

☐ **There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle
Or the mirror that reflects it.** *Edith Wharton, novelist*

20 120.9 km (75.1 miles) – Santiago

PORRIÑO – REDONDELA

	2.1	13%
	12.8	80%
	1.2	7%
Total km	16.1 km	(10.0 ml)

20.1 km (+^ 800 m = 4.0 km)

Alto(m) ▲ Monte Cornedo 250m (820 ft)

< **A** **H** > Veigadaña **3.1 km** – Mos **5.7 km** – Saxamonde **12.4 km**



The Practical Path: 16.1 km looks like a walk in the park but today's challenge is the steep climb up and very steep climb down. The equivalent distance allowing for the cumulative ascent is 20.1 km and note 87% is on asphalt which is hard underfoot. Several new albergues cater to those who started in Tui and thought they might make it easily to Redondela! Our end point to this stage is a delightful town busy with pilgrims arriving along the coastal route from Vigo.

☐ **The Mystical Path:** The Light, while obscured, lies hidden in our memories. We need to re-member and re-light the flame of love. While we remain in darkness we fail to see the angelic realm that surrounds us. It is time to let go our irrational fear and false humility and step into the light of our Divine Essence. We can continue in ignorance and remain hostage to the ego or become Host to God. We can no longer afford to sit on the fence. It is time to choose and the choice we make will affect everything around us and within us.

0.0 km Porriño centro. To continue from the central roundabout keep s/o along rua Ramiranes passing rail station (left) and cross over [!] the N-550 roundabout [F.] under motorway and up past *Bar Tía Albina* to the hamlet of **Fonte do Chan** [1.5 km] [F.] [rest area with granite boulder that forms a dedication to local mountaineers and the first Galician to summit Mount Everest]. Back down to cross the N-550 (option to continue along it to avoid crossing the rail line) and cross over rail line [!]. Turn off <left after timber yard *Groba* over **Ponte Rio Loura** [1.1 km] which we cross for the last time (local river walk right). Continue up quiet country lane to **Veigadaña** [0.4 km]:

3.1 km Veigadaña *Café & Alb. Santa Ana de Veigadaña Asoc.[I6+I]* €7 © 986 094 277 / 673 289 491 Petelos-Mos. Continue s/o over río Lagoa and under new road bridge (access to industrial estate left) past [F.] *Fonte Magdalena* [1.8 km] past school *Concello de Mos* where we start our steep climb up the road of the

Knights *rua dos Cabaleiros* over crossroad into the pedestrianised village of Mos past *Iglesia de Santa Eulalia del Monte* (right – see photo right>) and the newly renovated *Rst. Pazo de Mos* (original XVII residence of the Marquis of Mos) opp. *café O Alpenore* to arrive at the pilgrim hostel [1.0 km].



2.8 km Mos Alb. Casa Blanca Asoc.

[16÷1] €6 © 986 334 269 *rúa de Santa Eulalia*, 19 *asociación vecinal* key with Flora in popular *Cáfe Flora* opposite with and shop. Continue up steeply passing [F.] *Fonte Os Cabaleiros* (right) to crossroads *Cruceiro Os Cabaleiros* wayside cross of Christ Victorious and the Virgin of Sorrows [*Santísimo Cristo da Victoria e Virxe das Dores* – erected 1733 and site of local pilgrimage]. S/o past florist in Abilleira to climb again alternating between road and path through woodland around



Inxertado to our high point Alto Cornedo 235m at Monte de Santiago de Antas.

3.1 km Parque Alto extensive park with

chapel dedicated to *Santiago Caballero* his mounted image carved above the door *Capela de Santiaguño de Antas*. 100m off route (left) *café Casa Veiga* on the airport road. We now start our long descent towards the Ria Vigo which lies hidden by the woodland around Monte Cornedo but we can hear the aeroplanes landing at Vigo airport only 2 km to the West. We pass a Roman milestone *Marco Miliário* marking the military route *Via XIX* evidence that we are directly on the original pilgrim way to Santiago. Shortly afterwards we pass O Loureiro and enter the main road at **Vilar da Infesta** [2.2 km] *Pastelería O Parque* (right) and off route + 600m (left) *Tasca A Chousa* past *café Centro Cultural* (left) and turn off sharp <right at the far end of village to *Churrasquería Choles* [0.7 km]. We now alternate between path and road through woodland around *Chan das Pipas* and *Casal do Monte* with distant views of the Ria de Vigo as we start our steep descent past rest area *Área de Descanso* and follow a maze of small country lanes very steeply [!] down along *camiño Romano* in the area of Padrón (Saxamonde) where at number 47 is the new albergue & café *Corisco* [0.4 km]:



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3.5 km Padrón Saxamonde Camiño Romano *Café & Alb. Corisco Priv.* [12÷1]+

€12 + €25 © 986 402 166 welcoming new hostel with breakfast in the adjoining bar. We now descend (almost vertically!) and level out to cross under new **AVE** [1.5 km] rapid rail from Vigo to A Coruna [up to our right (offroute) *Pension Brasil 2* © 986 402 251 with 13 rooms from €27]. Continue to



the busy N-550 *café O Novo Regueiro* and veer right> at junction signposted [1.2 km] town centre with imposing building (left) *Convento de Vilavella XVI* (now in commercial use) on Praza Pontareas. S/o into rúa Pai Crespo and at N°293 the new *Albergue* ① *Alb.Hs A Conserveira Priv.* [38÷4] €10 ☎ 676 667 293. Veer right under rail viaduct (off main road) to next major roundabout and Xunta pilgrim *hostel* [1.1 km].

3.8 km Redondela ② *Casa da Torre*

Xunta [44÷2] €6 ☎ 986 404 196 Plaza Ribadavia. 16th century manor tower house *Casa da Torre* now renovated as a pilgrim hostel with good modern facilities. As if to compensate for its tiny kitchen, it has an enormous lounge! There is a council library upstairs and some museum pieces including a splendidly preserved Roman Miliário. The albergue is located just off the main paseo and alongside a culvert of the río Pexeiro and provides an atmospheric and welcoming environment, somewhat diminished by the proximity of the busy traffic roundabout.



☐ **Other albergues:** ③ *A Casa da Herba Priv.*[24÷3] €12 ☎ 639 757 684 / 644 404 074 Praza de Alfóndiga occupying one side of this tiny square 100m from Casa da Torre and Iglesia Santiago: ④ *Hs Casa D'Abreu Priv.*[11÷2]+ €10-15 ☎ Rosa 688 422 701 Rúa Isidoro Queimaliños 33. ⑤ *Alfonso XII Priv.*[4÷2] €15 ☎ 676 167 662 Rúa Alfonso XII, 22. ⑥ *El Camino Priv.*[24÷3] €10-12 ☎ 650 963 676 m: 986 639 804 c/ Telmo Bernádez 11. **Other lodging in town** is limited to *Alvear Suites* €50 ☎ 986 40 06 37 Pai Crespo 30. **Out of town (-1.9 km) P Brasil 2** €27 ☎ 986 402 251 Estrada Porriño 42 / N-550. **Cesantes (+3.1 km): Hs Jumbolí** €25 ☎ 986 495 066 N-550 (see next stage).

Redondela Town (see town plan p.237)

built at the top end of Ría de Vigo but not visible from the town centre. However a 200m walk past the bus-stop under the city bypass brings us to a boardwalk alongside the estuary. The albergues are located in the centre close to numerous cafés bars and restaurants that spill out onto the pavements. The town has a lively atmosphere and the paseo passes along the river and town park. The 15th century *Iglesia de Santiago* is located up the cobbled rua do Adro and just off the waymarked route. The church is very emblematic of the camino with a statue of Santiago Matamoros above the fine rose window (see photo above) and other Santiago motifs. There is a regular pilgrim mass at 8.30 p.m. (times may vary; check at the hostels).

