

Routes to enjoy and areas to discover on route to the hostel

O Corazón da Ribeira Sacra.

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TOURIST ROUTE STARTING FROM ALLARIZ

For those arriving in Galicia on the A52, I recommend that you start the route by taking exit 202 and then head for the [N – 525 towards Allariz](#).

The city of Allariz offers a wide range of cultural activities that you can visit in one day, the



Museum of Fashion of Allariz where the fashion to be worn in Galicia in the past centuries is recreated, or the Museum of Sacred Art of Santa Clara, located in the monastery of Santa Clara itself and where religious works of the Gothic period are exhibited, among the outdoor activities are the boat routes through the area of the Arnoia River, or the visit to the historic site of Santa Mariña de Augas Santas. In

addition to culture, the city also stands out for its gastronomy, hosting a large number of fairs throughout the year, as well as a large number of restaurants where you can eat typical dishes.



The next point of tourist interest is Xunqueira de Ambia, about 12 minutes driving through [the OU – 0108](#).

In this beautiful town of Ourense, we can find the Colexiata de Santa Maria a Real, which is part of the set of national monuments since the 60s,



especially highlights within this the church organ, considered one of the best in Europe. The area also has a great natural

attraction, since there are bathing areas along the Arnoia River, including hot springs and old mills.



Continuing [along the OU – 0108](#) towards our destination we find Baños de Esmolgas.

This town is famous for its natural hot springs spa, dating from the nineteenth century, currently consisting of 4 floors with multiple indoor bathing areas, outside we find the burgas(outdoor baths) that populate the outskirts of the river, near here we can also visit the Sanctuary of Nosa Señora dos Milagres. Another of the great points of interest is the Ansuíña



river recreational area, a large area where you can walk or do sports activities in its many facilities.



We continue our route, driving [along the OU – 0108](#), this time stopping in Maceda.

The most emblematic point that we find in the town is undoubtedly the Fortress – Castle of



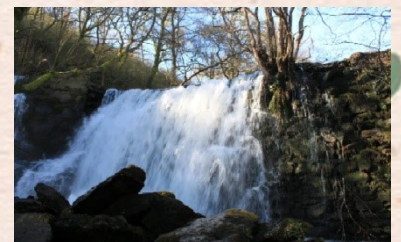
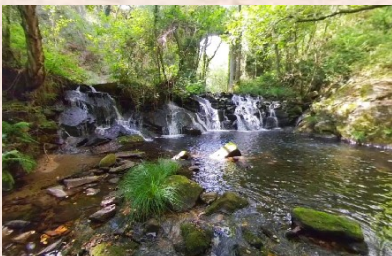
Maceda, which is declared a historical-artistic monument, much of its structure dates from the eleventh century, although it has undergone subsequent remodeling, a few meters from this is the Church of San Pedro, belonging to the whole of the fortress, and in the area of Outeiro da Torre we find the hermita de Donfranque, in this same area we can reach the

Mirador do Picouto, which enjoys a privileged location from where you can see the entire extension of the Maceda valley.



We now head towards Xunqueira de Espadañedo, taking [the OU – 0106 north exit](#) for Maceda.

This region is recognized for the multiple waterfalls that form in its rivers, given the unique orography of the area, highlighting especially the Pozo Negro waterfall, Rego do Porto and especially Niñodagua, all of them are surrounded by incredible natural spaces and routes through which to escape to a sea of tranquillity. Another of the great attractions is the Cistercian Monastery of Santa Maria, dating from the late eleventh century and has multiple architectural styles given the multiple reforms undertaken throughout its centuries of life.



Finally we took a small detour from our path [taking the OU – 536](#) to place ourselves in Montederramo.



In this small place we find a unique natural place in the area, especially by the Bidueiral, which is a wooded set formed mainly by birch trees, and which is part of the Natura Network, it is also one of the places where Romasanta "the werewolf" committed several of his crimes in the nineteenth century, giving rise to multiple legends. Here is also the Mosteiro de Santa Maria de Montederramo, which is a cultural heritage thanks to its multiple reliefs and statues of religious themes.



Our route ends at the [Pension O Corazon da Ribeira Sacra](#), where you can rest quietly after spending a day of enjoyment on this beautiful route.

