CP Day 21

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Armenteira

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Pontevedra woke up sleepily but we were far more alert - maybe it was something to do with the pinchos of churros with our morning coffees???

About 2km out of Pontevedra we found the 'Spiritual Route' which turned out to be incredibly well-marked - just as good as the rest of the Camino.









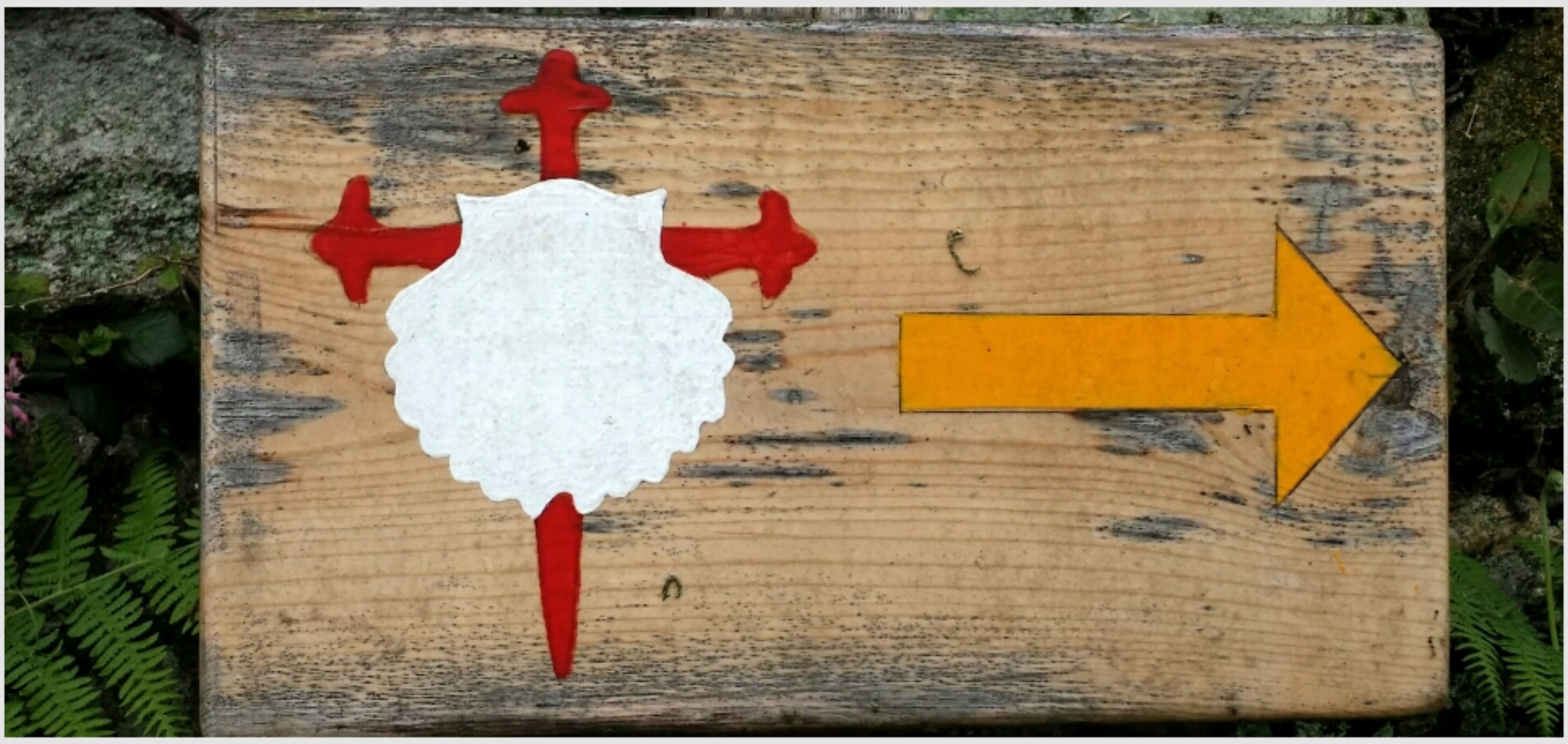




We soon left the city far behind - see just a bloke taking his sheep for a walk, what's so strange about that?
We resisted paying €1.5 to look round the monestary at Poio and instead just admired the views from the garden.







Yes we were by the sea, yes it was blowing a gale, and yes I was wearing a t-shirt. Can't think why though as it was bloody freezing!

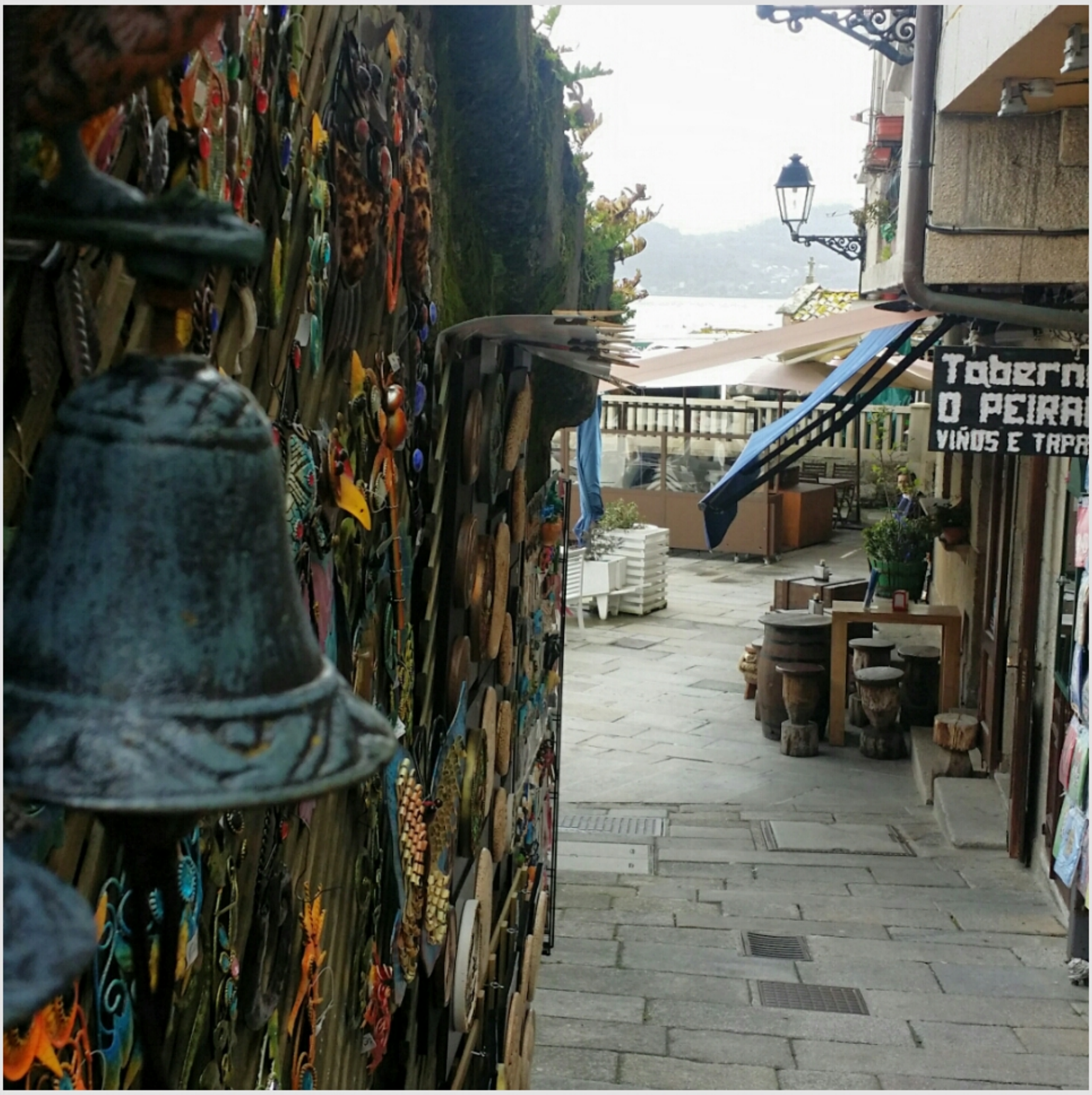


We almost bypassed the fishing village of Cambasso, following the Camino round it's outskirts. However we diverted and had a great lunch down the the port.



Cambasso is a wonderfully historic and quaint village - obviously a firm favourite with tourists.





The street adjoining the sea was full of little bistros with amazing sea views and the usual trinkets - witches feature strongly here.











What we didn't quite plan for on the way out of Cambasso after a relaxed 3-course meal was the climb...from 0 to 400m in about 5km. Ouch!

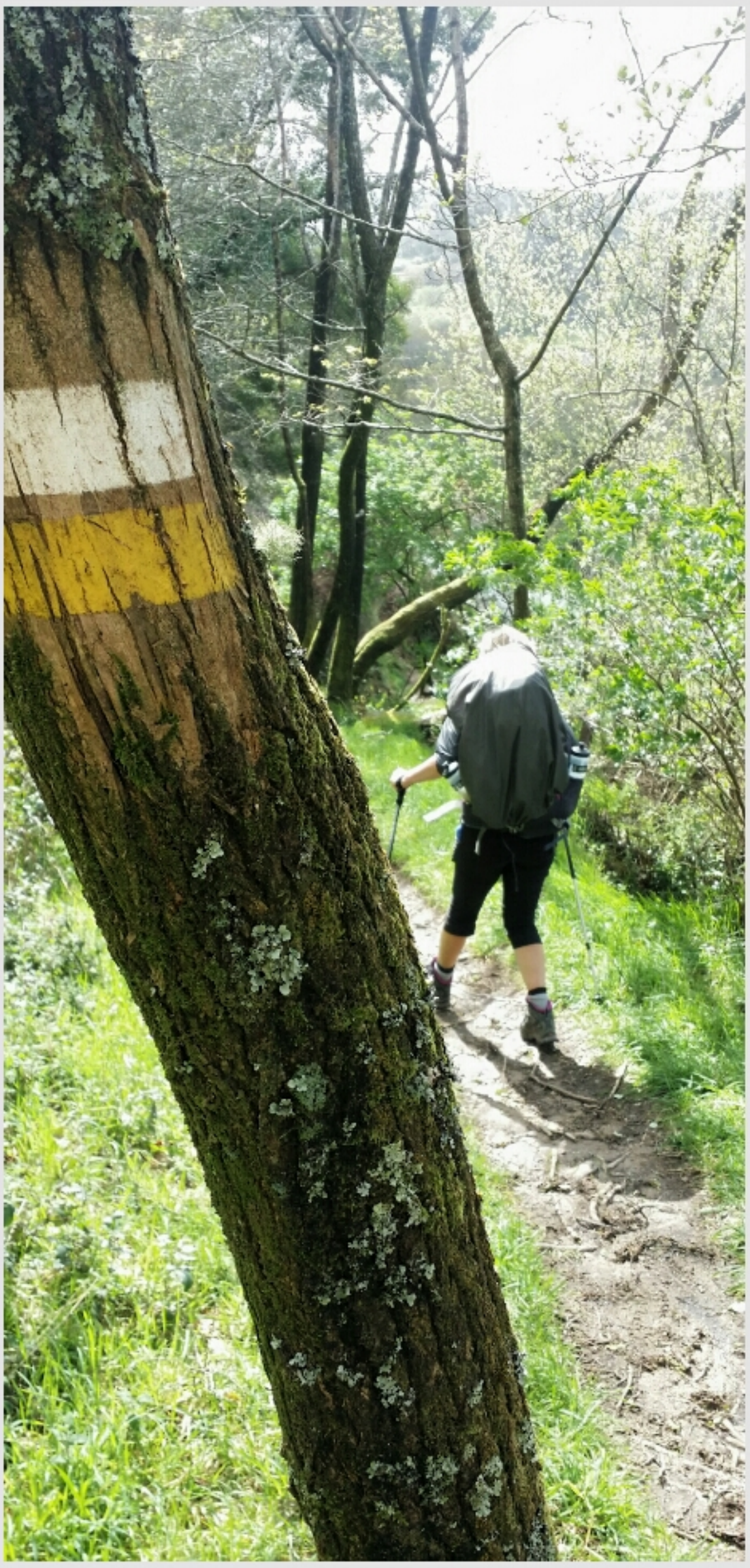






Once we reached the summit it was beautiful walking between pine & eucalyptus. Never trust the official signs though - 2km 'to go' had already been crossed out with 3km and it was actually over 4km!

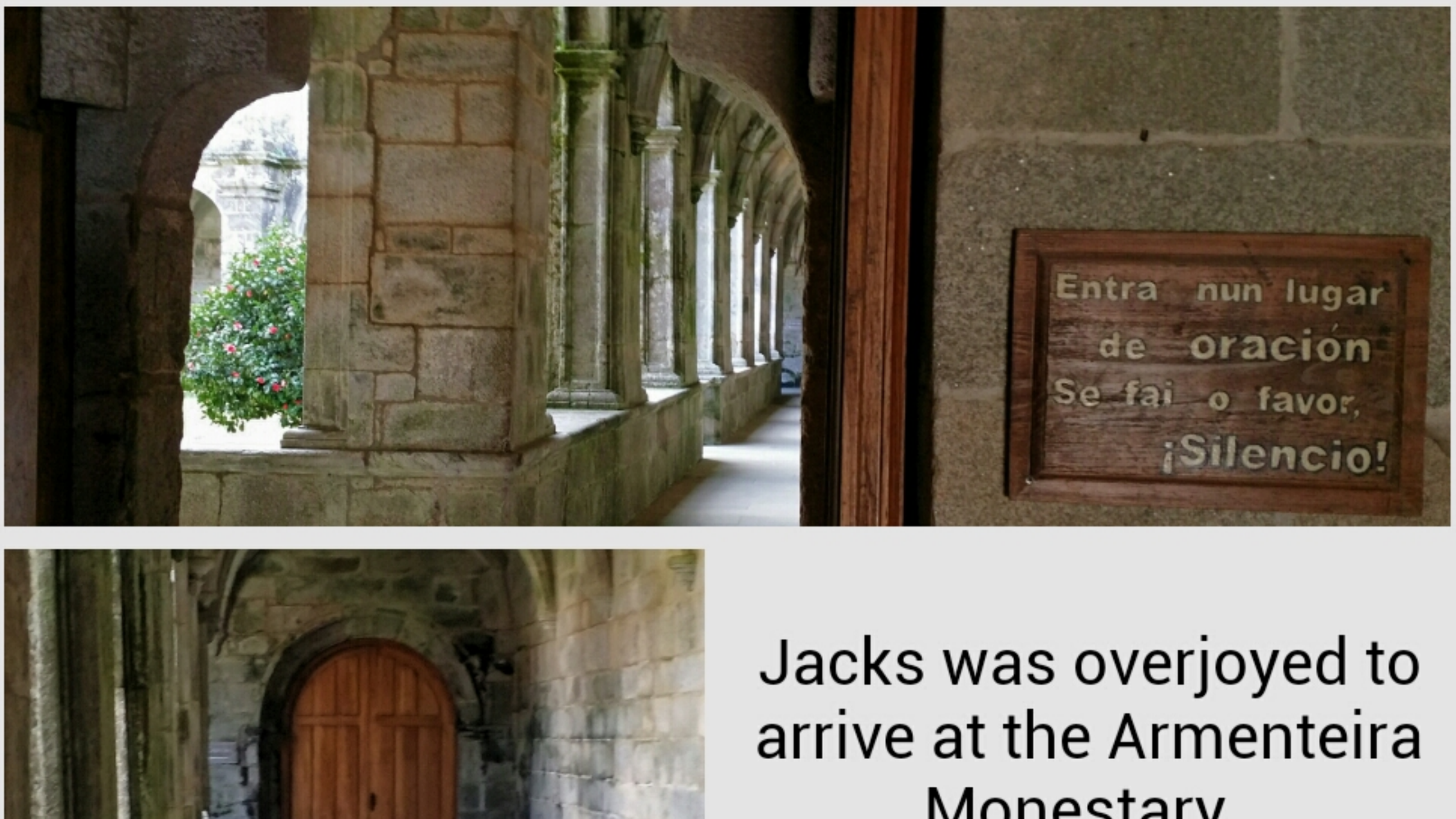






A slight moment of panic as the arrows changed whilst descending to yellow & white. The last time this happened (on Coninbriga) we wound up 10km off track.

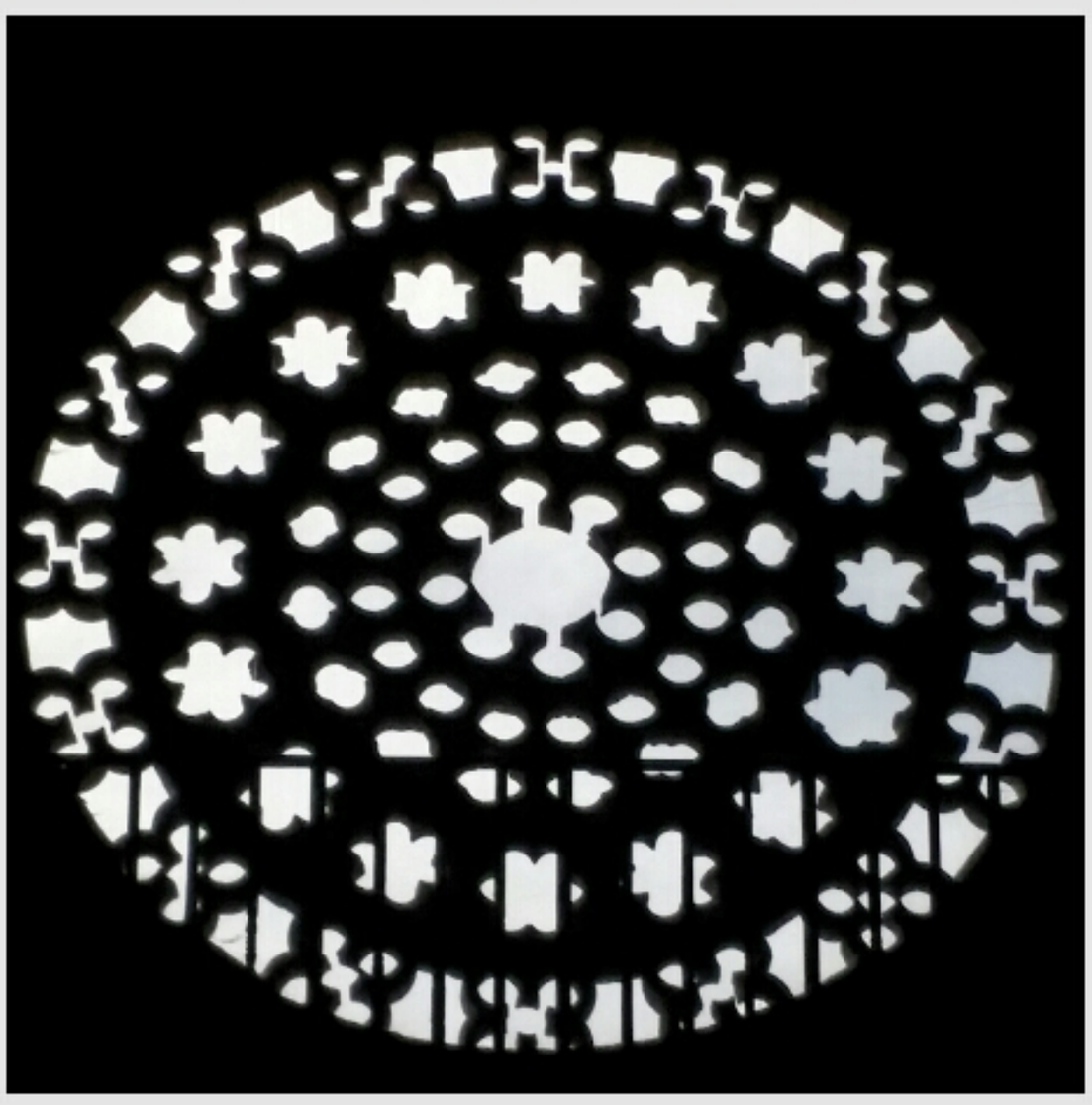




Jacks was overjoyed to arrive at the Armenteira Monestary.

It had a real sense of calm & peace. And silence.







Before & after drink stop shots of the day...can you tell which is which?



An Albergue almost to ourselves again. We met Stephanie from Germany (you wouldn't know she was foreign apart from the fact her English is almost too perfect) and had wine with ponchos in the local bar. With a fire!



