

The Atlantic Coast Route, which runs from Scandinavia to Portugal, connects some of the world's most breathtaking seascapes. In Spain, it includes cultural routes such as the French Way of the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago, Castilla Canal, the Duero Route and the Silver Trail. The entire itinerary is a spectacle for the senses: magnificent fjords, sun-kissed beaches, bustling ports and harbours, cities filled with history accessed along ancient trails, and some of the finest examples of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

Marvel at the stunning natural landscapes, including the unspoilt fjords of Norway and breathtakingly sheer cliffs such as Moher, in Ireland.

Visit the site from which the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World in Plymouth, in the United Kingdom. Practise your French with the local fishermen in quaint fishing villages on La Vélodyssée in France.

Enjoy the delicious gastronomy and nightlife in some of Europe's liveliest port cities such as Bergen (Norway), Glasgow, Belfast or Bristol (United Kingdom) and Nantes (France) or in cities such as Salamanca, boasting a rich university tradition and included on the World Heritage List.

Put your cycling skills to the test by pedalling across the Spanish Pyrenees before treating yourself to a selection of mouth-watering tapas in the towns and villages dotted around La Rioja and Castilla y León, accompanied by superb Designation of Origin wines.

Venture along historic routes and trails, following in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims as you make your way along the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago and the Silver Trail.

And at the end of your journey, give your legs a well-earned rest by relaxing on some of the beaches that line the coast of southern Portugal.

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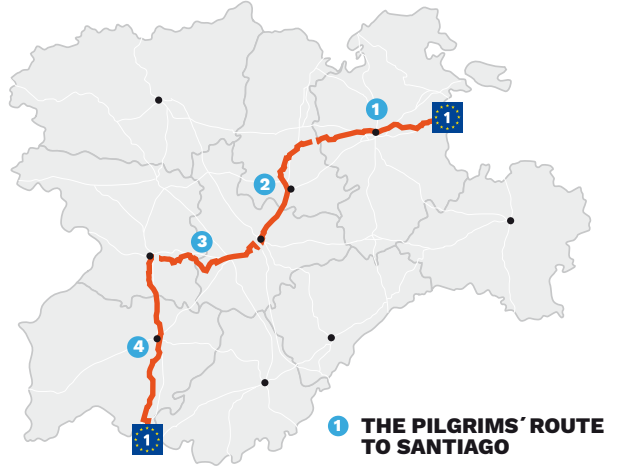
IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

EuroVelo, the European cycle route network, is an initiative set up by the Belgium-based European Cyclists' Federation. Its objective is to create a Europe-wide network of 15 long distance cycle routes covering 70,000 kilometres that will connect the entire European continent by 2020. The routes are based on both existing and newly-designed itineraries, favouring connections between the various routes wherever possible.

The Junta de Castilla y León's Regional Ministry of Culture and Tourism is currently working on the reconditioning and promotion of EuroVelo Route 1 within the framework of the ERDF project. Known as the Atlantic Coast Route, it extends from North Cape in Norway, to Sagres in Portugal and covers 8,168 kilometres.

A total of 19 members from 6 different countries are involved in this project: Norway, Belgium, France, Ireland, Portugal and Spain, and 5 of Spain's Autonomous Communities – Navarre, La Rioja, Castilla y León, Extremadura and Andalusia –, as well as the Silver Trail City Cooperation Network Association.

The aim of the Junta de Castilla y León's involvement in this project is to secure European support for the promotion of 4 of the Autonomous Community's major tourist resources on the EuroVelo 1 route, namely the French Way of the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago, Castilla Canal, the Duero Route and the Silver Trail, which together boast a wealth of historical and artistic sites, a rich industrial heritage, countless food and wine as well as environmental resources, and an extensive range of active and adventure tourism options.



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- Iglesias
- Hontanas
- Castrojeriz
- Castrillo Mota de Judíos
- Itero de la Vega
- Boadilla del Camino

THE PILGRIMS' ROUTE TO SANTIAGO

Riding along the **Pilgrims' Route to Santiago** is an experience that all **cycle tourists** should experience at least once in their lifetime. The **EuroVelo 1** route follows the French Way of the Pilgrim's Route to Santiago as it makes its way through Castilla y León from Redecilla del Camino in the province of Burgos to Boadilla del Camino in the province of Palencia.

The French Way is the principal route to Santiago, the best-known itinerary attracting more users and offering the finest amenities and facilities. The Camino de Santiago or Pilgrims' Route to Santiago was declared the **First European Cultural Itinerary** by the Council of Europe in 1987. It is also included on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**.



CASTILLA CANAL

Castilla Canal is a major feat of engineering and one of the most outstanding projects of its type constructed in Spain in the 18th and 19th centuries. Declared an **Asset of Cultural Interest**, you will be fascinated by what is undoubtedly one of Castilla y León's most attractive tourist trails due to its outstanding natural heritage and the artistic and historical treasures waiting to be discovered in the towns and villages along the way.

Peddalling along the shores of Castilla Canal from Boadilla del Camino in the province of Palencia as far as Valladolid offers you the chance to discover the locks that enabled barges to move between stretches of water on different levels, as well as explore stunning landscapes peppered with Romanesque churches, tour ancient flour factories and cross the points where the canal converges with the rivers of Castilla y León.



STAGE CASTILLA CANAL



- Boadilla del Camino
- Frómista
- Piña de Campos
- Amusco
- San Cebrián
- Ribas de Campos
- Becerril de Campos
- Husillos
- Villaumbrales
- Grijota
- Villamuriel de Cerrato
- Palencia
- Dueñas
- Cubillas de Santa Marta
- Trigueros del Valle
- Corcos del Valle
- Cabezón de Pisuerga
- Cigales
- Valladolid



STAGE THE DUERO ROUTE

THE DUERO ROUTE

The Duero Route is one of southern Europe's most outstanding cultural axes. A line that divides the autonomous community into two, offering tourists countless opportunities to discover its nature, art and gastronomy.

The **EuroVelo 1** route passes through 13 towns and villages situated on Castilla y León's Duero route, from Simancas in the province of Valladolid to Zamora.

A route that enables travellers to cross through nature spaces forged by the natural action of the river and which today have become major environmental reserves boasting a wealth of wildlife. The River Duero also irrigates the vineyards in southern Europe's best-known winemaking regions, forming the ideal setting for water tourism

and other activities such as bird watching in the lakes and lagoons.

The River Duero is also of considerable cultural interest, as it formed a natural boundary during the Reconquest period. Today visitors can still admire its many artistic and historic sites and also explore a large number of castles and large monasteries.



- Simancas
- San Miguel del Pino
- Tordesillas
- Torreçilla de la Abadesa
- Castronuño
- Villafranca de Duero
- Toro
- Peleaganzo
- Sanzoles
- Madridanos
- Villaralbo
- Moraleja del Vino
- Zamora

STAGE THE SILVER TRAIL

THE SILVER TRAIL

In Castilla y León **EuroVelo 1** follows the Silver Trail from Zamora as far as Puerto de Béjar in the province of Salamanca. It is a magnificent opportunity to learn more about the principal ages and civilisations that make up the history of Spain, from the Romans to the Moors and including the medieval, renaissance and baroque periods, etc. The Béjar mountain range is the site of a Roman road that is unique in Spain due to its length and excellent state of conservation.

A vast geographical area packed with natural landscapes and some of the region's most spectacular and emblematic historical cities lining a route marked by milestones, impressive two metre high carved stone columns featuring inscriptions that refer to the emperor and the miles separating the various points on the route.

- Zamora
- Entrala
- Perdigón
- Casaseca de Campeán
- Villanueva de Campeán
- Corrales del vino
- Topas
- Valdunciel
- Calzada de Valdunciel
- Castellanos de Villiquera
- Aldeaseca de Armuña
- Villares de la Reina
- Salamanca
- Miranda de Azán
- Mozarbez
- Morille
- San Pedro de Rozados
- Membribe de la Sierra
- Frades de la Sierra
- Guijuelo
- Fuenterroble de Salvatierra
- Valdelacasa
- Valdefuentes de Sangusín
- Calzada de Béjar
- Béjar
- Puerto de Béjar

