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LA MESA DE MIRANDA FORT (Chamartín)



Castro de la Mesa de Miranda, Ávila

The pre-Roman fort of La Mesa de Miranda was discovered at the beginning of the 20th century. Various archaeological surveys have been carried out there that have allowed us to discover its necropolis, through the excavation of 2,230 tombs, its defensive system and strategy and some aspects of the layout of the town. It is 2 km from the historic centre of Chamartín, along a road that can be accessed by vehicle, although a walk through the landscape of centuries-old holm oaks is advisable. It is an official Asset of Cultural Interest in the Archaeological Zone category. It was inhabited by the pre-Roman Vettones between the 5th to 9th and 2nd to 1st Century BCE, who would leave the site due to the increasing Roman presence in the inner lands of the Iberian Peninsula. It consists of three joined fortified enclosures in a 30 ha area and a necropolis close to the enclosures. It is equipped for public visits. Its most notable characteristics are its strategic position between two waterways, the heavy fortification, suggesting a violent time, the importance of the cult of the dead that is evident in the necropolis and the characteristic landscape of holm oaks on the very edge of the plain of the Duero valley which is a wonderful sight for visitors to enjoy. In Chamartín you can see one of the characteristic stone bulls, which are typical of the Vettones.



SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS, FIESTA DE LOS JEFES

On the last Saturday of January, the Fiesta de los Jefes (The Boss' Celebration) is held in the beautiful town of Santo Domingo de Silos, which has been declared a regional tourist attraction. It is one of the most unique winter festivals in our province that has its roots in the Muslim invasion of the Peninsula, when legend has it that a Moorish army besieged the town, and the people of Silos pretended there was a fire so that the enemy would think it was pointless to continue with the siege. The complexity of the festival and its ethnographic variety constitute a ritual that blends various traditions and origins, some historical, others imagined, all of which possess an anthropological double meaning that is as exciting as it is intricate, making this celebration one of the most notable in the Burgos area.



Claustro de la Abadía Benedictina. Sto Domingo de Silos, Burgos



THE MARAGATO STEW, THE ONLY ONE EATEN BACKWARDS



Cocido Maragato, León

Stews are one of the most characteristic dishes of León. In the province of León different types of stew can be found. There are almost as many as there are regions: the Leonese, the Maragato, the Gordonese, the Riaño mountain pea one, the Babiano, and many more. Perhaps the most famous of all of them is the Maragato. It is the one eaten in the Maragatería region, in towns such as Astorga, Castrillo de los Polvazares, Santiago Millas, and La Somoza. The quirk is that it is eaten backward compared to other places: first the meats (at least seven), then the chickpeas, of the pico pardal variety, with the vegetables and the filling, the noodle soup, and finally the broth. It is not clear how it came about, but we do know that it was the quintessential peasant dish of the region. The fact of the matter is that the Maragatos, as good muleteers, carried the meats in their packs on their trips and when they finished eating, they would drink a broth to warm up. A local saying sums it up well: "If anything is to be leftover, let it be the soup."



THE ROMAN VILLA OF "LA OLMEDA"

The Roman villa of La Olmeda was discovered by chance, by D. Javier Cortes, on July 5, 1968, while doing agricultural work. Since then, intensive work has been carried out at all levels on this magnificent Roman site, leading up to the major work undertaken in 2009 by the Provincial Council, which has made it a global benchmark. It is popularly known as the "Guggenheim of the Romans" as it perfectly combines contemporary architecture with a site from the 4th century AD. You will be amazed by all the rooms in this house, which covers 6,000 m², 1500 of which are made up of geometric and figurative mosaics with hunting scenes, mythological scenes or the seasons of the year. All the archaeological remains are kept in the Saldaña Museum, which can also be visited.



La Olmeda, Palencia



Sierra de Béjar, Salamanca

VISIT THE LAS SIERRAS DE BÉJAR Y FRANCIA BIOSPHERE RESERVE

The area of the Sierras de Béjar and Francia was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2006 in recognition of the region's environmental value and sustainable development. It covers almost 200,000 hectares in the southeast of the province of Salamanca, which makes it the largest reserve in the region and the third largest in all of Spain. Its great variety of flora (more than 2,000 species) provides a high diversity of habitats, with more than 5,000 species of invertebrates and 300 vertebrates, including two important endemic species: the *Cobitis vettonica* fish and Martínez-Rica's Rock Lizard. It also includes 8 towns that have been declared Historic-Artistic Complexes and 34 Assets of Cultural Interest.



SAINT AGATHA

Saint Agatha, a Sicilian-born martyr, is considered the protector of pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women in general. The origin of this festival in Zamarramala, which seems to have been celebrated since 1227, is linked to the conquest of El Alcázar. The women of Zamarramala, dressed in their best clothes at sunset, managed to distract the guards with their dances and thereby allowed the men of the town to conquer El Alcázar. Among the privileges they earned for themselves was that women got to be in charge once a year. Although this celebration has undergone changes, the spirit of it remains the same. Declared a Regional Tourist Attraction, it lasts for several days, although the day that draws the most interest is the Sunday after February 5th. On that day, you can accompany the Mayor and the aguaderas (water sellers) after mass in the procession, the pledge of allegiance, dances, the opening speech, the awarding of the "Good and Loyal Man", "Mankiller" and "Honorary Aguaderas" prizes and, of course, the burning of the effigy. After these activities have concluded, you simply must try the famous "tajada de chorizo" chorizo slice cooked in wine.



Fiesta de Santa Águeda. Zamarramala, Segovia





Numancia, Soria

NUMANTIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

7 km from Soria capital, on the hill of La Muela, lies the ancient Celtiberian city of Numantia. After suffering 20 years of repeated attacks by the Romans and withstanding 11 months of siege, it finally succumbed in 133 BCE. The feat of struggle and resistance has become a symbol of freedom for these people. The archaeological centre is located in the building of the old schools of the town of Garray. Dedicated to the Roman Siege of Numantia, it has two rooms or conflicting worlds, the Celtiberian and the Roman, which are separated by the symbolic recreation of the siege wall.



PENGUINS

Since 1982, over four days from Thursday to Sunday on usually the second weekend after Three Kings Day, Europe's biggest winter biker rally has been held in the province of Valladolid, which motorcycle fans flock to from all over the world. At the last event, there were 33,000 registrations and this year, which is the 40th anniversary and comes after last year's edition was cancelled due to the pandemic, even greater numbers are expected. If you have never heard of penguins, I'll tell you some of the most important aspects. In the pine forest, the participants set up tents around bonfires which firewood is provided for. Coffee made in a pot is also served, which is a welcome warming drink given the low temperatures at this time of year, at breakfast and dinner. There are bars, restaurants, merchandise shops... Among the many activities, there are concerts almost all the time, the famous parade of flags in the centre of Valladolid, and the New Year's Eve and Penguin New Year's party, where pine nuts are eaten at every stroke of the midnight bells instead of the traditional grapes. Whether you are a motorcycle fan or not, this is a must-see event.



Los Pingüinos, Valladolid



PEÑA REDONDA VIEWPOINT. VILLARDIEGUA DE LA RIBERA

Peña Redonda (Round Rock) is, as its name suggests, a great granite stone around which a Celtic tribe settled more than two thousand years ago. Later, the settlement was inhabited by the Romans. The site here is one of the most impressive viewpoints of the Arribes del Duero. Behind the canyon, which opens up before us in its entirety, you can make out the houses in the Portuguese town of Vale de Águia. The viewpoint can be reached by car. On the way up to the much anticipated views, you will find the remains of the medieval hermitage of San Amede, where a shrine was built in the surroundings in which, according to some archaeologists, different rituals and sacrifices were carried out. From here it is worth going on to the crossroads where the Ribera de los Molinos path starts. A stretch of great beauty where you will discover 9 watermills that zigzag along the Pontón stream and lead you to another spectacular spot over the Arribes del Duero.



Mirador de Peña Redonda. Villardiegua de la Ribera, Zamora



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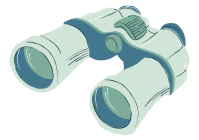


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