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<u>TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN</u>



Belén del CITeS (Centro Internacional Teresiano Sanjuanista), Ávila

THE NATIVITY SCENES OF ÁVILA

Christmas is approaching, and with it the precious nativity scenes that we can visit in many locations. In Ávila, you can discover a wide variety of them In the Municipal Nativity (Belén Municipal), you will meet some of the most representative characters from Ávila and most emblematic symbols of the city, in addition to more typical figures such as washerwomen and carpenters. In turn, the Provincial Council Nativity (Belén de la Diputación) depicts the while province, including architectural elements, landscapes and fauna of our towns and villages. In "El Centro Internacional Teresiano-Sanjuanista (CITeS)", also known as the "University of the Mystical", we are invited to travel the world through its nativity scenes, where we will also be able to discover traditions from other countries. In addition to those mentioned above, you can also visit other nativity scenes which will delight you with their beauty.



FESTIVAL OF THE BOY BISHOP, BURGOS

Choosing a "Boy Bishop" is a tradition that dates back to the 15th century when, on 28 December – Holy Innocents' Day – the Cathedral's Metropolitan Incumbent would allow a boy to dress up as a bishop, wear clerical attire and ride a donkey. He would ride around the city streets giving blessings, together with the authorities, who – together with the procession – would give out gifts of fruit, sweets and plenty of wine. So now, every year, one of the boys from Pueri Cantores choir school who received his first communion that year, dresses up as a bishop. The Bishop Boy naming ceremony is traditionally held in the morning at the Madres Salesas monastery, with a later visit to the city's archbishop taking place later on. Then there is a procession through the town centre, which ends with a reception at the Town Hall where petitions are made on behalf of all the town's children.





(cedida agencia Ical)



Estación esquí San Isidro, León



WINTER SPORTS ROUTES AROUND THE TOWN OF LILLO, LEÓN

The Riaño and Mampodre Mountain Regional Park is one of the most outstanding mountainous enclaves of the Cantabrian Mountains. Located in the north-east of the province of León, it offers unique places to enjoy sport and nature during the winter season. Alpine, cross-country and randonée skiing, snowboarding, snow shoe hiking, mushing or backcountry exploration are some of the sports practised in the area. The houses located in Parque de Lario and Puebla de Lillo offer visitors all the information they need on the area, its resources and opportunities, as well as the wide range of available activities and routes. Puebla de Lillo is the place to go for fans of skiing, and is where most of the accommodation and services for the San Isidro resort can be found. From there, you can head to Puerto de La Senales mountain pass and Tarna, where the panoramic views are spectacular. In Cofiñal, you will find magnificent hideaways and walking routes, such as the circular Pinar de Lillo route, which is an easy hike but has restricted access meaning that visitors need authorisation from the aforementioned park house. Family friendly tourism also booms during this winter season, when the traditional Cabalgata parade and the procession of torches (in the Cebolledo area) make the Epiphany even more special.

MODERNISM IN THE CITY OF PALENCIA

Tourists who visit Palencia are often surprised to discover the city's many modernist buildings. In the 19th century, the bourgeoisie increased their economic power, establishing themselves as the dominant social class with a new conception of town planning that met the needs of this new and thriving class. There were several important architects who built the vast majority of the buildings of this era, including the eminent Jerónimo Arroyo, from Palencia, together with Cándido Germán, Jacobo Romero, Juan Agapito y Revilla and Germán Calvo, among others. Highlights from this architectural movement include the Palacio de la Diputación Provincial, the current Tribunal de Cuentas de Castilla y León building, the Correos building, the Mercado de Abastos, the Casino, the old Federación Católica Agraria headquarters or the Instituto Jorge Manrique, among many others, mainly concentrated around the city's Calle Mayor.





Modernismo en Palencia



Museo Botijo de filigrana de Alba de Tormes, Salamanca

SALAMANCAN POTTERY

In the first half of the 20th century, traditional pottery from Salamanca evolved and transformed utilitarian ceramic forms into other merely ornamental work that was more in line with society's demands. Such forms include the typical peacock or filigree jug, which is currently recognised as the piece most emblematic of Salamancan pottery. Its origins can be traced back to the decorations that started to be added to spouted jugs by some potters based in the province, such as Horcajo Medianero, Ciudad Rodrigo and Alba de Tormes. With the passing of time, this piece was chosen to participate in arts and crafts competitions and exhibitions, and so its decorative features also became more prominent. The production process, which was already laborious and complex, became more difficult as potters masterfully made the jugs taller and more decorative, gradually transforming this piece into an authentic clay filigree. The multicoloured paintwork stands out on the base of the jugs with ochre, green or dark brown tones, and the glossy finish gives them a very special touch.



NAVAS DE ORO, SEGOVIA

In the west of the province of Segovia, in the Land of Pine Groves (Tierra de Pinares), lies Navas de Oro. Its name possibly originates from the nearby lakes, called "navas". Some of these are depressions in the sandy surface that generate more productive soil in lowland areas, which are flooded in times of heavy rain, while others were created by the extraction of earth to make mud bricks, or build houses. The three lakes in this municipality that have been declared wetland areas of special interest are: Pero Rubio, la Magdalena and la Vega. But as this is the "Land of Pine Groves", its inhabitants main activity was extracting resin. One cannot fail to notice the industrial chimneys, made of red bricks and reaching heights of up to 40 metres, and the Museo de la Resina (Museum of Resin) is well worth a visit.



Navas de Oro, Segovia (cedida Ayto. Navas de Oro)

There you will be introduced to this activity, which has now almost disappeared, and discover the techniques, materials made with resin, models showing the mountain divide, "pegueras" and the old resin factories. Other interesting attractions include the Santiago Apóstol church, the Cristo del Humilladero hermitage, the Casa Consistorial, the Torre del Reloj and the Caserón de Los Mesa.





Moncayo y Agreda, Soria



ÁGREDA, ITS CALIPHAL GATE AND THE MIRADOR DE LAS HUERTAS ÁRABES VIEWPOINT, SORIA

A magical corner of Soria that shows us the cultural diversity that existed in the town of Ágreda. Four city walls, built over the course of the centuries. Christians, Arabs and Jews left their marks on the history, art, architecture and customs of this town, which had one of the most important mosques and Mudejar communities of the time. To take a walk through Ágreda is to relive all of the history that took place there and to enjoy the legacy left by the various ethic cultures that coexisted in this beautiful town. The Arab wall, built by Muslims around the 10th century, was the first defensive barrier to be put up in Ágreda. The Muralla de Ágreda town wall dates back to the end of the 8th century or the beginning of the 9th century and at its eastern end can be found the Caliphal Arch, a horseshoe shaped archway of unique beauty, leading to the "Moorish quarter". From there, one can marvel at the view of the Moncayo mountains and enjoy the Mirador de las Huertas Árabes viewpoint, which allows us to contemplate the various terraced orchards and their irrigation system that was used and introduced by the Arabs. The ditches that irrigate these orchards are the same ones originally built by the Arabs, with hardly any modifications. On arriving in this part of the town, you might be forgiven for thinking you are lost in time in the Ágreda of the old Al Ándalus. This unique landscape, with the Moncayo mountains in the background, is one of Ágreda's most beautiful features.

CHRISTMAS IN VALLADOLID

When in Valladolid, you must pay a visit to the Plaza Mayor, with its Christmas market where you can find all kinds of artisanal produce (sweets, jewellery, etc.), among many other things. The carrousels set up in various areas of the town and the merry-go-round in Plaza Mayor, together with the programme of theatre shows, delight both children and their parents. Not to mention the living nativity scenes located throughout the province, or the Neapolitan nativities at the Museo Nacional de Escultura (National Sculpture Museum) and the Casa de Zorrilla. Lastly, the famous Cabalgata de Reyes cavalcade is a highlight, in addition to the various Christmas concerts that are put on. If you have never come to Valladolid for Christmas, we invite you to do so and discover the most wonderful time of the year in a spectacular town – Merry Christmas!!!



aza Mayor, Valladolid (cedida agencia Ical)





Mirador de Peñalcarro, Villaseco del Pan, Zamora

THE PEÑALCARRO VIEWPOINT, VILLASECO DEL PAN, ZAMORA

Although cold, winters are almost always sunny in Zamora. This time, we are recommending a secret enclave just 28 kilometres from Zamora, in Villaseco del Pan. You can get there by car, along an unsurfaced road, where it is hidden in one of those corners of the world that almost nobody knows, to be enjoyed in solitude. It is a wonderful, calm and idyllic place where one can contemplate life while watching the Esla river flow into the Duero, in an area that seems completely surrounded by those two rivers. It is a good starting point for the Arribes del Duero, where you can

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enjoy the flora, bird life and fragrances of the countryside. For those who enjoy hiking, there is a path that leads from the town to the viewpoint. It is an 8 kilometre route, and the path is well signposted and easy to follow. You will be able to contemplate the flora of the slopes and valleys of the Arribes, with their interesting variety of shrubs that flourishes in the humidity of the shallow soils and the favourable microclimate of the Arribes, as well as all the fauna that thrives in this habitat. Watching the sunset from there is a spectacular experience, and the starlit sky can be enjoyed with no light pollution.

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