



## THE SEA AND FISTERRA

### **The close relationship of Fisterra with the sea is reflected on place names**

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The linguistic richness derived from the world of the sea is very wide. In the coast almost everything has to have a name, the rocks, the beaches, the capes, the sea ways, the islands... because they are references for being able to guide safely or to find fishing grounds.

#### **Fisterra**

Its name, which coincides with other places in Europe refers to this being the end of the known land.

#### **A Costa da Morte**

The name of this area of the coast comes from the numerous shipwrecks and drownings caused by storms.

#### **Atalaia**

In this elevated spot on a hill is where the person in charge of watching the pass of whales was situated. He also warned the fishermen to start sailing after the whale.

#### **Lagosteira Beach**

Though it may be possible to think that it may be related to the abundance of lobsters (lagosta in Galician) it is possible that this name comes from an ancient coastal lake situated behind the beach.

#### **Facho mount**

Widespread name related to the fachos, which is the Galician name for torches or fires used to guide boats in the sea.

#### **Bufadoiro**

Place where the sea roars (bufar in Galician), it makes a lot of noise due to the strength of the currents.

#### **Coios peack**

This name refers to those places where are pebbles and boulders, rocks with soft edges due to erosion. Its name in Galician is Coios.

#### **Lobeiras**

This name is related to the presence in ancient times of sea lions, another name for seals, whose name in Galician is Lobos de mar. Seals still reach our coasts nowadays sometimes during their migration seasons.

#### **Gavoteiro peak**

This name is related to the presence of seagulls (gavotas in Galician) in this peak.