



## Cultural Association Amigos Camino Mozárabe - Vía Plata Ourense



Alto de A Canda. Border between the provinces of Zamora and Ourense (A Mezquita).  
Entrance to Galicia on the Mozarabic Way - Vía de la Plata



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Xacobeo

## The Via de la Plata – Mozarabic Way from Seville to Santiago



## The Via de la Plata – Mozarabic Way from Granja de Moreruela to Santiago



## The Friends of the Mozarabic Way – Via de la Plata Ourense Association

The **Friends of the Mozarabic Way – Via de la Plata Ourense Association** has been promoting and advocating for this pilgrimage route for over 30 years, working to preserve its condition and signage from Lubián to Santiago. On the occasion of Xacobeo 21–22, our association developed a project to promote the Via de la Plata – Mozarabic Way.

**“Every journey begins with a single step”** said the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tse. Here, however, it also begins with the **Pilgrim’s Credential** if you wish to obtain the **Compostela** upon reaching Santiago. The association provides you with this Credential, where the stamps from the places you pass through must be collected. With it, you can identify yourself at the **International Pilgrim’s Office** to receive the **Compostela**, the document that certifies you have completed the Camino.



Pilgrim's Credential



Compostela

To obtain the **Compostela**, you must complete at least **100 kilometers** if you travel on foot or horseback, with **Ourense** being an ideal starting point to meet this requirement.

If you choose to cycle, starting from **A Gudiña** allows you to cover the **200 kilometers** required to earn the Compostela.



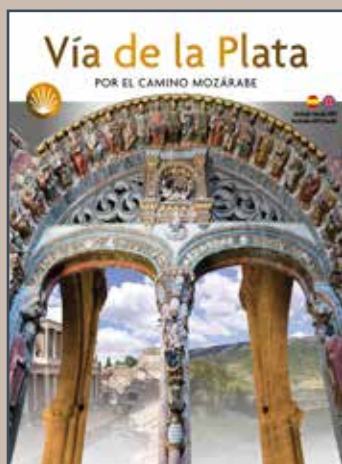


## We guide you along the Way

On the occasion of **Xacobeo 21-22**, the association has created a new **guidebook from Seville to Santiago de Compostela**.

Across its **140 pages and 27 stages**, you'll find all the information you need to plan and enjoy your pilgrimage, along with beautiful photographs highlighting the most remarkable sights along each stretch. Naturally, details about **hostels, gastronomy, landscapes, and the region's rich heritage and architecture** are included in the descriptions of every stage.

You can contact the association by phone, social media, or email to obtain a copy of this guide.



And if you decide to travel the **Via de la Plata – Mozarabic Way**, you will enter **Santiago** through the **Mazarelos Gate**, the only one still standing of the seven gates that once formed part of the ancient walls of **Santiago de Compostela**.



# The Camino de Santiago from Ourense



## 34a. CEA - CASTRO DOZÓN via OSEIRA (24 km)

The pilgrim has two options to continue toward **Castro Dozón**, both well signposted. The difference is that if you choose to go via the **Monastery of Oseira**, you will walk about **9 kilometers** more, but in return, you will be able to enjoy the monastery — the most important in **Galicia**, home to welcoming **Cistercian monks**.

## 34b. CEA - CASTRO DOZÓN via PIÑOR (14,5 km)

This variant passes through the villages of **Cotelas** and **Piñor**, is marked with **Way of Santiago markers**, and runs almost entirely on asphalt.

## 35. CASTRO DOZON - LAXE (18,5 km)

As you leave **Dozón**, you come across the **church and cemetery of San Salvador de O**, whose **Celtic crosses** can be seen from the path. From there, the route ascends to the **Santo Domingo hill** (700 meters above sea level), leading to **Pontenoufe** and then to the village of **Botos**.

The Camino continues to **Donsiön**, where you'll find a stone cross, a fountain, and a Baroque church with floor-level tombs in its cemetery. From Donsiön, the route passes through Laxe, home to an excellent albergue (pilgrim hostel) built of wood and concrete, set in the middle of the village beside a small stream, just 4 kilometers from Lalin, a larger town offering all services.

## 36. LAXE - VEDRA. (34km)

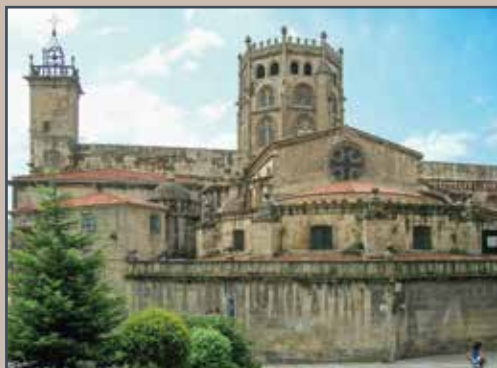
In the town of **Ponte Taboada**, pilgrims will come across a **Romanesque bridge dating back to the year 912**, once part of the **Royal Road** that connected **Santiago** with **Ourense**. The route then continues to the towns of **Silleda** and **Bandeira**, winding through **narrow, leafy paths** surrounded by lush vegetation.

## 37. VEDRA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (17 km)

This final stage passes through the villages of **Rubial**, **Gándara**, and **Susana**, about 10 kilometers from Santiago. The route enters the old quarter of the city through the **Mazarelos Gate**, the only one still standing of those that once provided access to the ancient city. From there, pilgrims should continue through the **historic center of Compostela** toward the **Praza do Obradoiro** and the **Cathedral**.

\*Stages according to the guidebook "Via de la Plata Seville-Ourense-Santiago along the Mozarabic Way", editions 2010 and 2021, published by the Friends of the Mozarabic Way - Via de la Plata Ourense Association. Praza das Damas, 1, 32005 Ourense.

## The Camino from Portico to Portico



Cathedral of Ourense



Cathedral of Santiago

If you begin your **Camino in Ourense**, your journey starts and ends at a **Portico**. One hundred kilometers separate the two most famous **Porticos** in **Galicia** — or, in other words, one hundred kilometers separate **Paradise**, in Ourense, from **Glory**, in Santiago.

The **Portico of Paradise** in the **Cathedral of Ourense** is one of the temple's most remarkable monumental ensembles. It was inspired by the one built by **Master Mateo** in Santiago, although the Ourense Portico was completed later, in the **13th century**. The most recent restoration, finished in **2013**, revealed a stunning **polychromy** on the figures of the apostles and prophets.



Portico of Paradise in the  
Cathedral of Ourense



Portico of Glory in the  
Cathedral of Santiago

# The camino de Santiago from Ourense

## \* Stage: OURENSE - CEA

The **stage** begins in the city, crossing the **Miño River** via the ancient **Ponte Vella**, a medieval bridge of Roman origin. From there, the route continues along **Avenida das Caldas** until it connects with **Avenida de Santiago**.

At a small roundabout stands a **stone sculpture by Nicanor Carballo**, indicating two possible directions for the Camino: one through **Costiña de Canedo**, and the other via the **Camino Real de Cudeiro**. Both alternatives start with a steep ascent and later converge in the **village of Casanovas**.

## 33a: OURENSE - CEA via Costiña de Canedo (22 km)

The pilgrim should continue along **Avenida das Caldas**. The route passes in front of the **train station** and joins the **N-120 road**, which you follow for approximately **2 kilometers** until reaching a right turn leading to **Castro de Beiro**.

The Camino passes through the small **village of Quintela**, where a sign on the left marks the start of the **Costiña de Canedo section**, a **2.100-meter** stretch with a **19% asphalt incline**.

## 33b: OURENSE - CEA via Cudeiro (25km)

In this option, you turn right onto **Avenida de Santiago** toward **Cudeiro**. The route continues until you reach a gas station, where a sign directs walkers to the right along **Camino Real Street**.

Upon arriving in the **village of Cudeiro**, you'll see a beautiful manor house, the **Pazo de Soutelo** (18th century). This route offers **exceptional panoramic views** of the entire city. As you leave the village, the **ascent along the Camino Real** begins — one of the **best-preserved cobbled stretches** of the **Via de la Plata in Galicia** — leading to **Tamallancos**, a village with charming stone houses and a Baroque manor house (18th century).

**CEA**. Capital of the **municipality of San Cristovo de Cea**. It is famous for its **bread made with local wheat**, its traditional houses, and its **ancient ovens**, which can still be visited today.





## Our ongoing outreach work

The **Association** regularly organizes **information and outreach events** about the **Via de la Plata and the Mozarabic Way**, offering insights into their **history, origins, evolution, and anecdotes**, while also highlighting their **remarkable cultural, monumental, and scenic heritage**.



Likewise, we seek to **instill a love for the Camino in every possible setting**, collaborating with **schools, municipalities, associations, and organizations** that invite us to participate. Together, we organize **informative and engaging talks** that allow audiences to **delve into the captivating history of the Camino**, its stories, and **fascinating curiosities**.



And you can always find us as well on our website and the social media channels of the Association.



<http://caminomozarabeourense.ceo.es>



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