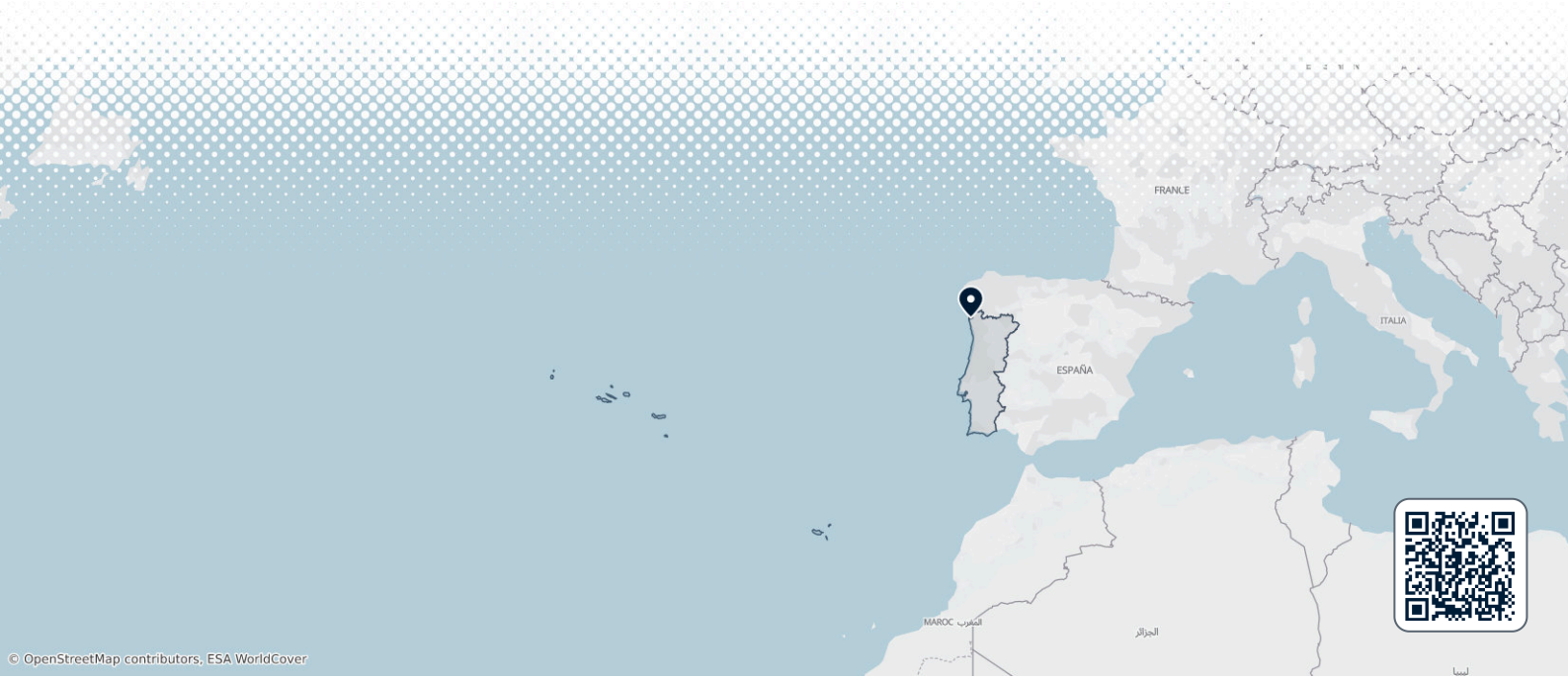


Caminha

Viana do Castelo District · Portugal

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Caminha is a small walled town at the mouth of the Minho river, on the border with Spain. It has a pretty main square, a Renaissance church and a medieval tower. The river, beaches and green hills are close by.

Across the river is the Spanish town of A Guarda, reached by a short ferry. The coast to the south has quiet beaches, and Vila Praia de Âncora has a lively beach scene in summer.

When to visit

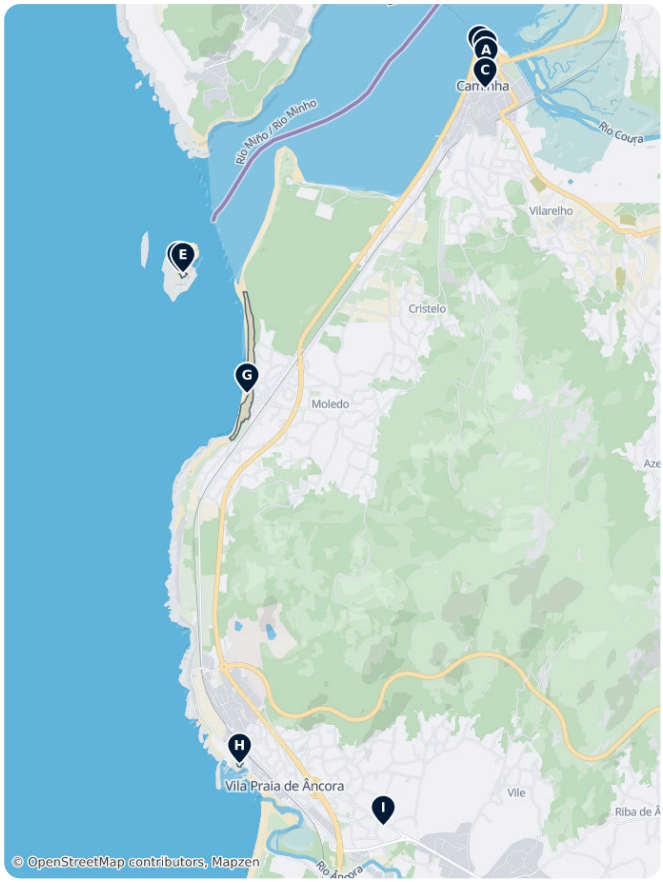
June to September is warm and best for the beach. Spring is green and quiet. Rain is common in autumn and winter.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for hiking	13° / 16° Feels like 10°	7° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air
February	Good Good for hiking	14° / 18° Feels like 11°	7° / 2°	Dry air
March	Good Good for hiking	15° / 21° Feels like 12°	8° / 4°	13 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	17° / 22°	10° / 6°	14 rainy days · Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 25°	12° / 9°	Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 27°	15° / 12°	
July	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 29°	17° / 14°	Humid air
August	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 29°	17° / 14°	Humid air
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 27°	15° / 12°	Calm winds
October	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 25°	13° / 9°	14 rainy days
November	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 20°	10° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air
December	Fair Fair for hiking	14° / 17° Feels like 11°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Centro Histórico de Caminha is the old town, with a square, the church and the remains of the walls.
- B Igreja Matriz de Caminha is the main church, a Renaissance building with a fine wooden ceiling.
- Torre do Relógio is the old clock tower that stands at the edge of the main square.
- C Chafariz do Terreiro is a fountain on the main square.
- D Muralhas are the remains of the medieval walls.
- E Forte da Ínsua is a small fort on an island at the river mouth. Check how to reach it before you go.
- F Farol da Ínsua is a lighthouse on the island at the river mouth.
- G Praia de Moledo is a long sandy beach near the river mouth.
- H Forte de Âncora is a small fort in Vila Praia de Âncora, on the coast.
- I Anta da Barrosa is a prehistoric dolmen in the hills.

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Getting there

- **By road**: Caminha is on the A28 motorway. Porto is about 1 hour 15 minutes by car. Viana do Castelo is about 30 minutes.
- **By train**: Regional trains on the Minho line stop in Caminha.
- **Into Spain**: A small ferry crosses the river to A Guarda.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Portugal at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

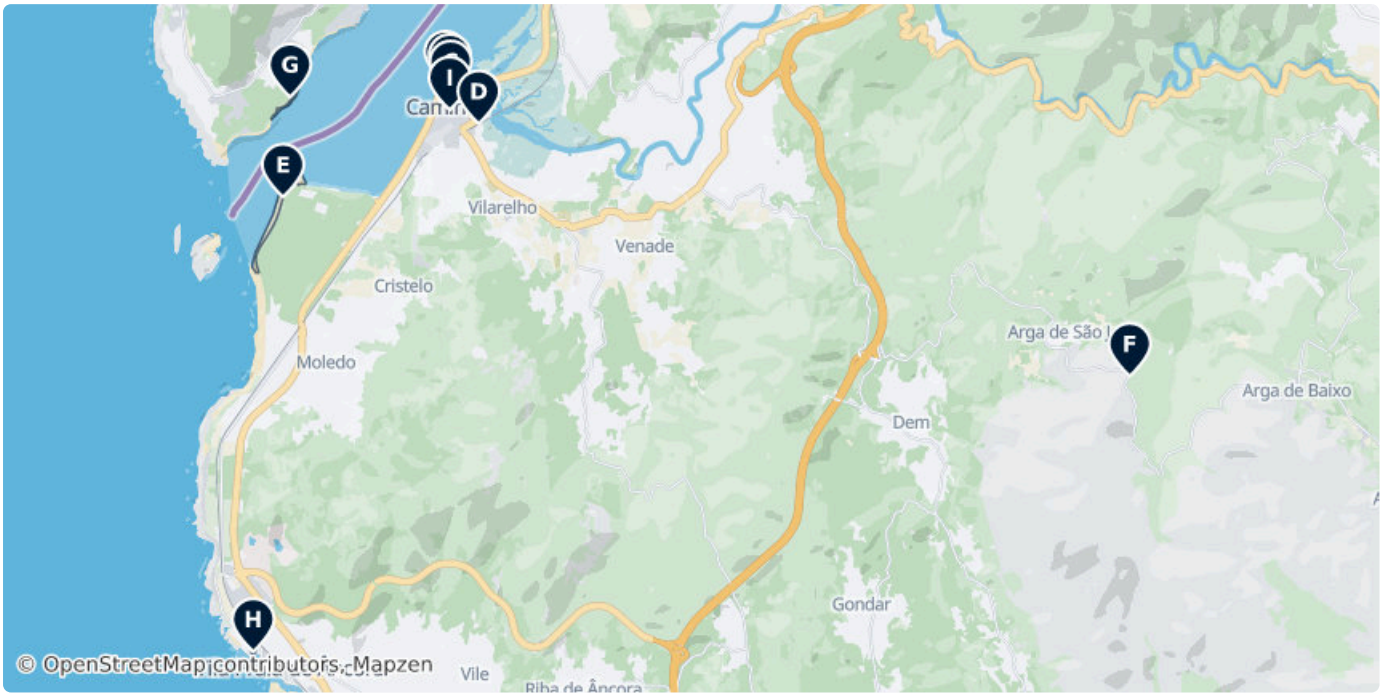
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TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Caminha's Absolute Essentials

Caminha sits at the confluence of the Minho River and the Atlantic Ocean, serving as a historic gateway between Portugal and Spain. This collection highlights the town's architectural heritage, including the Gothic and Renaissance Igreja Matriz and the defensive medieval walls. The list also features the central Terreiro square with its 16th-century fountain, the rugged peaks of Serra de Arga, and sandy beaches that offer views of the Spanish coastline across the estuary.





A Igreja Matriz de Caminha

Igreja Matriz de Caminha is a church in Portugal. It is classified as a National Monument.

128 Rua Ricardo Joaquim de Sousa, Caminha 4910155, Portugal (41.87808, -8.83858)



B Muralhas

These medieval defensive fortifications surround the historic center, reflecting Caminha's strategic military importance as a border town facing Spain.

Avenida Doutor Dantas Carneiro, Caminha 4910, Portugal (41.87843, -8.83921)

C Centro Histórico de Caminha

A well-preserved medieval district characterized by narrow granite streets, Gothic doorways, and Manueline windows centered around the Praça do Conselheiro Silva Torres.

89 Rua Ricardo Joaquim de Sousa, Caminha 4910155, Portugal (41.87735, -8.83846)



D Caminha

A key stop on the Minho railway line connecting Porto to the Spanish border, featuring a traditional station building decorated with Portuguese tile work.

(41.87406, -8.83427)

E Caminha Beach

A sandy beach located at the mouth of the Minho River, known for its views of Mount Santa Tecla in Spain and conditions suitable for windsurfing.

4910, Portugal (41.86592, -8.86340)

F Argas

A viewpoint located in the Serra de Arga mountain range, providing panoramic vistas of the surrounding granite peaks and rural landscapes.

(41.84607, -8.73733)

G Praia da Lamiña

A river beach situated along the Minho estuary, bordered by a pine forest and characterized by calm waters.

(Unnamed Road), 36780, Spain (41.87702, -8.86236)

H Fort of Lagarteira

The Fort of Lagarteira is a medieval fort in the civil parish of Vila Praia de Âncora, municipality of Caminha in the Portuguese Norte,...

Avenida do Campo do Castelo, Vila Praia de Âncora 4910430, Portugal (41.81553, -8.86785)

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Chafariz do Terreiro

A Renaissance granite fountain completed in 1553, located in the main square. It features classical architectural motifs and was once the town's primary water source.

25 Rua da Corredoura, Caminha 4910133, Portugal
(41.87557, -8.83858)

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