

arousa norte
TERRITORY

BOATING ROUTE



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The sound of the waves in their eternal battle against the rocks is music to the ears. The feeling of the cool breeze caressing one's face is a breath of energy for the body. The scent of the treasures of the Atlantic waters is etched in the memory as the perfume that represents us. Contemplating the background mosaic of colours around us while we delicately feel the moist sand of the beaches provides unique and extraordinary immaterial experiences and sensations.

The north coast of Arousa, modelled for thousands of years, has given rise to numerous coves and beaches; small cliffs and rocky areas separate sandy stretches, home to numerous marine creatures.

Its waters, calm or rough, have been guarded for centuries by the inhabitants of towns and villages who as fishermen, shellfish harvesters or lighthouse keepers have encountered in them the meaning of existence and a source of life and future.

Boating along the north coast and sea of Arousa is a unique experience. Plunging into the depths of the Atlantic waters, surfing the waves in the open

sea, enjoying the beaches of the Ria and visiting sublime places are some very attractive and desirable options.

Leave your footprint in the sand, let yourself be rocked by the waves, spot the treasures of the deep and find your own self!



1. Tanxil beach

This beach is one of the best known in Rianxo and also a favourite for the locals. Many families choose this spot for its safety, as children may play and swim free from any dangers. Seniors, entire families and teenagers come to this beach all summer long. Tanxil has a parking lot and two bars and restaurants.

 42°38'41.9"N 8°48'49.0"W



2. Trece Cruces – Mouth of the River Ulla

Here, the River Ulla is tamed and its fresh water mixes with the salty seawater. This site offers the perfect landscape for hiking and discovering its nooks and crannies. The area is considered as a SAC (Special Area of Conservation) and it is soon to become a SPA (Special Protection Area) for birds.

📍 42°39'03.2"N 8°44'48.9"W



3. Porrón beach

Located in the municipality of Rianxo, this beach is characterised by a large,

sheltered sandy stretch, more than 400 metres long. Unknown to many, this landscape, framed in a very pleasant setting, is ideal for all those seeking a quiet, relaxing spot. Very close to this beach lies Punta do Castro, which houses an ancient archaeological site.

📍 42°38'18.2"N 8°48'03.2"W



4. Redonda beach – Ostral island

Redonda is a small beach located in the municipality of Boiro, just after the beach of Mañóns. It is characterised by being a very quiet enclave located opposite from the Isle of Ostral, an almost virgin, practically unknown landscape. This island, the habitat of a varied native fauna, is almost impossible to access during the high tide. It is undoubtedly one of the most significant examples of the rich landscape and nature of Arousa Norte.

📍 42°37'30.9"N 8°50'26.7"W



5. Bensa island

This small island, visible from any point on the beach of Carragueiros, was formed not very long ago, a few thousand years ago, by the rise in sea level. It is surrounded by many underwater rocks, teeming with marine life. Many small urchins, crabs and fish dwell here and they are easy to find.

📍 42°36'13.5"N 8°52'26.1"W



6. Boiro bay

The bay of Boiro is the largest of Arousa Norte. Moreover, as it is protected by Cabo de Cruz and its position deep inside the Ria, it is an exceptional site

to grow marine molluscs and bivalves. In fact, there are many mussel farms on rafts here.

📍 42°37'30.0"N 8°53'49.7"W



7. Beaches in Cabío: A Illa, Lombiña and A Barca

These are sheltered beaches, ideal for family outings, with fine sand and crystal-clear waters. They are reached by a two-kilometre long path that goes all the way to Pedra da Moura, a natural setting from which to enjoy the view over the mussel farms and boats sailing in the Ria.

📍 42°35'10"N 8° 55'53"W



8. A Illa

This small island holds the remains of a maritime watchtower, built to protect the coast from the frequent pirate attacks from the 9th to the 18th centuries. These long-gone pirates were Norman, Almoravid, Barbary and British. The sandy stretch is quiet, and this beach is ideal for diving.

📍 *42° 35'4"N 8° 56'9"W*



9. Areal beach

This is a friendly beach in an urban setting. It lies south of the marina, next

to the seafront promenade leading to the path across the wetland of Xunqueiras.

📍 *42°36'5"N 8° 56'8"W*



10. Cabío promontory

This small promontory is an ideal location for mooring and diving among small fish schools.

📍 *42°35'12.8"N 8°55'07.0"W*



11. Rúa island

This small, granite-stone island is located in the centre of the Ría de Arousa. A dive into its waters will reveal the small crevices and caverns that act as authentic strongholds for rays, octopuses, crabs and cuttlefish.

📍 $42^{\circ}32'57.8''N$ $8^{\circ}56'12.0''W$



12. Aries freighter

The Aries was a freighter, 392 tonnes and 47 metres in length, that used to be a regular liner between several ports in Galicia and Morocco. On December 7th, 1977, harsh winds and a rough sea caused it to shipwreck and sink to the bottom of the Ría, near the isle of A Rúa.

📍 $42^{\circ}33'15.4''N$ $8^{\circ}57'04.3''W$



13. O Camouco

O Camouco is the name given to the green beacon that characterises this site, halfway between the island of A Rúa and the beach of Coroso. Its rocky underwater walls are inhabited by a bustling marine life. Along its 20 metres of depth, a mosaic of colours is visible; and velvet crabs and octopuses are easily sighted on the sea bottom.

📍 $42^{\circ}33'30.9''N$ $8^{\circ}58'08.2''W$



14. Sálvora island – Besugueiros promontory

This is part of the Maritime-Terrestrial National Park of the Atlantic Islands of Galicia. This area is the wildest part of the island, with cliffs over the Atlantic Ocean, and many marine locations of unique beauty and features.

📍 42°27'45.2"N 9°01'04.8"W



15. Sálvora island – Laxes de Brisán

This diving spot is different from that of Besugueiros promontory because

of the small rocky coves on this side of the island, whose seabed is made up of tiny walls and areas with sand and rubble. This is the abode for many corals and other marine life: sea sponges, multicolour corals and a myriad of fish and other species.

📍 42°28'04.7"N 8°59'45.6"W

*Diving in and around the Maritime-Terrestrial National Park of the Atlantic Islands of Galicia requires a special permit. More information at www.iatlanticas.es



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