

# CASTILLA Y LEÓN



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#### **Dear friend:**

Summer is almost here, and many of you have probably already started making your holiday plans. We hope that you consider Castilla y León, where you can have unique experiences and make lifelong memories. You'll discover our spectacular, uncrowded natural wonders and be surprised by our rich cuisine. You can stay in accommodations that have carefully prepared to offer you the best services.

So abandon your routine and come to Castilla y León, where the endless options for active tourism will make for an unforgettable experience. In this newsletter, we propose new plans and surprising places that are sure to strike your fancy.

#### We'll see you soon in Castilla y León!

# TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

#### GO STARGAZING IN AVILA

The night sky in Ávila, and more specifically, in the south of the province, the Gredos Mountains and Valley of Iruelas, is perfect for stargazing and astrophotography, a result of unique conditions such as the altitude, low light pollution and clear-weather days. To help you find the best stargazing spots, a network of star viewpoints has been created at prime locations in different municipalities. These are places where you can immerse yourself in nature and feel as magical as the stars above you. Don't miss this unforgettable experience!

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





#### **EXPLORE LA PALOMERA CAVE EN BURGOS**

In Burgos, you can discover the Ojo Guareña Karstic Complex, one of the world's most important caves. Be sure to check out La Palomera Cave as well as the San Bernabé Cave Shrine. La Palomera Cave offers guided caving tours for small groups to ensure the protection of all the site's assets. What makes it unique? The water that seeps in, forming subterranean rivers that have carved through the limestone over time. Take your pick of two different routes through the cave with different durations.

More information: http://www.merindaddesotoscueva.es/

#### EXPERIENCE WINE TASTING IN LEON

The wine region of the León Designation of Origin stretches between the banks of the River Esla and the River Cea. What makes it special is the Prieto Picudo native grape variety. Check out the Wine Visitor Centre in Valdevimbre and discover a myriad of cave-bodegas that have been converted into restaurants. There, you can enjoy delicious wines paired with cured meats from the area. Aside from the wine route, you can learn about an important part of León's history by visiting the Castles of Alija del Infantado, Toral de los Guzmanes and Valencia de Don Juan.

More information: <a href="https://bit.ly/2XQ6ipW">www.doleon.es/</a> <a href="https://bit.ly/2XQ6ipW">https://bit.ly/2XQ6ipW</a>



#### BIKE ALONG THE CASTILLA CANAL IN PALENCIA



In Palencia, we recommend visiting the Castilla Canal. This impressive work of engineering, built between the 18th and 19th centuries, served as a communication and transportation waterway for enormous barges travelling between the Cantabrian Sea and the plateau. Over the course of its 207 km, you'll see locks, bridges, aqueducts, docks... Today, aside from being used to supply water to the riverside towns, it is a great tourist attraction. You can take a short boat ride down the canal, or cycle along it as part of the Eurovelo 1 route, a long-distance cycling route that covers a large part of the European continent.

More information: <a href="http://www.canaldecastilla.org/">http://www.turismocastillayleon.com/es/eurovelo1cyl</a> <a href="https://ev1.eurovelospain.com/es/">https://ev1.eurovelospain.com/es/</a>

# RELIVE THE ANCESTRAL TRADITIONS OF CORPUS CHRISTI IN SALAMANCA

The Sunday of Corpus Christi in Béjar, Salamanca is a time to reflect on a critical moment in the town's history, the reconquest. During the days of King Alphonse VII of Castile, in the 12th century, the Christians recovered the town from Moorish rule by camouflaging themselves in moss and climbing over the wall. Since then, this event has been commemorated during the Corpus Christi processions by a parade of 'moss men', an original attraction that has earned it the status of a Festival of International Tourist Interest.

More information: https://bit.ly/2Xub3q0 https://bit.ly/2U4VZNv http://bejar.es/fiestas.html





#### DISCOVER SEGOVIA'S SURPRISING BIODIVERSITY

In the northwest of the province of Segovia, you can discover Las Lagunas de Cantalejo, a wetland that stretches across 11 municipalities in the Tierra de Pinares region. This space has been declared a Special Protection Area for Birds, a Site of Community Importance and a Critical Area for the conservation of the black stork in Castilla y León, but clearly its most important aspect is its biodiversity. These lagoons are home to more than 500 species of higher plants, more than 200 species of vertebrates and an incalculable number of species of invertebrates.

More information: <a href="https://bit.ly/3eLl3jEwww.cantalejo.es/lagunas-de-cantalejo">https://bit.ly/3eLl3jEwww.cantalejo.es/lagunas-de-cantalejo</a>

#### **EXPLORE SORIA'S CAPTIVATING CASTLE ROUTE**

Don't miss the opportunity to discover three of Soria's most impressive fortresses, located along what was for centuries the border between the Moorish and Christian kingdoms. Located south of the River Douro, the town of Berlanga de Duero will surprise you with its formidable hilltop castle surrounded by walls. The next stop on this route is the Castle of Gormaz, a magnificent Islamic fortress from the Caliphate period, built in the ninth century to reinforce the Andalusi military presence in this area. The route ends with the rocky hilltop Castle of Osma, located near the town of El Burgo de Osma and featuring an innovative defensive system composed of arrow slits.

#### More information:

http://www.berlangadeduero.es/castillo-0

http://www.sorianitelaimaginas.com/patrimonio/castillo-de-gormaz

https://elpais.com/cultura/2019/12/18/actualidad/1576670617 709097.html



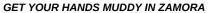


#### STROLL THROUGH HISTORY IN VALLADOLID



In Valladolid, you can stroll through history by exploring the villa of Medina del Campo. Known as the 'Villa of Fairs', it earned an important place in history due to its association with key figures such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, Queen Isabella I of Castile and Emperor Charles V, as evidenced by some of its main monuments: The Castle of La Mota, Royal Testamentary Palace, Plaza Mayor de la Hispanidad, Convent of San José, etc. Conserving the legacy of its history and mercantile tradition, today Medina del Campo is a very dynamic city that holds markets, historic reenactments and a long list of cultural activities every year.

More information: <a href="https://www.castillodelamota.es">www.castillodelamota.es</a></a><a href="https://www.medinadelcampo.es">www.medinadelcampo.es</a><a href="https://www.turismocastillayleon.com">www.turismocastillayleon.com</a></a>



Clay-rich mud is the hallmark of the province of Zamora. It became so important that Queen Joanna the Mad ordered the manufacture of various utensils for her palace from the pottery workshops of Muelas del Pan. Of the four pottery centres that existed in that era, Carbellino, Muelas del Pan, Pereruela and Moveros, only the latter two remain active. Don't miss the Clay Visitor Centre in Pereruela, the Museum of Archeology and Pottery in Muelas del Pan, or the workshops in these towns, where you can buy a piece of pottery.

More information: <a href="https://bit.ly/30agiw0">https://bit.ly/30agiw0</a>

www.ma-am.es



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









# **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 high-quality 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.

#### • PILGRIMS' ROUTE TO SANTIAGO OPTIONS.

Specialised in the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago. <u>www.rutasdelcaminodesantiago.com/historia-del-caminomiguelangel@rutasdelcaminodesantiago.com</u>

#### DESTINO DIVINO

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

#### • NIS-NORTH INCOMING SERVICE SL

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

#### TOP RIBERA DEL DUERO

Receptive tour operator in Ribera del Duero: tourism packs, accommodations, wineries, restaurants, recreational options... <a href="https://www.topriberadelduero.com">www.topriberadelduero.com</a>

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#### • VITORSALAMANCA

Discover the province of Salamanca through half-day or full-day experiences.

www.vitorsalamanca.com

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#### • RESERVASLEON.COM

Specialised in romantic, cultural and adventure getaways in the city and province of León. <a href="https://www.reservasleon.com/zona/1/leon/reservasleon/reserv

#### ADESUM TRAVEL

Exclusive experience in Ribera de Duero tasting 14 TOP wines. <a href="https://www.adesum.com/top-wine-tour.html">https://www.adesum.com/top-wine-tour.html</a>

info@adesum.com

#### VERONIA TOURS SL

Customized special interest tours: cultural, pilgrimages, choir, wine and gourmet... <a href="https://www.veroniatours.com/tours">https://www.veroniatours.com/tours</a>

veroniatours@veroniatours.com

#### • ALACARTA WINE & GOURMET TOURS

Specialised in exclusive trips and experiences focused on wine and cuisine.

www.alacarta.es

info@alacarta.es

#### • BINATUR

Summer 2020 in Bierzo with children. Holidays with kids. https://binatur.es/vacaciones-con-ninos-en-el-bierzo/

reservas@binatur.es

#### • LA MIRADA CIRCULAR

Circular route on mountain bikes and running in El Bierzo. 4, 5, 6 and 7-day routes. <a href="https://lamiradacircular.es/">https://lamiradacircular.es/</a> and <a href="https://lamiradacircular.es/contactar">https://lamiradacircular.es/contactar</a> contacto@lamiradacircular.es









#### • MUNDICAMINO

Receptive tour operator for all pilgrimage routes on the Iberian Peninsula. <a href="https://www.mundicamino.com">www.mundicamino.com</a> <a href="mailto:travel@mundicamino.com">travel@mundicamino.com</a>

#### CAMINANDOCAMINANDO

Itineraries for the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago on foot or by bike; hiking and cycling in Spain. <a href="https://www.caminando.com">www.caminando.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@caminando.com">info@caminando.com</a>

#### • THEWAYTOURS

Circular tour of the Picos de Europa.

https://www.thewaytours.com/packages/circular-tour-picos-de-europa-2/

info@thewaytours.com

#### CULTUR VIAJES

Cultural getaways for adults focused on Palencia's Romanesque jewels. <a href="https://www.culturviajes.org/escapadas">www.culturviajes.org/escapadas</a>

info@culturviajes.org

#### • SPANISHG G EXPERIENCE

Customised, cuisine-oriented trips through the north of Spain.

www.spanishgexperience.com/es

travel@spanishgexperience.com

#### • SPAIN IS MORE

Specialists in the north of Spain and the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago.

https://www.spainismore.es/camino-de-santiago-viajes

info@spainismore.com

#### • DMCastillayLeon

Experiences in Castilla y León, incentives and events. Especially in Salamanca.

Visit our website to discover the STAYCATIONS we have planned.

https://dmcastillayleon.com/ and https://viajessalamanca.com/

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#### • VIAJES TURISCAR

Tours: Isabella I of Castilla/León and Los Arribes/Salamanca and Castilla Route. 7 days.

www.viajesturiscar.grupoairmet.com

viajesturiscar@hotmail.com

#### • RUTAS DE VINO - VINTAGE SPAIN

Break away in the Ribera de Duero area with trasportation.

https://www.rutasdevino.com/enoshop/producto/enoturismo-ribera-del-duero-transporte/

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#### • WELCOME CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Come and experience the history and culture of Castilla y León with us. Guided tours in historic centres.

https://www.welcomecastillayleon.com/

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#### • SPACIO LIBRE- DESTINO PALENCIA

Experts in Getaways, Cultural Routes, Food Routes, for individuals, groups,

events and incentives in Palencia city and province.

www.spaciolibre.com/destino-palencia

info@spaciolibre.com

#### • INCOMING SALAMANCA

Specialised in cultural, wine and food tourism in Salamanca and in Castilla y León.

www.incomingsalamanca.com

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#### • MUNDILEON

Incoming tour operator specialized in package tours in León and province.

Eco tourism and day excursions.

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