

## We propose

a journey in the footsteps of the Rainha Santa, from Braga to Santiago. A pilgrimage along the Roman road of the *Via Nova*, the heart of the Gerês-Xurés Transboundary Biosphere Reserve.



Rainha Santa  
(Coimbra)

## You can

immerse yourself in relaxing hot springs and enjoy the purest nature, where chestnut groves, meadows, streams and waterfalls will be the silent witnesses of your footprints; as will the stones of the Santa Comba church in Bande, or those of the San Salvador monastery in Celanova, cradle of great writers, founded in the 10th century by San Rosendo.



San Rosendo  
(Santo Tirso)



Campo das Carvalheiras  
(Braga)



Thermal pools en  
*Aquis Querquennis* (Bande)

## Do you walk with us?



### Path of San Rosendo & Rainha Santa

*Embark on the Way!*



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## Path of San Rosendo

In the footsteps of the  
**Rainha Santa**





# From Braga to Compostela

243 Km

## Stage 1

Braga—Santa Cruz

23,5 km.

*Sé, Alto de A Cividade, Dume Museum Space.*

## Stage 2

Santa Cruz—Campo do Gerês

23,3 km.

*Home River Valley, Campo do Gerês, Vía Nova, Milestones.*

## Stage 3

Campo do Gerês—Lobios

22 km.

*Vilarinho das Furnas, Mata da Albergaria, Aquis Ogeresibus.*

## Stage 4

Lobios—Bande

26 km.

*Xurés Park, Santa Comba, Aquis Querquennis.*

## Stage 5

Bande—Celanova

17 km.

*San Pedro de Bande, Outeirón mounds, San Salvador monastery.*

## Stage 6

Celanova—Ourense

25 km.

*Vilanova dos Infantes, Granaries of A Merca, San Cibrao.*

## Stage 7

Ourense—Cea

21,5 km.

*Cathedral, As Burgas, Pazo de Vilamarín, San Cristovo de Cea.*

## Stage 8

Cea—Dozón

16 km.

*Oseira monastery, San Pedro de Vilanova church.*

## Stage 9

Dozón—Silleda

28 km.

*San Martiño de Lalín, Taboada Bridge and Church.*

## Stage 10

Silleda—Ponte Ulla

20 km.

*Carboeiro monastery, Hermitage of San Miguel do Castro.*

## Stage 11

Ponte Ulla—Santiago

20 km.

*Pico Sacro, Hermitage of Santa Lucia, Compostela.*

Monastery of San Salvador (Celanova)



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



Santa Comba de Bande



OURENSE



Portela do Home



São Miguel do Couto Km 0

## Walking, discovering, enjoying...

We begin our journey in the Portuguese city of **Braga**, following the steps described by Father José Matos Ferreira on his pilgrimage in 1728. After crossing the Cávado River near Amares, we will gradually ascend the Gerês mountain range to reach Galicia via **Portela do Home**. The Caldo River will guide us to the remains of the Roman mansion of **Aquis Ogeresibus** and to the thermal baths located next to the spa.

We continue our journey along the **Via Nova** until we reach **Lobios**, where the headquarters of the Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park is located. We continue towards Ganceiros and then cross the Limia, the river of Oblivion, the much feared **Lethes** for the Romans. Bordering the Viso mountain we glimpse the church of **Santa Comba de Bande**, a Visigothic jewel from the 7th century, where the remains of San Torcuato once rested. On one side of the As Conchas reservoir awaits one of the most important archaeological sites on the Iberian Peninsula, **Aquis Querquennis**, which boasts, among other attractions, some relaxing thermal pools. Further on, we leave the route of the Via Nova to take a spectacular narrow path that follows an ancient Roman road. Between oak and chestnut groves, we cross the Cadós river and ascend to the Alto do Vieiro, to reach Vereá, where the path is marked out by the petos de ánimas and crucifixes, “cruceiros”.

The imposing image of the **Celanova** monastery will be the one to greet us before reaching such a beautiful town, in which San Rosendo in the 10th century ordered the construction of the **Chapel of San Miguel**, which has survived to this day, and where the equinoxes leave lasting images. The banks of the Arnoia River lead to the municipality of **A Merca**, known for its ethnographic ensemble of more than thirty horreos (granaries), in exceptional preservation.

Near **Ourense** is **San Cibrao das Viñas**, with beautiful chapels like the one of the Holy Christ, “Santo Cristo”, which features a Roman milestone. Once in the thermal capital of Galicia, we will continue our journey along the **Vía de la Plata**.

*There are 100 kilometers left to reach Santiago de Compostela!*