

Fostering the enduring tradition of the Camino

## Santiago de Compostela to Finisterre

**General Description:** This is a fairly common extension of the routes to Santiago, an extention that ends at the Atlantic Ocean at Finisterre - Land's End. 89 km from Santiago de Compostela to the lighthouse at Finisterre. Through Negreira, Cée and Concubión to the port of Finisterre and on to the lighthouse. In past centuries, pilgrims continued 29 km up the coast to the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Barca in Muxía, a further extension that is made easier by being waymarked in both directions.

**Waymarking:** The route is marked with yellow arrows as on the francés but also with concrete milestones which have a stylized blue and yellow shell symbol.

**Terrain:** Like the Camino *francés* in Galicia, there is considerable up and down crossing river drainages.

**When to go:** The route is passable year round except that November through the end of February is not recommended. Climate tables for <u>Santiago de Compostela</u> and <u>A Coruña</u>.

**Accommodation:** There are pilgrim-dedicated *albergues* in Negreira, Olveiroa, Cee and Corcubión and in Finisterre itself. In addition there is commercial lodging in the form of hotels, *hostales, pensiones* and *casas rurales* in almost every village.

Courtesy of Arlène Mourier and David Yates, this is the link to a file with every albergue (note only albergues) on the *Finisterre route*:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/84665557/Accommodation\_Camino\_Fisterra.pdf

(If the download doesn't function properly, try a window refresh.)

**Guidebooks:** Confraternity of Saint James: <u>Finisterre</u> (2009). The Confraternity is also making their Finisterre guidebook available <u>online in PDF format</u> for a *donativo*. (2009) It is not uncommon for guidebooks for the *francés* to have a section on the Finisterre extension also.

**Internet links:** The Confraternity of Saint James has an overview of the <u>extension to</u> <u>Finisterre and Muxía</u>. The <u>Club Montaña Ferrol</u> has a comprehensive site with information about numerous paths in the Galicia. The <u>Xunta de Galicia</u> has a section with extensive information on that portion of the <u>Camino *Fisterra - Muxía*</u> including history, tourism, albergues, other services and Santiago itself.

**Video links:** From the Camino video series produced by the Spanish television channel TVE: <u>Muxia Fisterra</u>, 0:27:36, Spanish, 2004

**Other remarks:** After walking with crowds of other *peregrinos* during the last week of the Camino *francés*, the route to Finisterre will be be peaceful and seemingly sparsely populated. A certificate of completion, called a *Fisterrana*, is available from the *albergue* in Finisterre.