



PONTEVEDRA WORLD TRIATHLON AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP 23-27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Pontevedra, in the northwest of Spain will host the World Triathlon Age- Group Championship 23-27 September 2026.

Pontevedra – the city

Pontevedra is the capital of the “Rias Baixas”. A stately city teeming with life, with the largest Old Town in Galicia, after Santiago. Built with patience through centuries, this “boa vila”, with its delicious streets and squares named after the typical guilds, full of cult and popular architecture buildings, possesses one of the most beautiful and best preserved historical collections of Galicia.

Package bookings are available until 30 April 2026 or until packages are sold out. Our team can help you with all travel arrangements and if you would like to stay a little longer or explore more of Europe during your trip, please advise us in the ‘Stay and Play’ section of the booking form.

Program details, inclusions and costs are current and subject to change. If you have questions, please see the FAQ section.

The friendly Tri Travel team at HOT Events are here to help you, please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries on registering for the Official New Zealand Triathlon team tour to the 2026 World Triathlon Age-Group Championship - Pontevedra.

Our packages are based on 7 nights’ accommodation in Pontevedra for the duration of the event 21-28 September. This is required to confirm our group allocation of accommodation and will help athletes to acclimatise to Spain from New Zealand.

Event Schedule

Please visit the [World Triathlon](https://www.worldtriathlon.com) website for further information.

Wednesday 23 September

Opening Ceremony

Thursday 24 September

Sprint Distance

Saturday 26 September

Standard Distance and Aquabike

Sunday 27 September

Mixed Relay and Closing Ceremony

*Schedule is subject to change



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Official Tri Travel Packages

Challenges of getting to Pontevedra

Pontevedra as the venue 2026 for the World Triathlon Age-Group Championship has logistical challenges of getting there with your bike. For this reason, we have put a 7 night package together, and will have a 9 night package available soon including transfers & pre/post accommodation in Madrid, so we can best cater for different requirements.

Pontevedra is 593km from Madrid which is its' closest major International Airport and the drive is over challenging terrain. There are flights that go from Madrid to Pontevedra but these flights will only have limited capacity when it comes to carrying bikes, to ensure your bike arrives in time for your event we will include a transport truck that will take your bike from Madrid to Pontevedra, while you fly. We have done this for Pontevedra in the past to ensure that the New Zealand team's equipment arrives in time for you to set up and prepare the best way you can for your event.

To ensure that we can do this seamlessly, a night in Madrid at a hotel located close to the airport in both directions has been included in a package. This allows us to transfer you & your bikes to the hotel on 20 September, load the bikes onto the luggage truck which would depart later that day.

For those of you who want to meet us in Madrid then you would make your own way to the Madrid Airport hotel and we will collect your bike there at a nominated time on 20 September and transport it to Pontevedra. The same will work for the reverse, we will collect your bikes from the Pontevedra hotel and transport them back to the Madrid Airport hotel where you will overnight and catch your return flight to NZ the next day.

Our recommendation is for you to take the 9 night package that includes the transportation of your bike to Pontevedra. There is a 7 night package option which includes accommodation in Pontevedra only for those of you who want to meet us there, this does not include any bike transport or Madrid accommodation and associated transfers.

Getting There

You may already have ideas on when you want to arrive and leave as well as other arrangements you want to do while you are in Europe. We work with multiple airlines and suppliers and our travel specialists can customise a total travel package for you giving you inspiring travel options.

We are not holding group flights, but the following are flights that we would be suggesting from Auckland and these would be what the transport arrangements will be based on.

If you are arranging your own flights please ensure they coincide with the times similar to the below flights.

From	To	Day	Flight	Depart	Arrive	Total Flying Time
Auckland	Dubai	Saturday 19 September	EK449	8.30pm	5.35am (20 Sep)	17h 5m
Dubai	Madrid	Sunday 20 September	EK141	7.40am	1.30pm	7h 50m
Madrid	Vigo	Monday 21 September	IB467	11.30am	12.50pm	1h 20m
Vigo	Madrid	Monday 28 September	IB468	1.30pm	2.45pm	1h 15m
Madrid	Dubai	Tuesday 29 September	EK144	10.05pm	7.10am (30 Sep)	7h 5m
Dubai	Auckland	Wednesday 30 September	EK448	10.05am	10.50am (1 Oct)	15h 45m





Hotel Option 1 – Hotel Rias Bajas, Pontevedra (3 star)

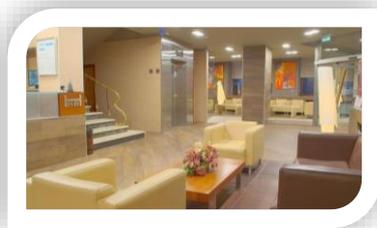
Rúa Daniel de la Sota Valdecilla, 7, Pontevedra

The Hotel Rias Bajas is in the centre of Pontevedra within walking/biking distance to the race venue.

Located just 50 metres from the historical city centre of Pontevedra, Rías Bajas Hotel is the ideal place for those who wish to get to know the city and the charm of Rias Baixas.

The hotel has:

- 🕒 Restaurant
- 🕒 Bar/lounge
- 🕒 free Wifi
- 🕒 laundry service/ dry cleaning
- 🕒 room service
- 🕒 TV in rooms
- 🕒 Hair dryers and toiletries in rooms



Hotel Option 2 – Hotel Villa Covelo, Poio, Pontevedra (3 star)

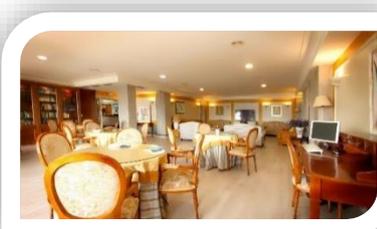
Samieira Covelo, 37, Poio, Pontevedra

Hotel Villa Covelo is approx. 10km from Pontevedra there a local bus travels regularly past the hotel to Pontevedra (journey time is approx. 30 mins). This hotel may suit athletes who are renting a car or happy to use public transport or taxi's.

Hotel Villa Covelo is located on one side of the estuary Ría de Pontevedra, one of the 5 that shape the Rías Baixas. The Hotel Villa Covelo is located approx. 10km from the historic centre of Pontevedra and very close to famous tourist sites such as Combarro (2km) and Sanxenxo (6km).

The hotel has:

- 🕒 Restaurant & Coffee shop
- 🕒 Swimming Pool, Fitness room, library & TV Room
- 🕒 Airconditioning
- 🕒 Parking



Both hotels have been used by NZ Age Group teams on previous occasions for World Triathlon events. There are limited rooms available at both Hotel Rias Bajas and Hotel Villa Covelo, so make sure you book early and don't miss out!





7 Night Pontevedra– Land Only Package
21-28 September 2026

Hotel Rias Bajas

From NZ\$1,589.00 per person (based on twin share)

From NZ\$2,930.00 per person (Single Room)

Hotel Villa Covelo

From NZ\$1,150.00 per person (based on twin share)

From NZ\$1,669.00 per person (Single Room)

Package Inclusions

- 🕒 7 nights' accommodation at – Hotel Rias Bajas **OR** Hotel Villa Covelo
- 🕒 Daily breakfast at the hotel
- 🕒 Approved bike storage in your hotel room
- 🕒 Dedicated HOT Events consultant who will work with you on your travel arrangements

9 Night Pontevedra & Madrid Hotels & Transport Package - Land Only Package
20-29 September 2026

Hotel Rias Bajas / Ibis Madrid Airport Hotel

From NZ\$2,866.00 per person (based on twin share)

From NZ\$4,523.00 per person (Single Room)

Hotel Villa Covelo / Ibis Madrid Airport Hotel

From NZ\$2,427.00 per person (based on twin share)

From NZ\$3,262.00 per person (Single Room)

Package Inclusions (subject to change)

- 🕒 7 nights' accommodation at – Hotel Rias Bajas **OR** Hotel Villa Covelo (21/28 Sep)
- 🕒 2 nights' accommodation at Ibis Madrid Airport Hotel (1 night 20/21 Sep & 1 night 28/29 Sep)
- 🕒 Daily breakfast at Pontevedra and Madrid hotels
- 🕒 Return transfers Madrid Airport to Ibis Madrid Barajas Airport Hotel (both stays)
- 🕒 Bike transferred by luggage truck Ibis Madrid Barajas Airport Hotel to Hotel Rias Bajas OR Hotel Villa Covelo return (20 & 27 Sep)
- 🕒 Airport transfers Vigo Airport/Pontevedra hotel return (21 & 28 Sep)

NOTE: This 9 Night package is based on these specific dates and arrangements to coincide with the suggested flights for group transfers, no alternative Pontevedra or Madrid hotels will be considered for transport.

All prices are:

- 🕒 Per person in NZ dollars
- 🕒 Prices are subject to change, due to foreign exchange fluctuations and governmental taxes
- 🕒 Based on twin/double share accommodation. Single supplement pricing is on request
- 🕒 Packages are subject to minimum numbers. If minimum numbers are not met, alternative arrangements & package inclusions may need to be considered. Costs will be revised in this situation.



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Travel Amendments

We understand that you might want to amend your travel dates to best suit the dates of your event or events. While we can work with you on a package to suit your needs, ideally, we do need you to book the entire 7 night stay in Pontevedra and utilise all the included components in the 9 night package. Travel arrangements pre and post Pontevedra are flexible, and we can assist with rental car hire, further Spain/Europe accommodation and any flights required.

Additional charges (at traveller's own cost)

- 🕒 Flights, airfare options are available on request
- 🕒 Additional airline luggage charges or freighting of bikes / luggage
- 🕒 Transport outside of any transfers listed for the package above (including transport from team hotel to event start points if required)
- 🕒 Additional costs for private transfers if not using the suggested flight itinerary
- 🕒 Single supplement (if you are choosing to have a room by yourself)
- 🕒 Visas (if required)
- 🕒 Travel Insurance
- 🕒 Meals/Tips/Gratuities (a guideline will be provided)
- 🕒 Costs related to any damage incurred to suppliers by athletes and supporters

Package Payment Terms

- 🕒 Non-refundable booking deposit of NZ\$500.00 per person is required at time of registration to confirm your booking.
- 🕒 The balance of payment will be required by Thursday 30 April 2026
- 🕒 HOT Events accepts payment by cheque, cash, direct bank transfer or credit card as well as Q card and GEM card
- 🕒 Payment by credit card does attract fees depending on the credit card type used
- 🕒 Cancellation penalties over and above the deposit will apply once you have paid in full

New Zealand team accommodation

HOT Events recognise that athletes travelling to race have different requirements in terms of budget, hotel standard, hotel facilities and room configurations.

We have chosen these hotel as we have used them for previous Pontevedra World Triathlon Championships and have fulfilled the requirement

All accommodation is classified as follows: single use (one person/one bed), twin share (two people, two beds) or double share (two people/one bed). Space at the hotels is limited so we strongly advise booking early. Bookings will be on a first in, first served basis.

Shared Rooms

Share accommodation is based on twin rooms only (maximum 2 adults per room).

If athletes are travelling alone and wish to share with someone, HOT Events will assist with matching up with other athletes of similar age/gender as best as possible.

Shared rooms will be subject to finding another athlete who is staying the same dates. This is not guaranteed and should no other athlete require the same dates, the athlete who has requested accommodation will be required to pay the total cost of the room (single supplement).





STAY AND PLAY

Want to arrive earlier for training in Europe or extend your stay after the event to relax and explore? Then let us know so we can arrange the perfect break away for you and your biggest supporters.

Interested in finding out more about Europe, have to offer here is a link to our [House of Travel Europe](#) brochure.

The options are endless, our dedicated travel specialists, will work with you on your specific requirements to extend your travel if required. Please indicate on your registration form (in the Stay and Play section) if you are interested in extending your stay and HOT Events will be in touch with you regarding your requirements.

Important notes

All costs associated with extensions are at your own expense and must be paid at time of booking

Due to the high demand for flights, we do recommend that you request your extension travel as soon as possible as part of the online registration

Prices for extension packages are subject to change based on exchange rates and taxes

🌀 All options are subject to availability at time of booking

If you have any questions, please refer to the FAQ's on a separate attachment or view on the website

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