**GIDILES** 

## Natural Parks of Galicia

Baixa Limia - Serra do Xurés



# Granite border landscape

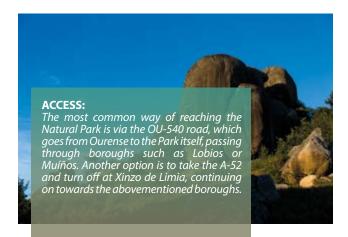


# MATURE RESERVES

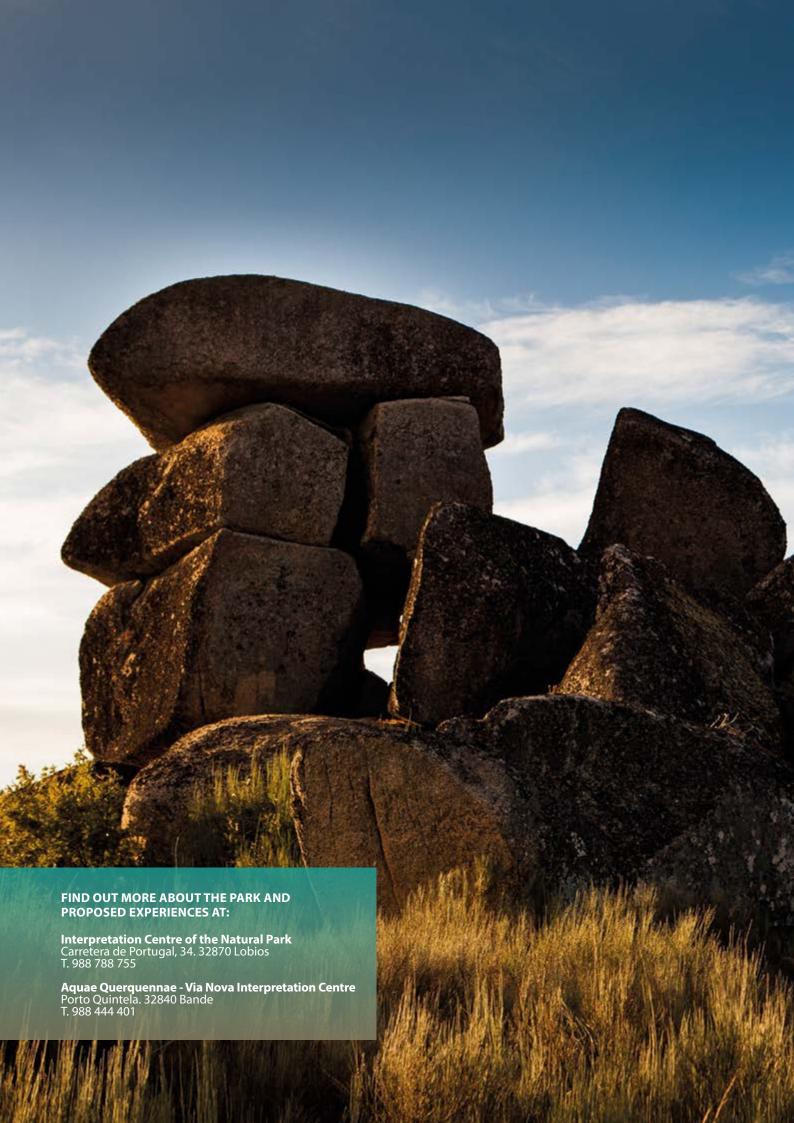
The Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park and the Peneda-Gerês National Park are joined at the border between Portugal and Galicia, forming a unique 267,958 ha cross-border area, formally declared Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Gerês-Xurés in 2009

We find ourselves in a territory which combines rugged mountain ranges with softer landscapes; where thick woodland contrasts with granite mountain landscapes; where boulders form unique shapes and water is ever-present in the form of rivers, pools, natural waterfalls and even reservoirs, where visitors can row on tranquil waters in the heart of O Xurés.

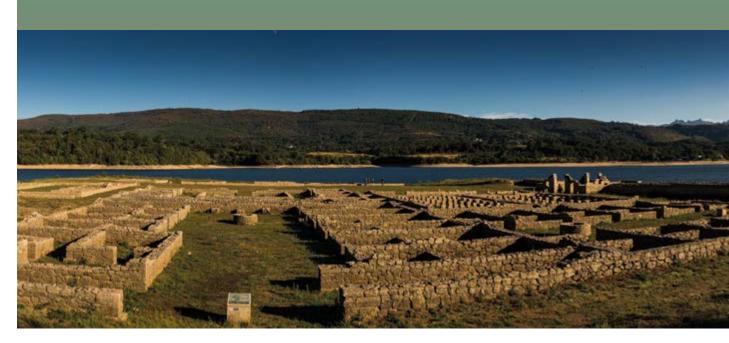
Here we can discover one of the greatest attractions the Park has to offer: its huge variety of flora, with more than 807 species, 117 of which are endemic, such as the Xurés iris. It is also home to a huge diversity of fauna, with around 150 species of birds and unique species such as the autochthonous cattle breed known as the *cachena* cow.







## A journey through the history of O Xurés.





## ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

We find ourselves in a privileged location in which to find remnants of our ancestors. One of the most important concentrations of burial mounds, or mamoas, in Europe is to be found here in the O Laboreiro mountain range, and it is well worth visiting the Maus de Salas and Val do Salas dolmens.

During the Romanisation period, the Via Nova was built on these lands, linking Braga and Astorga and creating the establishment of civil buildings such as the Aquis Querquennis military camp, in Bande, or the Roman villa which acted as wayside lodgings and a thermal spa, Aquis Originis, near the Riocaldo thermal springs in Lobios. Another unmissable visit is to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century Visigothic Santa Comba Church in Bande, the only building that remains of an ancient monastery.

The village of Cela, in Lobios, with its buildings on granite boulders, and As Cortes da Carballeira, in Entrimo, are two examples of popular architecture well worth visiting.





We have to go back in time to the 1st Century A.D., the era of the Flavia dynasty, in order to discover one of the best preserved Roman roads, also boasting the most milestones in Europe.





## VIA NOVA NATURAL ROAD

Portela do Home

Aquis Originis Centro de Visitantes I P.N Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés

Reparade Reitoral de San Pedro

Santa Comba de Bande

The Via Nova, converted today into a trail that forms a part of the Camino Naturales State programme, can be followed on foot, by bicycle or on horseback. Also known as the Via XVIII of the Antoninus Itinerarium, it was built to link the towns of Bracara Augusta (Braga-Portugal) and Asturica Augusta (Astorga).

The first stage, almost 30 km, links Portela do Home, on the border with Portugal, and Santa Comba, in Bande. Along the route there are many places of interest to visit, such as the spa in Lobios and the remains of the old Aquis Originis mansio. Recently, a second stage, linking Santa Comba, in Bande, and A Saínza de Abaixo, in Rairiz de Veiga, has been signposted.





## Mountain bike routes for the most expert riders and for those who want to enjoy a simple bike ride.



# SERRA DO XURÉS MTB CENTER

A mountain cycling route with nine different levels of difficulty, allowing us to discover the wealth of its natural heritage along 225 km of signposted tracks. There are information services, changing rooms and showers, equipment rental, bicycle washing services and accommodation.

The Parque Forestal Outeiro da Cela and the Megalítica routes, the latter beginning at As Maus de Salas, are two easy routes to be enjoyed by the whole family.



Expert cyclists climb the peaks of Fontefría and pass through unique villages such as A Cela, Prado de Limia, Requiás or Guntumil.

- R1. Parque Forestal Outeiro da Cela 5,7 km.
  R2. Travesía do Xurés 25,5 km.
  R3. Megalítica 12,7 km.
  R4. Picos de Fontefría 32,4 km.
  R5. Serra do Pisco 27,9 km.
  R6. Vía Nova 29,4 km.
  R7. Circular de Lobios 27,4 km.
  R8. Minas das Sombras 40,2 km.

- R9. Alto de Santa Eufemia 24,4 km.

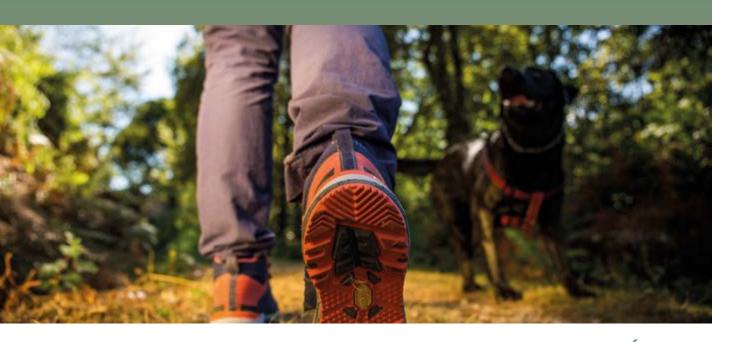
#### **RECEPTION POINTS:**

COMPLEJO TURÍSTICO-DEPORTIVO O CORGO Outeiro da Cela s/n Mugueimes. 32880 Muíños **T.** 988 456 403 • 609 744 255 • 679 971 377

#### **CENTRO DE MONTAÑA AVIVA**

Calle Tulla 59. As Maus de Salas. 32880 Muíños. T. 607 477 375 • 634 910 503

# Discover the pleasure of losing yourself all the while knowing exactly where you are going.





# HIKING ALONG THE O XURÉS

For those who love to don a pair of mountain boots and go in search of new places, O Xurés is the perfect destination for walkers, with signposted trails leading to the Park's most representative natural resources.

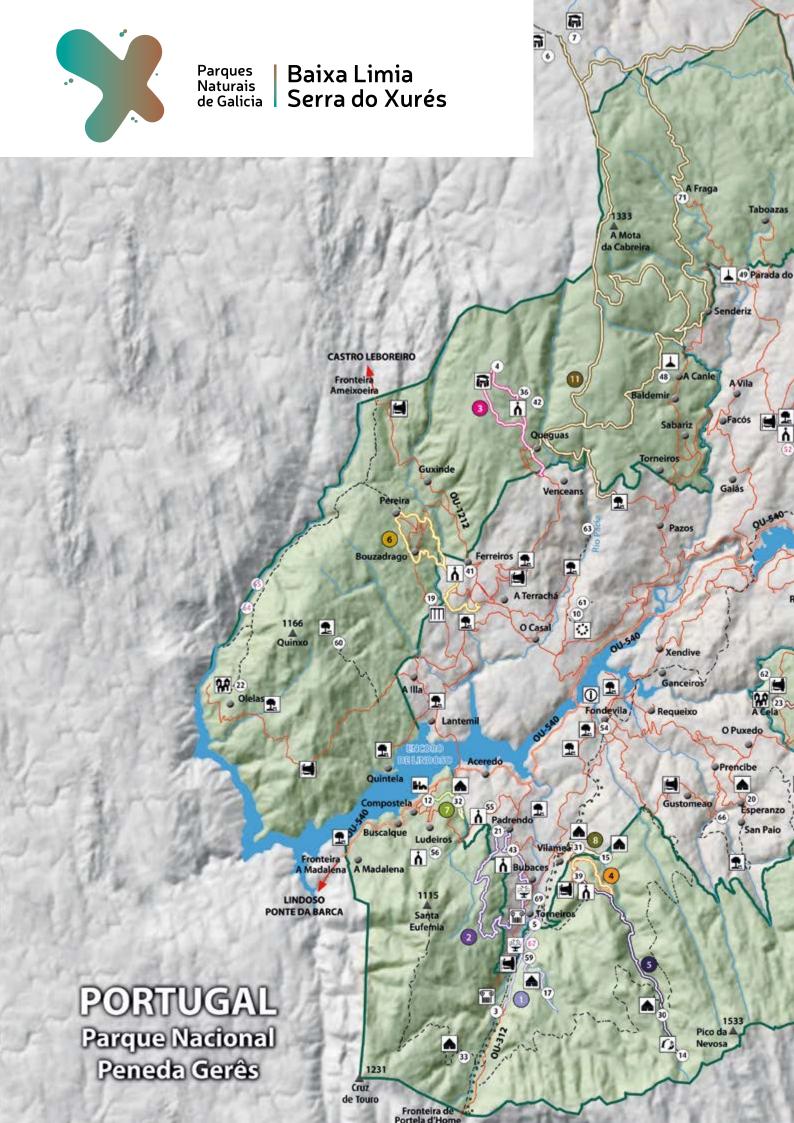
From the Spa in Lobios, you can join the Corga da Fecha Route and discover one of the highest waterfalls in Galicia, whose waters flow into the River Caldo.

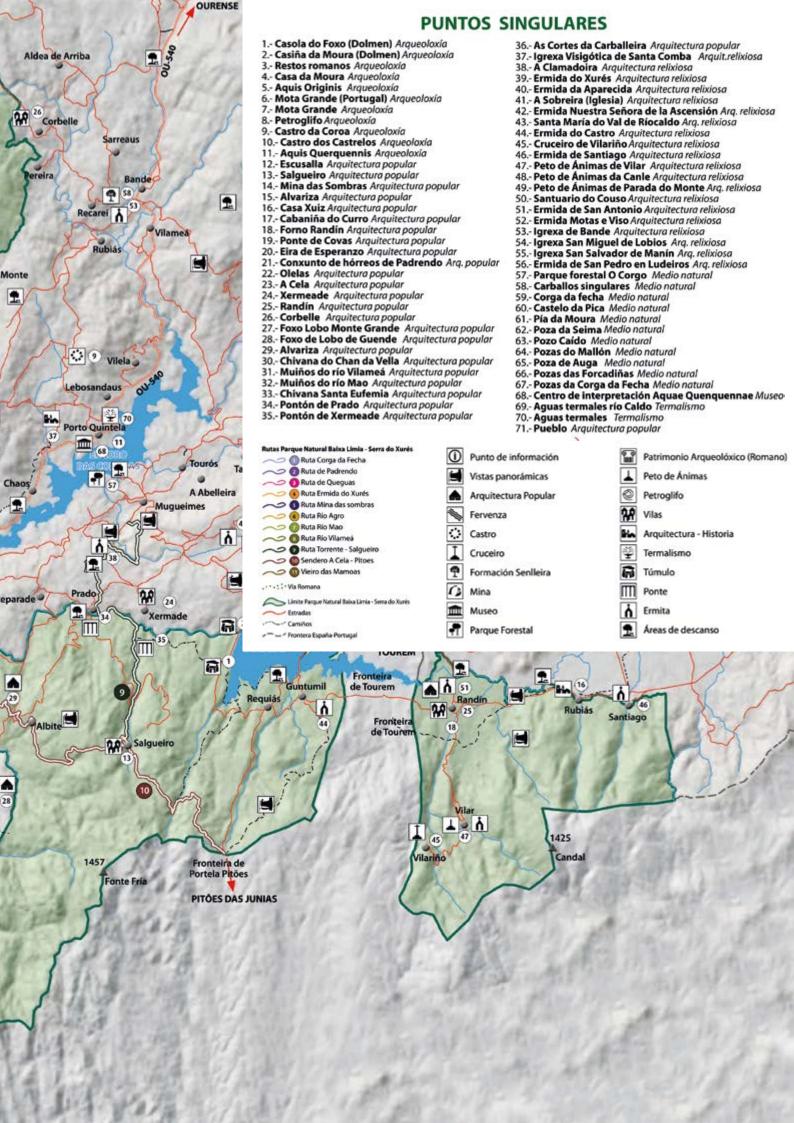
If you want to take an overall view of the Park's most outstanding natural resources home with you, then you can



head from the village of A Cela towards Pitões, on the border with Portugal, enjoying one of the most demanding yet spectacular routes that exist.

		<u> </u>	U	00
Ruta da Corga da Fecha	HIGH	3,6 km	3 h	LINEAR
Ruta de Padrendo	MEDIUM/ HIGH	11 km	4 h	CIRCULAF
Ruta de Queguas	MEDIUM	8,5 km	3 h	CIRCULAF
Ruta da Ermita do Xurés	MEDIUM	4 km	2,30 h	CIRCULAF
Ruta Minas das Sombras	HIGH	14 km	8 h	LINEAR
Ruta do Río Agro	MEDIUM/ HIGH	16,5 km	4-5 h	CIRCULAF
Ruta do Río Mao	BAJA/ MEDIUM	3,4 km	2 h	CIRCULAF
Ruta do Río Vilameá	BAJA/ MEDIUM	1,7 km	45 min	CIRCULAF
Ruta Torrente-Salgueiro	MEDIUM/ HIGH	22 km	12 h	LINEAR
Ruta A Cela-Pitoes	HIGH	28 km	10 h	LINEAR
Viveiro das Mámoas	MEDIUM	49 km	22 h	CIRCULAF





# Tourist packages



# Welcome to the authenticity of O Xurés

Sherpa Project, a specialist tourism consultancy, has chosen some of the best experiences to make your journey unforgettable. Through Viajes Tambre - Aventuras en Galicia, you can book the programmes we offer.

Make yourself the focal point of your tourism experience or look for more information on other tourism services in

#### **General conditions for tourist packages:**

- \*The prices indicated are per person in a double room with dinner and breakfast and VAT is included in all services.
- \* Offer subject to availability and the season of the year.

contact with nature on the Turismo de Galicia web site.

\* Some activities might require a minimum number of participants.

#### Further information and bookings:

info@aventurasengalicia.com · T. 981 561 785

# 2-DAY PROGRAMMES IN O XURÉS Discover O Xurés get peddling





Mountain bike route. Overnight stay at Lobios Spa Hotel.

Lobios Spa Hotel has prepared the perfect plan for you: a little cycling, combining nature and spa treatments.

Start the day by following one of the Serra do Xurés MTB Center's routes. The hotel staff will be able to tell you which one is best suited to you, and if you want to travel without worrying about bringing your own bike, you can rent one, or even choose an electric bike for a more relaxing experience; then all you have to do is focus on enjoying the landscape. And at the end of the day's cycling, what better than to wind down with a footbath and leg massage. And if any time is left

over, enjoy a quiet walk along the banks of the River Caldo before dinner.

On the second day, immerse yourself in the hot springs of Lobios, unhurried... May the only thing to make you want to leave be the desire to try some of the superb local dishes.

DINNER + 1 NIGHT ACCOMMODATION + BREAKFAST + RUTA EN BICICLETA + PEDILUVIO + MASAJE DE PIERNAS. Price from 80€/person.

Check tourist package terms and conditions.





# 2-day programmes in o xurés Explora O Xurés





## *Is running all you think about to escape the humdrum of everyday life and be at one with nature?*

Set aside two days for yourself in your dairy and escape to the Aviva Center, a complex specialising in mountain sports where you can set up your base camp and be ready to go without having to get to that starting point first.

Check in to the mountains: we suggest a route that takes you around the Salas reservoir. And why not visit the village of Cela? Afterwards, if your legs need a rest, go in search of the Pozas da Seima, better known as "Pozo Negro".



Later, it is time to enjoy the facilities and some home cooking. For the following day, we have a plan that you will be unable to resist: kayaking on the calm waters of the Maus de Salas reservoir.

CENA + 1 NOCHE DE ALOJAMIENTO + DESAYUNO + ACTIVIDAD DE KAYAK.
Price from 50€/person.

Check tourist package terms and conditions.



# **2-DAY PROGRAMMES IN O XURÉS** The villages of O Xurés





4x4 routes through the villages of O Xurés. Overnight stay at Casa da Feira.

We propose a unique way of visiting the hidden villages of O Xurés.

Enjoy a day out travelling along old country roads in a 4x4 to reach forgotten villages and learn about the traditions of these mountains' interior. Xurés Activo will be your guide and, half-way through the trip, an outdoor picnic will be provided. Stay at the Casa da Feira, a rural house typical in these southern Galician mountain villages, and experience what it is to be one of their own. The evening brings a traditional

國 注

As a farewell to this wonderful destination, devote your last day to Roman archaeology with a visit to the Aquis Querquennis archaeological complex.

DINNER + 1 NIGHT ACCOMMODATION + BREAKFAST + PICNIC + 4X4 ROUTE.

Price from 120€/person.

Check tourist package terms and conditions.



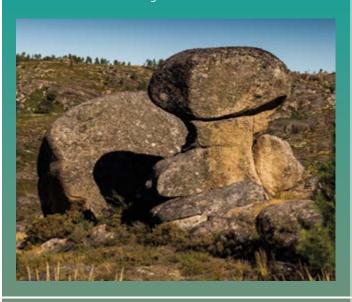


# Do not miss

A selection of four highly recommended visits which will not leave you indifferent and which embody the essence of the O Xurés Natural Park.

#### **Bolos**

Look for surprising shapes in the large granite boulders known here as **bolos** and scattered throughout the Park. In the village of A Cela they even form a part of the structure of the buildings.



#### The fauna of O Xurés

Do not miss the opportunity to see some of the Park's most characteristic animals, such as roe deer, deer, mountain goats, Galician and Portuguese horse breeds or the autochthonous cattle breed known as the *cachena* cow.



#### Via Nova's Milestones

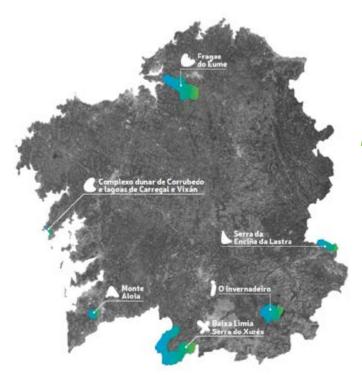
These large stone posts signalled the distances that existed on the Roman roads. Near Portela do Home (Lobios), several of them are preserved, having been moved from their original locations.



#### Waterfall of Poza da Seima

A signposted trail from the village of A Cela leads here, where we can enjoy the 15-metre high waterfall with its wide stone backdrop and sizeable pool.





Obtain the Natural Parks of Galicia passport

Find out about the advantages it offers and follow us at: #GaliciaNaturaleÚnica



Parques Naturais de Galicia Serra da Enciña da Lastra

The holm oak, a tree typical of Mediterranean climates, and its 25 different species of orchid have made this Park exceptional within the Galician landscape. It is well known to spelaeology lovers, given the number of caves known here as 'palas'.



Parques Naturais de Galicia

Fragas do Eume

The best-preserved Atlantic coastal forest in Europe. The River Eume and the Caaveiro and Monfero monasteries are its main attractions. A magical forest which hides more than 20 species of fern and 200 species of lichens on its humid riverbanks.



Parques Naturais de Galicia Complexo dunar de Corrubedo e lagoas de Carregal e Vixán

North-western Spain's largest mobile dune, more than 1 km long, 250 m wide and 20 m high. Vixán freshwater lake and Carregal saltwater lake, which merges with the sea, are of special interest.



Parques Naturais de Galicia

**Monte Aloia** 

Galicia's first Natural Park to undergo tailored reforestation at the hands of the engineer Rafael Areses. Legend has it that this is Monte Medulio, the scene of the collective suicide of Celtic tribes in order to avoid falling into the hands of the Roman invaders.



Parques Naturais de Galici

O Invernadeiro

A natural area with no human settlements in the immediate surroundings. Nature in its wildest state represented by the wolf, which lives alongside its main prey, such as roe deer and boars. Its rounded peaks share a space with a surprising glacial cirque and spectacular waterfalls.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Vehicles should be left in authorised car parks.

Picking flowers and plants is forbidden. It endangers unique species.

Before setting off on a trail, check the level of difficulty and the time required.

Many of the Natural Parks organise free guided interpretation tours. Please call beforehand.

Only use the authorised paths.

Unauthorised camping and overnight caravan parking is forbidden.

Treat waste responsibly. If there are no bins, take your waste with you until you find one.

Swimming in unauthorised areas is forbidden.

Free apps:

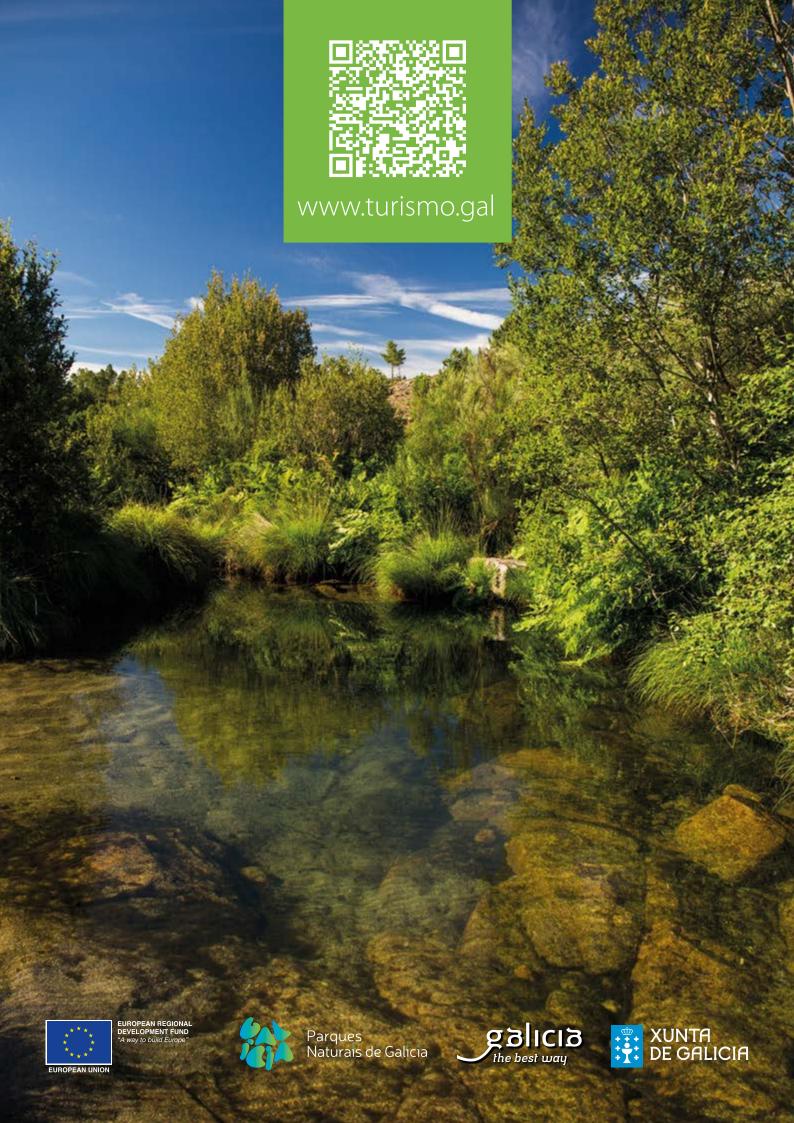




Sendegal Parques naturais Birding galicia

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Emergencies 112 Seprona 062 Forest fires 085





# Aloxamentos · Alojamientos · Accommodation



### ALBERGUE TURÍSTICO • TOURIST HOSTEL

#### ALBERGUE MUNICIPAL DE BANDE

Grupo escolar, s/n, 32840, Bande T. 988 443 001 concello@concellobande.com



#### **APARTAMENTOS • APARTMENTS**

#### O COMBARRIZO •

Araúxo (San Martiño),14, Suigrexa, 32879, Lobios T. 615 942 374 ocombarrizo@gmail.com http://ocombarrizo.com

#### CASA PRADO

Vilameá de abaixo, 18, 32846, Bande (San Pedro) T. 660 122 039 marie.radde@club-internet.fr

#### **CASA SAN MARTIÑO**

Río Caldo (Santa María), Vilameá, 32895, Lobios T. 625 471 202

#### **EL VALLE**

Río Caldo (Santa María), Bubaces, 32895, Lobios T. 678 509 258 T. 637 857 177 contacto@elvalleapartamentos.com www.elvalleapartamentos.com

#### **VÍA NOVA**

Estrada OU-312 km 1,8, 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 407 apartamentosvianova@hotmail.com www.apartamentosvianova.net

## APARTAMENTOS TURISTICOS CASA REQUIÁS •

Requiás (Santiago), 32880, Muíños T. 629 444 360 prietovila@yahoo.es

#### **CAMPING**

#### O CORGO 2ª Cat.

Outeiro de Cela (Mugueimes), Muíños T. 988 406 075

#### QUINTA DA VIÑA GRANDE 2ª Cat.

A Illa (San Lourenzo), 2, Lantemil, 32860, Entrimo T. 661 423 801 vinagrande@hotmail.com

#### HOTEIS • HOTELES • HOTELS

#### BARCELONA ★

Besteira, s/n, Galez (San Fiz), 32860, Entrimo T. 988 434 724 hotelbarcelona@hotmail.es

#### **LUSITANO** ★

Estrada de Portugal, 47, 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 028 lusitano@lusitanohotel.com www.lusitanohotel.com

#### HOTEL AV APARTAMENTOS ★

Estrada Portugal, 61, 32870, Lobios T. 609 847 933 recepcion@hotelavapartamentos.com www.hotelavapartamentos.com

#### LOBIOS CALDARIA \*\*\*

Río Caldo, s/n, Río Caldo (Santa María), 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 440 lobios@caldaria.es www.caldaria.es

### PENSIÓNS • PENSIONES • PENSIONS

#### CASA ROSALÍA \*\*

Lobios (San Miguel), 28, Pazos, 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 407 casarosalia@outlook.es www.alojamientoruralrosalia.com

#### LA ENTRIMEÑA-2 ★★★

Cortiña da Fonte, s/n, 32860, Entrimo T. 630 926 206

#### AS TERMAS ★★

Río Caldo (Santa María), 9, Os Baños, 32895, Lobios T. 988 448 284 pensionastermas@hotmail.es www.pensionastermas.com

#### BARCELONA ★

Galez (San Fiz), 8, A Feira Vella, 32868, Entrimo T. 988 434 724

#### TURISMO RURAL • RURAL TOURISM

#### CASA DA FEIRA VELLA G. B

Galez (San Fiz), 15, A Feira Vella, 32860, Entrimo T. 988 434 963 casadafeiravella@gmail.com www.casadafeiravella.com

#### CASA D'ASPERELO G. B

Galez (San Fiz), 27, Asperelo e Olín, 32868, Entrimo T. 988 434 910 T. 679 678 138 turaldea@gmail.com www.casadasperelo.com

#### CASA DA FEIRA G. A

Araúxo (San Martiño), 9, A Portaxe, 32879, Lobios T. 697 689 635 info@xuntactivo.es www.casadafeira.es

#### AS FONTES G. B

Porqueirós (Santo André), 30, 32880, Muíños T. 670 319 790 jp\_asfontes@hotmail.com www.casaasfontes.com

#### CASA DO EIRÓ G. B

Do Eiro, 6, Calvos (Santiago), 32644, Calvos de Randín T. 988 434 005 casadoeirocalvos@gmail.com www.casaruraldoeiro.com

#### CASA MARIÑA G. B

Pombal 65, Bande (San Pedro), 32840, Bande T. 988 443 640 casaruralmarina@hotmail.com www.casaruralmarina.es

#### CASA RECTORAL DE SAN PEDRO G. A

Muíños (San Pedro), Mugueimes, 32880, Muíños T. 639 030 034 concello.muinos@eidolocal.es www.concellomuinos.com

#### CASA BARALLÓ G. B

Barrio Baralló, 3, Grou (San Mamede), 32892, Lobios T. 988 434 566 casadebarallo@telefonica.net www.casabarallo.com

# Aloxamentos · Alojamientos · Accommodation

## **∇**T

VIVENDAS TURÍSTICAS • VIVIENDAS TURÍSTICAS • TOURIST HOUSING

#### **CASA DA TIA DOLORES**

Muíños (San Pedro), Picós, 32880, Muíños T. 932 314 733 pneira@telefonica.net

#### CASA CHUCA

Requiás (Santiago), 123, 32880, Muíños T. 629 444 360

#### CASA DA ABUELA

Chaus De Limia, 32850, Lobeira T. 686 887 635 juandoschaus@hotmail.es



## Restaurantes

#### RESTAURANTES • RESTAURANTS

#### ORELLAS 4ª Cat. |

Faustino Santalices, 28, Bande (San Pedro), Bande, 32840, Bande T. 988 443 063

#### BARCELONA 4ª Cat.

Besteira, s/n, Galez (San Fiz), 32860, Entrimo T. 988 434 724

#### A MADALENA 4ª Cat.

A Magdalena, 2, 32870, Lobios T. 988 302 941

#### LUSITANO 4º Cat.

Cruces, 47, Lobios (San Miguel), 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 028 lusitano@lusitanohotel.com www.lusitanohotel.com

#### RÍO CALDO 4ª Cat. 1

Rio caldo, 1, Río Caldo (Santa María), 32870, Lobios T. 988 984 736

#### CASINO 4ª Cat.

Rúa da Igrexa, 3 baixo, 32860, Entrimo T. 671 279 439

#### MÓNICA 4ª Cat.

Maestro Taibo, 60, Bande (San Pedro), 32840, Bande T. 988 443 321

#### CASA DA FEIRAVELLA 4º Cat. 1

Galez (San Fiz), 15, A Feira Vella, 32860, Entrimo T. 610 526 405

#### VÍA NOV

Río Caldo, s/n, 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 440

#### MESÓN DO GINO 4ª Cat.

32870, Lobios T. 988 448 407 casapazos@hotmail.com www.casapazos.blogspot.com

#### PARRILLADA O TOURAL 4º Cat.

Cervantes, 2, 32860, Entrimo T. 988 434 968 asesoriaotero@mundo-r.com

#### ALERO 4ª Cat. ¶

Alcalde Higuero Cardoso, 16, Lobeira (San Vicente), 32850, Lobeira T. 988 458 549

#### MESÓN A TOUZA 4ª Cat. 1

Eiró, 17 - 19, 32644, Calvos de Randín T. 988 449 811

#### CASA MARIÑA 4ª Cat. ¶

Pombal, 65, Bande (San Pedro), 32840, Bande T. 988 443 640

#### LA ENTRIMEÑA 4ª Cat. 🖡

Sta. María La Real, 52, 32860, Entrimo T. 630 926 206

#### O ESQUECEMENTO 4ª Cat. |

Chaus da Limia, Santa Comba (San Trocado), 32850, Lobeira, Ourense anapicon74@gmail.com







# Turismo activo e deportivo · Turismo activo y deportivo · Active and sports tourism

i

TURISMO DEPORTIVO • SPORTS TOURISM

#### **RUTAS DO XURÉS**

Bubaces - Riocaldo, Río Caldo (Santa María), 32870, Lobios

#### LUBE FONTEFRIA

Xoaquín Lorenzo Mugueines, Muíños (San Pedro), 32880, Muíños T. 988 443 465

#### **XURESACTIVO**

Río Caldo (Santa María), Vilameá, 32870, Lobios T. 988 448 138

# Turismo de Galicia



www.turismo.gal



