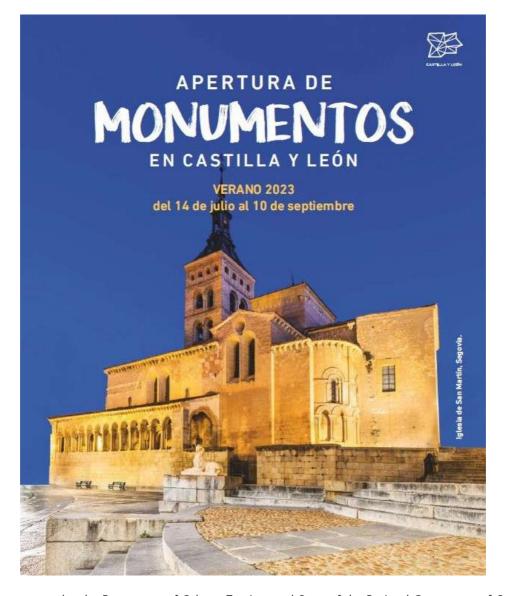
CASTILLA Y LEÓN





In these summer months, the Department of Culture, Tourism, and Sport of the Regional Government of Castillay León is launching a new edition of the Monument Opening Programme. The aim is to facilitate the access to a significant number of cultural and tourist resources in the Community of Castilla y León.

It is committed to encouraging tourism with a new Monuments Opening Programme, from 14 July until 10 September, for the enjoyment of pilgrims and tourists.

An initiative that is a clear commitment to the revitalisation of rural areas through tourism, generating economic activity and affecting the territorial cohesion of the Community, consolidating the tourism sector as a factor of economic development.

This publication compiles, promotes, publicises and facilitates the enjoyment of an extensive Opening Programme, which highlights our magnificent historical and artistic heritage with **436** monuments grouped into thematic or geographical programmes. These programmes enable access to and knowledge of these cultural and artistic resources of the Community of Castilla y León, which are usually not open to visitors or have very limited visiting conditions.

The opening period is **from 14 July to 10 September 2023 from Tuesday to Sunday from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm and from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, unless otherwise indicated. With the exception that it will open on Monday 14th August, and will close on Tuesday 16th August.



TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF THE CASTRO DE ULACA, SOLOSANCHO, ÁVILA

At the end of the Iron Age, a community of the Vetton people settled on the hill of Ulaca. Numbering at about 1500 inhabitants, they built a fortified settlement of approximately 70 hectares, a veritable city or oppidum, as it was known in Latin. Its mighty, oval-shaped walled perimeter, which is over 3 kilometres long, is an impressive sight. There we will also find the remains of the church and the "Torreón" (Tower), a monumental construction that must have been considerably high. From the top of the magnificent hill on which it is located, this village strategically dominates the whole of the Amblés Valley. The granite quarries are a spectacular feature. One of the most important testimonies of this site is the zoomorphic figures sculpted in granite called verracos (boars) found in the vicinity, one of which is currently located next to the church of Solosancho and the other next to the castle of Villaviciosa. Ulaca and its surroundings are currently declared an Asset of Cultural Interest with the category of Archaeological Area.



SUMMER FESTIVAL OF CLUNIA, PEÑALBA DE CASTRO, BURGOS

The Festival, which will take place on the 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th and 19th of August, will be held in the unique setting of the Roman Theatre of Clunia, located in the town of Peñalba de Castro. The Roman city of Clunia Sulpicia was one of the largest and most significant cities in Roman Hispania. Before the Romans, Clunia was a settlement of the Arévacos, as well as a site of the Cantabrians and Vascones. Tiberius founded a Roman municipium there and later, in the time of the emperors Galba or Hadrian, it obtained the rank of colony, Colonia Clunia Sulpicia. The city grew to more than 30000 inhabitants. Highlights include its remarkable theatre, which was excavated out of the rock itself, boasting a capacity for 9000 spectators; the thermal complex of "Los Arcos" and the forum, a public square that worked as a religious, administrative and commercial centre. There stood the temple dedicated to Jupiter and the courts of justice, as well as the magnificent collection of mosaics discovered in many of its stately homes.



Anfiteatro de Clunia, Burgos





LA LECHERIA DE SOSAS DE LACIANA (THE DAIRY OF SOSAS DE LACIANA), LEON

Sosas de Laciana is located within the Valle de Laciana Biosphere Reserve. "La Ruta de la Lechería" (The Dairy Route) covers the most emblematic places in the town of Sosas de Laciana, such as La Pantietsa Fountain, San Juan Fountain, La Fontanina or La Veiga Fountain, San Juan Chapel, San Andrés Church and La Cuereta Viewpoint. The "La Popular" dairy was set up in 1920 by the Sierra-Pambley family to take advantage of the surplus milk from livestock farming in the area. Its quality was recognised at the European level and was marketed in Madrid in a shop called "Mantequerías leonesas", a chain of grocers which specialised in products from the region of Leon, especially butter. You can visit it, practically all the pieces on display are original, and it is the only working hydraulic dairy in Spain. A place with a history worth visiting.





PALACIO PROVINCIA (PROVINCIAL PALACE), PALENCIA

Would you like to enjoy a guided tour of the Provincial Palace of the Diputación de Palencia (Provincial Council of Palencia) followed by a wine tasting in the courtyard of this beautiful modernist building? Then don't miss the opportunity to book your spot. The #SaborearLoAuténtico (#SavourTheAuthentic) campaign invites us to explore the Cerrato Palentino region, as a wine tourism destination that promotes and makes known the wines that are produced in Palencia's wineries, protected by the D.O. Arlanza and Cigales. They are paired with the quality brand Alimentos de Palencia, thus offering a tour of the resources and tourist products that the Cerrato Palentino treasures, highlighting the underground cellars of Baltanás and Torquemada, declared of



Cultural Interest in the category Areas of Ethnological interest, together with other historical sites such as Dueñas, Astudillo or Palenzuela, and particular monuments such as the Basilica of San Juan de Baños, as well as the different leisure activities offered by the natural surroundings of Cerrato, such as rafting.





Castillo Montemayor del Río, Salamanca





CASTILLO DE MONTEMAYOR DEL RÍO (CASTLE OF MONTEMAYOR DEL RÍO), SALAMANCA

Known as the fortress of San Vicente, its origins seem to date back to the 13th century, although the present complex was completed in the following two centuries. Subsequent renovations have given it a more palatial than military air, turning it into one of the most beautiful fortresses in Salamanca. It had a defensive function as a natural passage between the northern plateau and Extremadura.It was witness to the exchange of people and goods, as well as the passage of transhumant flocks of the Mesta and pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. High walls, cylindrical and quadrangular towers give the castle a slender yet powerful air. After a process of restoration and consolidation, it now houses the Centro de Interpretación del Medievo (Medieval Interpretation Centre) and a restaurant. On the tour, visitors can walk around the different constructive elements – moat, barbican, keep, walkway – and discover the way of life of the time. In several floors and rooms, it is possible to discover aspects related to fortifications and medieval construction techniques, the repopulation of the south of Salamanca, the evolution of the castle, and life inside this fortress.

SANTUARIO DE NTRA. SRA. DEL HENAR (SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY EL HENAR), CUELLAR, SEGOVIA

The Sanctuary of Nuestra Señora del Henar is a spiritual centre located 5 kilometres from the town of Cuéllar, surrounded by pine forests. It has a recreational area with dense trees and fountains to enjoy a peaceful day out. Legend has it that the carving of the Virgin of Henar was found in Antioch in the year 67 and buried during the Muslim invasion. Although a hamlet by the name of Santa María de El Henar already existed in this area in 1247, it was in 1580 when a shepherd found this Romanesque carving with elements of the Byzantine style. Patron saint of resin workers and the Community of Villa y Tierra de Cuéllar, she was canonically crowned in 1972. One of the most renowned activities in this area is its pilgrimage. It takes place on the Sunday before Saint Matthew's Day, between 14 and 20 September. The night before, the torchlight procession is held. The following Sunday, "El Henarillo", with a traditional street market around the Fuente del Cirio (Cirio Fountain), the place where, according to tradition, the image was hidden until its apparition. In addition, its waters are said to have healing properties.



Cuellar, Segovia (cecida Turismo Cuéllar)





FIESTA DE LA SOLDADESCA, (FESTIVAL OF THE SOLDADESCA), IRUECHA, SORIA

Iruecha, a hamlet of Arcos de Jalón, celebrates its festivals on the penultimate weekend in August, in honour of Our Lady of Cabeza. The main day is Saturday, although the festival begins on Friday with the official opening speech. A medieval market serves as an apéritif to the attractive and colourful spectacle: La Soldadesca. The performance consists of a battle between the Moors and Christians. The show narrates the Muslims' attempt to take the square of Iruecha and the image of their patron saint, the repulse by the Christians, and finally the conversion of the Moors to Christianity. Other important events of the festival are the Flags' dance (in which the Officials hold the banner by the pole, they turn it over their heads with the cloth unfolded), the Rosary of the Lanterns (a procession that starts and ends at the church and is very popular for many devotees), and the traditional Dance of the Swords (recently revived by a group of women from the village).



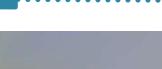


FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN VALLADOLID

Valladolid has many places for children to enjoy themselves, from museums where they can interact and learn at the same time, such as the Science Museum and the Casa de Colón, to guided tours for children. However, if there is one place that is sure to amaze the little ones, it is the Campo Grande. Located in the centre of the city, the Campo Grande, as the name implies, is large and boasts a variety of vegetation, but what really catches the eye are the animals that inhabit it, such as peacocks, swans, and squirrels. The Valley of the 6 Senses (Renedo de Esgueva) is not to be missed either. This children's playground has the clear aim of being the most ambitious and complete in Europe. This is due to the number and diversity of the features planned (60 games) and the large number of users, as it allows up to 400 children to play at the same time. The Enchanted Castle (Trigueros del Valle), with its hidden passages, will take you to dungeons inhabited by dragons and a labyrinth where all kind of experiments are carried out. The Mudéjar Theme Park (Olmedo) features scale reproductions of the most characteristic buildings of Castilla y León.









Presa de La Almendra, Zamora





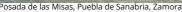
THE GREAT GIANTS: LA PRESA DE LA ALMENDRA (THE ALMENDRA DAM), ZAMORA

The Douro River and its tributaries have carved out a surprising succession of canyons on the natural border with Portugal, over which spectacular dams and hydroelectric falls have been built. The Almendra dam collects the waters of the Tormes, just before it joins the Duero river. As big as an inland sea, it has a capacity of more than 2,600 hm³ and holds the record for the highest dam, 200 metres from the bottom of the reservoir to the top of the dam. A fascinating tunnel, excavated in the rock, 7 metres wide and 15 kilometres long, carries the water from the dam to the underground power station at Villarino de los Aires, a complex engineering work that allows the turbines to be reversed and the water to be returned to the main reservoir. These colossal dams are chosen by advertisers as ideal locations to film impressive advertisements, also by filmmakers looking for shots worthy of unforgettable scenes. The protagonists of films such as "Doctor Zhivago", "The Cabin" and "Terminator" are familiar with these locations, having filmed important scenes on these concrete screens. Moreover, car companies use these monuments of civil engineering to advertise their most sophisticated

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