section, which alternates mild climbing and level walking. From Lousada, you cross the Creek Carballo and carry on until **Gontán**, already in the municipality of Abadín, where you can find all sorts of services.

El consejo del cartero

“You should stop in Mondoñedo to taste one of its famous “O rei das tartas” cakes and to see the cave of Rei Cintolo, the longest cave in Galicia (7.5 km). The cave is located in Supena (Argomoso, very close to Mondoñedo) and it contains several halls and galleries inside, a small lake and underground rivers. You can visit the cave after obtaining permission from the Tourist Office in Mondoñedo. On the top of the town, once you enter, you will find the park of “Os Remedios”, one of the oldest “Alamedas” in Spain”
José Claro, Correos of Mondoñedo.

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Gontán - Vilalba

This section starts again on the N-634 towards **Abadín**. Footpaths and tar roads alternate through Ponterroxal, O Rei and Candia until you cross the River Arnela, towards the village of **Martiñán**, where there is a nice bridge on the Camino and where you would have completed half of the day's walk. You continue until **Goiriz** and then on gravel roads, partly overlapping the main road until you reach the pilgrims' hostel of Vilalba, 2 kilometres away from the town centre. This town is the capital of the Terra Cha, a district where cattle rearing is the main source of income. There you can visit the Torre dos Andrade, with an octagonal-shaped floor plan, erected in the 15th century. This is the only remaining part of the feudal castle that used to stand there, and it is nowadays a Parador.

Despite the fact that the area of A Terra Cha does not have much architectural heritage, it has plenty of restaurants and food festivals, its most important attraction.

Here you can enjoy a series of food festivals all year round (but mainly in the summer) – almost one every week.

There are, for example, the Capon Festival in Vilalba, cheese of San Simón and the Roscón de Améndoa (almond-based sweet). You can also enjoy free tapas if you have a drink in any bar or tavern and, depending on the time of the year, you can vote for the best “pincho” in town.

The area is also famous for its delicious grilled local meat and many visitors come from other areas to eat here.

El consejo del cartero

“For a long time now, the capital of the Terra Cha, Vilalba, has been famous for its nightlife, with many bars and clubs that attract people from the area and even other provinces”. **Fidel Lamas, Correos of Vilalba.**

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Vilalba - Baamonde

Looking for the Torre dos Andrade, you can find **the Northern Way** going down the street Concepción Arenal until you leave **Vilalba** to cross the River Magdalena by a restored mill. The medieval bridge of Ponte Rodríguez crosses the River Trimaz and the Camino goes past Seara, Gabín and As Turbelas until you reach **San Xoán de Alba**.

The landscape is similar to that of previous sections, with tar roads and gravel roads, getting closer and even overlapping the N-634, with the autovía A-6 always in the background. The Camino crosses **A Lamela**, Contariz, Casanovas and Pígara to finish in **Baamonde**.

This town belongs to the municipality of Begonte. If your pilgrimage is around Christmastime, you may visit their automated Nativity. Baamonde has all services for pilgrims, and you can visit the church of Santiago and the museum of local sculptor Víctor Corral.

El consejo del cartero

“By the parish church of Santiago, a 12th-century Romanesque church, there are three 18th-century “cruceiros” and a chestnut tree estimated to be 500 years old. Inside it, you can see the shrine for the Virgen del Carmen carved by the local sculptor Victor Corral. As you leave Baamonde, the Camino enters the municipality of Guitiriz through a Roman bridge and the Capilla de San Alberte, a Gothic 13th-century chapel. Just beside it, you will find a Renaissance fountain, with medicinal waters said to help with speech impairment. In Parga, still in the municipality of Guitiriz and 6 km from Baamonde, you will find Fonte de Valdovín, of spring medicinal waters”. **José Antonio González, Correos of Rábade**.

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Baamonde - Miraz

As you leave **Baamonde** through the roundabout at the town centre, towards the old main road to A Coruña, you have to follow that road for 3 kilometres, parallel to the River Parga and the railroad. You have to cross the Puente de San Alberte and reach the chapel of the same name, where you will find a fountain.

You continue walking through a forest of “carballos” (oak trees), the typical Galician tree now replaced in many areas by pine and eucalyptus trees. The village of **Carballedo**, in the municipality of Guitiriz, offers a Punto de Apoyo al Peregrino (Pilgrims’ Support Office), properly signposted. This initiative by a local woman offers pilgrims free internet access, the opportunity to stamp their Credential, as well as information and provisions. There is also a new hostel in this area.

You have to continue towards **Seixón**, in the municipality of Friol, and then cross the River Parga again to reach **Miraz**, either on the road or onto a footpath that takes a longer detour.

El consejo del cartero

“The Torre de Miraz, an old medieval fortress, is attached to an 18th-century manor. It is now a private home, the tower houses heirlooms, an archive and a library. In the month of March, we celebrate the “Feira do Queixo e do pan de Ousá” in Friol. Our cheese is under the denomination of origin Arzúa-Ulloa, a typical product of this area, together with the Pan de Ousá, from an area in the municipality where there is a long tradition of bakers who sell their bread all over the street markets and fairs in Lugo. A monthly market is held every first Sunday of each month”. **José Ramón Busto, Correos of Friol.**

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Miraz - Sobrado

The Camino goes from **Miraz** along the road to Seixón for almost one kilometre until it takes a detour on a footpath climbing towards the Alto da Mámoa. From here you should go back down to the road 2119, crossing several villages until you reach A Marcela, where you can have something to eat.

You continue along this interior rural landscape of footpaths until you reach the LU934 linking Ferrol with Sobrado dos Monxes, already in the province of A Coruña.

In **Sobrado**, you can see its famous Monastery of Santa María, nowadays also a pilgrims' hostel managed by Benedictine monks. The first large building was erected in the 12th century, although its origins date back two hundred years before. This is listed as a historic monument, one of the most important medieval convents in the province of A Coruña.

El consejo del cartero

“Coming from Miraz there is a lake said to have been dug by the monks of Sobrado. Sobrado dos Monxes is named after the monastery, and it has a circular trailaround it, known as Ruta de Carballeira, though some sections are closed. There are also two interesting manor houses, the Pazo de Carrete with its coat of arms and the Pazo da Casa do Gado, beside which is the oak grove called “A carballeira da Casa do Gado”. **Mary Carmen Varela, Correos of Sobrado.**

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Sobrado -Arzúa

This is the last stage of the Northern Way, which reaches Arzúa to join the French Way. You leave Sobrado dos Monxes towards Boimorto through the AC-934, past the Correos office and following a tar road until **Vilarchao**.

Other interesting places on this route are **Froxa** and **Madelos**, then you go into the woods, though you will be on and off the main road for the whole stretch. Once you reach **Boimil**, you know you are almost in Boimorto, where you have all sorts of services for pilgrims.

You have to cross the town of **Boimorto** and take the road to Sendelle, the AC-0602, for 6 kilometres until you get back to the main road. A road over 2 kilometres long goes to the village of Santa María, almost reaching Arzúa. This town is famous for its delicious cheese and it is also the place where you will join the pilgrims coming from the French Way for the last 2 Sections before you reach Santiago de Compostela.

El consejo del cartero

“If you come to Arzúa on the 8th and 22nd of each month, you can see the traditional street market with produce from the area. Besides, the first weekend in March is the Festa do Queixo (Cheese Festival) with tastings of the different types of cheese from this and other areas. We also have eco-fairs, the honey festival... most of them to showcase the large array of wonderful produce found here”. **Vanesa Rocha, Correos of Arzúa.**

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Arzúa - Pedrouzo

This section leads pilgrims mostly along earthen paths with some forays onto secondary roads, on a course with light ups and downs. The Camino leaves **Arzúa** and heads for 6 kilometres towards the municipality of **O Pino**, in a mixture of villages and pine trees and eucalyptus groves.

The path is clearly signposted and abounds in restaurants and services for pilgrims. The small villages of Calle and **Salceda** mark the mid-point for the day's journey.

The village of Ras brings the pilgrims from the O Pino detour of the Northern Road together with those now aggregated on the French Route. O Empalme do Vilar, 15 kilometres away from the starting point, is a good place to take a break before the last push to **Pedrouzo**.*

*Some pilgrims prefer continuing onto O Monte do Gozo and so cover 35 kilometres in one go, leaving just 5 kilometres to stroll at their leisure on the final day of the Camino.

El consejo del cartero

"Pedrouzo is usually the last stop before arriving at Santiago. Despite the fact that the Camino does not cross the town centre, pilgrims usually stay there to take a break and leave the 18 kilometres to the Obradoiro for the next day. There are plenty of places to eat and hostels for pilgrims. Opposite the municipal hostel you can see the house where Luís Seoane, a famous Galician painter and intellectual, once lived." **Mercedes Díaz, Correos of Arca.**

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Pedrouzo - Santiago de Compostela

Almost there! The last phase of the Camino Francés begins in **Pedrouzo** (O Pino) and heads towards Santo Antón, on a hilly ascent to **A Lavacolla**. This point, 9.5 kilometres from the beginning of the day's journey, means accessing Santiago de Compostela, and so from there you head towards the **Monte do Gozo**, which was remodelled during the Xacobeo 93 as a spacious area for pilgrims. Those who spent the night here begin their day now.

The Monte do Gozo offers wonderful views over the city, with the Cathedral's towers crowning the old town. In fact, that is why it is called "do Gozo" (of joy), as this is precisely what pilgrims feel when they finally see Santiago. A few metres away from the Camino is a viewpoint where with two sculptures of pilgrims overlooking **Santiago de Compostela**.

The rest of the walk is through the city itself, across the neighbourhoods of San Lázaro and San Pedro, to arrive finally at the Porta do Camiño.

In the old town, a few minutes away, the Praza de Cervantes leads to the cathedral through Acibecheira Gate (so named because this was the area where masters worked on el azabache, the jet stone so typical of Santiago's medieval architecture). You access this area at any time except during Holy Years (when the day of Saint James, the 25th of July, falls on a Sunday). If it is a Holy Year, the Porta Santa in the Praza da Quintana* will be open. The impressive Praza do Obradoiro awaits pilgrims with the façade of the Cathedral, the Hostal dos Reis Católicos, the University and the Town Hall.

* It is important to keep in mind that you cannot access the Cathedral with rucksacks, but you may leave them in a locker. [Correos](#) has lockers on its premises, 100 metres away from the Cathedral, at Rúa do Franco.

El consejo del cartero

"In Santiago, apart from the Cathedral and all the other historic squares and monuments you can find in any guide, you may enjoy taking a walk around the Alameda, with its centuries-old trees, statues of famous Galicians and wonderful views over the old town". In fact, one of its trees, a type of fir, an Abies known as "La Perona", was said to have been planted there by Eva Perón in 1947, and is 25 metres tall. At the end of the Paseo de los Leones is the so-called "Eucalipto del Amor" (Eucalyptus of love), over 40 metres tall and 100 years old, encircled by a wooden bench with spectacular views of the Cathedral. Please also save a couple of hours to go to the Plaza de Abastos, the market where you can see and buy the best and freshest local specialties. Stroll along Rúa da Raíña and Avenida do Franco, streets where you can enjoy fine foods enhanced by good wine. And when you walk around the old town, do not forget to take a look at the roofs, to stare back at the beautiful gargoyles and faces watching you from above".

José Manuel González, Correos of Santiago de Compostela.

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