

## **Camino Mozarabe: Via de la Plata 2A Updates Salamanca to Santiago Dec 2014**

Thanks to Greg Szanto

P 46. **Salamanca**.Municipal Refugio. Price: Donation

P47. **El Cubo** 2 private Albergues. First one by entering village Second one by the pharmacy. It has 3 clean twin bed room for 12Eur and 8 bed dorm for 10 Eur Does meal 8Eur dinner /3 Eur Breakfast.

P48 **Zamora** Albergue Municipal, Price: Donation and Free Breakfast

P50 **Fontanillas de Castro** Bar /rte by petrol station 1km before village/500m from Albergue Price: Free. 4 bed heating and hot shower. Keys from Agustin Ruiz Alonso Address: 6 Calle de Rio by Church

P57 **Tabara** Refugio Municipal does free breakfast

Hostal El Roble Pilgrim rate 20Eur including dinner. Small single room with private bathroom.

P 57 **Bercianos de Valverde** Bar on Main Square. In Asociacion Cultural. Upstairs (opens on demand)

P57 **Santa Croya de Tera** Private Albergue is closed for winter open from 1<sup>st</sup> March till 1<sup>st</sup> October.

P57 **Santa Marta de Teresa** Refugio is closed for winter otherwise for Key from Celestina Tel: 980649569

P58 **5Km Camarazana de Tera** Hotel Juan Manuel 20 Eur for twin room with breakfast and clean private bathroom. Card accepted. Dinner 10 Eur.

P58 **Calzadilla de Tera** Refugio open all year has 6 beds Tel 628554682/980645850

P59 **Mombuey** Small Refugio with 11 beds Price: Donation. Key from house opposite 4 Calle de la Iglesia. Sello from bar "El Porvenir"

P60 **Puebla de Sanabria** All Albergues are closed for winter Open from 1<sup>st</sup> March- 31<sup>st</sup> October Hostal "La Trucha" (opposite private albergue) on main street does Pilgrim rate : 20Eur. twin room with private bathroom. Address: Calle Padre Vicente Salgado, 23, 49300 Puebla de Sanabria, Zamora, Spain T: 980 62 00 60

P62 **Lubian** Good Municipal refugio (close to Casa Irene) open all year . Price: 3Eur

P64 **Venda de Teresa** New shell style fountain.

P64 **Venda de Capela** Fountain on the end of village RH side.

P64 **Venda do Bolando** New shell style Fountain RH side.

P64 **Campobecerros** Albergue de Rosario 18 pl. Price: 8 Eur, Washing machine free of charge

P65 **Portocombo** Fountain on main road

P65 **As Erias** "Pilgrim Support Point" with refreshments and sello (coffee/Tea/Soft drinks/ biscuits and so on.) Price: donation

P66 **Paradoso** Fountain

P67 1.5Km **Veirada** No Facilities, 2 Km **Ponelas** 2 bars/ shop. 1Rte does meal., 2.5 Km **Pereiras** Fountain

P72 **Castro de Beira** Fountain

P72 **O Reguengo** "Casa Cesar" Pilgrim friendly bar and support point. Refreshments / drink and food. Price: donation. Fountain.

P74 **Cotelas** Casa Rural "O Refugio" pilgrim rate 8Eur. Breakfast 2 Eur/ Dinner 8Eur

P74 9Km **Castro Dozon** Albergue Municipal. Reports are correct it has camp site and swimming pool too. Price 6 Eur. Good kitchen and hot shower. 8 beds. Lots of extra bed and mattresses on demand. Have private rooms for 10Eur.

P75 **Botos de Arriba** Bar on LH side. Rte on RH side does meal.

P75 **Donsion** Bar

P75 **Sidella** Clean Private Albergue. "Albergue Turistico" English spoken. Kitchen / washing machine. Price: 8 Eur [www.alberguesidella.com](http://www.alberguesidella.com) reservas@alberguesidella.com Tel: 986580192 Bar/Rte next door does pilgrim menu and early breakfast too.

P76 **Seixo** Nice Fountain (Fonte dos Carballinos)

P76 **Santuario de Gundian** Private Albergue

## **CAMINO SANABRES FROM SANTA MARTA de TERA to SANTIAGO – Roger Brankin May 2018**

**Be aware that the large private albergue at Santa Croya on the Camino Sanabres, 1K before Santa Marta is now closed. With reports of other albergues closed this has put pressure on the new municipal albergue at Santa Marta.**

### **13Ks Olleros de Tera**

There is an Albergue above a bar.

After Olleros and passing an Ermita the route approaches a dam. Shortly before at a sharp left hand bend with a mojon directing left, there are arrows directing along a path through the bushes. This is an attractive short cut, but be beware if the water level is high a low lying area may be flooded - but probably not April - Oct. The route is marked and at the end where you turn left at the road to reach the dam.

### **8Ks Villar de Farfon.**

There is a small 4 bed albergue run by a South African missionary, who also offers refreshments for a donativo.

### **6.5Ks Rionegro del Puente.**

The albergue is by the bridge.

### **8.5Ks Mombuey.**

The municipal albergue is on Calle de Iglesia. The keys can be obtained from the house opposite. The albergue has 11 beds, shower/wc and microwave. Hostal La Ruta is an alternative and offers a menu as do several outlets in town.

### **8.5Ks Cernadilla.**

There were reports that this albergue is closed. Check beforehand.

### **2Ks San Salvador.**

Again it is unknown if an albergue exists.

### **6.5Ks Asturias.**

There is a 12 bed albergue. Bar Mirador opens early.

### **10Ks Puebla de Sanabria.**

Albergue Casa Luz is on the LHS of the main street.

At the roundabout before Puebla de Sanabria there is a traffic sign stating 'Requejo 11Ks'. Do not be tempted to take this unless you want to walk on asphalt all the way.

From Casa Luz walk across the bridge and turn right, continue past the hotel on RHS. Further on, LHS, there is a sign directing you down to a path by the river. Follow this until it joins the N525. Walk on the hard shoulder until you see a small arrow on the back of a traffic sign pointing right. I suggest ignore this as there is a track LHS of the road 100m ahead. Use this until you come to a track coming from the left which crosses a stream via a ford. There is a camino sign on the far side. I took this route and after 2 more posts it disappeared into nothing and I had to find my way to the N525 again. I recommend staying on the N525 for about 1K until you see a mojon on the RHS where the camino crosses the road. Turn right here and follow the route through pleasant rural scenery. passing through Terroso and shortly after Requejo.

### **12Ks Requejo.**

When the route meets the N525 in Requejo turn right and walk to the roundabout. On the RHS is the municipal albergue - 20 beds, showers/wcs, no kitchen. 100m further LHS is the private albergue Casa Cervino, 20 beds, showers/wcs. Also Hotel Maite and restaurants.

From Requejo it is necessary to walk 4Ks on the N525 until the route, (in May 2018), is directed left along a protected path that passes through an engineering works area. After a short distance the camino route is resumed.

### **7Ks Portillo de Padornelo /Padornelo**

NB for walk planning this is only 7Ks from Requejo not the 13Ks quoted in the Guide. The village is about 1K further on, with the hotel/café/garage another 800m. This is likely to be open at anytime.

After Padornelo the route basically runs either beside or on the N525 until the turn off RHS for Aciberos and Lubian - ZA106. However, in May 2018 there was a diversion to continue along the carretera leading disconcertingly towards the M/way. Then it takes a left track, drops down and doubles back

under the M/way to then follow a lovely route into Lubian. This track could be very muddy in wet weather. The diversion may be about the same as the Guide route - 7Ks.

### **7Ks Lubian**

The albergue is at the entrance to the village - 16 beds, but 1 shower/wc, kitchen in accommodation which is a little cramped. A casa rural, Casa Irene, 687123752, does peregrino rates. Also Casa Pachaca, as per Guide.

**Because of its location Lubian is a 'pinch point' in the route due to a shortage of beds to supply the numbers funnelling in from the albergues before. Also the ratio of shower/wc per person of the albergue is above the regulation 11:1, all in accommodation which although clean, is cramped. I spent an uncomfortable night here 5 years ago in a packed albergue and decided to avoid Lubian this time. The normal staging is to walk to Puebla de Sanabria - Lubian - A Gudina. Thought should be given to walking to Requejo - Vilavella - Campobecerros.**

From Lubian the camino route takes a track that passes the Santuario de la Virgen de la Tuiza after 2Ks. Shortly after is a footbridge over the adjacent M/way to the ZA106. The route then drops down and becomes a rough path before climbing steadily to the Portela de Canda.

**NB. This section crosses several streams and in places becomes the stream itself where it passes along steep sided narrow parts. Consequently in wet weather the route may be impassable, or at best very wet and muddy. If wet thought should be given to taking the ZA106 from Lubian, or turning back and taking the footbridge to the ZA106.**

### **7Ks Portela da Canda**

The border with Galicia and Castile y Leon with good views.

### **4.5Ks Vilavella**

On walking through the village, where the route turns left at a cross-road, turn right along Rua Praza, past the church to a road. Turn right again to walk up to the N525 and Hostal Porta Galega, by the garage - €20 for a single room, also a restaurant. NB. In May 2018 the O Carteiro opposite was closed.

The route after Vilavella is a path which drops down to a valley before climbing again. It also seems to be the course of a stream, although slabs of granite have been placed in the middle as a walkway. If very wet, consider taking the road to O Pereiro and then the 1K to rejoin the route in the village.

### **3.5Ks O Pererio**

The hostel accommodation is almost 1K away on the N525.

### **8.5Ks A Gudina**

For a wonderful walk across the 'roof' of Galicia it is recommended to take the option via Laza. Although the first 6ks to Venda de Teresa is on a small road the views are wonderful. After this the route goes off-road, climbs higher with views of the Embalse das Portas.

### **15Ks Campobecerros**

There is a steep drop down to the village which has become a centre for the ongoing AVE works to complete the missing link between Ourense and Zamora. Walk through the village to Albergue Rosario, €8, 18 beds, showers/wcs, lovely terrace. Casa Nunez nearby offers a menu, but you have to compete with the mass of AVE construction workers. A nicer place, recommended, with superb food is Taberna Penaboa, which offers a menu both late afternoon and early evening and is also nearby. **The Penaboa is also the place to get your sello.**

### **14Ks Laza**

There is a steep drop into Laza, after which you walk along a valley floor mainly on the road. At Tamiclas the route climbs steadily to Albergeria

### **12Ks Albergeria**

Famous for the Rincon del Peregrino or Shell Bar. Opposite is a small albergue also run by the owner of the bar.

### **8Ks Vilar de Barrio**

There is a modern 20 bed municipal albergue in the centre, open at 12.30. When you come to the jct at the central plaza turn right and the albergue is 100m LHS next to the farmacia.

### **15Ks Xunqueira de Ambia**

Although initially on road it is a very pleasant walk to Xunqueira. The modern municipal albergue is on RHS as you enter the town - open 12.30, 24 beds, showers/wcs, kitchen. Also Albergue Casa Tomas, tel 637580772 in Plaza de San Rosendo.

**NB. For some reason the conchas on the mojons in Xunqueria are reversed until the route bears right off a road about 2Ks beyond. Also the 20Ks to Ourense are not the most prettiest or enjoyable, so if you are short of time this section is one where taking a taxi to Ourense could easily be forgiven!**

### **20Ks Ourense**

The albergue is signposted at a roundabout in the city where the camino takes a different route. For the albergue take Rua Nsa Sra da Sainza, this becomes Rua Pena Trevinca and the albergue is part of the Claustro de San Francisco.

For the camino take the next road right, which becomes Rua do Progreso and continue into the centre. The Tourist Office, (sello), is RHS on Plaza Fuente del Rey, after the Correos Post Office LHS.

Carry on to the end of Rua do Progreso and the magnificent Roman bridge can be seen. Cross over the bridge to the other side. From here only the route to Cea via Quintela and Linares is marked. Follow the arrows past the train station and keep to the RHS. Continue on the road out of Ourense for several kilometres, until a fork with a bodega on the corner of the fork. Take the road to the right signed to Castro de Beiro and continue to a jct at a sharp right hand bend by Gomez Y Crespo. Proceed ahead on a small road which goes under the old rail line. The new AVE line passes overhead on a viaduct. Then comes a long climb on road to Cima da Costa with a bar on the top. After this is a pleasant walk using a mixture of gravel track and road to Cea.

### **21Ks Cea**

The albergue is in the centre.

NB. From Cea only the route to Castro Dozon is marked. Take the OU406 at the cross-roads in Cea with the OU187 - it is signed for Oseira as well as with conchas. It is road to Cotelas where, at a sharp RH bend, the camino goes straight using the OU402. Follow the route through Pinor, Arenteiro, Ponte and Carballeda until it crosses the new M/way. There is a new gravel track running alongside the M/way - **take this. Do not continue up the road although there are still arrows suggesting you do so.**

### **12Ks Castro Dozon**

There is a new 28 bed municipal albergue on a hill LHS of the N525 on the other side of the village.

### **19Ks A Laxe**

Follow the camino route across the busy road into the village and turn left. The modern 28 bed albergue is on the RHS.

### **6Ks Ponte Taboada and Taboada**

This bridge is one of the highlights of the route. When the route climbs up to the N525 again it takes off left to follow a pleasant country route, although for long stretches this seems to be the same course as a stream. Therefore, if it is wet, at the point where the route leaves the N525, I suggest take the road for the remainder of the way into Silleda.

### **3.5Ks Silleda**

There are at least 3 albergues in Silleda now, all well advertised before and at the entry into the town. Try Albergue Olaia, tel 604037542, Rua Santa Eulalia.

To exit Silleda follow Rua Santa Eulalia down - there is 1 conch shell sign near the jct with Calle Venezuela - to a 'T' jct. Turn right and walk toward the N525. Just short of the jct on LHS, a mojon directs you down a track.

### **7Ks Bandeira**

Hotel Victorino, tel 986585330 charges peregrinos €10 for a bed. It is located on the camino on the main street.

### **13Ks Ponte Ulla**

There is an albergue in the centre. Also a large Dia supermarket, which surprisingly is open on Sundays, useful if you intend staying at the municipal albergue at Capilla de Santiaguina.

### **4.5Ks Capilla de Santiaguino**

A modern municipal albergue called San Pedro de Vilanova. It is uncertain if this is the one referred to in some sources as 'Oureiro' or 'Vedra'. **There are no eating or drinking facilities here so you need to buy food in Ponte Ulla.**

### **6Ks Susana**

About 1k before Susana, where 150m before the N525, the camino route turns sharp right to run uphill parallel to the road there is the Albergue Reina Lupa - also a bar restaurant.

**NB. With the delays to get a compostela at the Oficina de Peregrinos now a normal 2hrs, for those who have already experienced Santiago, it is worth considering staying here the night before and getting up early to walk the last 8Ks, arriving about 7am at the Oficina. The bonus is the first 10 get a voucher for a free lunch at the Parador Los Dos Reyes Catolicos.**

**Also it frees up the day and it is possible to get the 9.00 bus to Fisterra or 08.45 bus to Muxia without having to stay a night in Santiago.**

You can take the N525 as a more direct route to Susana or rejoin the camino route. From here it is an undulating route passing the Capillas de Santa Lucia and Santa Maria do Sar. Eventually the new Cidade de Cultura de Galicia can be seen on the hill RHS. The route enters the outskirts and crosses the new AVE line, where there are the common modern memorials to the victims of the recent rail disaster. At the brow of a street the first sight of the cathedral can be seen. The route then descends to follow the Rua da Ponte do Sar. Cross the old bridge, then under the rail and road bridge, to continue uphill, passing Hostal Carballinosa to a 'T' jct. Turn left along Fonte de Santo Antonio to the Praza de Galicia. Turn right into Rua das Orfas and 2nd left - Canton do Toural - which should take you to Plaza do Toural - a Froiz supermarket is RHS. Go straight across and then 1st right into Rua do Franco - not Rua do Vilar- and this leads directly to the Obradoiro.

**8Ks Santiago de Compostela.**

**Buen camino!**