

The Northern Caminos

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Camino del Norte Baggage Transfer :

Jose Luis Pardo Rodríguez no longer offers baggage transfer services on the Camino del Norte. Instead, your best bet is now the service offered by Correos (the Spanish post office). +34 683440022

Camino del Norte, Stage 12:

New albergue in Santillana del Mar: Albergue El Convento (36 beds, 12-16€, open all year, breakfast available, @, 680 594 138) (109)

Camino del Norte, Stage 15:

A reader reports on a route change: "From Andrin , the official yellow arrows now follow the coastal variant, but somewhat different from the book, making the guidebook's explanations highly confusing" (124)

Camino del Norte, Stage 16:

A reader recommends Hotel Gavitu in Celorio, particularly outside of peak season when options decline considerably

Camino del Norte, Stage 17:

A reader suggests Hotel Las Vegas in Colunga (singles 28-35€, doubles 35-55€, 985 856 025) and notes that Hostal El Mesón is currently closed and "looks awful" (136)

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Norte, Stage 16: Casa Belén in Cuerres will be closed in 2018, while the owners take a sabbatical.

Norte, Stage 23 - New albergue in Navia: Albergue San Roque (10€, 24 beds, open March 1 - November 30, Kitchen, W/D, wifi, Avda Manuel Suárez 3 bajo, 691 904 242) (166)

Norte, Stage 27 - New albergue in Abadín: Albergue Xabarín (15€, 25 beds, Kitchen, W/D, wifi, 690 181 811) (183)

Norte, Stage 27 - New albergue in Vilalba: Albergue As Pedreiras (10€, 28 beds, Kitchen, W/D, wifi, open all year, 620 137 711) (187)

Camino Inglés

Stage 3: Reader Andrew shares that in summer 2017 the route changed in part towards the end of this section. He writes, "the path after Leiro is very different and does not include a stop by Bar Julia. The final stages are probably the same but the route did look new, the way markers were quite pristine. I used an app to log the route and the new one takes you through Leiro on the DP - 0150. It then takes you off the road and onto a wide dirt track uphill for several miles. It takes you past the Encoro de Beche. This is a reservoir. It has toilets and a camping area. You then get back onto the road and route takes you under AP9. You follow the road and then go off onto a path through woods to Vao. You then go across countryside which is mostly heathland and some woods. This takes you eventually to a side road and onto AC542. Here you find the Bar Casa Avelina on Avenida Travesas in Veira.

"You then walk down the AC 542 alongside an electricity plant. You then turn left opposite the road to the Castro das Travesas Hill fort. You go down the track past a chicken farm. This conforms to your instruction "After 400m, near farm buildings, turn right..." etc. This gets you to Brumas."

Stage 4: Reader Andrew also shares news on a route change entering Santiago: "It diverges at the Hotel Castro. The route takes you through some woods at the back of the hotel (the hotel has an honesty bar for pilgrims). It then takes you parallel to the Estrata Porrino Redondela. On the other side of the road is a wood processing factory which is huge. You then walk through the back of an industrial estate, past a large cemetery and into the suburbs of Santiago. The route takes you into Parque de Fermin Bouza Brey and along Avenida de Xoan XX111. We lost the route in terms of way markers but were so close that it did not matter."

Camino del Norte, Stage 25: Vilela's Albergue de Peregrinos is no longer open year-round. Instead, its opening season is less clear, as it operates now primarily as an over-flow space for Ribadeo's small albergue, primarily in the summer. Before leaving Ribadeo, make sure to confirm that Vilela's albergue is operational.

The Authors are putting update for this guide straight onto their own website. They can be found at;

<http://northerncaminos.com/updates.html>

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