

THE ST. JAMES'S WAY in CASTRILLÓN

The Way of the Coast Camino del Norte



The Saint James way, declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 2015, is a key historical element that is linked to the most primitive times of pilgrimage. The main route passing through Castrillón is part of the Jacobean route that runs along the Northern or Coastal Way to its destination, Santiago de Compostela and broadly follows the passage of the old Royal Coastal Way, which served both the pilgrimage as the transfer of livestock and merchandise.

Its first section begins at **Campo del Conde**, entering a rural path before reaching the residential area of **Coto Carcedo**, crossing a leafy forest along the **La Plata** road; where **La Plata** fountain-laundry is located, dating back to before 1602, and its roof was restored in 2024.

Upon reaching the town and road of **La Plata**, old Camino Real, we see on the right a hill where the **Castro de La Armada** is located. Ceramic remains found reveal that it was inhabited at least until the Middle Ages. Staying on the route, pilgrims walk towards another medieval space, the **Quiloño Valley**. On a detour is the **Church-Monastery of San Miguel de Quiloño**, 9th century, where the pre-Romanesque epigraph and the relics that were kept there are preserved, including one of Santiago. A short distance away is **El Ventorillo**, a rural area where there was once a roadside inn for muleteers, pilgrims and travelers.

After crossing the tunnel and the bridge over the **Raíces River**, you reach **Piedras Blancas**, capital of the Castrillón Council, which now constitutes the urban area. The first notable building that appears on the tour is **Casa Riesgo**, the former old Castrillón Town Hall from the 19th century and one of the oldest preserved civil buildings.

Nearby we find the **Infanta Leonor Schools**, built in 1918, classified as being of cultural heritage interest in Asturias; and the **Church of Santa María**, representation of the modernization of the Jacobean path.

We continue walking by the current **Town Hall** building, continuing to the right of it. Leaving the town behind, the route ascends to the **Arancés-Las Vallinas mountain range**, a space with evidence of Roman and medieval settlement organized around the "Camino del Cordel", where the nearby Roman site of El Muro should be noted.

Following the itinerary, the route crosses **Vegarozadas** and **La Lloba**, which have interesting ethnological testimonies typical of the rural habitat. We cross the river over **La Campa Bridge**, to reach the town of **Ventaniella**, with its **chapel of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios** and enter the rural center of **Santiago del Monte**, with its **Church and a century-old Carbayo tree**.

The path concludes when crossing the road that goes to the **Asturias Airport**, through the village of **El Cuelpo**, with prehistoric archaeological remains and where there was a settlement of "vaqueiros" cattle ranchers known as the "Raza del Cuelpo". In the Middle Ages, this area marked the limit of the territory governed by the **Gauzón Castle** and the beginning of the demarcation protected by the **San Martín Castle**, on the banks of the **Nalón River**, which is reached by crossing the **Monte de La Granda**.

After a journey of 8.3 km, the pilgrim leaves the Camino de Santiago del "Alfoz de Castrelyon", as the Council was called in the 13th century.

Interesting Phone

Ayuntamiento de Castrillón 985 53 00 50

TOWN HALL SERVICES

Social Services	985 53 00 31
Valey Cultural Centre	985 53 03 29
Arnao Mine Museum	985 50 77 79
Municipal Library (P.B.)	985 53 31 75
Tourist Office (P.B.)	985 50 76 77

OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Post and telegraph (P.B.)	985 53 06 50
Asturias Airport	913 21 10 00
Buses (CTEA) Urban line	985 56 11 54
Renfe (railway)	919 19 05 04
Radio Taxi	985 50 21 21

EMERGENCIES

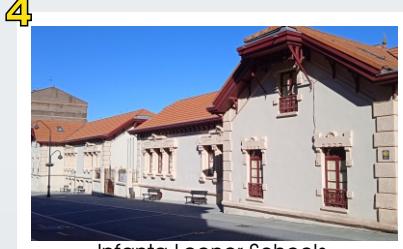
Local Police	985 53 27 00
Civil Guard (062) Piedras Blancas	985 53 00 61
Emergencies	(112)
Firefighters	985 51 18 58
San Agustín Hospital	985 12 30 00
Health-Care Centre (P.B.)	985 53 20 72

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Riesgo House
(19th Century, Old Town Hall)



Infanta Leonor Schools
(Year 1918 Former National Schools)



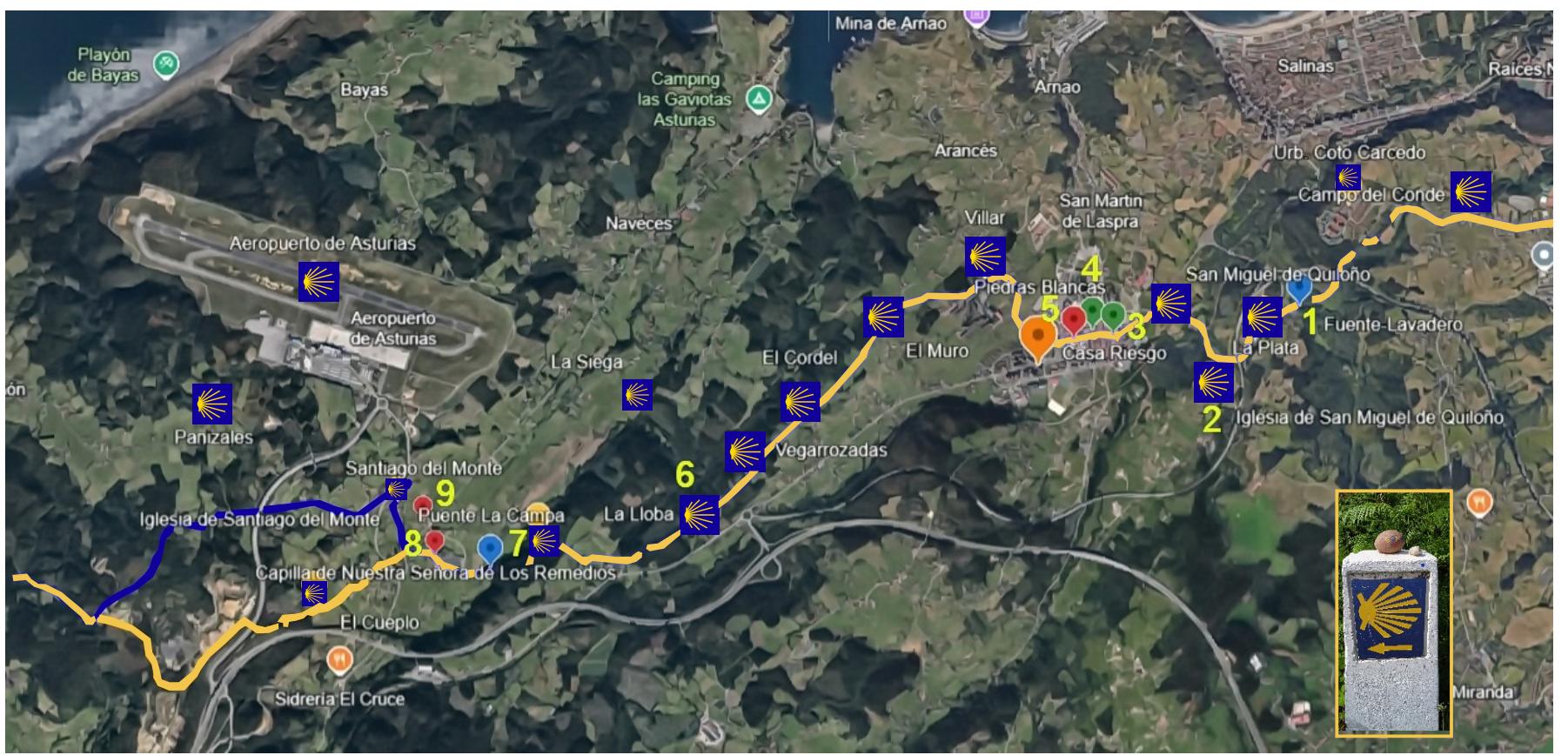
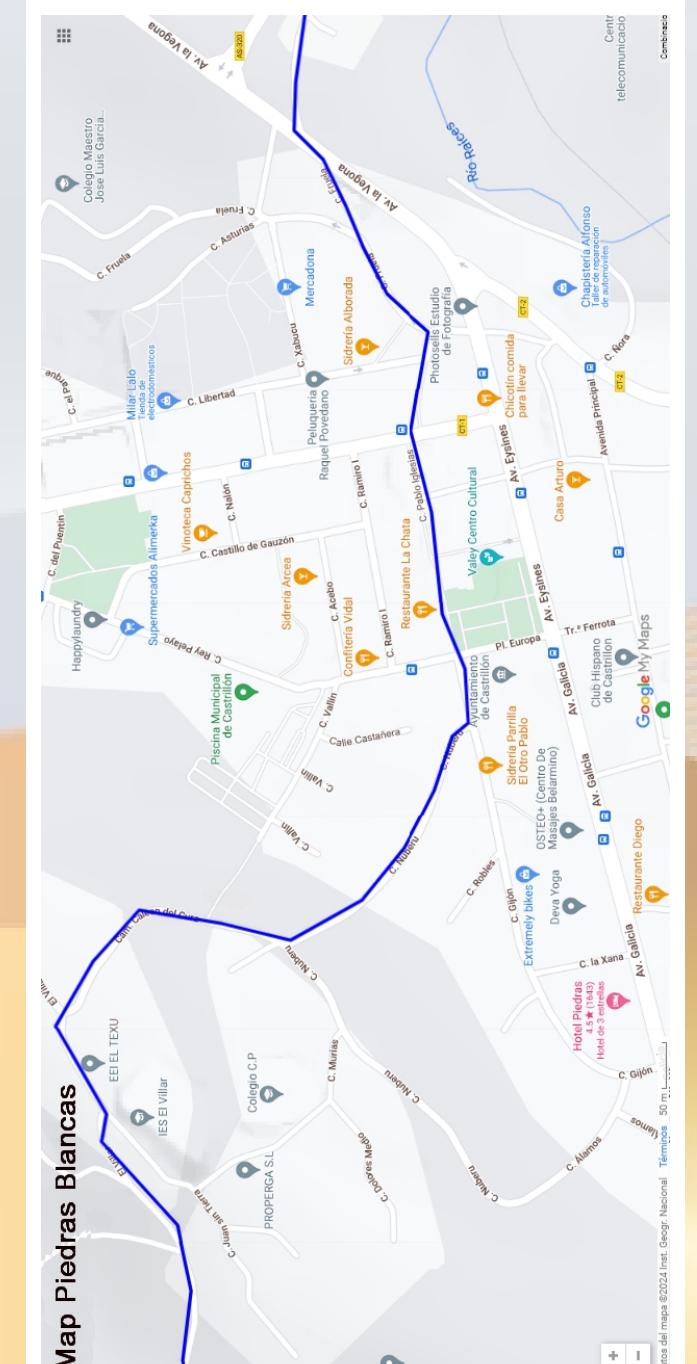
La Campa Bridge
(Reconstructed in 1876, Ferreiro River)



Chapel of Our Lady of Remedies
(Year 1719, Popular Style)



La Loba, La Siega
(Pasture and Meadows area, Traditional
Constructions Horreos)



Horses on the Road



La Plata Forest



Granary Complex La Siega



La Plata Fountain-Laundry (17TH Century)



Church Old San Miguel de Quiloño Monastery
(Alfonso III Period, Pre-Romanic Epigraphs)



Santiago del Monte
(Santiago Apostle Church, Reconstructed
1958, Centenary Oak, Popular Architecture,
Hórreos & Paneras and River Mill)



Church of Santa Maria Mother
(Inaugurated in 1966)



Camino Real de La Plata