CP Day 2 - Santarém

25 - 26 Mar 2016









Our 1st albergue of the trip...but no other pilgrims staying, only a large contingent of Portuguese telecom workmen. Still, we did find an excellent place to eat the night before (150 grams) which opened early for us - the green vegetarian buns were novel!

Yes we caught the train to skip 10km of highway walking. Why?....because we could!















Bit hard to see the River Tejo owing to the massive flood defences, and towns were rather shabby...nice orange trees though!





Luckily Jackie didn't see the mobile clothes van in Vaso do Large or she'd have been in there like a shot!







Yellow arrows point to Santiago, blue ones point to Fatima....not too hard to remember eh? Oh, and purple scarves round lampposts don't point to any route - they're just there for Easter

Brown ploughed fields can be boring close up, when walking through them...but spectacular from a distance.

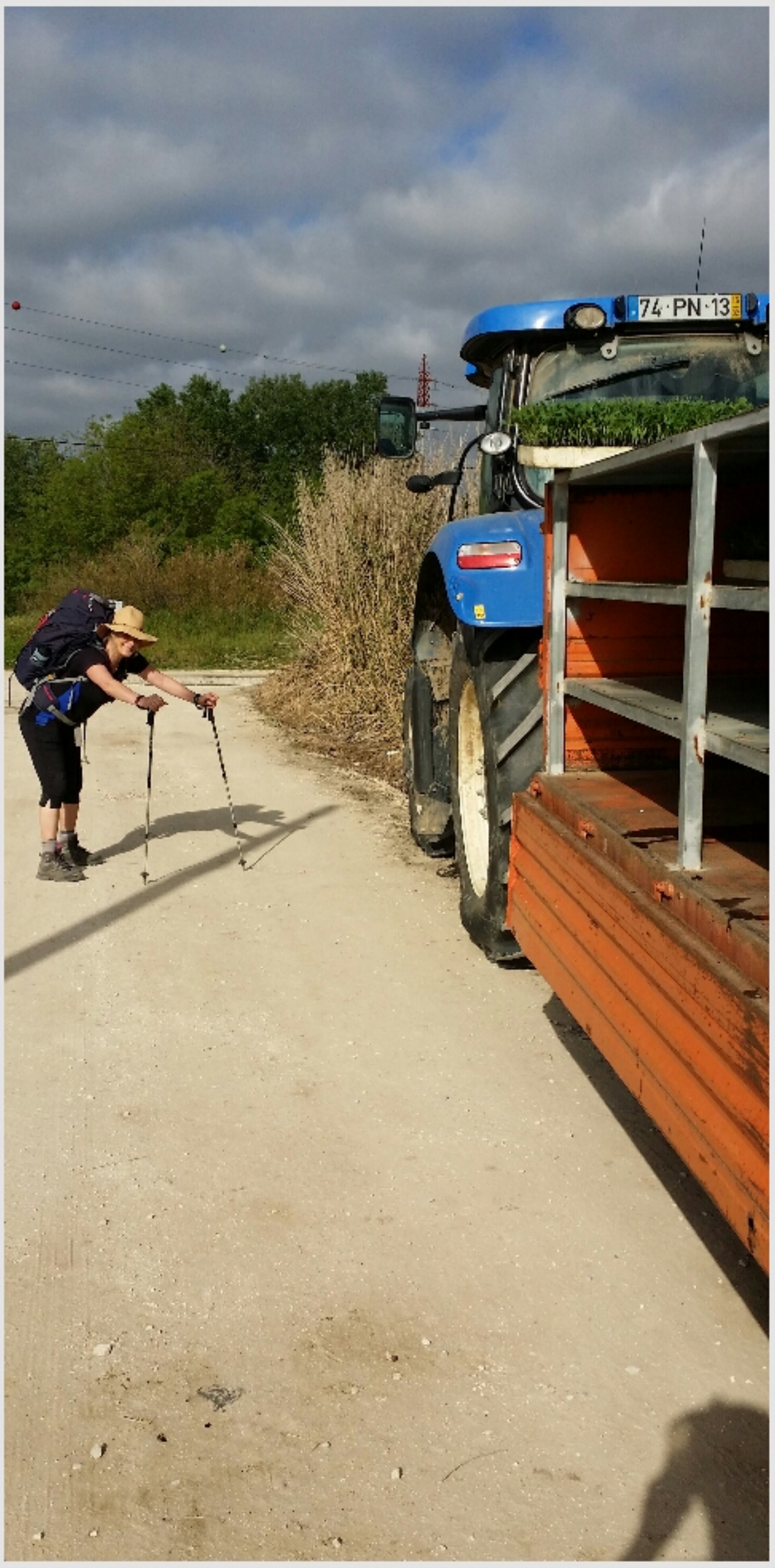




Not quite sure why these houses were built the 'wrong side' of the flood defences, but at least they left themselves a 'Get Out' option!









João, an ex-Fatima pilgrim stopped us for a chat. Jackie was starting to struggle by now and wanted to hitch a lift on the tractor. Wonder what they were picking?







The church (where we weren't staying) and the convent (where we were), incongruously right next to The Military Museum.



Met up with Alaskan Chris in the Convent - the 1st pilgrim we'd met so far! He joined us for our evening meal in Tasca - an excellent choice, with 1l of house red at €6 and the hottest Angolan Chilli sauce EVER!!!