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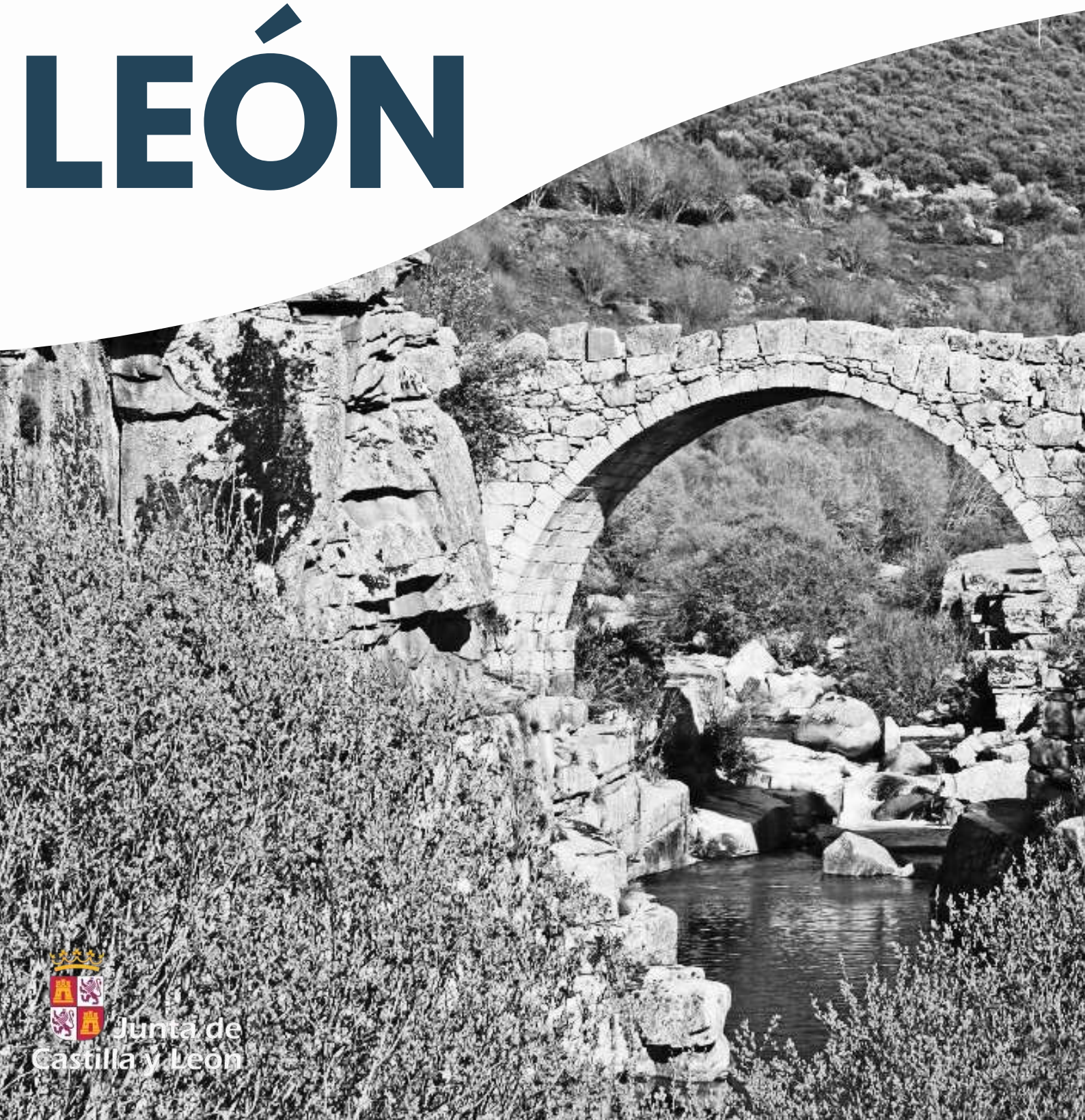
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TOURIST NEWSLETTER

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LEÓN



SIERRA DE GREDOS REGIONAL PARK



Discover the Sierra de Gredos, an amazing landscape sculpted by ancient glacial forces. With serene lagoons, rocky cirques, steep gorges and imposing cliffs, this corner becomes the perfect refuge for the mountain goat, vultures and eagles compete to dominate the sky and it is a true paradise for flora including unique botanical endemisms.

In the Sierra de Gredos Regional Park, admire the iconic Circus and Laguna Grande de Gredos, presided over by the imposing summit of Almanzor, the highest peak of the Central System. Also visit the Eagle Grottoes, a fascinating underground world.

Enjoy a Starlight experience contemplating a unique spectacle in the night sky from one of the most renowned observatories in the country.

Let yourself be captivated by creating memories in every corner!



TOURIST PROPOSALS

Representación de un auto la vida y martirio del santo asaeteado, Poyales del Hoyo, Ávila (cedida agencia Ical)



EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF SAN SEBASTIÁN - POYALES DEL HOYO, ÁVILA

The Festival of San Sebastián, declared a Festival of Tourist Interest of Castilla y León, is held on the third weekend in January and is a vibrant combination of devotion and tradition. The religious events form the heart of the festival, with the novena, processions, the solemn mass and the auction of banzos, which reflect the community's deep faith in their patron saint. One of the highlights is the Auto de San Sebastián, a unique performance where the saint descends from the bell tower, reenacting his martyrdom with dramatic intensity that moves all spectators. The Iluminarías, rosemary bonfires that light up the streets to the tune of the song 'Romero quemo, salga lo malo, entre lo bueno,' and the bonfire in the Plaza del Moral, which burns throughout the festival, create a magical atmosphere full of symbolism. The 'diana floreada' is one of the festival's most emblematic events, where the locals go around the houses tasting typical food and drinks, accompanied by bagpipers who fill the streets with music all day. Visitors can also enjoy fireworks, bulls of fire, jota dance contests, theatre, music, shared meals and activities for children.



Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Villсандино, Burgos



FESTIVAL OF SAN SEBASTIÁN IN VILLASANDINO, BURGOS

The town of Villсандино has one of the most unusual traditional winter festivals in Burgos, led by the Cofradía de San Sebastián (Brotherhood of Saint Sebastian), popularly known as the 'Cofradía de las Chisteras', due to the fact that its members wear black chisteras in their official acts, following the ordinances of the Regulation, drawn up in 1829, which governs the activity of the Brotherhood. In addition to the chistera, the cofrades must wear a tie and a Castilian cloak; there can be a maximum of 24 members and there are various official roles: Abad (the parish priest), Mayoral and Mayordomo. The General Meeting is held on 6 January, allowing time to 'anticipate and accommodate the agreements to be made on the day of the Meeting' ahead of the celebration of the feast of Saint Sebastian on 20 January (although in recent years it has been moved to the closest weekend). On the day of the festival, the celebrations take place from the church of Carmen to the parish church of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción.





VÍA KÜNIG IN LEÓN

In the 15th century, what is considered the first guide for pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela was published, written by the German Servite monk Hermann Künig. The Junta of Castilla y León has officially recognized the route recommended by Künig for the stretch between León and Ponferrada as a 'Historic Way to Santiago'. This path follows the most accessible passage through the Montes de León. It is an excellent option for those who value peace, nature and avoiding difficult mountain passes, following a gentler route through La Cepeda, offering a calmer and less crowded journey. This recognition highlights a route with centuries of tradition, inviting travellers to discover an authentic path that connects history, landscape and the Jacobean spirit.



Monasterio de Santa Maria la Real, Aguilar de Campoo



ROMANESQUE FOREST - AGUILAR DE CAMPOO, PALENCIA, SPAIN

Romanesque capitals are arranged to form a 'forest' that immerses visitors in the history and artistic heritage of the Monastery of Santa María la Real de Aguilar de Campoo. The original capitals are housed in the National Archaeological Museum (MAN), but the Monastery of Aguilar, home of the Santa María la Real Foundation, now displays replicas, allowing the pieces to be seen again in their original location, partially restoring the monastery's sculptural legacy. This remarkable project symbolically recovers ten Romanesque capitals that were moved to the MAN in 1871. The collaboration made it possible to reproduce these pieces for exhibition in the former Chapel of Christ, now one of the exhibition rooms of the centre. The ten new reproductions join four existing pieces, creating a cohesive ensemble known as the 'Romanesque Forest'. In addition, two 'sensory stations' have been designed to enhance the visitor experience.





PUENTE MOCHO ROUTE - LEDESMA, SALAMANCA

The municipality of Ledesma offers a variety of ways to enjoy nature, including the Puente Mocho trail. Leaving the town on the left and heading toward Almeida de Sayago, this low-difficulty route begins, taking you on a 4.68 kilometre round trip that winds through pastureland, with the opportunity to admire ancient holm oaks, broom, thyme, and lavender. At the end of an idyllic valley stands a Roman bridge, which was part of the road connecting Bletisama (Ledesma) with Ocelo-Duri (Zamora). Fragments of over 100 meters in length of the original roadway remain on both riverbanks, featuring irregular granite slab paving. Both the bridge and the roadway have been protected as Cultural Heritage Sites since 2000. In the river area, it is possible to spot wild animals including griffon vultures, black kites, kestrels, storks, foxes, rabbits and hares.



En Globo por Segovia



ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE OF SEGOVIA

The city of Segovia is well worth a visit from a different perspective, and a hot air balloon ride offers a unique experience. Thanks to Segovia's microclimate and its stunning landscape, it is one of the favorite destinations for balloon flights. Each day, the wind can carry you over different landscapes, giving you a new way to enjoy the city and its surroundings. If you are lucky, you will see foxes, roe deer, horses and even vultures on your journey through the air, creating unforgettable memories. Interestingly, Segovia has a long connection with ballooning dating back to the 18th century. Louis Proust directed the construction of the first Spanish balloon in the grounds of El Alcázar, designed to reach a sufficient height to comfortably observe enemy territory. The balloon was reportedly shaped like a wineskin and, after several tests, on 14 November 1792 in El Escorial, the first demonstration took place before King Charles IV, with Proust, three officers and two artillery cadets from Segovia aboard. Today, there are several companies offering this amazing activity.





SORIA TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

The Soria Truffle Festival is held in the town of Abejar on 14 and 15 February 2026, marking its 23rd edition this year. The festival attracts exhibitors, restaurateurs, chefs, and food companies specializing in mycology, and it is also open to the general public. A variety of parallel activities take place during the fair, all centred around this prized treasure of the forests of Soria: workshops, lectures, contests, special menus, and visits to truffle farms. The festival's main goal is to raise awareness of the Soria Black Truffle, highlighting its aromatic and nutritional qualities, while sharing the latest research from experts in the field. The culinary uses of black truffles are many, and numerous restaurants in Soria incorporate them into their dishes. During February and March, some restaurants participate in tapas and menu events featuring the black truffle from the Soria mountains as the star ingredient. During February and March, some restaurants participate in tapas and menu events featuring the black truffle from the Soria mountains as the star ingredient. This is the only single-product truffle fair in Castilla y León, and it also aims to promote truffle cultivation as a profitable, ecological, and sustainable alternative for rural areas.



Controversia, Colegio de San Gregorio (cedida por sociedad mixta Valladolid)



VALLADOLID: CRADLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In the 16th century, Valladolid hosted the Controversy of Valladolid (1550-1551) at the Colegio de San Gregorio, a pioneering debate on the dignity and rights of indigenous peoples, considered the first political argument in favour of what we now call Human Rights. Friar Bartolomé de las Casas defended the equality and freedom of the Indigenous people, opposing Juan Ginés de Sepúlveda, who supported the encomienda system. To commemorate its 475th anniversary, Valladolid launched an extensive programme in the last quarter of 2025, which will continue throughout 2026. The city strengthens its role in world history and invites visitors to rediscover its heritage and its influence on modern thought. Events will include monthly conferences in the series Protagonists of the Controversy, screenings such as the documentary *The Dawn of Human Rights*, and the theatrical tour 'The Valladolid of the Controversy'. Valladolid thus becomes a stage for reflection and celebration of a historical event that marked the beginning of the universal debate on human dignity.



LOS CAROCHOS DE RIOFRÍO DE ALISTE - ZAMORA

Diablo-chiquito, Riofrío de Aliste, Zamora (cedida Museo de los Carochos)



In the heart of the Sierra de la Culebra, among forests and legends, a gateway to the past opens every 1st of January in Riofrío de Aliste. Los Carochos, one of the oldest and most fascinating masquerades in Europe, bring the village to life with a performance that blends pagan rites, fertility symbols, and an unmistakable spirit of popular celebration. Through its characters - the Diablos, Filandorros, Gitano, Molacillo, Madama, Guapos and Ciego, among others - survive traces of a primitive theatre that combines humour, dramatisation, social satire and a mythical background that connects with winter rituals all over Europe. The ritual begins with the explosion of a rocket. Shrouded in smoke and mystery, the procession of masked figures takes to the streets, drawing locals and visitors along with it. The scenes that follow are as striking as they are unforgettable: the baptism of Madama's child, the battles between Carochos and Gitanos, or the resurrection of the Blind Man. Experiencing Los Carochos is not just attending a masquerade — it is immersing oneself in an ancient tradition, in a living piece of intangible cultural heritage that beats strongly and every year attracts those who wish to begin the year surrounded by fire, mystery, and folk culture. Come to Riofrío de Aliste and discover how ancestral demons continue to dance in the 21st century.



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