

Llanes - Ribeseya/Ribadesella

The AS-263 leaves **Llanes** towards **Po** and the beach of Celorio/Celoriu, going past the monastery of San Salvador. The Camino continues past the esplanade until **Barru** and the church of Los Dolores, going around the ria. You must climb up to **Niembru** and then descend towards the beach of San Antolín to continue until **Naves**.

After you get some provisions, the walk continues through the forest and leads to **Nueva**. If you cross the river of the same name, you will be in Piñares de Pría and you can climb the hill to the church of San Pedro. The next river to cross is the Guadama before you reach Cuerres.

Ribeseya/Ribadesella, famous for whaling in the past, is reached by the railway station. The highlights are the old town, with its church of Santa María de Junco and the Palacio de Pietro Cutre, whose façade is the only part of the palace still extant. It currently houses the town hall. The newer part of town includes Art Nouveau buildings and the historic Route through the Harbour with murals explaining the history of the town. The murals were designed by Spanish cartoonist Mingote.

Fishing is still very important here, and there is a very interesting auctioning system called “la rula”. Fish is, of course, the king in Llanes: you can try the marmitas, the calderetas or the fideos con besugos, all of which are dishes that fishermen used to cook on board in the ships' galleys.

The most important festival in Asturias is held in August in Ribeseya/Ribadesella, the Fiesta de Les Piragües or Descenso Internacional del Sella, this is listed as one of Spain's Festivals of International Tourist Interest.

El consejo del cartero

“Towards Ribeseya/Ribadesella you come to Nueva, where you can visit the beach of Cuevas del Mar, one of the most photographed beaches. In order to reach the beach you have to go into Pueblo de Nueva and watch out for the detour to the right, leading to the beach. When you leave Naves towards the autopista you will find the access to one of the most visited inland beaches in the Principado de Asturias, the Playa de Gulpiyuri”. “In the village of Cuerres there is a park by the church where pilgrims may stop to rest and grab a bite and drink some water from the fountain, and if the weather is not fair, pilgrims may always take shelter inside the church portico”. **Laureano Victorero, Correos de Llanes**.

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