

Portuguese Trail of Santiago

PontedeLima

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The beginning of this trail, which coincides with the most used route, at present, by pilgrims heading to Santiago de Compostela, begins at a location next to the Chapel of St. Sebastian, in Poiares, composed of a fountain, shrines and a Calvary cross just a few meters away from the border with the municipality of Barcelos; at a short distance, in the parish of Balugães, you may enjoy a pilgrimage to a



much sought after shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida/ Our Lady of Conception (who Appeared). Following the famous yellow arrows, as the GR or PR markings are not used as a reference here, we turn onto a small stretch of the trail, through the parish of Navió to Vitorino of Piães, now united by the recent administrative division, reaching the Parish Church of Vitorino of Piães at its churchyard, of very considerable beauty. Walking along the wayside crosses that punctuate the trail, this is the fitting place for a light snack before beginning the climb to Portela Facha, a passage between the valleys of the Neiva and Lima Rivers, a route will present itself on the right hand side on the way up to the Crasto of Cresto.

In the parish of Facha, with St. Stephen's Hillfort and the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rock in the background, to the left, we head to Albergaria, a place name that leaves no doubt that we are on the right path. Go

toward the parish of Seara, still glimpsing in the previous parish, and on the right, Torres Manor and the Parish Church, with a mandatory stop at a cluster of shrines, with a mosaic image of St. James, a Calvary Cross and St. Sebastian Chapel. After passing through the back of the Bom Gosto Farm in Seara, we go on to the village of Correlhã, where the road passes very close to the fertile valley of the Lima River. The shrines and wayside crosses are a constant, especially here at the classified Brás Colaço Guerra Calvary Cross, as well as the Chapels of St. James and St. Francis, the former in ruins and the later deactivated, and finally the unforgettable set composed of the medieval Barros Bridge, Calvary Cross, churchyard and Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows. Enter Ponte de Lima through the leafy Platan Trees Avenue, with the Terceiro's Museum on the right, composed of the churches of the Old Convent of Saint Anthony of the Friars and of the Third Order of St. Francis.

A visit to the Historical Center is mandatory, before crossing the medieval and Roman bridges in order to admire the Guardian Angel Chapel and St. Anthony's Church of the Old tower containing shrines that frame it. In Alegria Square is the Hostel for pilgrims, with access to accredited pilgrims only and where we are not allowed to visit. There are many Baroque manors embellishing the landscape, and after having passed the Parish Church of Arcozelo, of Romanesque foundation, the Roman arch of Geira and then Cepões, already in the parish of Labruja in a charming nook composed of the Calvary Cross and the Our Lady of Snows' Chapel, the climb initiates towards the mythical mountain range of Labruja, bypassing the Fountain of the Three Spouts (Três Bicas); look to the right before ascending, to view the Parish Church and the Sanctuary of Our Lord of Help (Socorro). The difficult and steep Labruja mountain range brings us to the Cross of the French, the Portuguese Trail's icon of Santiago and at Portela Grande, the trail carries onto Paredes de Coura and ends here.



Regulation

- Do not leave trash. Leave it in the appropriate collection point.
- Avoid walking alone. Take water with you.
- Always use appropriate footwear, waterproof sunscreen and a hat.
- On public roads, always circulate safely.



Datasheet

Route name:

Portuguese Trail of Santiago – Ponte de Lima

Promoter: Ponte de Lima Municipality

Route Scope: Historical and cultural

Departure point: Rua da Devesa, 4990 – 683 Poiares PTL

Arrival point: Portela, Labruja

Distance Travelled: 29.3km

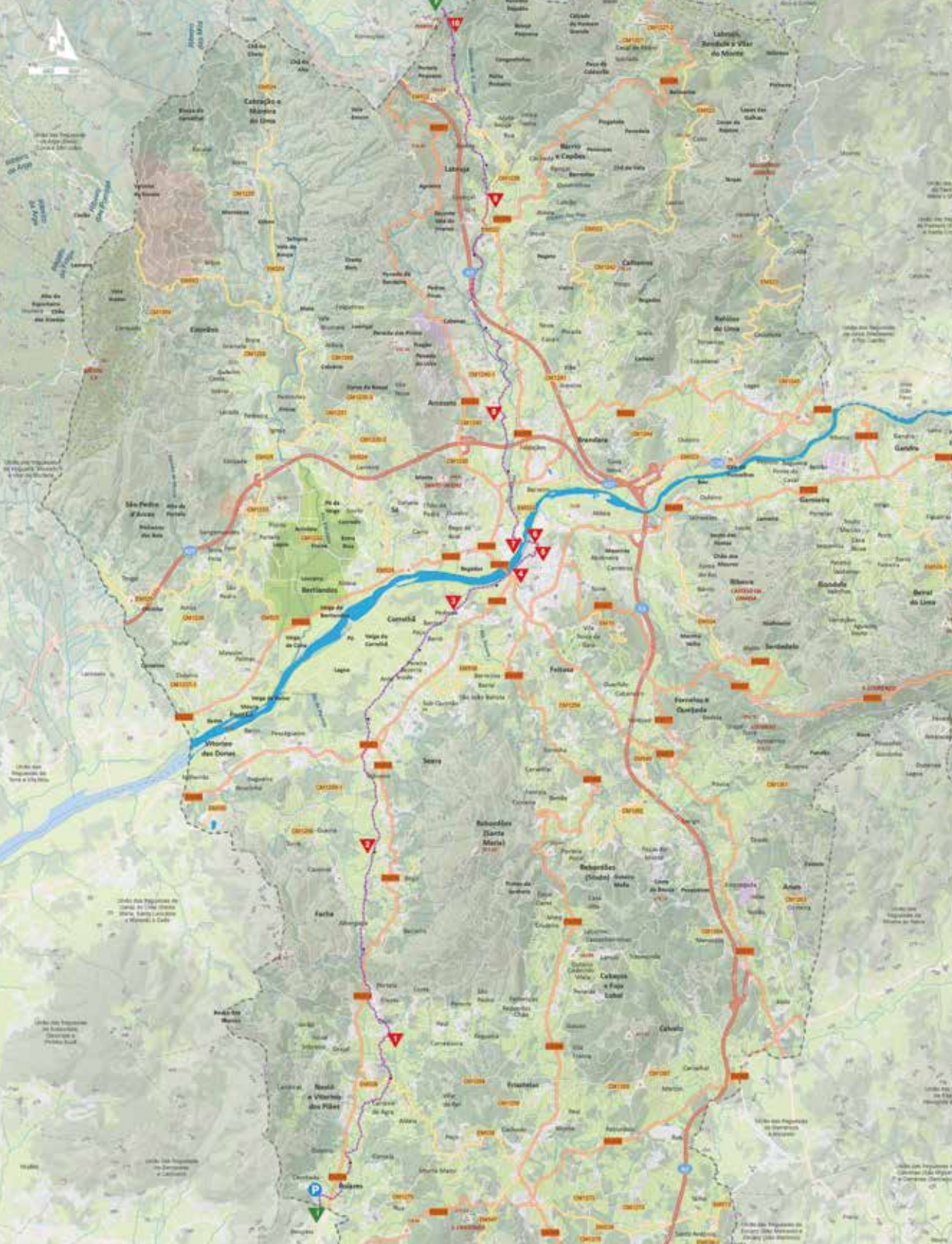
Duration of course: 8h

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Quota Reached: 392 meters

Texts: Protected Area Department/ Municipality of Ponte de Lima

Design: Xpto Design



Starting point

41° 39' 8,878" N | 8° 38' 1,042" W

Finish point

41° 51' 45,123" N | 8° 36' 24,285" W

Points of Interest

1. Vitorino of Piães Parish Church
2. Chapel of St. Sebastian
3. Chapel of St. Mary of the Snows
4. Platan Trees' Avenue and Terceiro's Museum
5. Ponte de Lima Historical Center
6. Ponte de Lima Medieval and Roman Bridges
7. Chapel of the Guardian Angel and Church of St. Anthony of the Old Tower
8. Parish Church of Arcozelo
9. Chapel of St. Mary of Snows
10. Cross of the French



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