

THE VALLEY OF CELORIO

ACCES: From Llanes and Ribadesella: A-8 / AS-263.

By bus:

Bus stop in Celorio. In summer there is an additional service to the beach at Barro. Timetable www.alsa.es

Train stations:

For the stations at Celorio and Balmori, please consult the timetable www.feve.es

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Celorio, Barro and Niembro form part of the Coastal Path which runs along the coast from Bustio in the neighbouring borough of Ribadedeva. After passing through Llanes, it finishes in the Romanesque **monastery of San Antolín de Bedón**. The two parishes in this valley (Celorio and Barro,) form part of the route of the Camino de Santiago on its way through the borough of Llanes. Celorio is well known for the beauty of its **beaches; Palombina, Las Cámaras, Borizu, Sorraos, Troenzo and San Martín**. San Martín can be reached on foot and is a surfing beach.

In the village is the **Benedictine Monastery of San Salvador**, which was founded in the eleventh century. It has a Romanesque square shaped tower. Inside there is a gothic doorway which appears to have been built in the thirteenth century, even though the church itself was rebuilt at the end of the seventeenth century. Continuing along the LLN-9 from Celorio, you arrive at Barro, which has a most beautiful beach. Continuing the route towards **Balmori** you find the church of Santa Dorotea, which dates from the nineteenth century. There are also various examples of grand houses from the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth. Returning from Barro, you continue towards Niembro, passing through some beautiful countryside. You pass next to the place of devotion related the **Camino de Santiago** and opposite the church of Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, erected in the second half of the seventeenth century. This is an area of outstanding beauty; the church and cemetery have been used in several films, for example, "El Abuelo" by Jose Luis Garci. This area was the first port in Llanes and in the sixteenth century was an important fishing port. We soon arrive at Niembro where numerous examples of traditional architecture can be found and without any doubt these deserve a visit. The **beaches of Toranda and Torimbia** are beautiful. (The latter can be accessed on foot and is classified as a nudist beach.) In the Alto de Torimbia (The heights of Torimbia) you can enjoy the most beautiful panoramic views of both beaches as well as a wide stretch of coast. The coastal path continues from here, going down towards the Monastery at San Antolín.