



Vía de la Plata

Etapas Cea-A Laxe

This stage, covering 33 km and of medium-high difficulty, marks the transition between the provinces of Ourense and Pontevedra, gradually ascending towards the Serra do Faro.

The initial section takes us to Castro (Dozón), where we find the Castro Pilgrims' Hostel and the Church of San Salvador, places to rest and stock up on supplies. This town is known for its Fiesta de la Carne ó Caldeiro e Bola con Torresmos, a dish that is a staple of traditional Deza cuisine, whose origins lie in the cattle fairs.

From O Castro, we begin the climb to Alto de Santo Domingo, one of the highest points on the route. At this point, we find the chapel and cross of Santo Domingo, a perfect place to enjoy the views and take a break before continuing the descent along the local roads that lead us to the municipality of Lalín.

In the small village of Puxallos, in the parish of Catasós, known for its forest declared a natural monument, we find the chapel and cross of San Roque, a beautiful example of the popular religious architecture of the region.

The route continues towards Lalín, crossing the Asneiro River and arriving at Donsión, where the church of San Pedro Fiz is located. This temple was founded in the 18th century under the patronage of the Gil Taboada family, whose power was evident in their coats of arms and tombs inside.

The stage ends in A Laxe, in the parish of Bendoiro, another important centre on the route where the A Laxe pilgrims' hostel is located, a place to rest before the next day's journey, when the route joins the Camino de invierno.

Etapas A Laxe-Outeiro

This stage, where two routes converge, the Vía de la Plata and the Camino de invierno, is 33 km long and of medium difficulty. It runs along traditional roads and paths that allow us to enjoy the landscape of the Deza and Ulla rivers. From A



Laxe, we walk to Vilasoa to take a track to the villages of Prado and Borralla and continue along the traditional path to the Romanesque bridge Ponte Taboada, on the River Deza, which separates Lalín from Silleda.

We climb about 5 km along a paved path to Taboada and continue to Transfontao with its Baroque manor house and chapel belonging to the Montenegro, Mosquera and Ojea families. We arrive in Silleda where we can rest, buy provisions, visit the Neoclassical Church of Santa Eulalia or buy traditional rosquillas (ring-shaped pastries).

We leave Silleda via the San Fiz path, walking slightly downhill to the medieval bridge of Chapa, over the River Toxa, with beautiful scenery accompanying us to Bandeira, a village that celebrates the Festa da Empanada every August, which is of national tourist interest.

We continue past the monument to José Espiño, a local parish priest renowned for his great work in support of the Camino, to reach Dornelas with its church of San Martiño, an outstanding example of Compostelan Romanesque architecture.

We continue along paved roads alongside the N-525 national road to the parish of San Miguel de Castro, in A Estrada, where we find the 18th-century Chapel of As Angustias and, a short distance away, the Romanesque chapel of San Miguel. We end this final stretch by visiting the Castro viewpoint or “Eira dos Mouros”, which bids us farewell to the province in an incomparable setting overlooking the River Ulla.