

Route landscape of contrasts

Among the rolling meadows and rugged coastline.
A beautiful and fascinating little more than 4 Km walk.
Medium difficulty.

One of the main tourist attractions and Isla claims is its coastline, which can go on the path that runs **between the beach and the estuary of Quejo Castilian** . This pedestrian route has a **medium difficulty and a length of 4.2 km** .

We start the route in **Punta Quejo Menor** . We can leave our car parked in the camping Island. From this location, we can admire the rugged landscape itself a coast defended by impressive cliffs.

We continue our panoramic directing our steps towards **Cape Quejo** .From here we can see the contrast between the gentle pastures and steep vertical force in breaking the Cantabrian Sea.

This path runs along the coast full of Isla taking us from Cape Quejo to our next stop: **High on Body** . It is a privileged location where you can admire the landscape of the Ria Castilian and even get to see one of the most emblematic buildings in the area as is the [palace of the Counts of Isla](#) .

After this short stop on our tour, we begin the final stretch of the road and headed toward the **beach Arena** , which will access after crossing the oaks. This beach stretches Campiazo at the mouth of the river, along the Castilian estuary. The languages of this beach have about 1 km long in a unique natural environment, as it is protected from winds and lush green space. Its location is ideal for swimmers who enjoy crystal clear, calm waters.



Upstream path

From the beach of the arena to the hermitage of the Martyrs.
A walk of 5 km for the more adventurous and lovers of the panoramas.
On foot or by bicycle. Medium difficulty.

Every corner Island invites us to discover its history, its landscapes and its beauty. Each of the routes that cross this town, have a story to tell as that we will find if we go **upstream from the beach Arena** .

This route, of **medium difficulty** , we will give two courses the first of about **5km** to which the adventurers and lovers of the most spectacular views, you can add more than 1.5 km. We can do it **on foot or by bike** .

Our journey begins in Beach Arena. We are in the estuary where it comes to die **Campiazo** . From here, spectacular views, we headed **Pozo Redondo** and to the **ruins of the Molino de Castellanos** . This construction is highlighted in the area for its uniqueness. There is a tide mill, however, is not on the coast and took advantage of the strength of the mouth of Campiazo.

We continue the way by **lush vegetation** that forms an almost wild landscape and leads to the **marsh** . If we continue along to the river we can admire the flora and fauna of the estuary. Although we can also reduce our way through a shortcut away inland.

After a nice walk **among oaks and eucalyptus trees** that leads to the **natural source** and spectacular views.

We finish the route heading towards the **shrine of the Martyrs** , located in a small and charming urban complex.



Route between beach and mountain

Mount Quejo way Cinch.

4 km beach and historical and cultural heritage.

Island must visit area beaches. In this town we find sands of spectacular beauty and uniqueness. Such is the case of the [beach of Sable](#) in Quejo, right from where the route. It is located **in the city center** and close to a wide catering offer. Its calm waters and its location protected from the wind, make this beach an ideal place for families to enjoy.

From this place we start a new path that leads into and that we can go on foot or by bike. Along about **4 km** we will have the opportunity to admire the historical heritage of island.

Our first stop is the [chapel of San Roque](#) , a simple construction that truly exemplifies the stonework that were made in the seventeenth century. From this place, we have a spectacular view of the estuary and Joyel Noja.

From the temple, we went to the **Carmelite convent** , order coexists with neighboring Island since 1884. This is the historic core of Island since Nearby are the main attractions as the [parish church of San Julian and Santa Vasilisa](#) and the [Palace of the Counts of Isla](#) .

The path continues to the [tower of Jado](#) , a defensive construction of medieval attesting stately struggles that took place in these lands. This tower stands on a small hill from which allows us to spot on the horizon landscape dominated by its rural beauty.

Our last stop takes us to the **hill Cinch** , an ideal place from which to admire the city of Arnuero. At the top of Monte, we find a tower that serves as a vantage point from which we observe the coast and the interior landscape.

And once admired the scenery, it is forced to visit the **Church of the Assumption** on whose premises is the **Observatory Art [Trasmiera Ecopark](#)** .



Historic route

Discover the history and lineage of Isla.
An easy walk of 3 km for walking or cycling.

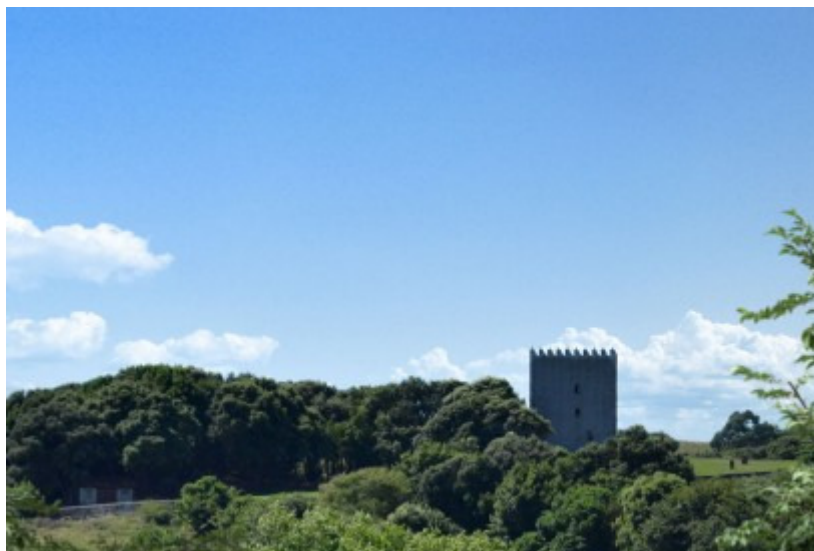
Isla is a town with history and lineage. Specifically the Counts of Isla and so our route starts in his palace. It is a **path of easy difficulty** of just over 3 km which **can be done on foot and by bicycle** .

The [Palace of the Counts of Isla](#) is a seventeenth century building that is characterized by the sobriety of its facade: an impressive wall of masonry. The architectural complex has a chapel and terraced towers that enhance building surrounded by a crenellated wall. The Palace of the Counts of Isla is on the list of Cultural Interest of Cantabria since 1991.

Our next stop is the [church of San Julian and Santa Vasilisa](#) . This religious building, which stands on a hill, overlooking the scenic and historic center of Isla is on the list of Cultural Interest since 2002. This XVI century temple custody within a beautiful altarpiece and a sculpture repertoire admirable. Also highlights the altarpiece of the chapel of San Juan Bautista and the pulpit iron, among other movable property.

And the Church of San Julián and Santa Basilisa we went to a very different construction. On this occasion, a defensive system of the medieval period, the [tower of Jado](#) . It is located on a high from a small hill that allows us to glimpse the beauty of the landscape and turn our gaze to the hermitage of San Roque, a temple located in a privileged location overlooking the Cantabrian coast.

The last stop on our tour is the [mill of Santa Olaja](#) , one of the attractions of Ecopark Trasmiera. The infrastructure of the fourteenth century was in operation for over 600 years and was used for grinding grain using the force of the tides.



Trasmiera Ecopark

Dive into a unique landscape walking along the paths of Ecoparque, nature trails peppered with history and legend, or getting close to the beaches ...

The Trasmiera Ecopark is an open air museum of 25 km² in which the heritage, art and nature are of particular prominence. Its facilities offer an extensive tour of the traditions and culture. They lead to an edgy present and renovation which has managed to value the resources of the area to make it a successful proposal entertainment for the whole family.

The Ecopark has several facilities in Isla as the Church of the Assumption, the Molino de Santa Olaja, the House of Tides and the viewpoint of Mount Cinch.

Church of the Assumption (Observatory Art)

Also known as the **Observatory of art**, it is one of the facilities that are in the Ecopark. Inside, the main secrets are housed **trasmerana culture** and uniqueness. Through this didactic exhibition, aspects are revealed as so prominent role that had the trasmeranos in the field of modern Spanish architecture. Through this exhibition we will discover who were great experts in the trades of **masonry**, **sculpture** and **Campanería**.

Molino Santa Olaja (tidal observatory)

It is integrated into the [marsh of Joyel](#), the tidal environment. His exhibition content focuses on the ways of life of the area. Through audiovisual material and a stunning scenic setting, visitors can see the **operation of the mill, the miller's life and his relationship with the marsh**, whose schedules and job completely dependent on the tides.

The House of Tides (Observatory of the marsh)

It is the center of interpretation of the [marsh of Joyel](#) setting the heart of Ecopark Trasmiera. It is a space dedicated to **ecological and environmental value** of this enclave.

Mount Cincho

Island in the heart of Mount Cinch is a vantage point from which we can see the whole town and the characteristic Island coastline. This natural enclave overlooking the **scenic Island** inwards and has several trails that lead to the viewpoint through a dense **forest of oaks**.

Joyel Marshes

Protected area collected in the natural reserve of the marshes of Santoña, Victoria and Joyel.

The landscape of the marshes of Joyel is interspersed with the seascape. In fact, its topography and panoramic is completely determined by the tides. The mix of fresh and salt water makes **a unique ecosystem** where many species coexist as **oysters** , **mussels** , **snails** , **shrimps** and **crabs** . Also, abundant **fish** such as blennies, gobies and flatfish; or **birds** such as gulls.

The **varied fauna** of this place, nestles in a unique setting with vegetation that determines the difference of landscape and areas that make up the wetland. The area with more water is dominated by reeds and in the higher parts, the oaks.

