

STAGE 3

FERROL-SANTIAGO

From Pontedeume to Miño

 DISTANCE **9,75 Km**  DIFFICULTY **LOW**  TIME **2:45 h**

Many pilgrims start walking in Pontedeume and sleep in Betanzos (19.9 km), stopping in Miño only one little while. A stage that can be divided into two: up to this last locality (there is a hostel) and, the next day, starting there. If anything characterises the third 9.75 km stage are the continuous ups and downs that pilgrims are going to find along the whole route, from the first metre to their arrival in Miño. None of these slopes is scary, and their continuity is more striking than their steepness. The day begins with a short ascent of little more than a kilometre, through the streets and surroundings of Pontedeume, and that is the most tiring of all, especially because the body is cold, to immediately enter this succession of going up and down. The stage is dominated by the typical landscapes of the old mountains that make up Galicia, with reforestation trees, with an emphasis on pines.

Don't miss out



Stroll along the golden sandy Grande Miño beach, which stretches for 1,360 metres. The castro closes it to the south, and after this we find the small port.

AGENDA

Civil protection: 112 - **Health emergencies:** 061 - **Guardia Civil:** 065

Weather forecast
www.meteogalicia.gal

Pontedeume Tourist Office
Torreón de Andrade. Tel.: 981 430 270

Miño Tourist Office
Estrada Praia. Tel.: 607 803 569

Pontedeume Town Hall
Rúa Real, 13. 15600
www.pontedeume.gal
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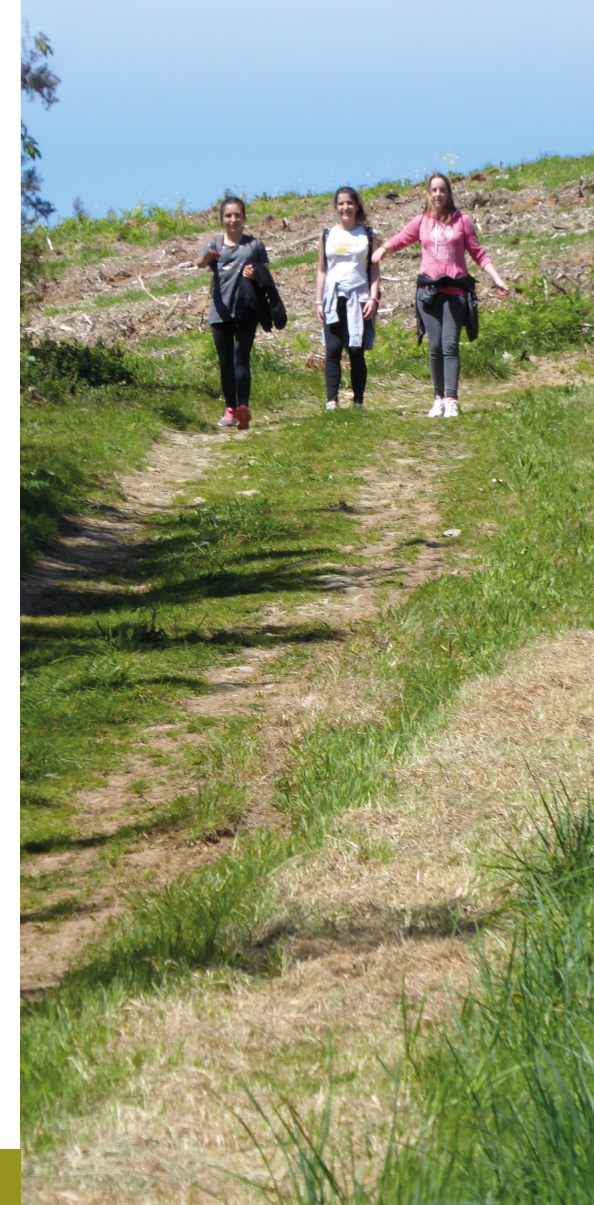
Miño Town Hall
Rúa Carreira, 38. 15630
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THE HOSTEL. Check all accommodations at www.caminoingles.gal



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. Miño also has several pensions, a campsite, a hotel with one star and another with two, and a rural tourism house (not right in the Camino).

Web:
www.caminoingles.gal
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Ponte Baxoi

■ After visiting the panoply of monuments that make up Pontedeume, the pilgrim is going to climb the porched calle Real, and that will be the trend in the next 1,200 metres: gaining ground on the slope of the mountain called **Breamo** on the top of which there is a magnificent Romanesque temple. As you do so, the town centre is left behind, which bids farewell to the pilgrim with a remarkable stone cruceiro and a square full of charm. The signage is excellent.

■ The immediate rural area is characterised by agricultural landscapes and some tiny villages, which are engraved in the memory mixed with an urbanisation of houses and a golf course that is bordered after travelling 4.4 km from the start of the journey.

■ A bridge allows you to cross the motorway, which will be on the right for a few metres. And then there is a third landscape: a dense pine forest, and that in summer, with the heat, is appreciated, to then descend between eucalyptus trees up to almost sea

level. This is a section that is like a pure toboggan, all on a dirt track, without any major difficulty.

■ The descent is long, and reaches the asphalt when the pilgrim has 78.490 km left to reach his goal, the cathedral of Santiago. And as he approaches the Obradoiro square in Santiago de Compostela, he leaves behind the village of Viadeiro (6.1 km since he started walking at sunrise) and on descending reaches a place that has something magical about it: **Ponte Baxoi**.

■ In fact, the end of this stretch is marked by another simple, charming medieval bridge named **Baxoi** next to which in addition to shade, there are tables, benches and litter bins, a place where it is rare to find someone who is not resting in its small recreational area. The frame placed next to it indicates that there are 76,743 km to go. And tradition says, backed up by historical data, that it is one of the seven that the powerful lord Fernán Pérez de Andrade ordered to be built in the 14th century, and whose body is in the town of Betanzos.

■ From there the pilgrim will be bordering the beautiful marshes that are at his feet, and that change their appearance depending on whether there is a high or low tide. Almost closing its access to the sea -obviously there is a communication channel- is the so-called enormous **Miño Grande beach**, with calm waters and very busy with families in the summer. The pilgrim will not pass near it, but will be able to admire it in all its splendour, which will invite him to visit it later.

■ And at the end of this path are the first houses of **Miño** a town that was founded at the foot of a prehistoric village, a castro. And on the hillside of this castro, a green building opens its doors: it is the pilgrims' hostel, the end of the stage. To get there, once in the centre of Miño, walking through the streets without any problems of orientation as there are plenty of signs, even on the ground, and the pilgrim arrives at a very wide road that descends to the coast. You have to go down it, although it is not necessary to reach the shore.

