

## PROVINCE OF PONTEVEDRA, AS RÍAS BAIXAS EXPERIENCE ITS MUSEUMS AND DISCOVER ITS CUISINE

As Rías Baixas is synonymous with culture and good food. Every town in the province of Pontevedra has something unique to offer to the visitors. Explore the different regions of Pontevedra through these twelve tours and discover its history, culture and gastronomy in its museums. In each itinerary, you will enjoy a great diversity of landscapes filled with stories, in which the natural beauty of its beaches, forests or hills is combined with a rich heritage and with museums that unveil the secrets of this land.



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#### 9 Festa do Lacón con Grelos (Cuntis)

Festival of Tourist Interest in Galicia that is held after Carnival Sunday, with the Burial of the Chapante and the tasting of portions of *lacón con grelos* (pork shoulder ham with turnip tops) and *filloas* (Galician crêpes).

#### 14 Festa da Anguía e Mostra da Caña do País (Valga)

A food festival in praise of typical products from Ulla: the European eel and the *augardente* (liquor) or caña do país. Both products can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. At the end of the festival there is the *conxuro* (spell), the tasting of *rosquillas de augardente* (pastries with liquor) and the grand *queimada* (typical Galician alcoholic beverage). It takes place during the last week of August.

#### NATURAL SPOTS

#### 3 Oak grove and botanic garden (Caldas de Reis)

It is a natural area by the Umia River, in the centre of the town of Caldas de Reis and declared Picturesque Spot and Historical Garden. It has species from the five continents, a great variety of camellias and an oak grove with centenary specimens. Its history has been linked to the spa tradition and the creation of romantic landscapes in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### 4 Bridge and cascade of Segade (Caldas de Reis)

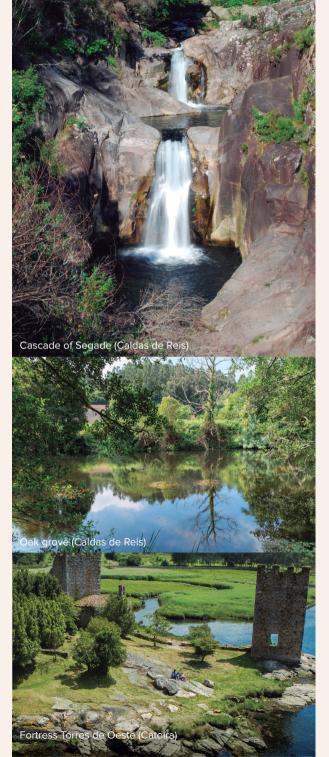
A Roman bridge over the Umia River, which was crossed by the road that connected the towns of Tui and Caldas de Reis and was renovated in 1729. Nearby, Segade, a landscape with cascades and pools of great beauty, stands out. In the surroundings, there are the remains of an old light factory and several watermills.

#### 10 Xiabre Hill (Caldas de Reis, Catoira and Vilagarcía de Arousa)

It is a coastal hill up to 641 metres high and the source of many rivers, such as Rego de San Cibrán, Freixeiro or Rego do Beco. At the top, there is a viewpoint that offers spectacular views of the Arousa estuary, Caldas de Reis and the Ulla Valley.

#### 11 Lagoon of Pedras Miúdas (Catoira)

Wetland listed in the Inventory of Wetlands of Galicia, created in the basin of an old quarry in Catoira. It is an example of environmental remediation.







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Come and live new experiences through these twelve itineraries. Embark on a journey to the essence of the province of Pontevedra: its history, culture, landscape and gastronomy.

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Cascade of Segade (Caldas de Reis) HUNGRY FOR EXPERIENCES?

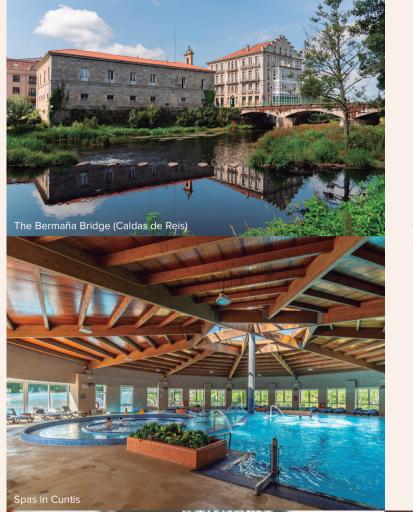
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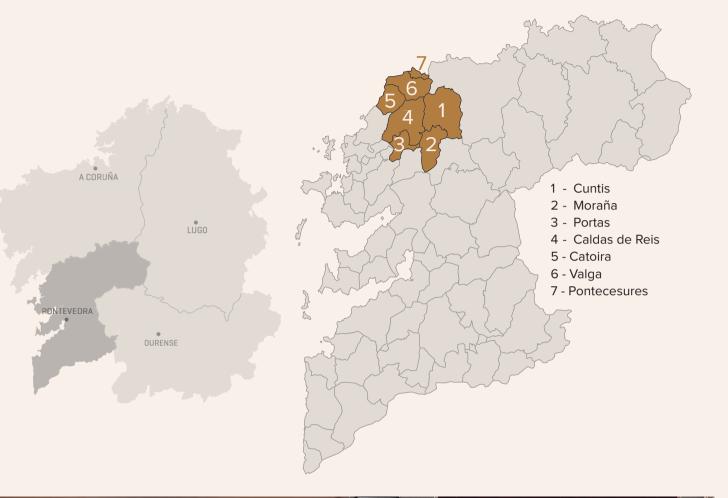
## EXPERIENCE THE REGION OF CALDAS

### AMONG RIVERS AND HOT SPRINGS

Visit the towns of Cuntis, Moraña, Portas, Caldas de Reis, Catoira, Valga and Pontecesures, and be seduced by the water. The region of Caldas comprises the estuary of the Ulla River to the north and the middle and upper courses of the Umia River to the south. This area has abundant surface water –rivers– and plenty of underground water with therapeutic properties. The origin of the region and of the first settlements in Caldas is linked precisely to the hot springs, already used by the Romans, and which were later enjoyed in luxurious spas in the 19th century.

The rivers shape landscapes of stunning beauty and along their course pass through wild forests, rocks and mosses, lagoons and pools of green water and high cascades, to end in estuaries and wetlands, a refuge for migratory birds. Moreover, these rivers have also been part of the history of this land. This is evidenced by the large number of bridges, many of them built by the Romans, which facilitated the communication between the people of both banks, or by the fortress Torres de Oeste, which served to control the traffic along the Ulla River. It is worth a visit to any of the museums or interpretation centres aimed at promoting this natural and cultural heritage. One of them is the Museo da Historia de Valga, which brings us closer to the history of the town and shows us the important natural heritage of the estuary of the Ulla River.

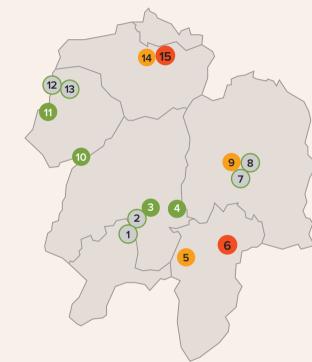








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#### MUSEUMS

### 6 Centro de Investigación e Divulgación do Patrimonio Cultural

Located in the old school of Santa Xusta, this centre aimed at researching and disseminating the cultural heritage and history of Moraña, includes a replica of a former school classroom, and shows the ancient rites and traditional trades.

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#### 15 Museo da Historia de Valga – Bella Otero

It provides information about the natural heritage of the region and takes visitors on a journey through the history of Valga, from the first settlers to contemporary times. The honorary citizens of the town include La Bella Otero and the historian Xesús Ferro Couselo. It has an adjoining building that is a replica of a traditional house.

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#### OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

#### 1 Sugar factory in Portas

A former sugar factory, which currently houses a public nursery school for 0-3 year olds, an open-air auditorium and an exhibition room displaying collections of doll houses, painting and sculpture. The chimney of the old factory now serves as a viewpoint.

#### 2 The Bermaña Bridge (Caldas de Reis)

The Bermaña Bridge is a granite stonework bridge built in the Roman period. It consists of three semi-circular archs and triangular starlings. It was restored and renovated on several occasions in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The pilgrims following the Portuguese Way to Santiago de Compostela pass through this bridge.

### 7 Castro of Castrolandín and interpretation centre

It is a fortified hillfort settlement from the Iron Age. Occupied from the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, it is placed on a granite spur at the bottom of the valley of the Gallo River. The *castro* has an oval shape and consists of a wall, a rampart, and a central crown. The archaeological site has information panels that show the different uses of the construction, the defensive system or the stunning entry to the settlement with a staircase and towers. There is also an interpretation centre in downtown Cuntis, aimed at promoting the *castro* culture and displaying some

pieces found in the archaeological site, such as the grain mills, pottery... It also shows elements of the everyday life of the old settlers like the *lareira* (the hearth) or a loom as well as a pottery workshop, aimed at reproducing the old pieces documented in Castrolandín.

#### 8 Spas in Cuntis U

The spa tradition in Cuntis dates back to the Roman times and has continued up to the present day. It is one of the most important spa destinations in Galicia. There, it is worth staying at the Hotel de la Virgen, with large gardens and directly connected to the spa, or at the Hotel Castro do Balneario, a refurbished traditional manor house that also offers thermal treatments.

#### 12 Fortress Torres de Oeste (Catoira)

The fortress Torres de Oeste dates from the pre-Roman period, during the *castro* era, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> centuries BC. In the Middle Ages, this spot was one of the most important forts in Galicia, as it controlled the traffic in the Ulla River. Today, the only remains left of the building are two towers and the chapel.

#### 13 Romería Vikinga (Catoira)

It is a festival of International Tourist Interest that commemorates the Norman raids that took place in the 12th century in Galicia. The most eye-catching attraction is the reenactment of the Viking's landing and the attack on the Torres de Oeste. It takes place the first weekend of August.

#### **CULINARY MOMENTS**

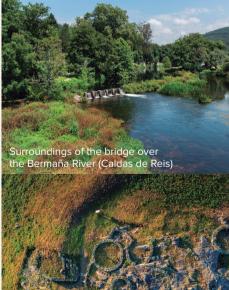
The region of Caldas offers great culinary possibilities that can be enjoyed in this tour, such as seafood and fish, lamprey, elvers, empanada (savoury pie filled with seasonal products), wines, carneiro ao espeto (lamb roasted over an open fire) or roscón (ring-shaped cake) from Caldas.

#### 5 Festa do Carneiro ao Espeto (Moraña)

Festival of Tourist Interest in Galicia that is held at the oak grove of Santa Lucía, in which lambs are roasted slowly over oak wood coals on a spit. Meat is served accompanied by other products such as *empanada* (savoury pie filled with seasonal products), bread or a good local wine. It takes place the last weekend of July.







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