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**TERRITORY**

# MOTOR ROUTE



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Arousa Norte guards a multitude of secrets. Some of them were forged over centuries by the force of nature, water or the wind; others came to be thanks to the work and the strength of its men and women.

Nature itself and the inexorable passage of time created wondrous sites from which to enjoy the beauty of the territory.

Men and women, past and present dwellers, have been able to preserve these elements by inhabiting the territory and making use of the natural resources to offer new meanings to their lives.

Culture, history, traditions and nature mingle in Arousa Norte creating a symbiosis between man and the environment.



## 1. Raised granary in Araño

Its 37.05 metres of granary and its 36.75 m<sup>2</sup> storage area make this the longest hórreo (raised granary) in Galicia and, also the one with the largest capacity. Its 'tornarratos' (anti-mice stone) is adjacent and is configured as a floor extension of the stonework storage area. This storage area is closed with horizontal blocks in a row and the columns are not marked. In the place where it is built, we also find the rectory and the parish church of Santa Baia, the Milagros de Araño chapel and the former dovecote.

 42°41'39.5"N 8°48'04.0"W



it enables to glimpse both rapacious birds and their prey, as well as countless details within the natural and cultural mosaic of Rianxo and Boiro.

📍 42°41' 58"N 8°48' 31"W

## 2. Dos Mouchos petroglyphs

The traces of this territory's ancient inhabitants are still intact after thousands of years, through the markings they left in stone. Despite continued research into the matter, it is not yet known with certainty what they tried to transmit through these images and figures. Here one can behold large standing deer, with their long necks and very detailed antlers. What message did our ancestors wish to convey with such images?

📍 42°38'30"N 8°47'34"W



## 4. Castros de Neixón

This site was home to many families more than 2,000 years ago, and in those days they also made a living from marine resources. They chose this small cape to make the most of fishing, livestock raising and farming, and to achieve something very important at the time: to defend themselves easily from their enemies.

This archaeological site is one of the most important in Galicia and it has a museum to explain what life was like there back then, exhibiting all the objects found during the excavation campaigns.

📍 42°39'43.0"N 8°50'25W

## 3. Castro Barbudo viewpoint

This viewpoint is located at a considerable altitude above sea level, allowing for stunning views with a high degree of visual detail. Recently conditioned and signposted, this is one of the most beautiful viewpoints of the region as





## 5. Coto da Filloa viewpoint (A Figueira)

This viewpoint is located close to the megalithic complex of Serra do Barbanza, in the village of Figueira. Little known and less frequented, it offers one of the best possible views over the Ria de Arousa. Who mentioned the bench of the Ria de Vigo or the one at Ortegal? Arousa Norte has its own and it is, without any doubt, the best of them all.

📍 *42°41'37"N 8°54'46"W*



## 6. Megalithic Complex of Serra do Barbanza

On top of the Serra do Barbanza there are countless archaeological

remains used thousands of years ago by the ancient inhabitants to pay tribute to their deceased. Even today it is not known how they managed to drag, cut, polish and erect these huge stone slabs without using technology. However, it is clear that the skills and ingenuity of the ancient inhabitants of the area were very advanced for the time.

📍 *42°42'16.3"N 8°55'50.9"W*



## 7. Valle Inclán boulevard and gardens

This is the largest boulevard in the district, with a great variety of plant species, and one of the privileged spaces of Pobra do Caramiñal. During the summer, the locals enjoy gathering there in the shade of the broad-leaved sycamores, also present in other parks and boulevards such as that of Rianxo.

📍 *42°36'20.6"N 8°56'16.0"W*



## 8. Bermúdez tower

50 metres away from the beach of Areal stands a unique, Renaissance palace to remind us of the early days of this historic town dating from the 16th century. It houses the museum of the universal writer Ramón del Valle-Inclán. It is listed as a “Bien de Interés Cultural” (BIC), which is equivalent to the status of a national monument, and it is the starting point for a literary route dedicated to the writer.

📍 *42° 36' 11.9" N 8°56' 15.9" W*



## 9. Tower and fortress in Xunqueiras

The origins of this fortress are medieval, with fronts, balconies and a cloister built between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries around a tower dating from feudal times. It has been declared a “Bien de Interés Cultural” (BIC).

📍 *42°35'41.6" N 8°56'56.9" W*



## 10. A Curota

This viewpoint offers a panoramic, 360-degree view which on a sunny day allows seeing the Cíes Islands and Finisterre. We should not be surprised if during a visit to A Curota a cow crosses our way: this is one of the peculiarities of the Serra do Barbanza, an area in which livestock, agriculture and fishing mingle.

📍 *42°38' 09.2" N 8°58' 39.6" W*



## 11. Palmeira port

In the port of Palmeira, dating from the eighteenth century, a large boulder stands on top of which there is a small gazebo. The locals erected a memorial on this site as a tribute to migrants, and today it presides over this seaside village.

📍 *42°34'45" N 8°57'29" W*



## 12. O Carreiro

The inhabitants of Aguiño built a causeway from the port to this islet, from which you may enjoy a great view over the sea and Sálvora Island, belonging to the National Park of the Atlantic Islands. Elsewhere, you may behold the landscape from high up, but in this case, it is possible to feel, smell and practically taste the sea.

 *42°31'10.6"N 9°00' 38"W*



## 13. Pedra da Ra viewpoint

Literally “The Frogstone”, this is a viewpoint from which to see the Natural Park of the Dune Complex of Corrubedo and the lagoons of Carregal and Vixán. It was recently refurbished to blend the natural surroundings and modernism, an architectural style in-

tegrating nature within a framework of evolution in which Galicians have created towns and cities and conquered the sea and the mountains.

 *42°33'35"N 9°00'56"W*



## 14. Castro da Cidá

The ancient inhabitants of this hill-fort found a privileged location here. A site protected from enemy attacks, thanks to the peculiarities of the terrain, and from which to watch over the entire territory, exerting control and authority.

 *42°33' 40"N 9°0' 48"W*



## 15. Corrubedo dunes & Carregal and Vixán lagoons

This National Park is a privileged place to observe and document the fau-

na and flora of the territory. Here are plants and animals that have adapted to a salty, sandy and windy environment. The Great Dune has kept on moving, slowly, for hundreds of years, although its movement is almost imperceptible during the lifetime of a single generation. The ability for a dune complex to grow, grain by grain, occurs only in Riveira. It is also a shelter for many species of small mammals, birds and flora.

📍 42°35'04.4"N 9°02'45.6"W



## 16. Corrubedo lighthouse

The coast around Corrubedo is one of the most dangerous areas in Galicia due to the strong ocean currents and large waves. In this place, even the most experienced skippers put all their experience to the test. Since 1853, this lighthouse stands facing the Atlantic Ocean as a warning against the dangers of the coast.

📍 42°34' 34.6"N 9°05' 23.4"W



## 17. Axeitos dolmen

This large stone structure stands in a spiritual site that connects two different worlds. This tomb built by the ancients has remained unchanged for thousands of years.

📍 42°36' 00.9"N 9°01' 00.9"W



## 18. Peri-urban Park of San Roque

This is an open-air museum of Galician prehistory, showing visitors the early days of human settlement in and around Riveira, as well as other elements proper to Galician culture. At the entrance of the park, there is an archaeology Interpretation Centre. Spread throughout the park are areas for relaxation and recreation to enjoy leisure time.

📍 42°33' 33.9"N 9°00' 06.9"W



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