

WELCOME TO THE USC!

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UNIVERSIDADE
DE SANTIAGO
DE COMPOSTELA

GALICIA

SPAIN

THE SCALLOP SHELL

IT SYMBOLIZES THE WAY TO SANTIAGO AND ITS PILGRIMS



THE ARROW

THE YELLOW ARROW OF THE WAY TO SANTIAGO IDENTIFIES THE ROUTE, WHICH CRUISS-CROSSES THROUGH TOWNS, WASTELANDS, FORESTS AND RIVERS



THE "BOTAFUMEIRO"

THIS HUGE CENSER IS SUSPENDED IN THE CATHEDRAL'S CROSSING, WHERE IT IS SWUNG FROM SIDE TO SIDE, UNTIL IT ALMOST TOUCHES THE CEILING, BY EIGHT MEN - THE "TIRABOLEIROS". IT IS AN AMAZING SPECTACLE! IT USUALLY IS SWUNG ON SUNDAYS, DURING THE PILGRIMS' MASS AND/OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS



THE ROMAN WALLS OF LUGO

THE ROMAN WALLS OF LUGO ENCOMPASS THE CITY'S OLD TOWN. THEY ARE 2,000 YEARS OLD AND 2,266 METRES LONG, AND THEY ARE SUPPLEMENTED WITH 85 POWERFUL TOWERS. THIS MONUMENT IS INTEGRATED IN THE CITY LAYOUT, AND IT HAS BECOME A TOURISTIC ASSET



THE GRANARY

THIS STRUCTURE WAS TRADITIONALLY USED TO KEEP FOOD; ITS RAISED DESIGN WAS CONCEIVED TO AVOID DAMPNESS. THIS TYPE OF CONSTRUCTIONS IS VERY ABUNDANT IN GALICIA, AND THEIR SIZE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE WEALTH OF THEIR OWNERS

ARDE LUCVS

THIS BIG FESTIVITY IS A PILGRIMAGE-LIKE CELEBRATION HELD EVERY YEAR IN HONOUR OF THE ROMAN CITY LUCVS AVGVSTI



THE CATHEDRAL OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

THIS ROMANESQUE TEMPLE IS ONE OF THE MAIN PILGRIMAGE DESTINATIONS IN EUROPE, AND THE GOAL OF THE WAY TO SANTIAGO. IT IS A WORLD-FAMOUS BENCHMARK



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THEY ARE LISTED AS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

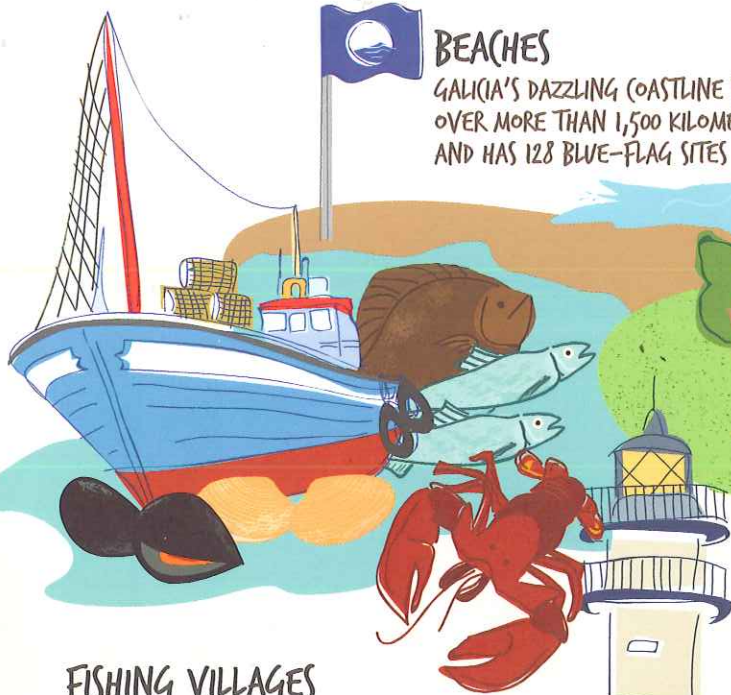
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

BUSTLING CITIES WITH STRONG CULTURAL PROGRAMMES INCLUDING A GREAT VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THE WHOLE YEAR ROUND. DANCE SHOWS, CONCERTS, FESTIVALS, FOLKLORE



BEACHES

Galicia's dazzling coastline stretches over more than 1,500 kilometres, and has 128 blue-flag sites



FISHING VILLAGES

The coast of Galicia is scattered with countless fishing villages. Anchored in their docks, a colourful array of boats awaits, and their fish markets burst with activity

THE SEAFOOD

This top-quality popular product is the Galician product par excellence! Try the lobster, the crab, the barnacles...



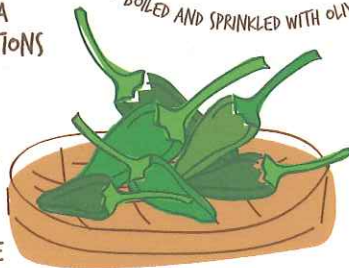
THE OCTOPUS IS BOILED AND SPRINKLED WITH OLIVE OIL AND RED HOT PEPPER...

OCTOPUS "À FEIRA"

This traditional Galician dish is a must in all festivities, celebrations or friends' gatherings

THE POPULAR PADRÓN PEPPERS!

As the saying goes, some may be very hot ("unos pican y otros no"). This variety of small green peppers is eaten in summertime. They are typically served deep fried. They are a very common "tapa" in Galicia



FONSECA

Alonso III de Fonseca is considered the founder of the University of Santiago, back in 1495. He was a highly cultivated person and a patron of artists and scholars. His statue sits in the patio of the Pazo de Fonseca, in Santiago's old town centre



GREEN AREAS

Galicia is the "green heart" of Spain and its towns and cities have been conceived to enjoy their parklands and walkways. And most places tell some story or legend



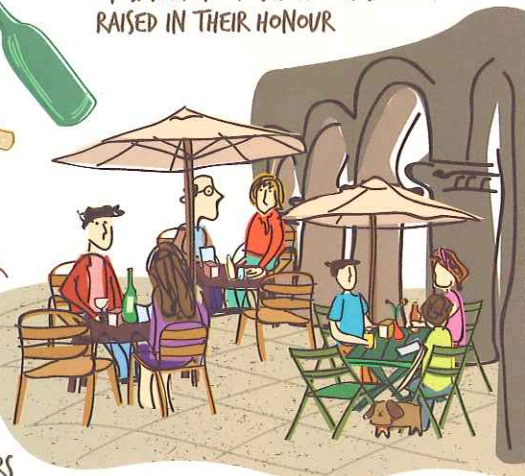
THE "MARÍAS"

The Fandiño sisters – known as the "Marías" – lived a tragic life; but they were definitely very characteristic, striking a colourful note to the streets of Santiago. A statue was raised in their honour



PAVEMENT CAFÉS, BARS AND CAFETERIAS

People in Galicia use bars and cafeterias as their meeting point. There, visitors may try the delicious gastronomy of the region as well as its excellent wines (Ribeiro, Rías Baixas, Ribeira Sacra, Valdeorras, Monterrei, etc.)



THE CITY OF CULTURE

This huge architectural milestone is devoted to knowledge and contemporary creativity, and is a must-see for visitors not only because of its buildings and views, but also because of its cultural programme

