

## Camino Portugués (The Portuguese Way)

From Tui (Pontevedra) to Santiago de Compostela. 6 sections. 115 kilometres.

The **Camino Portugués (The Portuguese Way)** is steeped in tradition; it was regularly supported by the Portuguese Crown and there are records of pilgrims walking this Camino to Santiago de Compostela already since the 11th century. Six hundred kilometres separate Lisbon from your destination, and it is precisely the Portuguese capital that becomes the most relevant starting point for this Way. There is no single route from Portugal, there are many alternative routes from this country to Santiago, going through the interior, the centre and along the coast of Portugal.

Most pilgrims, however, walk along the route going through Santarem, Coimbra, Porto and Valença to cross the border and enter Galicia through Tui. The international bridge over the Miño links both countries and it is the preferred starting point for those who decide to take this route combining sea and mountains along Galicia.

From the border, there are 120 kilometres that are covered in 6 or 5 days until you reach Santiago Cathedral, depending on your time needs and taking you through Tui, O Porriño, Redondela, Pontevedra and Padrón. All these are lively places and the route does not really go through any uninhabited areas, therefore, pilgrims have many options for leisure and services to make their walk lighter.

There are no particularly strenuous stretches on this road, so the walk is pleasant most of the time – maybe the reason why so many pilgrims opt for this route as well as for the many interesting sights and attractions, in particular, the Rías Baixas that accompany you all along the way.

### How to get to the starting point?

These are the options to reach **Tui**, the first call on the Camino Portugués in Galicia:

- **How to get to Tui by train:** The railway station for Tui is in Guillarei, 5 kilometres away from the town proper, which you can access by bus or taxi.

You can reach this station from Madrid (with trains going past Segovia, Medina del Campo, Zamora, Ávila, Valladolid, Palencia, León, Astorga, Ponferrada or Ourense), Barcelona (with trains going past Tarragona, Lleida, Zaragoza, Logroño, Burgos, Palencia, León, Astorga, Ponferrada or Ourense), Alicante and Bilbao. You may obtain further information at [Renfe](#) and at (0034) 902 320 320.

Besides, there is the Vigo-Porto train with stops here - you can check the timetables from both cities.

- **How to get to Tui by bus:** You need to get to Vigo first. There are buses with [AvanzaBus](#) (Madrid and Valencia), [Alsa](#) (Madrid-Barajas, Bilbao, Seville) or [Vibasa](#) (Barcelona, Bilbao).

From Vigo, you can take a bus to Tui with [ATSA](#) (0034) 986 610 255, at different times.

You can also reach Tui from Pontevedra with [Monbus](#), from O Porriño with [Empresa Ojea](#) and with [Alsa](#) from A Guarda.

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- **How to get to Tui by car:** The toll highway (autopista) AP-9 from Coruña reaches Tui after going past Vigo. You can also use the toll-free highway (autovía) A-55 that then joins the A-52 towards the centre of Spain.

- **How to get to Tui by plane:** The closest airport is Peinador, in Vigo, with direct flights from several Spanish and European cities. From Peinador, you have city buses to Vigo city centre with [Vitrasa](#).

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