

CASTILLA Y LEÓN







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ROUTE OF THE SILVER

It is called Route of the Silver interregional space that links the Gulf of Cadiz to the Cantabrian coast linking the communities of Andalusia, Extremadura, Castilla y León and Asturias. A large geographic area full of natural landscapes and historic towns, thanks to the means of communication, becomes a great tourist nerve.

In Castilla y León, Ruta Vía de la Plata in through the Sierras de Béjar, enters the paddock Salamanca, through the capital of Salamanca and Zamora, entering the Maragatería. This route has its origins in the Roman road of Via de la Plata, depending on the itinerary of Antoninus Caracalla XXII, united Emerita Augusta, Merida today, with Asturica Augusta, Astorga.

Roman Imprinting happens along the road where the pavement retain original cobbled sections and many milestones. The milestones are cut stone columns six feet in height, approximately, containing entries that refer to the emperor and the miles that separate the distance of travel.









TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

VALDECORNEJA CASTLE

In the beautiful town of El Barco de Ávila stands Valdecorneja Castle, perched majestically on a hill overlooking the valley and the river Tormes. It is named after the lordship of Valdecorneja and was owned by the House of Alba. Built on the site of a Vettones fortress destroyed by the Romans, it holds a wonderful position in the region. Its walls have witnessed many changes over the years. It is square with circular towers on the corners and sentry boxes in the middle of three of its walls, whilst the great keep occupies the centre of the fourth wall. The centre point of the castle was a parade ground that later became a cour d'honneur, where important guests were welcomed. Also worth noting is a well in the centre of the courtyard and a vaulted cistern dug out from the underground rock. Today the castle serves as a venue for various cultural and recreational events. You can round off your visit with a trip to the Clock House and the old Jail, which are just two of the many other local places of interest.

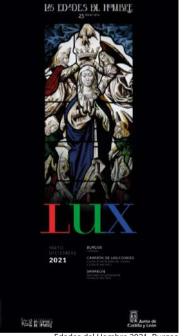






THE AGES OF MAN "LUX"

The 25th edition The Ages of Man exhibition is titled "LUX". This year is a special edition to mark the Compostela Holy Year and the 800th anniversary of the Cathedral of Burgos. In this anniversary year the exhibition is spread over the three provinces through which the French Way of the Camino de Santiago passes. The two world heritage sites in the capital Burgos are particularly important as the start of the exhibition. The Cathedral of Burgos is the first site of the exhibition, where the origin and significance of cathedrals are discussed. The Virgin Mary links it all together, due the to the large numbers of Marian devotions in many of the cathedrals, such as Santa Maria in Burgos and a large number of the churches found along the Jacobean Route which this edition travels along. The other four "LUX" venues are the churches of Santa María del Camino and Santiago in Carrión de los Condes, and the Santuario de la Peregrina and the church of San Tirso in Sahagún.





TOUR OF BEAUTIFUL MUDEJAR CEILING ART ON THE VIA DE LA PLATA

The tour is structured around the Vía de la Plata, in the west of the province of León, and includes a total of thirteen Mudejar pieces. The tastes and customs of Al-Andalus adorn a time of coexistence between the Muslim and Hispanic worlds. We begin our tour with a visit to the "Carpentry of Armar in the Vía de la Plata" exhibition in Valcabado del Páramo. This is an educational glimpse into the unique



(cedida por Junta Vecinal de Valcabado del Páramo)

aspects of our coffered ceilings, where we can learn about and appreciate the legacy of Nasrid art in the development of Mudejar art that can be seen today in León. The finest example of polychrome lacework can be found in Santa Colomba de la Vega, the crown jewel of this route, whilst the beauty of the style in Azares del Páramo, Castroponce, Alija del Infantado, and La Bañeza are also wonderful examples of this art. We finish our tour by taking in one of the most deeply rooted traditions in the area, the pottery of Jiménez de Jamuz. In the Alfar Museum we can see a demonstration using the traditional techniques and look into the history of pottery.



SHORT HIKING ROUTES FOR FAMILIES

There are several routes for families with children in the Palentina Mountains. One such route is the Mazobre Waterfall trail, which is just perfect at this time of year as the winter ice melts in spring and the waterfall starts to flow. The route is a 6.6km round trip, of medium difficulty and is located between Cardaño de Abajo and Cardaño de Arriba. It follows a path that runs parallel to the Mazobre stream, the landscape is wonderful and the viewpoint is great for taking in the waterfall. Another recommended route is the Senda del Roblón, the route is 4km long, of low difficulty and starts in the town of Estalaya. The path takes us through fairy-tale forests to the hundred-year-old sessile oak tree known locally as "the grandfather". Finally, the Fuente Cobre is a 13km, medium difficulty route, with 400m elevation. This route leads us to the source of the Pisuerga river in the Cueva del Cobre. The route begins in Santa María de Redondo. Following the course of the river we enter the heart of the Redondo Valley, we pass through oak and beech forests to reach the Cueva del Cobre itself, where we see the waters of the Pisuerga River emerge.











Mirador Arribes, Sucelle, Salamanca









WALK THE BORDER PATHS

The Senderos de Frontera network takes us on a journey of natural and cultural discovery in the south of Las Arribes del Duero around several municipalities close to Portugal. Oil extraction has left many traces in this region. The Oil Path runs between almond and olive groves joining the villages of San Felices de los Gallegos and Ahigal de los Aceiteros. We can also find the Path of Fruit in the area around Ahigal. This route takes us through forests of Aleppo pines to Las Arribes del Águeda, where we can see the mix of wild and farmed fruit. La Redonda is the starting point for the Path of the Magic Stones, which takes its name from the remains of the Roman road, dolmen, and old wash house it runs past. The Sendero de la Barca, circling Vilvestre, offers impressive views of the Duero from different viewpoints and takes us along old routes used to transport goods between Spain and Portugal by donkey.

AGUILAFUENTE

Located about 2 km from the town of Aguilafuente are the remains of the Santa Lucia Roman villa and Visigoth necropolis. The site was discovered in the 19th century, but excavations did not begin until the 20th century, when a 4th century Roman villa, a Visigoth necropolis, and the medieval remains of the Santa Lucia hermitage were found. Furthermore, in the Archaeological Hall in the Romanesque San Juan church, we can explore the Late Roman Empire and the Visigoths through videos, replicas of the excavations, and even original mosaics found at the site.

Another important event in this town is its celebration of the "Sinodal de Aguilafuente", the first book printed in Spain, which takes places in August. There is also a museum dedicated to the sculptor Florentino Trapero, winner of first prize at the National Exhibition of Polychrome Sculpture in 1922.



Aula Arqueologica Villa De Santa Lucia, Aguilafuente, Segovia



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HIGHLANDS: YANGUAS AND ONCALA

In the Highlands Region, on the banks of the Cidacos River, lies the town of Yangüas, with a rich merchant and trading past. Its former splendour can be seen in the castle and remains of the city wall. The very well-preserved town centre is dotted with houses displaying coats of arms. The following are must-sees in your itinerary: The Town Hall, the Puerta del Río and the Puerta de la Villa gates, the parish of San Martín, the Romanesque Tower of San Miguel, and the Church of Santa María. The economic importance of Oncala in the 16th to 18th centuries is largely explained by its livestock tradition, the trade in fine Merino wool, the Mesta guild, and the seasonal movement of livestock. The Church of San Miguel in the village houses undoubtedly the greatest artistic treasure in the region. These are ten Flemish tapestries, eight of which depict cartoons by Rubens, whilst the other two feature profane motifs.









THE CITY OF ADMIRALS AND ITS ATTRACTIONS

Medina de Rioseco, more commonly known as the city of admirals, boasts a rich artistic heritage that visitors can combine with the natural attractions. Its Easter museum is one of the best of its type, as evidenced by the quality of its carvings and its international recognition. It is also worth stopping at the San Francisco Museum of Sacred Art where you can see sculptures by Juan de Juni. In a special section we have the 15th-century church of Santa María de Mediavilla and its main altarpiece. The old sacristy contains the Benavente chapel, also known as the Sistine Chapel of Castile. For extra excitement on our trip, we have the wonderful work of engineering that is the Canal of Castille and the Antonio de Ulloa boat we can hop on to explore the peaceful waters. All of the above make this area on the doorstep of the Tierra de Campos region a place full of attractions to enjoy and visit.







Museo Semana Santa, Medina de Rioseco, Vallado



Vista desde Los Pelambres, Zamora

BIRD-WATCHING WALKS THROUGH ZAMORA

Zamora offers beautiful free guided bird-watching walks in the natural surroundings close to the city of Zamora, in the Riberas del Duero region, which is home to a great deal of biodiversity, with 178 catalogued species of birds and the Valorio Urban Forest Among the birds to be spotted are the populations of Herons, raptors, kingfishers, cormorants, storks and there are also turtles in the river. The routes last 3-4 hours and are led by specialist guides. High-end telescopes. Teaching materials. Accident and liability insurance. Reservation required.



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CASTILLA Y LEÓN INCOMING TOUR OPERATORS PROPOSALS

In this newsletter, we would also like to share the proposals of some incoming tour operators in Castilla y León that organise different activities based on their thorough knowledge of the area and extensive experience.

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