

CASTILLA Y LEÓN



https://www.turismocastillayleon.com/turismocyl/en



Dear friend:

We are pleased to propose even more places for you to discover in Castilla y León, the perfect destination for your next weekend getaway or holiday.

With an area of over 94.000 km2,

Castilla y León is one of the biggest regions in Europe, and despite being larger than many countries, such as Portugal, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Belgium, it has a population of only 2.5 million. Here, you can find one of the world's biggest flora and fauna reserves. In Castilla y León, we pride ourselves on having 10 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and 35 protected natural spaces, so you can enjoy the fresh air while discovering and admiring the unique flora and fauna that have found a safe haven in Castilla y León.

A leader in rural tourism, Castilla y León has nine provinces and more than 2,200 villages with wonderful establishments surrounded by wide-open spaces. It's a place where you can enjoy your holidays while discovering our history, monumental heritage, and rich, varied cuisine; and above all, it's a place where you'll be safe.

We'll see you soon in Castilla y León!

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

AVILA: TIME TRAVEL WITH MODERN-DAY COMFORTS

Exploring Avila's old centre is like traveling back in time through different eras of history that have left their mark on the city. On your stroll, among other things, you'll discover many artistic jewels, a large number of palaces and historical buildings. In many of them, travellers can spend the night and/or relax in the incomparable ambiance of their cloisters and courtyards, enjoying an unforgettable experience. Some of the best examples include Palace of Valderrábanos, Palace of Los Velada, the current Raimundo de Borgoña Parador (formerly 'Piedras Albas' Palace), Palace of Monjaraz, the current Antika Snoga Hotel (once the Belforad synagogue, one of the most emblematic in the city) and Sofraga Palace. In addition, the city has many other restaurants and hotels in historical buildings that will make you feel like you have gone back in time, but with all the modern-day comforts and conveniences.

More information: www.turismocastillayleon.com/es/avila





BURGOS: COME AND MEET SOME OF OUR DISTANT RELATIVES

It was a coincidence, as it is often the case, that led to the discovery of one of the world's most important archaeological sites, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the Atapuerca Mountain Range, just 15 km from



the city of Burgos, a variety of human remains have been found, including some over 900,000 years old, leading to the discovery of a new species, Homo antecessor. But additionally, during the digs that take place every summer, the Research Team has found fossils and evidence of five different hominid species. We encourage you to visit both the archaeological sites and the Museum of Human Evolution, known as the MEH, where these discoveries are on display. And to complete your immersive journey into prehistoric times, go to Salguero de Juarros for a prehistoric safari to observe the species that shared the land with our ancestors, such as European bison or Przewalski horses (prehistoric horses in danger of extinction).

More information: <u>https://www.museoevolucionhumana.com</u>

https://www.atapuerca.org/es/atapuerca/Horarios

https://www.paleoliticovivo.org/

LEÓN: THE HIDDEN ROUTE AWAITS YOU

One of the most interesting itineraries in the province of León is located a few kilometres from its capital, in the Esla River Valley This route contains important medieval monasteries, such as the Mozarabic monastery of San Miguel de Escalada, San Pedro de Eslonza, or the Cistercian monasteries of Santa María de Sandoval and Gradefes.

We also recommend stopping to explore the walled town of Mansilla de las Mulas, declared a Historic-Artistic Site in 1931 and located along the French Pilgrims' Route to Santiago. There, you'll find the province's fantastic ethnographic museum, a place where you can learn about various aspects of traditional Leonese culture. As for cuisine, on this route you can taste produce fresh from the garden, such as peppers and leeks, as well as trout, sausages from the pig slaughter, delicious cheeses from traditional cheese shops, and more.

More information: <u>www.turismocastillayleon.com/es/arte-</u> <u>cultura-patrimonio/rutas-culturales/ruta-monasterios</u>

http://www.leon.es/Recorrer/Rutas por la provincia/gradefe s la ruta escondida







PALENCIA: DISCOVER THE HOME AND LANGUAGE OF THOUSANDS OF BIRDS

La Laguna de la Nava, known as 'the Sea of Fields', is one of the most important wetlands on the Iberian Peninsula and a Special Protection Area (SPA) for birds. You can visit it year-round, although winter is the time when there are the most birds. During the migration seasons, the population of birds is so vast that up to 20,000 specimens of 222 species can be spotted, such as greylag geese, great bustards, storks, kestrels... Also, stop by the Visitor Centre in Fuentes de Nava to observe life in the lagoon in real-time through cameras. This space is part of the international 'Bird Flyway' project, and you can get your passport stamped here. It's undoubtedly a bird watchers' paradise. Finish your visit by exploring the area's rich, spectacular Mudejar heritage and typical

buildings, such as dovecotes, and by sampling the delicious regional cuisine, which is based primarily on pigeon.

More information: <u>https://patrimonionatural.org/casas-del-parque/casas-del-parque/casa-del-parque-de-la-nava-y-campos-de-palencia</u>

https://www.fuentesdenava.es/index.php/turismo/medio-ambiente/la-laguna-de-la-nava

SALAMANCA: EXPLORE SAN FELICES DE LOS GALLEGOS

Nestled between the provinces of Salamanca and Zamora and bordering Portugal, Los Arribes del Duero Nature Park is characterised by its deep river canyons. To the south of this area is the medieval village of San Felices de los Gallegos, which was declared a Historical-Artistic Site in 1965. In this beautiful town, we recommend that you visit the castle, which witnessed intense border struggles against neighbouring Portugal and whose keep houses a historic classroom. Olive groves that produce one of the world's best oils are cultivated in the area. We also suggest visiting El Lagar del Mudo, a historic oil press, to learn about how oil was

cultivated and produced in the region. San Felices de los Gallegos celebrates in May the festival of El Noveno, declared an event of regional tourist interest, to commemorate the people's liberation from the domain of the Casa de Alba.

More information: https://www.turismocastillayleon.com/es/artecultura-patrimonio/conjuntos-historicos/sanfelices-gallegos

http://sanfelicesdelosgallegos.es/

http://lagardelmudo.blogspot.com/







SEGOVIA: TAKE A JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

Come to Prádena, at the foot of the Guadarrama Mountain Range and 45 km away from Segovia, to discover a spectacular spot, the Cave of Enebralejos, the most extensive known cavern in the northern part of the Central System, with a length of almost four kilometres. This cave was discovered in the early 1930s when work was being done to dig a well. As soon as you enter, you'll see rooms and galleries adorned with magnificent stalactites and stalagmites, while columns, castings and flags will become visible as you go deeper into the cave. We know that it was used as a necropolis in around 2500

B.C., and various engravings and paintings are preserved from that period. After visiting the cave, be sure to explore the area and recover your strength by tasting its delicious cuisine, whose specialties are caldereta de cordero (lamb stew) and cordero asado (roasted lamb).

SORIA: COME AND DISCOVER 'JURASSIC PARK' IN THE HIGHLANDS

In the north of the province of Soria, past the Oncala mountain pass, lies a series of villages in an incomparable natural setting where you can discover the ichnites, or fossil tracks, left by dinosaurs in the province 140 million years ago. Another surprising attraction are the life-size replicas of the amazing dinosaur species that inhabited this area. Villages like Santa Cruz de Yanguas, Bretún and Yanguas will astonish you. Take the opportunity to stop at El Acebal de Garagüeta, one of the largest holly tree forests in Europe. At the Visitor Centre, you'll find interesting information about the area and different routes to explore it.

More information: <u>http://rutadelasicnitas.com</u>

https://patrimonionatural.org/casas-del-parque/casasdel-parque/casa-del-parque-del-acebal-de-garagueta











VALLADOLID: SAIL DOWN THE CASTILLA CANAL

Valladolid would like to invite you to visit Medina de Rioseco, known as the 'City of Admirals'. It is home to a hidden, rich artistic heritage, with highlights including the Holy Week Museum, dedicated to a festival of international tourist interest, the San Francisco Museum of religious art, where you can see sculptures by Juan de Juni, and the 15th century Church of Santa Maria de Mediavilla, whose Los Benavente Chapel is known as the Sistine Chapel of Castilla. To enjoy your trip even more, be sure to visit the Castilla Canal and take an enjoyable boat ride of one hour

and approximately 7 km on the Antonio de Ulloa, or explore its banks on foot or by bike. You can learn about the industrial architecture associated with the Canal, such as the San Antonio flour factory or warehouse no. 2, which is now the Visitor Centre.

More information: www.medinaderioseco.com

www.canaldecastilla.org

ZAMORA: DISCOVER BENAVENTE, A LAND OF CELEBRATIONS AND ART

This month, we want to introduce you to Benavente, a town in the northern Zamora province along the Silver Route. You can discover not only its artistic and historical heritage, whose highlights include La Torre del Caracol of the Castle-Palace of Los Pimentel, now a Parador hotel, and the Romanesque Churches of Santa María del Azogue and San Juan del Mercado, but also the 'Toro Enmaromado' festival, declared a festival of regional tourist interest. It is celebrated in the month of June, and the big day is the Wednesday before Corpus Christi. During this festival, in addition to bullfights, the city of Benavente is filled with concerts, brass bands and local groups. Be sure to also visit the surrounding area to discover the archeological valleys, the Pimentel Route, the Wine Cellar Route, and the Cistercian Route, among others.

More information: www.turismobenavente.es/TurismoBenavente



RUTAS DEL VINO DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN PROPOSALS





Nature is certainly one of the biggest attractions of Las Rutas del Vino de Castilla y León. Hundred year-old vineyards are surrounded by fairytale scenery where flora and fauna coexist in perfect harmony, creating a magical horizon full of contrasts. Natural, warm and welcoming spaces give our wine and people a unique personality. Nature parks, protected spaces, rivers, tracks and trails will allow you to leave your worries behind and reconnect with yourself. It's nature in its purest form.

More information: https://bit.ly/2VrAcPZ

LAS POSADAS REALES DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN PROPOSALS



For a fully immersive experience involving the nature and authenticity of Castilla y León, we recommend Las Posadas Reales, our highquality rural tourism brand! Not only will you stay in singular buildings, but excellent accommodations and service are guaranteed! They are the perfect place to stay for an unforgettable experience, immersing yourself in all the activities, heritage and nature of Castilla y León.

More information: https://bit.ly/3caGo66



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.

<u>PILGRIMS' ROUTE TO SANTIAGO OPTIONS.</u> Specialised in the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago. <u>www.rutasdelcaminodesantiago.com/historia-del-camino</u> <u>miguelangel@rutasdelcaminodesantiago.com</u>

<u>DESTINO DIVINO</u> Wine tourism and family tourism activities. <u>www.destino-divino.com/experiencias-en-familia/</u> <u>Info@destino-divino.com</u>



NIS-NORTH INCOMING SERVICE SL

Unique Wine & Gastronomy experience in Rueda, Ribera del Duero and Basque Country <u>https://nis.es/from-madrid-to-bilbao.html</u> cyl@nis-dmc.com or <u>hello@nis-dmc.com</u>

TOP RIBERA DEL DUERO

Receptive tour operator in Ribera del Duero: tourism packs, accommodations, wineries, restaurants, recreational options... www.topriberadelduero.com

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<u>VITORSALAMANCA</u> Discover the province of Salamanca through half-day or full-day experiences. <u>www.vitorsalamanca.com</u> <u>info@vitorsalamanca.com</u>

RESERVASLEON.COM

Specialised in romantic, cultural and adventure getaways in the city and province of León. <u>www.reservasleon.com/zona/1/leon</u> <u>reservas@reservasleon.com</u>

<u>ADESUM TRAVEL</u> Exclusive experience in Ribera de Duero tasting 14 TOP wines. <u>https://www.adesum.com/top-wine-tour.html</u> <u>info@adesum.com</u>

<u>VERONIA TOURS SL</u> Customized special interest tours: cultural, pilgrimages, choir, wine and gourmet... <u>https://www.veroniatours.com/tours</u> <u>veroniatours@veroniatours.com</u>

<u>ALACARTA WINE & GOURMET TOURS</u> Specialised in exclusive trips and experiences focused on wine and cuisine. <u>www.alacarta.es</u> <u>info@alacarta.es</u>

<u>BINATUR</u> Summer 2020 in Bierzo with children. Holidays with kids. .<u>https://binatur.es/vacaciones-con-ninos-en-el-bierzo/</u> <u>reservas@binatur.es</u>

LA MIRADA CIRCULAR Circular route on mountain bikes and running in El Bierzo. 4, 5, 6 and 7-day routes. <u>https://lamiradacircular.es/</u> <u>https://lamiradacircular.es/contactar</u>









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<u>MUNDICAMINO</u> Receptive tour operator for all pilgrimage routes on the Iberian Peninsula. <u>www.mundicamino.com</u> <u>travel@mundicamino.com</u>

CAMINANDOCAMINANDO

Itineraries for the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago on foot or by bike; hiking and cycling in Spain. <u>www.caminandocaminando.com</u> <u>info@caminandocaminando.com</u>

<u>THEWAYTOURS</u> Circular tour of the Picos de Europa. <u>https://www.thewaytours.com/packages/circular-tour-picos-de-europa-2/</u> info@thewaytours.com

CULTUR VIAJES

Cultural getaways for adults focused on Palencia's Romanesque jewels. <u>www.culturviajes.org/escapadas</u> <u>info@culturviajes.org</u>

<u>SPANISHG G EXPERIENCE</u> Customised, cuisine-oriented trips through the north of Spain. <u>www.spanishgexperience.com/es</u> <u>travel@spanishgexperience.com</u>

<u>SPAIN IS MORE</u> Specialists in the north of Spain and the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago. <u>https://www.spainismore.es/camino-de-santiago-viajes</u> <u>info@spainismore.com</u>

<u>DMCastillayLeon</u> Offers of experiences in Castilla y León, incentives and events. <u>https://dmcastillayleon.com/</u> <u>info@dmcastillayleon.com</u>

<u>VIAJES TURISCAR</u> Tours: Isabella I of Castilla/León and Los Arribes/Salamanca and Castilla Route. 7 days. <u>www.viajesturiscar.grupoairmet.com</u> <u>viajesturiscar@hotmail.com</u>

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















