

Throughout the centuries, pilgrims from Portugal and Spain have been found on the banks of the Tâmega. Perhaps it was so much devotion the reason that here arose the first book printed in Portuguese, 'Sacramental' of Chaves, and the first book printed in Galicia, the 'Missal Auriense' of Monterrei, both from the late fifteenth century. Today, pilgrims, with their thousand motivations, continue going through the Chaves-Verín way to Santiago.



The Interior Portuguese Way starts in Farminhão, Viseu. In Portuguese territory it passes through the municipalities of Viseu, Castro Daire, Lamego, Peso da Régua, Santa Marta de Penaguião, Vila Real, Vila Pouca de Aguiar and, finally, Chaves. Crossing the border into Verín – by Vilarelho da Raia or Vila Verde da Raia – it is there joined by the Via de la Plata, where two roads can be taken: to the north, by Laza, or towards the northwest, by Xinzo de Limia. In the latter, the entire way, from Viseu to Santiago de Compostela is over 370 Km long, where it is suggested the trail be completed in twenty stages.

In Chaves-Verín, the Way approaches the Tâmega, at the meadow, where the vineyards will be increasingly more frequent. Along the entire route, the traveller has the opportunity to enjoy the warm mineral springs and pass at the foot of the fortifications that defend the border. For those who do not intend to reach to Santiago, the route of the Road is also an opportunity to get to know the landscapes of Chaves-Verín on foot, bike or horseback.



Route: Interior Portuguese Way to Santiago in Chaves-Verín

Start: Oura Parish (Chaves)
7° 34' 52.31" W / 41° 35' 53.69" N
29T X 0618240 Y 4606144

Final: Casa do Escudo (Verín)
7°26'35.33" W / 41°56'26.28" N
29T X 0629056 Y 4644357

Distance: 54.3 km

Duration: On foot: 2 days
On bicycle: 1 day

Altitude: Lowest: 353 m
Highest: 620 m
Average: 420 m

Difficulty: Moderate

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Chaves Tourism Office. Terreiro da Cavalaria

Verín: +34 988 411 614
Tourist Information Office. Hnos. La Salle, s/n

Vidago: +351 276 907 470
Vidago Tourism Office. Largo Miguel de Carvalho



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Chaves-Verín Caminho Português de Interior (por Vilarelho da Raia)
Chaves-Verín Caminho Português de Interior (por Feces de Abaixo)

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THE ROUTE IN CHAVES-VERÍN

Chaves-Verín, at your feet. The Portuguese Interior Way offers a complete vision of the land. Move through nature, crossing villages and towns. The first kilometres descend to Vidago and up again towards Redial. Then it descends to the valley and the route crosses the main population clusters. It will be easy for you to find everything that you need: where to eat, where to stay overnight, or where to make purchases for anything that you may need to continue the journey.

Accses to the Road. The Road enters Chaves-Verín by the Parish of Oura. If you are not undertaking the complete pilgrimage, you will be able to access it in any of the cities and towns through which it passes and do just one of the stretches. It will be easy for you to find the yellow shell, an international symbol that identifies the pilgrimage routes.



Follow the yellow. The signalling of the ways of St James is already universal, the Shell and the Arrow, always in yellow colour, will be your guides.

DO NOT FORGET

Crossing the border. On the map, you will see two ways in which to cross the border from Outeiro Seco. There is hardly any difference in distance or difficulty.

Tips:

- Check the weather forecast and choose your clothes well.
- Take comfortable and breathable shoes, light clothing and a hat.
- Take 4 or 5 meal breaks per day. Drink plenty of water.
- Rest a few minutes every hour. If you are on foot, help yourself using a staff.

Pilgrim shelters (pilgrim's credential required):

- Bombeiros Voluntários de Vidago
Vidago. Av. Conde de Caria, 2
Tel.: +351 276 907 122 _ 5€/pax.
- Bombeiros Voluntários Flavienses
Chaves. Campo da Fonte
Tel.: +351 276 322 122 _ 5€/pax.
- Centro Social e Cultural
Vilarelho da Raia. Rua Arcos
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- Casa do Escudo
Verín. Av. San Lázaro, 26
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For further information:

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VISEU TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

CAMINO PORTUGUÉS INTERIOR

Farminhão - Fontelo (Viseu)	17 Km
Fontelo (Viseu) - Almagem	16,7 Km
Almagem - Ribolhos	23,6 Km
Ribolhos - Bigorne	19,7 Km
Bigorne - Penude	11,9 Km
Penude - Bertelo	29,2 Km
Bertelo - Vila Real	11 Km
Vila Real - Parada de Aguiar	26,8 Km
Parada de Aguiar - Vidago	22,6 Km
Vidago - Chaves	19,7 Km
Chaves - Verín	26,1 Km

VÍA DE LA PLATA (through Xinzo de Limia)

Verín - Trasmiras	17 Km
Trasmiras - Allariz	22 Km
Allariz - Ourense	17 Km

VÍA DE LA PLATA (through Laza)

Verín - Laza	14 Km
Laza - Vilar de Barrio	17 Km
Vilar de Barrio - Xunqueira de Ambía	11 Km
Xunqueira de Ambía - Ourense	21 Km

VÍA DE LA PLATA (Ourense-Santiago)

Ourense - Cea	24 Km
Cea - Dozón	14 Km
Dozón - Bendoiro	18,5 Km
Bendoiro - Vedra	34 Km
Vedra - Santiago	17 Km

