

CASTILLA Y LEÓN







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Acebal de Garagüeta, Soria

NATURAL RESERVE ACEBAL DE GARAGÜETA

Man and nature living together

This wood of holly bushes and trees lies in the heart of the northern Central Sierra, in the Montes Claros mountain range in the municipality of Arévalo de la Sierra (province of Soria). It is an extremely dense forest mass, made up almost entirely of holly trees (Ilex aquifolium), a protected species.

Autumn brings a riot of colour to this area 'shades of red, ochre, yellow and orange interspersed between the shiny green leaves of the holly tree that stands out from other species of trees and bushes.

The area provides shelter for a number of important species, and in recent years the wildlife in this region has thrived and includes amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds. The terrain dates back to the Jurassic period, and in most areas visitors will find layers of quartz sandstone interspersed with fine layers of limestone. Large numbers of livestock graze on this land, which impacts on the hillside vegetation. Indeed, the area is rich in natural resources, including pastureland, wood and coal.



TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Casa del parque Iruelas, Ávila







THE IRUELAS VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

Found at the easternmost tip of the Sierra de Gredos range lies the Iruelas Valley, a natural area of great ecological value and special beauty. Several mountain streams flow into it, with the extraordinary Garganta de Iruelas (the Iruelas Gorge) standing out. It has a wide variety of plant species as well as an important wealth of wildlife, having been declared a Special Protection Area for Birds (SPA). The limits of this Nature Reserve extend from the summit of the Cerro de la Escusa to the Burguillo Reservoir. The old village, which has now been restored as a rural tourism centre, can be seen next to the reservoir where the resin workers who worked in the forest used to live. From the natural viewpoint of Puerto de Casillas, there is a spectacular view of the whole valley. At the Iruelas Valley's Casa del Parque (The park's Information Centre), the park monitors provide information about the flora, fauna and other aspects of the Nature Reserve. From here you can follow the accessible circular path to enjoy the views of both the reservoir and the

ARIJA, THE BEACH OF BURGOS

Arija is a small village in the north of Burgos, on the border with Cantabria. Its location and climate make it an ideal place to enjoy nature all year round, with a complete tourist infrastructure: beautiful bathing areas, fine sandy beaches, a jetty, the Puntos Activos where one can receive information on active tourism in the region, recreational areas, a bird viewing area... It is the typical Burgos bathing area within the Official Census of Bathing Areas of Castilla y León. Its water has been rated as Excellent over the last few years by the General Directorate of Public Health of the Junta de Castilla y León, which evaluates the bathing waters of our community. Especially in the summer months, the waters of the reservoir are used for water sports such as canoeing and kitesurfing. The Ebro reservoir is also an ornithological paradise, where numerous species of birds, especially waterfowl, use its waters and wetlands as breeding and wintering grounds. This has led to its inclusion in the Natura 2000 Network and its declaration as a National Waterfowl Reserve, as it is one of the most important wetlands for waterfowl in Spain. It covers an area of more than 6,000 hectares and is 20 km long.



Plava de Arija, Burgos



WINE TOURISM IN BIERZO

Bierzo's Wine Route is one of the eight Wine Routes found in Castilla y León. It stretches across the west of the province of León, along the Camino de Santiago, bordering Galicia and Asturias. There are nineteen affiliated wineries, all with a strong family tradition, which have been able to pass on this age-old tradition from generation to generation, offering unique experiences for wine lovers. Among its varieties of grapes are mencía, garnacha tintorera and godello. The region is also surprising for its numerous natural and heritage landmarks. There are a variety of hiking and cycling routes which will take you through such beautiful towns as Molinaseca, Villafranca del Bierzo, Ponferrada and Peñalba de Santiago. The star product of the area's gastronomy is the botillo (a type of pork sausage) and quality brands such as the conference pear, the reineta apple, cherries and chestnuts; its avant-garde cuisine is also on the rise.



THE SEVENTH CENTENARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF PALENCIA 1321-2021

This year marks the 7th Centenary of the Cathedral of San Antolin in Palencia, the "Unknown Beauty". After this great tribute, it will be forever known as the "Well-Known Beauty". Full of history, art and many other curiosities, it is the third-largest cathedral in Spain. Did you know that the first Princes of Asturias, Don Enrique III and Doña Catalina de Lancaster, were married here? That you can visit a Visigothic

crypt from the 7th century AD? That there is a Papamoscas, an automaton that every hour on the hour opens its mouth while moving its right arm to operate the clapper of a bell? That there is a representation of a somewhat controversial surgical operation performed by the Medical Saints, Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian? That there is a beautiful and unusual chapel dedicated to the Three Wise Men? That tradition has it that those students who pull the pigtail of Doña Inés de Osorio will pass their exams? That "aliens" guard the Puerta de los Reyes (the Kings' Door)? Or that there is a gargoyle that is a photographer? A Cathedral that possesses authentic artistic treasures by great masters such as Pedro Berruguete, El Greco, Alejo de Bahía, Juan de Flandes, Juan de Valmaseda, Felipe de Vigarny, Gregorio Fernández, the Corral de Villalpando brothers, or Lucas Kranach with his famous anamorphosis of Emperor Charles V, among many others. Enjoy this great event in the city of Palencia, with activities such as concerts, conferences, a festival of lights, a liturgy, etc. Book your visit by phone at 682 081291 / 979 701 347









Rosquillas de Ledesma, Salamanca

THE ROSQUILLAS OF LEDESMA

The popularity of this gastronomic delicacy typical of the Ledesma area has now spread throughout our province. They are small, hard, spiral-shaped doughnuts, approximately 2.5 cm in diameter. They are entirely handmade, so they come in a variety of shapes and sizes, as well as different shades of colour when baked. It is a product with a hard, compact texture and extraordinary flavour, made from a mixture of flour, eggs, sugar, butter and milk, without the use of preservatives or colouring agents. The recipe for these rosquillas is a closely guarded secret that has been passed down from generation to generation.





RED AND BLACK VILLAGES

In the northeast of the province of Segovia, we have a group of villages that alternate their colours depending on the material used in their architecture. Starting with yellow, typical of calcites, as seen in the villages of Alquité or Martín Muñoz. Alquité, where the portico and three magnificent archivolts of the church of San Pedro stand out, and Martín Muñoz de Ayllón, from whose quarries the slate was extracted for the roofs of the palace of La Granja and the floor of the Cathedral. We move on to the colour red, on account of the strong ferrous components of the building materials used. Examples of this colour include villages such as Villacorta, which boasts the Romanesque portico of Santa Catalina and its 16th-century Mudejar artesonado, or coffered, ceiling; and Madriguera, an active services centre for the area. And finally the colour black, due to the use of slate (Becerril, Serracín, El Muyo or El Negredo). The Gothic cross, with the shape of its arms imitating tree trunks, is particularly noteworthy. It is located in the church of the Santos Mártires, in El Muyo. A visit to the "La Pedrosa" beech forest, one of the most southerly in Europe, is a must.



Madriguera, Segovia







Castroviejo, Soria

CASTROVIEJO, EL AMOGABLE FOREST INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Duruelo de la Sierra is located in a privileged natural setting in the northwest of the province of Soria, in the heart of a pine forest region at the foot of the Urbión mountain range. One of the most impressive spots in the municipality is Castroviejo. Its rocks, carved out of nature by the erosion of wind, rain, snow and ice, take on incredible and fantastic shapes. Castilla y León treasures one of the most important forest heritage sites in Spain and one of its most important woodlands is located in the Comarca de Pinares. The El Amogable forest Interpretation Centre presents an exhibition that will allow us to discover and understand the forests of Castilla y León through an introduction to the uniqueness of this interesting and well-preserved region.





PEÑAFIEL, CRADLE OF THE RIBERA DEL DUERO

A land known for its wines and the birth of the Infante Don Juan Manuel, author of The Tales of Count Lucanor. Its castle, declared a National Monument in 1917, is currently the Provincial Wine Museum, and both the castle and the various wineries in the town offer wine tasting sessions and guided tours. In the Plateresque church of San Pablo, the chapel of Los Manuel tells the story of the chapel's five centuries of existence. The Casa de la Ribera is one of the best-preserved examples of traditional architecture, which provides a theatrical representation of everyday life at the turn of the century. We cannot leave without visiting the Plaza del Coso, the regional museum of sacred art and tasting the local speciality, roast suckling lamb.



Castillo de Peñafiel, Valladolid



Lago Sanabria, Zamora (cedida por Europarques EBI)

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Remember, in Castilla y León, you'll find everything and more... WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!!

LAS POSADAS REALES DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN PROPOSALS



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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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