

LUGO Y CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

LUGO AND ST. JAMES WAY

The motorway will be taken to Lugo.



LUGO, the capital of the roman Galicia. Walking tour of the old area visiting both its 12th.-century cathedral and 4th.-century roman walls which were declared World Heritage monument by UNESCO in the year 2000.



LUNCH

PORTOMARÍN, (stop) It is a historical town rescued, stone by stone, from its original site. Nowadays the waters of the Miño River close over it giving rise to an important dam. Lining the Miño River you will see the vineyards whose graps are used for producing the famous local rum "aguardiente".

The way back to Santiago will be following the **PILGRIMS WAY TO SANTIAGO** since Middle Ages, which is, without doubt, the oldest most celebrated route of the old continent. The first pilgrims to Santiago came in the 11th. century, but after then, the influx began to grow forcefully until our times.

PALAS DE REI, Its name makes reference to Alphonso the ninth, king of both Galica and León, who specially favoured this town Nevertheless, there is a popular legend which tells that its name comes from the visigothic king Witiza who had his palace here. The last stage passes through the lands of Melide and Arzua.

LEBOREIRO (stop) small village, which still preserves its medieval aspect, with its fine restoration of houses and streets around a beautiful Romanesque church.

MELIDE. It was already mentioned in the early 12th. century. Several churches and the oldest stone cross of Galicia are worth seeing.

ARZUA, famous for its delicious cheeses.

LAVACOLLA. During Middle Ages it was known with the name of LAVAMENTULA, because it was the place where the pilgrims used to have a wash before showing themselves to the apostle.

MONTE DEL GOZO (mountain of joy) the traveller can get a first view of the towers of the magnificent cathedral of St. James from this point.



Back: approximately at 07.00pm