trails in Colunga



The Way of St James in Colunga

LA ESPASA BEACH - BUEÑO - COVIÁN - COLUNGA -PERNÚS - LA VEGA - LA LLERA



Route

The Coastal Camino de Santiago is incorporated to Colunga through the bridge over the **Espasa River**, next to the beach with the same name. Right next to the mouth of the river, the Venta de la Espasa stands. It is a big house made out of stone that used to be rented yearly under the condition that it would never lack bacon, bread, wine and barley for the travellers staying there.

After the bridge, el Camino deviates to the right towards the residential area of **El Barrigón**. From there we will follow the main road until the Gobiendes crossroad. Once we cross the main road, we will follow the old Camino for a while. Soon we will come across the same road again and, after following it for 300 metres, a hidden crossroads on our left will lead us to Colunga through the original Camino. If we want to get to the pilgrim hostel in La Isla, we need to continue on the main road.

Moving towards Colunga, the Camino turns into a rural trail amongst gated fields that passes by La Riega de **Bueño**. We will cross the water through one of the "Roman" bridges, which apparently used to be part of the old Roman road and posterior Royal Coastal Way.

Leaving the bridges behind us, we will face a light ascent towards the town of



Bueño. Right before reaching the pavement, we can see a beautiful landscape on our left, with dense cornfields on the front and the Sueve Range at the back. On a clear day we can sight the PicuPienzu, the highest peak of the mountain range, crowned with an iron cross.

After we go through the town of Bueño and his palace and chapel, the Camino leads us to **Covián**. We will be leaving behind the views of the coast and Gobiendes, a town located on a slope of El Sueve, where we can find the pre-Romanesque church of Santiago (tenth century), a place of worship for the devoted pilgrims. The route continues without deviations to the AS-260 road, only to keep going straight. We will walk behind the public school to reach the **chapel of La Virgen de Loreto**, already at the entrance to Colunga.

The Camino goes through Colunga. From the church square, to the house where Dr Grande Covián was born, and continuing on the street that has his name. The way passes next to the Santa Ana chapel and descends to the N-634 road, just to cross it and take the AS-258 towards Infiesto. Soon, the Camino crosses the Libardón River and leaves the AS-258 in approximately 200 metres, at a fork on the right. We will keep going straight on the local road, westbound, through the plain by the Llovones River. We will walk by La Calzada, El Terrerón and La Ería de San Vicente, until wereach La Venta Peón. Once there, the route continues to the left after a crossroad, and then goes through an underpass under the motorway.

Following the road towards Pernús, the Camino comes by Conlledo, it also passes next to the detour to Beldredo, and descends to **Pernús**, going near the San Pedro church. It continues going up to La Vega, where it leaves the main road and follows the path of the original Camino, on the left. In a steep ascension, the way continues towards La Llera, whose parish of San Antolín used to provide church asylum.



From there, the Camino carries on through the neighbouring municipality of Villaviciosa, passing near the Priesca church and reaching **Sebrayo**, where we can find a pilgrim hostel.



Peregrinos en Bueño (R. Diez)





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