

Supplement to: *A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino Fisterra* by John Brierley  
Update Sheet 5: Finisterre – Muxía – Santiago

The route to Finisterre and Muxía remains largely unchanged since the original guide was published but with the addition of 2 new pilgrim hostels at Corcubion and Muxía.

Pilgrims are beginning to see this route as a wonderful pilgrimage in its own right and it is now the 3rd most popular route after the caminos Francés and Portugués. It fits easily into a week-long 'holy-day' break from work commitments. Ryanair to / from Santiago makes the route even more accessible than ever. You can calculate and offset the carbon emissions of your flight, rail or bus travel by going to: [www.carbonneutral.com](http://www.carbonneutral.com)

On a more sobering note are the landscape scars left behind after the devastating forest fires occurring during 2006/7. Great swathes of hillside lie blackened. However new eucalyptus are already beginning to break cover. Even the beaches at Finisterre and Muxía are showing remarkable recovery after the *Prestige* oil disaster scattered 70,000 tonnes of oil along this pristine coastline in 2002. We can, perhaps, use these disasters as a prompt to reflect on our part in global chaos and choose to reduce our individual ecological footprint (see above).

**Add p.56: Corcubion - Albergue San Roque.** New pilgrim hostel 20 bunks beds in 2 separate dormitories. Kitchen / Dining / Sitting-room. Open all year with volunteer wardens. Situated 2 km *outside* Corcubion on the road to Finisterre at the top of a steep rise. Corcubion has an extensive range of restaurants and shops (buy food on the way through to save the return trip).



**Albergue San Roque - Corcubion**

The walks around the headland at Finisterre have been improved and cleared of much of the encroaching gorse and scrub. Walking signs have also been placed on the main route up to Monte Facho just above the church of Santa Maria das Areas which makes access easier.



**Note p.78: Castrexe / entering Lires [!]** At the option point the alternative route, via the coast, is now easy to follow. It is slightly longer (c.2 km) but is a more dramatic approach along a beautiful stretch of coast and up the estuary of the rivers Lires and Castro. While much of this coast has dangerous tides there is a relatively safe beach that the locals use where the path joins the asphalt road. Additional accommodation is available at Bar/ Hospedaje As Eiras Tel: 981-748 180 - from €20.

**Note p.79: Muxia** on reaching the sea front plaza you have the option to: [1] proceed to the Santuario de Nosa Señora da Barca via the coastal path or the central paved walkway over the headland or [2] Go direct to the pilgrim office in the town centre which is housed in the Casa Cultura, also the Oficina Turismo. The office is open daily and very welcoming (Tel: 981 - 742 563) see town map below.



**Casa Cultura  
Pilgrim & Tourist office**

A certificate of completion *Muxiana* is awarded to every bona-fide pilgrim arriving on foot. The office has a town map and details of the new pilgrim hostel at Rúa Enfesto, 22 with 32 Beds and all modern facilities (see photo below).



**New Albergue  
(opened in 2007)**

