



Kilometros from Ribadesella to  
the towns of the Club Marine Villas

VILLAS  
MARINERAS



Laredo	155 Km
San Vicente de la Barquera	61 Km
Llanes	28 Km
Gijón	62 Km
Cudillero	111 Km
Sanxenxo	432 Km
Bayona	477 Km

#### DISTANCE OF INTEREST POINTS

Cave of Altamira (Cantabria)	84 Km
Cabarceno (Cantabria)	114 Km
National Parc of Picos de Europa (Covadonga)	37 Km
MUJA. (The Jurassic Museum, Colunga)	21 Km
MUSI (Museum of the Cidre, Nava)	51 km.
MUMI (Museum of the Mining, El Entrego)	74 Km
Botanical Garden (Gijón)	65 Km
Railway Museum (Gijón)	65 Km



# RIBADESELLA



Santa Marina Beach

*Picos de Europa Beach*



Ribadesella

**Asturias paraíso natural**

# MAR CANTÁBRICO





## Round and about Ribadesella



Ayuntamiento  
de Ribadesella

### Useful information

#### Town / District Council Offices

+34 985 86 02 55

#### Local Police

+34 619 76 95 76

#### "Tito Bustillo" Cave

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#### Arts Center /Public Library

+34 985 85 80 82

#### Bus / Coach Station

+34 985 86 13 03

#### Taxi Rank

+34 985 86 15 40

#### Railway Station (FEVE)

+34 985 86 05 18

#### Health Center

+34 985 85 74 40

#### Guardia Civil

+34 985 86 01 53

#### Museum of the Carmen

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GOBIERNO DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS

Pilgrims, Dinosaurs, Country houses and Mansions Travelling eastwards from Ribadesella on the AS-236 will bring you to the three villages of Collera, Meluerda and Camango. Like other hamlets in the area they all have interesting examples of traditional Asturian farmhouses interspersed by family country mansions (18th & 19th cent.) - some built by their wealthy predecessors returning from Latin America ("Los Indianos"). Nearby Cuerres has its own examples along with the "Pilgrims Fountain", beside the church of St. Lorenzo and "The Pilgrims Bridge" straddling the river frontier between Ribadesella District and Llanes District.

These are restored relics of the medieval "St. James' Way" and still welcome today's Pilgrims into our District. Down by the coast at the mouth of the Guadamia River (Agua Mia) is a Picnic Area - outstanding panoramic views of dramatic cliff formations with the majestic sweep of the coastal Sierras. On days with a high sea running you will be amazed by the sights and sounds of the powerful Sea Geysers - ("Old Faithful" eat your heart out!). Examples of Romanesque religious art can be seen in the period church at Junco off the N-632 out of Ribadesella. Here also are the tower and the ruins of the Junco family's mansion. The ford still remains where Pilgrims, unable to be ferried across the estuary because of storms, would cross - having made the diversion through Camango/ Collera to Llovio. The village of "Cuevas del Aguas" owes its name from having to enter it through a large natural cave!

Continuing on the N-632 will bring you to the church of San Esteban and the now re-opened Pilgrims Hostel. The church is much altered from its medieval origins.

For something completely different how about tracking down Dinosaur footprints! We have three main sites:

- 1) Punta'l Pozu at the west end of the Santa Marina Beach.
- 2) The sea cliffs at Tereñes.
- 3) The sea cliffs at the east end of Vega Beach. During the summer season we provide Guided Dinosaur Walks for our visitors.

*The world famous Canoe Descent of the Sella (held annually on the 1st Saturday in August)*



*Canoeing, Caving, Pony Trekking, Mountain Biking, River & Sea Angling are all on offer.*

*You can learn and play Golf at our local course at " Berbes ". Or have a gentle, relaxing time enjoying our beautiful countryside with its abundance of flowers, birds and animals.*





A walk round the old town

You take a trip back in time when you stroll through the streets of the "Old Town". Here are the period town houses (16th-17th cent.) of the wealthy merchant families whose enterprise built up Ribadesella to be Asturias' main seaport before the development of Gijón.

It begins by coming through the passageway of Calle Oscura (Dark Street). Its houses are quite different to the larger more recent town buildings built on reclaimed estuary land - once the old Port.

Walking on from María Cristina Square - with the renaissance "Palacio de Prieto-Cutre" - to Atalaya Square you will see our most important historic town houses - some with the family crests still adorning their facades.

From Atalaya Square you can go down to the small, sunny cove of Atalaya or begin the walkway ascent to the Gufa Chapel. This route gives you spectacular views of the town, the bay and the surrounding mountains. At the top there is an interpretation panel to help you identify the points of interest in this superb panorama.

Coming down the steps brings you onto the Gufa Promenade where there is a Mythological Walk. Further on you will come to the Boathouse where Pilgrims on the St. James' Way were ferried across the estuary, and the small Chapel of St. Ana (18th cent.) which served the Pilgrims before they crossed.

The town bridge is the finishing point for the now internationally famous canoeing competition, "The Sella Descent". The Winners' Podium and a monument bearing their names is located here - and the start of a level Riverside Walkway (The Winners' Way).

On crossing the Sella Bridge the Estuary Promenade will bring you to the glorious Santa Marina Beach. Here is an impressive coastal strip along which aristocratic families and wealthy merchant traders had their magnificent villas and mansions built when Ribadesella pioneered Sea Spa Tourism at the beginning of the 20th cent. (as with Brighton, Bournemouth and Scarborough). Although some of them are now hotels they maintain the ambience of a gracious and private residence.



Prehistoric cave paintings

The world famous cave paintings at Ribadesella were discovered by a group of cavers who were exploring the enormous cave complex in 1968. A few days after the cave's discovery one of the group died in a mountaineering accident and his friends named the cave - "Tito Bustillo" - after him.

The accurate images of horses, deer, wild cattle and other hunted animals were painted by our Paleolithic ancestors 14,000 years ago. They are of such a high quality and amazing state of preservation that the site is recognised to be one of the finest in the world. One of the panels is a kilometre long!

After crossing the bridge take the turning for the village of "Cuevas". About 200 metres along this road you will arrive at the "Tito Bustillo" Cave buildings. Here you can join groups for guided tours of these enormous caves and their art. Once inside you will soon realise the grand scale of the complex - you are in a Paleolithic Cathedral! Alongside the Entrance Building is the Interpretation Centre and "La Cuevona" which hosts a wonderful Audio-Visual Experience of the life and times of the people who painted in the caves.

Both these facilities are open to the public all year. The "Tito Bustillo" Cave, however, is only open from April till September and the number of daily visitors has to be controlled to ensure the preservation of these important paintings.

Please ask at our Tourist Information Office for details about booking tickets for one of the guided tours.



Golden beaches, silver streams and alpine mountains await you. You have come to a place where memories are made and dreams come true.

This beautiful estuary town offers a comfortable setting to enjoy our rich heritage and superb traditional cuisine. With its wide Estuary Promenade leading to longer Riverside Walkways you can stroll along the Port or cross over to the spectacular Santa Marina Beach.

From here, after passing the Luxury Mansions of the 1900's, you can look for the fossil footprints of Dinosaurs at Punta'l Pozu.

Flower meadows and woodland will delight you in our surrounding countryside with its traditional Asturian farms and country mansions.

A walk along our scenic coastline will bring you to dramatic cliffs, coves, underground caves and amazing Sea Geysers (said to be the haunt of Sea Dragons).

The majestic River Sella provides opportunities for Salmon / Trout fishing and Canoeing.

Other popular activities are well provided for such as Golf, Pony Trekking, Caving and Hillwalking.

At the Tito Bustillo Caves you can wonder at the wall paintings of the different wild animals which our Paleolithic ancestors hunted and recorded in prehistoric times - images still powerful today. There is also an Interpretation Centre with an Audio-Visual Show Cave (La Cuevona).

Nowadays you can stay in one of the well-established hotels in the Old Town or the Beach area - or enjoy a quiet, comfortable retreat in one of our many quality Rural Hotels and Guest Houses.

The traditional drink in Asturias is our Home produced Cider. It comes as no surprise therefore that both in the town and the countryside you will find many traditional Cider Taverns (Sidrerías). Here and in our numerous Restaurants, you can enjoy such a surfeit of delicious Asturian cuisine that you will assuredly want to return.

WELCOME TO RIBADESELLA