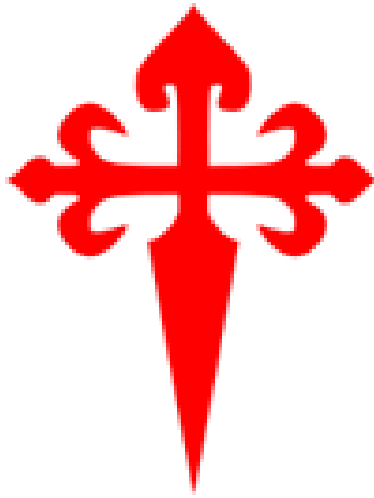


# **Albergues camino Francés**

**a selection of favorite albergues**



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This is the third (updated) edition. If you have any remarks or suggestions I'll be happy to hear them. Please send me a note by email [atilburg1@chello.nl](mailto:atilburg1@chello.nl) so I can use your information for a next edition.

## Albergues on the Camino Francés

There are around 400 albergues along the camino. And the number is increasing every year. In this summary a selection has been made of the most favorite albergues, based on the reviews from previous year's pilgrims as well as on my own experience. These reviews were found on German, English, French, Dutch, Italian and Spanish websites and forums as well as in guides such as 'the CaminoGuide.net', 'das gelbe Heft' from the Jakobsfreunde Paderborn and 'The Camino Francés' from the Confraternity of St. James.

There are four different types of albergues:

**Municipal albergues** are sponsored by local government bodies and often staffed by volunteers. In general they belong to the most inexpensive albergues. They can be rather basic.

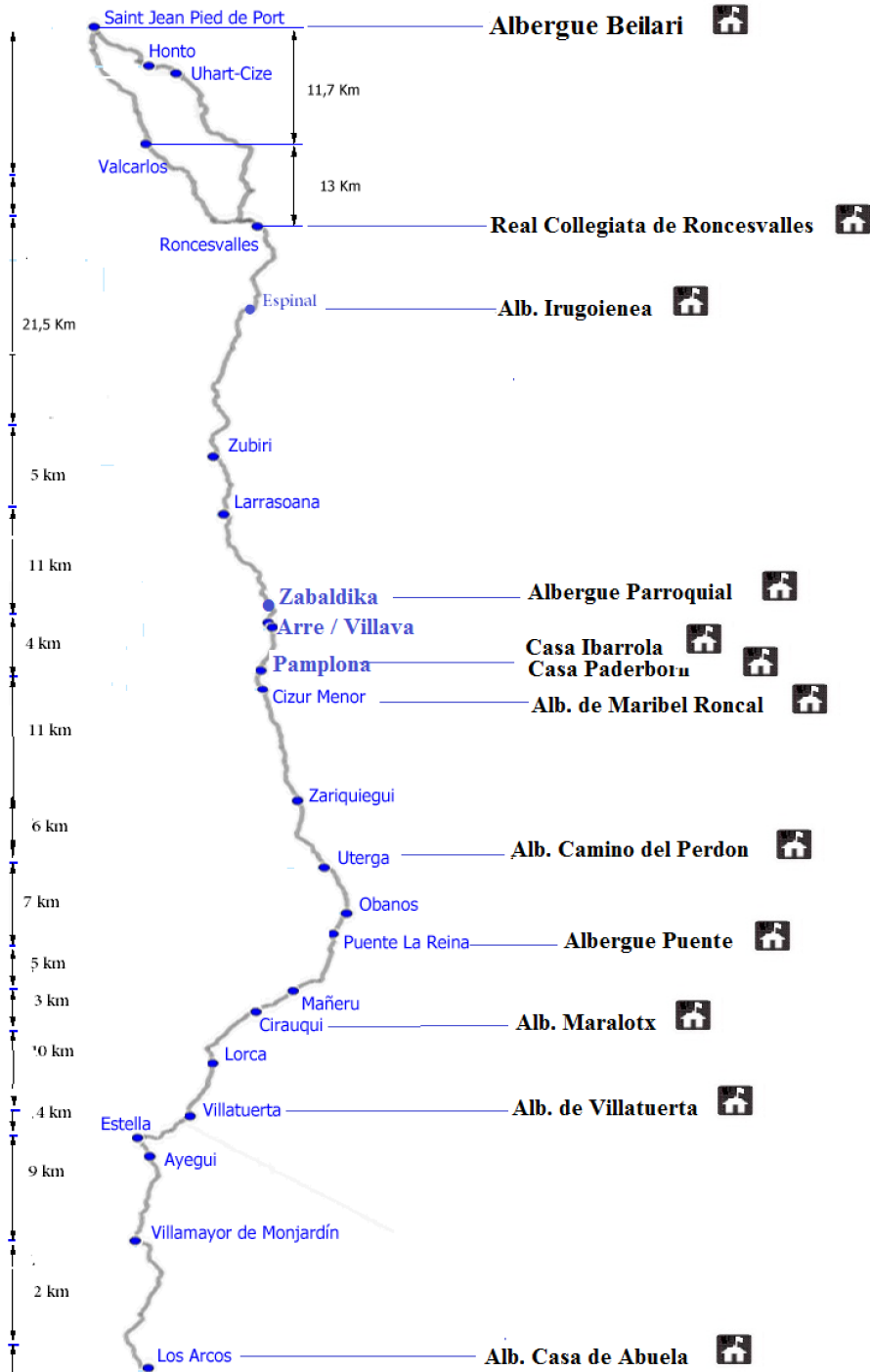
**Parochial albergues** are operated by religious institutions such as monasteries, convents or local churches. They tend to be simple, but may offer a lot of care by volunteer caretakers. Many of these accommodations are on a donation basis (*donativo*) or for a low fixed price.

**Association albergues** are operated by various pilgrim associations from around the world. They are often staffed by volunteers who have done the Camino before. Association albergues are supplemented by donations, so are often offered on a donation basis or a low fee.

**Private albergues** are owned and run by private individuals. Private albergues often offer more comfortable accommodations with “extra” amenities such as meals, wash/dryer, internet, wifi, etc. Some private albergues are owned by former pilgrims and have a cozy feel, others have more of an impersonal hotel feel.

When I made this selection of favorite albergues I realised of course that taste is very personal, bed bugs can also be found in very popular places and lots of people want to “go with the flow”. But I also realised that when I did the camino I was ever so happy that a fellow pilgrim advised me to go to the albergue in Grañon for its special atmosphere or another pilgrim advised me to walk an extra 2 km past Carcabelos to find there a lovely little oasis in Pieros. Moreover I saw this item about “not to miss” albergues popping up frequently on the various forums associated with the Camino.

From St Jean to Sansol. The selected albergues are on the right, next to the place they are situated.





## St Jean Pied de Port



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 770	<u>Albergue Beilari</u>	€26,- HP	18	april – september	559 372 468

Very welcoming. An excellent place to start your camino. Communal evening meal (halfpension) and breakfast and they can do you a picnic to take with you. It's on rue de la Citadelle opposite the Pilgrim's office. Better to reserve in advance.



## Roncesvalles



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 748	<u>Real Colegiata de Roncesvalles</u>	€10,-	183	all year	948 760 000

Newly renovated part of the monastery. Very modern and luxurious. Semi-private 4beds compartments. Run by Dutch volunteers. Very well organised. The old albergue Itzandegia is used as an overflow There is a special blessing for pilgrims during the mass in the evening. There are two restaurants doing a pilgrim menu for which you have to book in advance.



## Espinal



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 742	<u>Albergue Irugoienea</u>	€10,-	25	eastern till end oct.	649 412 487

Newly opened in 2013. Comfortable, friendly little albergue, with nice garden. They do evening meals and breakfast and pick you up from Roncesvalles and drop you back there in the morning. The albergue is on the calle Oihanilun in Barrio Santiago which is on the left at the main road.



## Zabaldika



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 714	<u>Alb. Parroquial</u>	donation	18	15.4 – 15.10	948 330 918

The albergue is adjacent to a little church in the upper half of town and is run by nuns. Very peaceful with a little garden and a lovely sitting room. Location recharge the body and spirit. Great communal dinner and breakfast.



## Pamplona



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 706	<u>Casa Ibarrola</u>	€18,-	20	all year	692 208 463_

Opened in 2012. Beds are peculiar. Sort of cupboardbeds (japanese style). Clean, comfortable alberrgue with very friendly staff. Price includes breakfast and sheets. Also used by tourists. It is situated on the camino, just as it enters the old city.



## Pamplona



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 706 <u>Casa Paderborn</u>	€8,-	26	1.3 – 31.10	948 211 712

Nice place along the river. German run albergue. Clean, well organised and friendly. Quiet with lovely garden. After the Puente de la Magdalena on your left. No reservations possible.



## Cizur Menor



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 701 <u>Alb. de Maribel Roncal</u>	€10,-	52	dec. – oct.	948 183 885

Popular nice and clean albergue with lovely garden. Great hospitality. Maribel is an expert on feet and blisters.



## Uterga



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 689 <u>Alb. Camino del Perdón</u>	€10,-	16	1.3 – 31.10	948 344 598

Friendly, cozy hostel with good facilities and good food.



## Puente la Reina



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km <u>Alb. Puente</u>	€12,-	30	15.3 – 15.10	661 705 642

Opened in 2014. Well located, comfortable and clean. Nice terrace to hang out. Friendly hosts. The buffet breakfast is included in the price.



## Cirauqui



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 675 <u>Alb. Maralotx</u>	€10,-	28	1.3 – 31.10	678 635 208

Clean, tidy place with a lot of character. The upper porch is good for hanging out with pilgrims and the view from the south facing windows is great.



## Villatuerta



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 664	<u>Albergue de Villatuerta</u>	€10,-	30	25.3 – 1.11	948 536 095

Also known as Casa Magica. One of the best places along the camino. Beautiful newly renovated building. Very welcoming, great atmosphere, good food. Comfortable and clean.



## Los Arcos



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 638	<u>Alb. Casa de la Abuela</u>	€9,-	32	1.3 – 31.10	948 640 250

Family run; great hospitality and service. Charming place with good facilities.

In the list of albergues the following rating is used:




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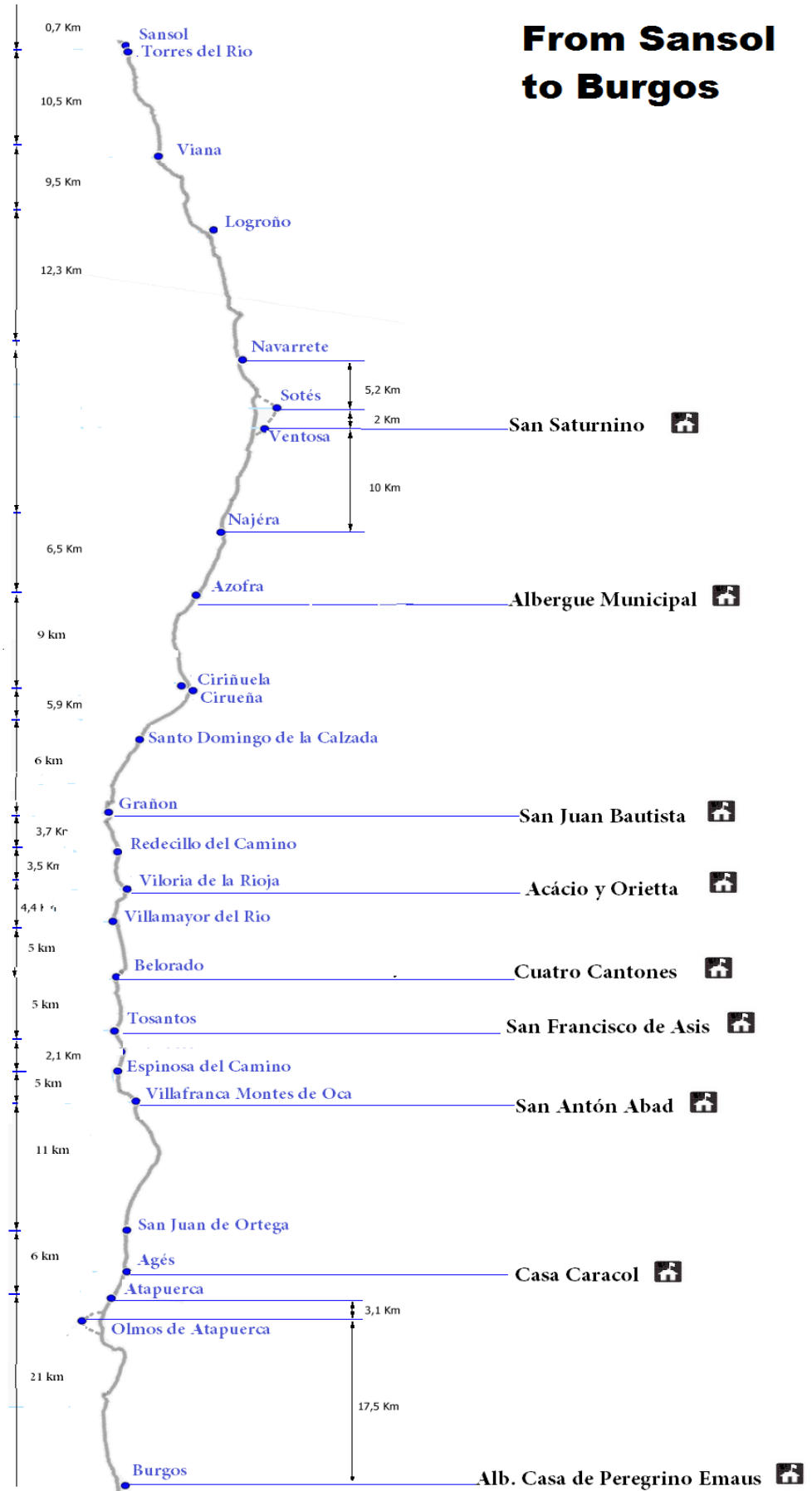
highly recommended



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# From Sansol to Burgos







## Ventosa



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 592 <u>San Saturnino</u>	€10,-	42	all year	941 441 899

Recently renovated, quiet, spacious, cozy and comfortable hostel with good facilities and a lovely courtyard. Many pilgrims call it a favorite. (some mentioned the staff to be a bit to strict on the rules).



## Azofra



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 577 <u>Albergue Municipal</u>	€7,-	60	1.4 – 31.10	941 379 220

From the point of view of luxury one of the better. All lovely double bedrooms. Very welcoming and they make an effort not to mix genders. Fountain courtyard for sun and conversation.



## Grañón



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telefone
Km 554 <u>San Juan Bautista</u>	Donativo	40	all year	941 420 684

For quite a lot of pilgrims the best refuge on the camino. The albergue is in the beltower of the church of San Juan. There is a special atmosphere here. Very friendly and hospitable. No beds, just mats, but very comfortable. Evening prayers in church after supper.



## Viloria de la Rioja



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 546 <u>Acácio y Orietta</u>	€5,-	10	all year	947 585 220

Lovely, cozy, clean albergue. The owners are very welcoming and helpful, with a great dedication towards the spirit of the camino. Comunal evening meal and breakfast.



## Belorado



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 538 <u>Cuatro Cantones</u>	€6,-	62	1.3 – 31.10	947 580 591

Friendly atmosphere (although a bit less lately). Good restaurant and a small garden area with swimmingpool. Special room for snorers.



## Tosantos



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 533 <u>San Francisco de Asis</u>	donativo	30	1.4 – 31.10	947 580 371

Very friendly and welcoming albergue. Sleeping mats on the floor. Communal evening meal and breakfast. Special ceremony for pilgrims in the evening.



## Villafranca Montes de Oca



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 526 <u>San Antón Abad</u>	€6,- €8,-	26	15.3 – 15.11	947 582 150

Hostel is part of a hotel. It has different prices according to the kind of bed (bunk / normal) and number of people. It's in an old lovely building with a great garden. Good service, attentive, clean and comfortable. It's on the way out of the village.



## Agés



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 509 <u>Casa Caracol</u>	donativo	6	15.5 – 30.10	947 430 413

Run by a Norwegian lady. A small 400-year old renovated farmhouse. Very rustic place. Mattresses on the floor. Something very special. Situated on Calle la Iglesia (however a bit uncertain about openingtimes during the year).



## Burgos



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 488 <u>Alb. Casa de Peregrino Emaus</u>	€5,-	20	eastern – 1.11	947 205 363

Good place to stay. New and clean and friendly. Nice little chapel with pilgrim service. Communal meals (donativo). Calle San Pedro de Cardeña 31a. (cross the bridge to the south bank of the river at Paseo del Rey; close to hotel Cardeña).

# From Burgos to Calzada del Coto





## Tardajos



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 479 Alb. La Fabrica	€12,-	14	all year	646 000 908

Opened in 2014. Lovely restored old building. Great hosts. Well equipped with comfy beds. Food is excellent.



## Rabé de las Calzadas



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 477 Liberos Domine	€8,-	24	all year	695 116 901

Welcoming helpful host. Good facilities. Communal meal in a cozy dining area.



## Hontanas



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 458 <u>Albergue Santa Brigada</u>	€7,-	14 + 12	april – october	609 164 697

Nice hostel, good facilities. Clean, beautiful and friendly with good dinner and breakfast.



## Puente Fitero



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 445 <u>Emita de San Nicolás</u>	€5,-	12	15.05 – 30.09	947 377 359

Quite isolated; a restored church from the 13th century. Run by italian volunteers. Outstanding hospitality. Comunal evening meal (by candlelight because there is no electricity, except in the washroom area) and breakfast. Great atmosphere.



## Boadilla del Camino



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 431 <u>En el Camino</u>	€6,-	48	Easter – 31.10	979 810 284

Nice hostel with a lovely garden and a little swimmingpool. Good place to relax and enjoy good food and drinks. The staff is helpful and sympathetic. Facilities are good.



## Carión de los Condes



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 404	<u>Alb. Parish De Santa Maria</u>	€5,-	60	1.3 – 31.10	979 880 072

Very good treatment by the Benedictine nuns. Good facilities and good fitted kitchen. Clean and comfortable beds and good patio. Turn right after the church and the hostel is down Calle del Clérigo Pastor in front of you.

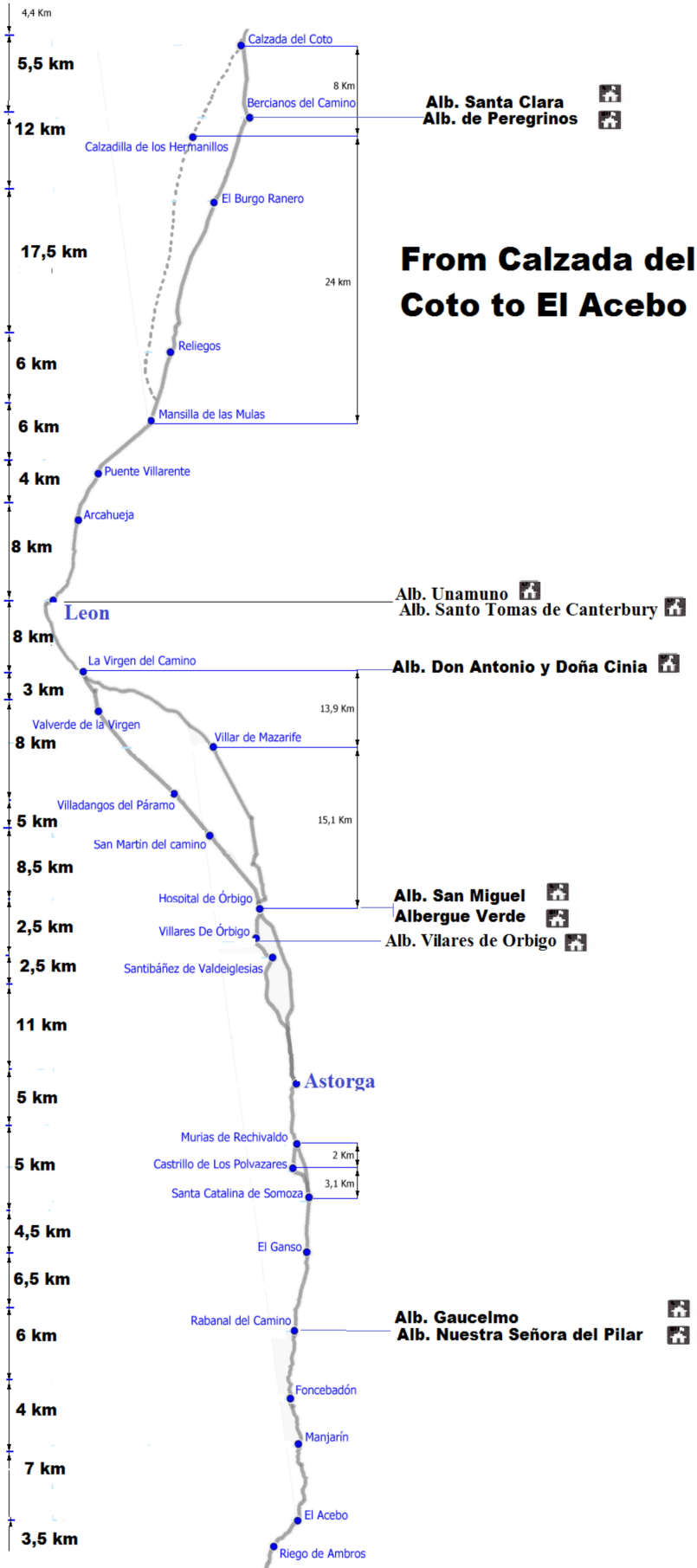


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	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 404	<u>Alb. Espiritu Santo</u>	€5,-	58	1.3 – 31.10	979 880 052

Very welcoming and helpful nuns. Clean and well maintained hostel, spacious, great showers, beds (instead of bunks), dining area, laundry and nice patio.





## Bercianos del Real Camino



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Er Km 353 <u>Alb. Santa Clara</u>	donativo	8	all year	605 839 993

A little gem along the camino. The human quality of the hospitaleros is impressive. Warm and homely. Good facilities and superb communal meals.



## Bercianos del Real Camino



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 353 <u>Alb. De Peregrinos</u>	donativo	46	all year	987 784 008

Parish albergue in a historic building. Recently renovated. Communal diner and breakfast. Hospitaleros do their utmost to make ones stay a special one.



## Leon



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 308 <u>Alb. Miguel Unamuno</u>	€10,-	86	All year	987 233 010

Good facilities. Nice staff. Good quality. Unbeatable for its location (next to the cathedral).



## Leon



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 308 <u>Alb. Santo Tomas de Canterbury</u>	€8,-	60	Febr. – nov.	987 392 626

Albergue at the entrance of Leon. Opened in 2014. Immaculate, well equipped, spacious and a very helpful staff. There is a busstop nearby to get to the center of Leon or you can have a bike from the albergue.



## La Virgen del Camino



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 300 <u>Alb. Don Antonio y Doña Cinia</u>	€5,-	40	april – sept.	987 302 800

Spacious, comfortable place. Well equipped. Friendly and welcoming. Nice livingroom and a great garden to relax. Leon is easy to reach by bus.



## Hospital de Órbigo



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 275 <u>Alb. San Miguel</u>	€7,-	40	all year	988 388 285

Nice, clean, good atmosphere. Well equipped. Lots of art on the walls. Nice backyard. There is a quiet dormitory for people who don't like too much noise.



## Hospital de Órbigo



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 275	<u>Albergue Verde</u>	€9,-	26	1.3 – 31.12	689 927 926

Clean, friendly and welcoming, good (vegetarian) food. Nice garden. Free yoga exercise. It's a bit of the camino to the left down Avenida de los Fueros de León.



## Villares de Orbigo



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 273	<u>Alb. Villares de Orbigo</u>	€7,-	26	1.2 – 14.12	987 132 235

Very welcoming hosts. Most helpful and friendly. A family atmosphere in a lovely restored old house. Clean, comfortable and spacious. Very good (communal) meal and breakfast. One of the best places along the camino.



## Rabanal del Camino



	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 239	<u>Alb. Gaucelmo</u>	donativo	46	1.4 – 31.10	987 691 901

Run by a British organisation. Very welcoming. Teatime in the garden in the afternoon. Nice kitchen, beautiful grounds and a cozy room with a fireplace. The pilgrims are invited to take part in evening prayers in the church.



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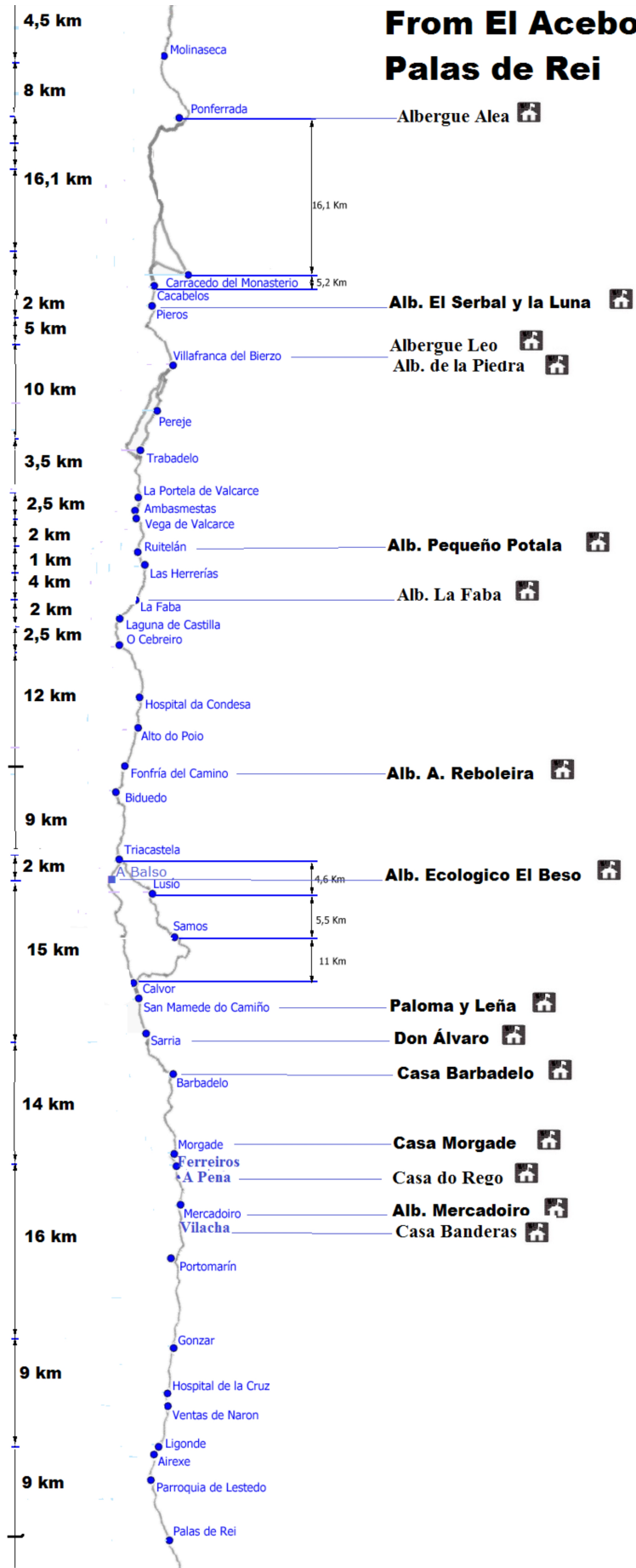


	Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 239	<u>Alb. Nuestra Señora del Pilar</u>	€5,-	72	all year	987 631 621

An attractive friendly refuge. They have a bar with a nice patio and do a good evening meal and breakfast.



# From El Acebo to Palas de Rei





## Ponferrada



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 205 Alb. Alea	€10,-	18	march – nov.	987 404 133

Situated on the east side of town (C. Teleno 33). Opened in 2014. Comfortable and spotless. Nice garden. Very good communal dinner and breakfast. The hosts are outstanding.



## Pieros



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 187 Alb. El Serbal y la Luna	€5,-	18	1.3 – 15.11	639 888 924

Another one of these little gems along the camino. Very friendly and welcoming. Good facilities, Comunal meals with superb (vegetarian) food. Great place to relax. Nice courtyard. Massages by donation by physiotherapist. It's almost 2 km past Cacabelos on your righthand side.



## Villafranca del Bierzo



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 181 Alb. Leo	€10,-	32	1.3 – 31.10	987 542 658

An old beautifully renovated familyhouse in the centre of the city. Opened in 2014. Very welcoming with a family atmosphere. Small dormitories and a living room with a fire. Comfortable, modern and clean.



## Villafranca del Bierzo



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 181 Alb. de la Piedra	€8,-	32	1.1 – 30.11	987 540 260

Very nice decorated and renovated hostel. Spotless, comfortable and cozy. The owners are very friendly and welcoming. Excellent buffet breakfast. To get there you have to cross the bridge and follow the Calle del Esperitu Santo.



## Ruitelán



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 163 Alb. Ref. Pequeno Potala	€5,-	34	all year	987 561 322

The albergue is well located, right in the foothills of O Cebreiro; It is a nice, friendly and clean place. The atmosphere is relaxing. The food is outstanding.



## La Faba



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 158 Alb. de Peregrinos de la Faba	€5,-	35	april – nov.	630 836 865

German run albergue. Spotless and well managed. It stands out for its beautiful idyllic location and the church on site.



## Fonfría



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 140 <u>Alb. A. Reboleira</u>	€8,-	86	all year	982 181 271

Nicely situated well run albergue, with a comfortable lounge area. Does breakfast and a good pilgrim menu.



## A Balso



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 129 <u>Alb. Ecologico El Beso</u>	€8,-	12	all year	633 550 558

The hostel is an old renovated stone house situated in a beautiful valley. It's run with much love and care. Very comfortable and peaceful. Eco-dinner and breakfast.



## San Mamede del Camino



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 116 <u>Paloma y Leña</u>	€10,-	32	1.3 – 15.11	982 533 248

Excellent albergue. Very nice garden. In the middle of nature. Good facilities. Warm welcoming hosts. Communal evening meal (with vegetarian option) and breakfast. Situated 1km after Aguida on the right of the camino.



## Sarria



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 113 <u>Don Álvaro</u>	€9,-	40	all year	982 531 592

It's an old building but well equiped. Friendly staff, comfortable and neat. Nice terrace with deckchairs and a garden with a fountain. Moreover they have a wonderful outdoor fireplace. Perfect places to hang out.



## Barbadelo



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 109 <u>Casa Barbadelo</u>	€9,- €12,-	23	easter to oct.	982 531 934

It is a hostel with charm, nice garden, good care, clean rooms and restaurant. Well run by staff. Good place to relax and 'unplug' a bit from the camino.



## Morgade



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 104 <u>Casa Morgade</u>	€10,-	16	1.3 – 30.11	982 531 250

A very charming stone farmhouse in a lovely setting. Great view from the room. Very welcoming staff. Good treatment and facilities. Very tasty meal.



## A Pena



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 99 <u>Casa do Rego</u>	€10,-	6	eastern – 30.11	982 167 812

New and very clean hostel about 2 km after Ferreiros. Very quiet and a beautiful landscape. The owners are welcoming and helpful. Family atmosphere. The food is outstanding



## Mercadoiro



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 97 <u>Albergue Mercadoiro</u>	€10,-	36	all year	982 545 359

Hostel in a quiet and idyllic setting. Cozy, clean and comfortable. Nice lovely garden with hammocks. Great views. The food is excellent.

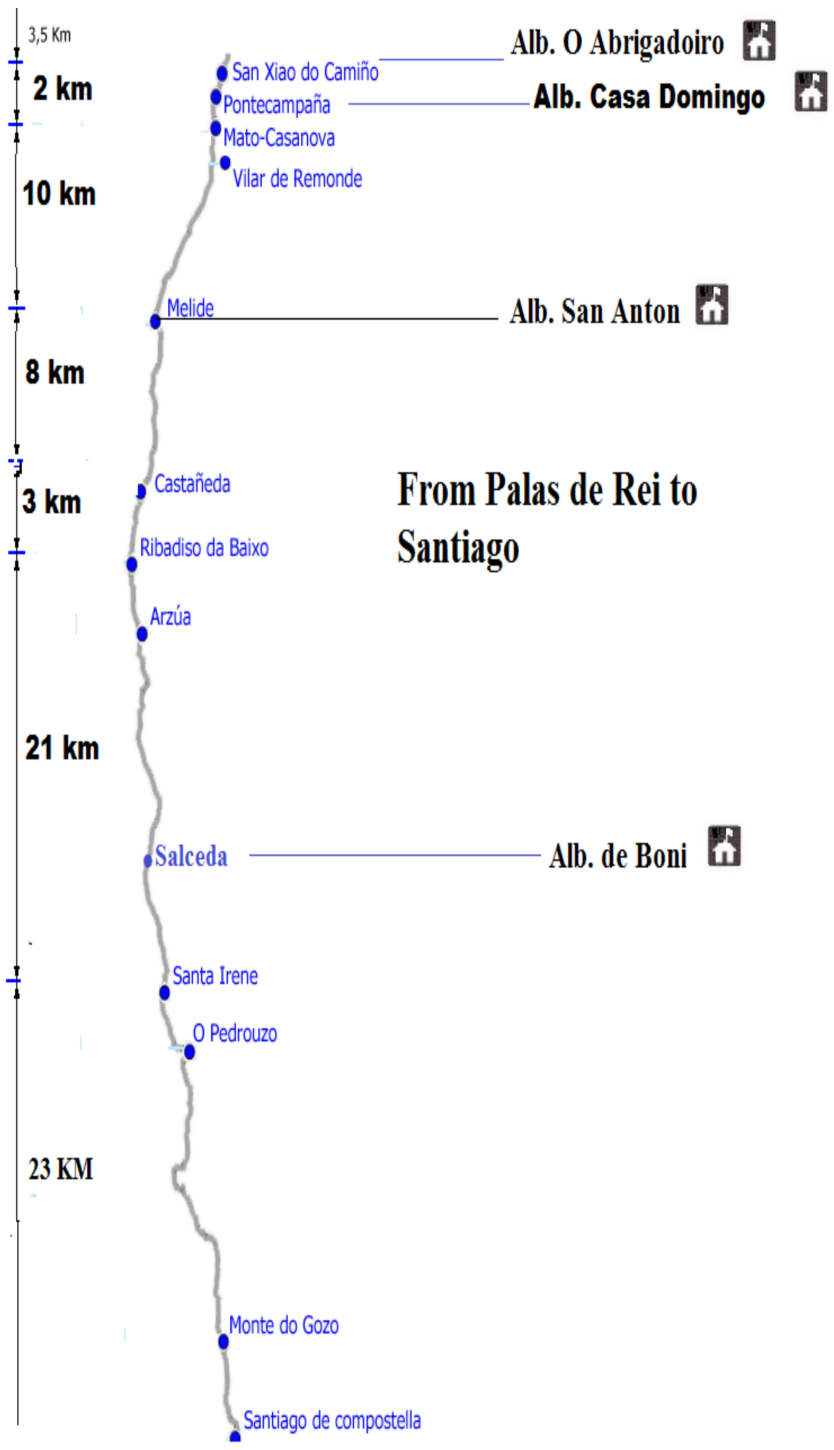


## Vilacha



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 95 <u>Casa Banderas</u>	€8,-	10	1.4 – 1.11	982 545 391

Small new albergue with a great (south-african) host. Well managed, clean with excellent facilities. Lovely little garden. Superb communal meals. definitely worth a stop before Portomarin.





## San Xulián



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 63 <u>Alb. O Abrigadoiro</u>	€10,-	18	Easter – oct.	676 596 975

Welcoming staff.. Very kind, hospitable and caring. A homey ambience. Cozy, clean and spacious. Excellent food.



## Pontecampana



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 65 <u>Alb. Casa Domingo</u>	€10,-	18	1.5 – 31.10	982 163 226

Clean and comfortable. Garden ideal for relaxing. Very good communal meal. Great atmosphere. A special, warm and highly recommended place on the camino.



## Melide



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 53 <u>Alb. San Anton</u>	€10,-	36	1.3 – 31.10	698 153 672

New hostel near the townhall of Melide. Old renovated house. Comfortable and clean with a nice garden. The staff is welcoming and helpful.



## Salceda



Name	Costs	Places	Open	Telephone
Km 28 <u>Alb. de Boni</u>	€10,-	30	1.3 – 31.10	618 965 907

Totally renovated huge house (openend in 2013) with all new and comfortable furnishings and a big beautiful fireplace. Very clean and comfortable. Boni is a very fine host. The bar next door has a great atmosphere.





Buen Camino!