

## Extension 2 - The Coastal Route to Santiago

This whole day trip will take you to some of the most interesting sites of the coastal way of the Camino de Santiago as it enters in Galicia. Enjoy the sites, landscapes, stories and history, visiting lighthouses along the way with their stories of shipwrecks, mermaids and pirates. We will make frequent stops for you to enjoy the sea views, take pictures and feel the ocean breeze.



We will depart Spanish Steps in the morning of day 9 and head west towards Galicia, entering Ribadeo where we will visit the town's sites. Afterwards we will make a short stop to Cathedrals beach, named due to the impressive rock formations that resemble the buttresses of the Gothic cathedrals. We then continue to Foz - a quaint fishing town before heading onwards to Mondoñedo where we'll visit its cathedrals built in the 13th century.



Next, we'll return to the coast and continue our scenic route that will keep you looking out the window as we pass by the different towns and viewpoints. We will then make a stop to visit the Sargadelos porcelain factory and to learn about their very distinctive work.

Continuing our tour, we'll journey to Viveiro, followed by Estaca de Bares - the most northern point of Spain that once connected the whalers of Spain with those from Ireland. Here the Rías Altas (northern fiords) start with Ortigueira & Cariño and we'll move on to the Sierra da Capelada with the highest cliffs in Europe where we will stop in San Andres the Teixido. Here, the legend says that if you don't visit it when you're alive you will do so when you're dead in the form of an insect or a lizard, so be careful where you step!

Our next stop will be Cedeira, another fishing town where we will have a fish and seafood lunch with freshly caught specialties from the area. After lunch we will head on to Betanzos, one of the ancient capitals of Galicia visiting its main sites, and finally we'll arrive to Santiago de Compostela where our trip will finish with a tour of the city and a visit to the cathedral that draws hundreds of thousands pilgrims every year.



#### Trip Includes:

1. Pick up from Spanish Steps on morning of Day 9
2. English speaking guide, highly knowledgeable about the area
3. Drop off in Santiago de Compostela in evening
4. Tickets to visit the Cathedral in Mondoñedo
5. Guiding walking tour of Santiago
6. Private transport with wifi in the vehicle

#### The trip does not include:

1. Lunch (possible packed lunch from Spanish Steps)
2. Hotel in Santiago

Price per person: \$300