

Batuecas and Sierra de Francia Natural Park



In Salamanca, on the border with Extremadura, discover a natural treasure. A space that protects in its caves and in the shelter of the valley an artistic legacy that whispers of human history. Explore caves such as La Batueca, Castañar, Caballos, Monedas and Risca, which house unique cave paintings from the Neolithic. Delve into vast forests of oak, chestnut and cork oaks, and explore valleys crisscrossed by streams and rivers. Observe deer, foxes, the elusive Iberian lynx among cistus and broom and the ibex, which, considered the emblematic species of Spanish hunting fauna, has its habitat on the slopes of the Peña de Francia.

Located in the south of the province of Salamanca, very close to La Alberca, the Las Batuecas Valley is a magical place, a refuge for local fauna and a place chosen by some hermits for their retirement. Discover the Carmelite monastery of the San José Desert, founded at the end of the 17th century and recently restored and an ideal place for those seeking moments of meditation and serenity thanks to its inn.

Visit notable towns such as La Alberca, Miranda del Castañar, Mogarraz or San Martín del Castañar, with cobblestone streets, traditional stone architecture and an atmosphere that transports you to times gone by.

Whether exploring ancient paintings, walking trails that connect with the essence of the land or immersing yourself in charming towns, every corner invites you to discover the unique magic of this place.

Nature and culture in a hug!

ENVIROMENTAL AREAS

- wildlife:** Wild goat, roe deer, wild boar, and, above all, the Iberian lynx. Black vulture, golden eagle and Egyptian vulture also popular.
- Relief:** Under the protection of the dramatic landscape of the Peña de Francia, there are many deep and isolated valleys with typical flora of the region.
- Vegetation:** True botanic garden with representations of all the species of the Mediterranean world.

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Park House of Batuecas-Sierra de Francia

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The calendar of activities featuring all the major festivals and events will help visitors plan their stay. The welcoming Visitors' Corner will also help them to plan their route using a map and model of the entire park.

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ENJOY THIS NATURAL SPACE

On foot and by bike

- PRSA-Senda accesible **Accessible Pathway Valle de las Batuecas**
This is a botanical path that shows us lots of species of forest and undergrowth of great beauty. Through the route, crossing its...
Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot (0.2 h.)
Length: 1.5 kms.
Difficulty of the route: Low
[To know more](#)
- **Asentadero - Forest of Mirrors**
This route features some of the province of Salamanca's stunning natural landscapes, taking visitors through charming towns and villages...
Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (3 h.)
- By bike (3 h.)
Length: 9.2 kms.
Ascent 368 m.
slope:
Recommended: - spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter
Difficulty of the route: Low
[To know more](#)
- PRSA-13 **Cepeda-Herguijuela de la Sierra**
The journey passes through forests of oak and chestnut trees, following the course of the brook of San Pedro del Coso.
Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot (3 h.)
Length: 12.6 kms.

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Ascent 80 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **Cycle touring path Las Cávenes**

Way: - By bike (2 h.)

Length: 16.12 kms.

Ascent 250 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- autumn

Difficulty of Medium-Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **Cycle touring path Río Alagón**

Way: - By bike (1.5 h.)

Length: 16.5 kms.

Ascent 200 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of Medium-Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **PRSA-8 El Cabaco- Peña de Francia**

It is not recommended to abandon the path on the slope of the rise of Peña de Francia, because it is a reserved area.

Journey: Linear

Way: - On foot (6 h.)

Length: 8.7 kms.

Ascent 760 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of Medium

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **PRSA-9 El Cabaco-Nava de Francia-El Casarito- Peña de Francia**

The route is not recommended with rain or snow. Footwear has to be comfortable. You must not leave the path on the slope leading...

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Journey:	Linear
Way:	- On foot (4.5 h.) - By bike (4.5 h.)
Length:	11 kms.
Ascent	760 m.
slope:	
Recommended:	autumn
Difficulty of the route:	Medium-High

[To know more](#)

- **Fossil Traces Route in Monsagro**

The identity of Monsagro is related to the fossil traces that we easily discover on a good part of the facades of its houses, streets...

Journey:	Circular
Way:	- On foot (1 h.)
Length:	1.5 kms.
Recommended:	- spring - summer - autumn - winter
Difficulty of the route:	Low

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-14 **Herguijuela de la Sierra- La Alberca**

The route follows the upper part of the slope of the range of Honconera, enjoying almost all the way beautiful panoramics.

Journey:	Linear
Way:	- On foot (6 h.)
Length:	8.1 kms.
Ascent	460 m.
slope:	
Recommended:	- spring - summer - autumn - winter
Difficulty of the route:	Medium

[To know more](#)

- GR-10 **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, by the Laguna de San Marcos**

High difficulty in some stretches.

Journey:	Journey
Way:	- On foot (0.5 h.)
Length:	1.5 kms.
Recommended:	- spring - summer - autumn - winter
Difficulty of the route:	Low

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- [To know more](#)
- GR-10 (ETAPA 4) **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from La Alberca to the Peña de Francia**
High difficulty in some stretches. It is recommended not to climb Peña de Francia with snow.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (7 h.)
Length: 8.7 kms.
Ascent 667 m.
slope:
Recommended: - spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Medium-High
[To know more](#)
 - GR-10 (ETAPA 2) **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Miranda to Mogarráz**
High difficulty in some stretches.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (2 h.)
Length: 5.6 kms.
Ascent 260 m.
slope:
Recommended: - spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Medium
[To know more](#)
 - GR-10 (ETAPA 3) **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Mogarráz to La Alberca**
High difficulty in some stretches.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (2.5 h.)
Length: 7.6 kms.
Ascent 306 m.
slope:
Recommended: - spring
- autumn

Difficulty of the route: Medium
[To know more](#)
 - GR-10 (ETAPA 5) **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Monsagro to the recreation area El Vao**
High difficulty in some stretches.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (1.5 h.)
Length: 3.5 kms.
Recommended: - spring
- summer
- autumn

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- winter
Medium
- Difficulty of the route:**
- [To know more](#)
- GR-10 **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from Sotoserrano to Miranda**
High difficulty in some stretches.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (3.5 h.)
Length: 9.1 kms.
Ascent slope: 212 m.
Recommended:
 - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter
- Difficulty of the route:** Medium-High
- [To know more](#)
- GR-10 (ETAPA 4) **Journey of the Sierra de Francia, from the Peña de Francia to Monsagro**
High difficulty in some stretches. It is recommended not to climb Peña de Francia with snow.
Journey: Journey
Way: - On foot (6 h.)
Length: 12.5 kms.
Recommended:
 - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter
- Difficulty of the route:** Medium-High
- [To know more](#)
- **La Alberca - Herguijuela**
Along the route the varying orientation of different slopes, linked to the different degree of dampness caused by streams and springs,...
- Journey:** Journey
Way:
 - On foot (3 h.)
 - By bike (1.3 h.)
- Length:** 8.1 kms.
- Recommended:**
 - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter
- [To know more](#)
- PRSA-10 **La Alberca- Las Batuecas- Painted Goats**
This is a route quite hard and complicated. It is not allowed to leave the path in the valley of Batuecas or in Portillo because...
- Journey:** Linear
Way: - On foot (4 h.)
Length: 8 kms.

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Ascent 650 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of High

the route:

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-12 **Mogarraz-Cepeda**

The route has a section that coincides with the 'Ruta del Agua', a path of art and nature where admire sculptures of various artists...

Journey: Linear

Way:

- On foot (1.5 h.)
- By bike (1.5 h.)

Length: 4.8 kms.

Ascent 127 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-11 **Monforte de la Sierra- Miranda del Castañar**

The path is a walk through orchards of cherry trees, vineyards and olive trees. It is a comfortable journey with very nice views...

Way:

- On foot (2.5 h.)
- By bike (2.5 h.)

Length: 6.3 kms.

Ascent 323 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **Path of Wonders**

To the south of the province of Salamanca, in the Sierras de Béjar y de Francia Biosphere Reserve, is the Camino de los Prodigios.

Journey: Circular

Way:

- On foot (4 h.)

Length: 10.2 kms.

Ascent 475 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring

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- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Medium

the route:

[To know more](#)

- Ruta accesible (para personas con movilidad reducida) **Pathway of the Castaños Centenarios Accessible Pathway**

Apart from centenary chestnut trees, the path allows us to find ferns, hawthorns, broom, heather and other unique species.

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (0.5 h.)
Length: 1.6 kms.
Ascent: 20 m.
slope:

Recommended: - spring
 - autumn

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- **Route of the three rivers**

The Three Rivers Route is a circular path, accessible to all audiences, that begins and ends in the Plaza Mayor de Sotoserrano. The...

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (2.17 h.)
Length: 8.4 kms.
Ascent: 168 m.
slope:

Recommended: - spring
 - autumn

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- SA1 **SA1 - Path of the Roots (Paths of Art in Nature)**

Located in the Sierra de Francia. La Alberca has an interesting hiking route called "The Path of the Roots", it is one of the proposals...

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot
Length: 8 kms.
Ascent: 162 m.
slope:

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- SA3 **SA3 - Monforte de la Sierra - Miranda del Castañar**

Located in Las Batuecas- Sierra de Francia Natural Park. The trail begins in Monforte de la Sierra and runs through cherry trees,...

Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot

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Length: 6.8 kms.
Ascent 323 m.
slope:
Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- SA4 SA4 - "Batuecas Valley" Accessible Trail

Located in Las Batuecas- Sierra de Francia Natural Park. From the parking lot, a suspended wooden walkway next to the Batuecas River...

Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot
Length: 1.5 kms.
Ascent 700 m.
slope:
Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- SA5 SA5 - Path of the Centenary Chestnut Trees "Accessible Route"

Located in Las Batuecas- Sierra de Francia Natural Park. This is an ideal path for people with physical disabilities, families or...

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot
Length: 1.6 kms.
Ascent 20 m.
slope:
Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- PRCSA-15 The Dehesa de Mogarraz

The road descends by a paved track that then returns to the original road of cobblestones, between terraces with cherry trees and...

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (2 h.)
Length: 4 kms.
Ascent 300 m.
slope:
Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- Water Way

A path created with the passage of the centuries and an ideal place to explore a part of the Natural Park Las Batuecas - Sierra de...

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (2.1 h.)
- By bike (2.1 h.)

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Length: 6 kms.
Ascent 255 m.
slope:
Descent 255 m.
slope:
Recommended: - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-19 **Way Cepeda-Monforte de la Sierra**

The route is well signposted however must pay attention to the numerous walk diversions.

Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot (1.5 h.)
 - By bike (1.5 h.)

Length: 4.8 kms.
Ascent 180 m.

slope:
Recommended: - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter

Difficulty of the route: Medium-Low

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-18 **Way Herguijuela - Fuente Mundo**

The route is interesting to watch birds. In both sides of the road we observe pronounced gradients with remains of cork oaks, strawberry...

Journey: Linear
Way: - On foot (0.75 h.)

Length: 2 kms.
Ascent 120 m.

slope:
Recommended: - spring
 - summer
 - autumn
 - winter

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- PRSA-20 **Way circular de Madroñal**

The route descends smoothly between orchards and strawberry trees.

Journey: Circular
Way: - On foot (1.5 h.)

Length: 5 kms.
Ascent 60 m.

slope:

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Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- **Way of las raices**

Inside the Sierra de France the explorer will find this Camino de las Raíces, a tour of the art, nature and history of La Alberca,...

Journey: Circular

Way:

- On foot (2.75 h.)
- By bike (2.75 h.)

Length: 8 kms.

Ascent 162 m.

slope:

Descent 162 m.

slope:

Recommended: summer

Difficulty of the route: Low

[To know more](#)

- **PRCSA-16 Way of los Rodales**

The road passes by an agricultural trek, which takes us through orchards of vineyards and fruit trees, as well as small areas of...

Journey: Circular

Way:

- On foot (2 h.)
- By bike (2 h.)

Length: 6.5 kms.

Ascent 80 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

Difficulty of the route: Low

the route:

[To know more](#)

- **PRCSA-17 Way of the Peñasco**

The route is easy and shows very important natural and archaeological finds.

Journey: Circular

Way:

- On foot (1 h.)

Length: 2 kms.

Ascent 20 m.

slope:

Recommended:

- spring
- summer
- autumn
- winter

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**Difficulty of
the route:**

Low

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