

The Silver Route or Mozarabic Way

The equestrian route, which is 236.6 km long, mostly coincides with the current Silver Route or Mozarabic Way, except at certain specific points. The route passes through the provinces of Ourense, Pontevedra and A Coruña, from the municipality of A Mezquita to Santiago de Compostela.

It was approved by the Royal Spanish Equestrian Federation (RFHE), registration number IE-016, on the 5th of October 2017.

Along the route, you'll find information panels at each one of the stages as well as signposting consisting of directional and follow-up posts, information plaques and metal posts, as well as horizontal signs approved by the RFHE.

1st STAGE

A CANDA (A MEZQUITA) // A GUDIÑA

17 KM

This first stage begins in A Portela da Canda (at an altitude of 1281 m.) and passes through the municipalities of A Mezquita (villages of A Canda, A Vilavella and O Pereiro) and A Gudiña (O Canizo and A Gudiña). When leaving O Canizo, you'll find a properly signposted equestrian route, which does not coincide with the marked pedestrian itinerary. Except for this section, the rest of the itinerary follows the traditional Camino de Santiago route. Caution should be taken when traversing the steep and paved sections.

2nd STAGE

A GUDIÑA // LAZA

37.2 KM

This is the longest section of the Silver Route. There are two alternative routes to the one on foot. The first can be found at the exit of A Gudiña, where specific signposts will guide you along the equestrian itinerary; the route reaches A Venda da Capela and there it joins up again with the walkers' route. The second alternative route is located at the end of the stage, close to the village of Laza. Take care of the several inclines found throughout this section.

3rd STAGE

LAZA // XUNQUEIRA DE AMBÍA

35 KM

At the exit of Laza, you will find a duly signposted equestrian route which runs for 1.7 km. Except for this section, the rest of the itinerary coincides with the Camino's route on foot. Caution should be taken on the Tamicelas - A Alberguería and the O Veredo - Vilar de Barrio sections due to the unevenness of the terrain.

4th STAGE

XUNQUEIRA DE AMBÍA // OURENSE

16.2 KM

This section runs along the pedestrian route of the Camino. The path descends towards Ourense, passing through the villages of Salgueiros, Pereiras and Reboredo. Just before getting to Ourense, there is an alternative route for horses which reaches the Miño River, avoiding the main traffic routes of the city. Extreme caution should be exercised in the area surrounding the Miño River.

5th STAGE
OURENSE // SAN CRISTOVO DE CEA
31.6 KM

This section runs entirely along the pedestrian route of the Camino. When leaving Ourense there is an uphill stretch (Camino Real de Cudeiro) which is paved with granite, so extreme caution is necessary.

6th STAGE
SAN CRISTOVO DE CEA // CASTRO (DOZÓN)
19 KM

In this section, the Camino leaves the province of Ourense and crosses into the province of Pontevedra. Here there are two equestrian alternatives to the route on foot; the first can be found in the area of the monastery of Oseira and the second upon arrival at O Castro (Dozón).

7th STAGE
O CASTRO (DOZÓN) // SILLEDA
35 KM

At the exit of O Castro (Dozón), the equestrian itinerary continues from this point to avoid travelling along the N-525, rejoining the route on foot a few kilometres further on. At the height of the industrial estate of Lalín there is another equestrian itinerary that leads to Bendoiro along local roads. From Bendoiro it rejoins the route on foot once again until it reaches Silleda. Extreme caution should be exercised in and around the industrial estate.

8th STAGE
SILLEDA// A PONTE ULLA (VEDRA)
19.3 KM

This section of the Camino leaves the province of Pontevedra and enters the province of A Coruña. The entire route follows the Camino's walkers' route. From Silleda it descends until it reaches A Ponte Ulla. Extreme caution should be taken in the area which descends to the river.

9th STAGE
PONTE ULLA (VEDRA) // SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
21 KM

This is the last stretch of the Silver Route or Mozarabic Way. At the exit of A Ponte Ulla, there is an alternative equestrian route to avoid the N-525. Afterwards, the route rejoins the walkers' itinerary.

Extreme caution should be taken with road traffic. You must obtain a permit in advance if you wish to enter the city of Santiago on horseback, (Traffic Department tel. +34 981 54 23 21).

10th STAGESANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

You must apply for a permit in advance to be able to bring your animal into the city. (www.santiagodecompostela.org Traffic Department tel. +34 981 54 23 21).

Your animal may only enter the city before 9:00 a.m. and may only remain in the historical part for a maximum of 10 minutes.

Those responsible for the animal must be accompanied by a cleaning service.