Ponferrada

Proud regional epicenter, strategic Jacobean enclave and faithful guardian of the secrets of the enigmatic order of the Temple.

To find the origins of the city of Ponferrada you have to go back to the Middle Ages, in a settlement around the Camino de Santiago. It was at the end of the 11th century when Osmundo, bishop of Astorga, ordered the construction of a bridge over the Sil River to facilitate the passage of pilgrims. It is the " *pons-ferrata* " that will give rise to the name of the city.

Tour the urban center of Ponferrada with its castle, whose towers dominate the Si River valley, and the Basílica de la Encina, the Clock Tower, the Plaza Mayor with the Casa Consiorial and the Royal Jail, today converted into the Bierzo Museum and Enjoy its network of narrow streets where you can enjoy the good wine of El Bierzo and its gastronomy.

Visit its museums that cover different themes: the aforementioned Bierzo Museum, the Railway Museum, the Luís del Olmo Radio Museum, the Brotherhood Museum, and La Fábrica de la Luz. Cultural Energy and Thermal Museum.

The traditional and avant-garde kitchens of the capital of Bercia, with botillo, meats, fruits and vegetables as their flagship, and its famous wines complete the visit to this surprising place so that you can enjoy it in peace.

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