

**Note:** These hostels are located 1½ kilometres *south* of the medieval city centre. Depending on your arrival time you can visit the city centre after a rest and shower in this area or spend time in the centre on the way through in the morning. Another option is to continue to the city centre and find a more central hotel or pension. Allow a leisurely 30-minute walk to the Praza da Peregrina at the start of the old town; alternatively, there are buses or taxis from the rail station or the main bus station opposite. Whatever you do, don't miss savouring this wonderful city with its many fascinating monuments and historic buildings, many of them directly associated with the pilgrimage and most of them directly en route.

Cross Rúa Eduardo Pondal into *rua Virxen do Camiño* past **H\* Virgen del Camino** ☎ 986 855 900 @Nº55. Continue to *Glorieta de Compostela* with fountain and into *rua de Peregrina* to the 'heart' of the town centre:

### 1.5 km **Pontevedra Centro Praza Peregrina Santuario da Peregrina.**

☐ **Turismo de Pontevedra** Casa da Luz, Praza da Verdura 986 090 890. ■ **Central:** **Alb.** ☎ **Acolá** €17 ☎ 678 680 758 Arzobispo Malvar 15 (adj. ☎ Basílica). ☎ **Slow City** €17+40 ☎ 631 062 896 (Jorge) rúa da Amargura 5. ■ **Hostels: (€25-35)** **Casa de la Virgen Conv.[45+25]** €20 ☎ 986 855 114 c/Hermana Lucía 3 (Santuario de las apariciones). **Fonda Chiquito** ☎ 986 862 192 *rua Charino* 23. **Casa O Fidel** ☎ 986 851 234 *pulpería Fidel*, *rua San Nicolás* 7. **Casa Alicia** ☎ 986 857 079 *Av. Santa Mariá* 5, adj. *praza España*. **Casa Maruja** ☎ 986 854 901 *rua Alta*. **Casa Sara** €15-40 *Mercedes* ☎ 686 970 265 *rua Alta* 17. (€35-55) **H\*\* Room (Vedra)** ☎ 986 869 550 c/ *Filgueira Valverde*, 10. **H\*\*\* Rias Bajas** ☎ 986 855 100 c/ *Daniel de la Sota Valdecilla*, 7. **H\*\* Ruas** ☎ 986 846 416 *rua Sarmiento*, 20. **H\*\* Boa Vila** *rua Real*, 4 ☎ 986 10 52 65. (€100+) **Parador Casa del Barón** ☎ 986 855 800 c/ *Barón*, 19.

**Pontevedra:** Regional capital and university town with an expanding population of 80,000. At the heart of its modern suburbs is a delightful medieval core *zona monumental/barrío antigo* with its intimate *prazas* (photo right). We enter via *rua Peregrina* & *Porta do Camiño* and follow the original *Rua Real* through the centre of the ancient quarter beginning at ■ **Praza de la Peregrina** site of the beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> century pilgrim chapel conceived by the architect Arturo Souto and built in the Baroque style to a floor plan in the shape of a scallop shell! ● **Santuario da Peregrina**. One of the great treasures of the camino (see photo next page). The route leads directly into ■ **Praza de Ourense** with its delightful gardens *Xardíns de Castro San Pedro* and cheerful cafés and bars forming part of the nightly *paseo* with the imposing edifice of the 14<sup>th</sup> century ● **Convento de San Francisco** in the background. The lower section of this extensive open area is known as **Praza**

