



Historical and Monumental Heritage Audio Guide

In the historic heart of Galicia, a journey through time awaits you, where stones tell centuries of stories of hopes, conflicts, and power struggles. Places where you can experience the history and grandeur of this land, exploring a monumental legacy that has shaped the character of this land.

Your journey begins at a dreamlike location on the Vía de la Plata, the Pazo de Oca in A Estrada, which is more than just a monumental space; it is a sensory experience. Its origins date back to the 15th century, but its current beauty is the result of a long process. Walking through its Baroque gardens, we lose ourselves among the symmetry, the ponds and the camellias, the iconic flower of the Rías Baixas region. Did you know that its gardens are so famous that they call it the "Generalife of the north" or the "Galician Versailles"? A place to experience the lifestyle of the Galician nobility.

From the elegance of the Galician manor houses, known as pazos, our journey continues to the Monastery of Carboeiro in Silleda. This historical and artistic complex is a Romanesque gem that stands majestically above the Toxa River gorge. The building dates back to the 10th century, and it was more than 800 years ago, during the Middle Ages, when this place experienced its moment of greatest splendour and became the centre of life, power and faith. Take your time to feel the history in the tranquillity of its walls and admire the perfection of its medieval architecture, observing a landscape frozen in time from its high towers.

From the grandeur of Carboeiro, we move on to the sobriety of the Monastery of Santa María de Aciveiro in Forcarei, the great landmark of Terra de Montes and a perfect place to find silence. This monastery was founded in the 12th century, making it one of the oldest in the region. Located in the Serra do Candán mountain range, it was a key element in the organisation and control of the territory for centuries, reflecting the power that the monastic orders exercised over these lands. This control over the surrounding landscape is reflected in unique constructions, such as the Neveiras de Fixó, which you can discover in the ethnography audioguide, or the Torre



Alarma de Barciela, in Castrelo, which played a key role during the Napoleonic invasion.

The region's monumental wealth is immense: that's why you should also visit the historic-artistic complex of San Salvador de Caamanzo in Vila de Cruces, which preserves pre-Romanesque remains in the layout of its apses.

Our route continues towards Lalín, the heart of Deza. Here you will find the Pazo de Liñares, nicknamed “the Pazo of Remembrance” by the writer Emilia Pardo Bazán, a benchmark of stately architecture that houses the Toy and Puppet Museum and the exhibition of the aviator Xoaquín Loriga Taboada, one of its most illustrious residents.

This land of manor houses allows us to explore other lesser-known treasures such as the Pazo de Bendoiro in Lalín, the Pazo de Camba in Rodeiro, the Pazo de Borraxeiros in Agolada, and the ruins of Pazo de Guimarei and its tower in A Estrada.

This region offers a monumental route that combines history, art and nature. A place to be enjoyed with all your senses. Don't just look at it: live it.