

## Oia - Baiona

Oia is left behind to start the second stage of the Portuguese Way along the coast in Galician territory. The Camino runs along the cliffs to **Cabo Silleiro** from where you can already see the Vigo estuary. Its lighthouse has been guiding the ships that sail through these waters since 1866.

The route is a flat stretch, with hardly any trees, which runs through fields near the beaches and cliffs. The greatest difficulty of this section is if the Camino is carried out in the summer months, when it gets really hot. Although the breeze of the Atlantic Ocean, always to our left, will help the pilgrim to continue the walk.

During this part of the Camino we cross the Vilar and Mato Vello rivers. We also cross the road on several occasions to continue walking along the coast. At the level of Cape Silledo, shortly before reaching **As Mariñas**, the Way ascends to **Baredo**, where the Virgin of Cela is located.

The Camino continues along a track by O Ponte and we continue the route of the PO-2203 to enter passing under the highway to **Baiona** and approaches the old Castillo de Monterreal, now turned into a National Tourism Parador. Its fortress, known as Fortaleza de Boi, was built during the 12th century and took almost four centuries to complete the work. Thanks to this fortress the locality resisted for centuries the attacks of pirate ships. The best known was the victory over the English corsair Francis Drake in 1585.

This town, end of this stage, has not only gone down in history because of its resistance to pirates, but also because it was the first to receive the news of the conquest of America, since the caravel La Pinta arrived on its beaches in 1493. Today the traveler cannot leave this town, which has all the services for pilgrims, without contemplating the chapel of Santa Liberata, a Baroque work from the 13th century and the monument to the Virgin of the Rock.

### El consejo del cartero

"When passing through Baiona, visit the old town, the Castle and the replica of the caravel La Pinta, which arrived in this town, announcing the discovery of America. It is essential to walk through the Romanesque bridge over the Miñor River dating from the 13th century and that unites the city councils of Baiona and Nigrán". Mónica Raposeiras, Correos of Val Miñor

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