

# CASTILLA Y LEÓN



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Río Duero y Puente Románico, Toro, Zamora



## THE DUERO ROUTE



The Duero Route is one of the most important cultural routes in the south of Europe. This route's itinerary splits the region in two and allows tourists to experience the nature, art and gastronomy that the area has to offer.

80% of this route passes through Soria, Burgos, Valladolid, Zamora and Salamanca, 5 of the provinces making up Castilla y León. The river Duero was an important crossroads for the Peninsula in the past. During the time of the Reconquista, it became a border line. This would explain how a large number of its listed buildings, including the castles and monasteries that had been built, determined the future of the surrounding villages.

The Duero Route takes tourists to areas of natural beauty that have been formed by the natural course of the river and become important environmental and fauna reserves. The river Duero is also responsible for irrigating the vineyards of southern Europe's most famous grape and wine growing area. It is also the ideal choice for aquatic activities as cruises along the river and water sports in the dams that have been constructed along the river.



# TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN



Cerezos en flor (cedida por Pilar Morcuende - Ayuntamiento de Candeleda)

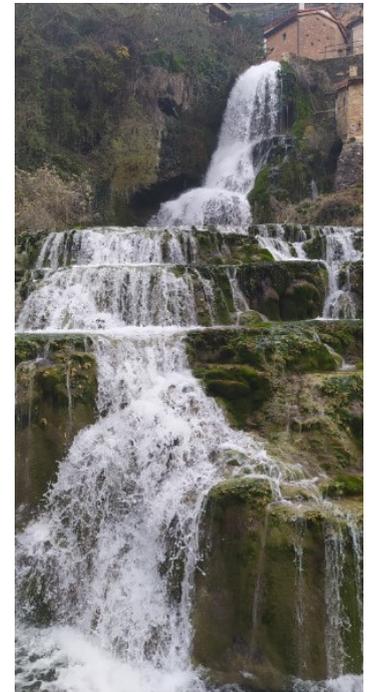
## CHERRY BLOSSOM BLOOMING IN THE TIÉTAR VALLEY

The Tiétar Valley in the south of Ávila is a true paradise protected from the cold by the Sierra de Gredos mountain range. The differences in altitude between the peaks and the bottom of the valley favour the formation of multiple habitats rich in flora and fauna. In spring, visiting this region becomes a true delight for the senses due to the cherry blossoms blooming. These emerge on the southern face of the Sierra de Gredos, around El Arenal, Guisando and El Hornillo, uniquely beautiful towns.



## BURGOS WATERFALLS

The province of Burgos is home to a wide wealth of flora and fauna thanks to its geographical location. An area of land through which numerous rivers and their tributaries run, it is precisely amongst these that travellers can discover a large number of waterfalls that offer one of the most natural views of this territory. An intact paradise known only to a few. The north of the province is where you can find the greatest number of spectacular waterfalls, some temporary and others permanent. They are especially beautiful and full of water in the thaw at the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Some run through our town centres or are found next to roads that are accessible to the public, such as those waterfalls at Orbaneja del Castillo, Tobera, Quintanilla del Agua, Tártalos de los Montes, Guarguero, and Pedrosa de Tobalina. Others can be accessed by walking through beautiful landscapes with lush forests, such as the Salto del Nervión, the largest waterfall on the Iberian Peninsula at almost 300 metres high, as well as other spectacular falls such as Las Pisas, Irús, La Salceda, Peñaladros, and El Chorlón, near Quintanar de la Sierra.



Orbaneja del Castillo, Burgos

## ROUTE THROUGH THE ANCARES LEONESES RESERVE AND ITS PALLOZAS

To the Northwest of the province of León, on the border with Galicia and Asturias, you can find the Anares Leoneses Reserve. This Biosphere Reserve takes your breath away with its natural beauty, mountain areas and lush valleys, in addition to its rich cultural heritage, with forts such as Castro Chano and the popular architecture of wood and slate stone. Pallozas, traditional swellings, are one of the characteristic elements of this architecture. Pallozas are elliptical or even quadrangular constructions of native stone with thatched roofs known as "teitos", in which animals and people coexisted to withstand the cold winters. In some cases its use has changed, such as one in the town of Balboa that has been converted into a restaurant. The best preserved examples are found in the towns of Balouta and Campo del Agua, but you can also visit Señor Antonio's palloza in Pereda de Ancares. The area's gastronomy is rich and varied, with the beef, collard green broths, botillo sausage and Bercian wines being particularly of note.



Ancares, León



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEEL LIKE A REAL SEA CAPTAIN? BOOK YOUR RIDE ON THE BOATS OF THE CASTILLA CANAL NOW AND DISCOVER THIS GREAT ENGINEERING MASTERPIECE**

The Canal de Castilla is a hydraulic engineering construction from the 18th century. Its construction began in 1753 in Calahorra de Ribas and it was completed in 1849. It is 207 km long; it begins in Alar del Rey and crosses through the provinces of Palencia, Burgos and Valladolid. It is divided into three branches: Northern, Southern and Campos. Flour factories, power stations and fulling mills sprang up around this great commercial and economic route. Their use declined with the arrival of the railroad, a faster and cheaper means of transport. It was declared a site of cultural interest (BIC by its Spanish acronym) on 13 June 1991.

You can see the Canal by taking a ride on the Juan de Homar boat (from Frómista to Boadilla del Camino, round trip) on the only section of the Camino de Santiago's French Way that can be navigated by boat (Reservations Tel. 673 368 486), or on the Marqués de la Ensenada boat in Herrera de Pisuerga, taking a trip during which you will go through one of the Canal's 49 locks. In the summer there are also theatrical events (Reservations Tel. 664 201 415)



Barco Marqués de la Ensenada en Herrera de Pisuerga, Palencia



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**YECLA LA VIEJA FORT**



Yecla de Yeltes, Museo del Castro, Salamanca

2 km from Yecla de Yeltes is the pre-Roman fort of Yecla la Vieja. Of Vettonian origin (5th century BC), it sits on a river slope and is recognised to be the oldest walled vestige of the Arribes del Duero Natural Park. Its field of standing stones, impressive wall (in some areas reaching 5 metres in height and 14 metres in width) and the petroglyphs representing horses are of particular note. It was a town that was occupied for a long time, as after the Vettones it was occupied by their Hispanic-Roman descendants, with numerous funerary stelae being conserved that can now be seen in the local museum, which also houses one of the best-preserved boars in the community. The settlement was abandoned in the 12th century for the new village of Yecla, although during the reign of the Catholic Monarchs (15th century) the hermitage of Nuestra Señora del Castillo was built within the enclosure in the late Gothic style.



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**EL ESPINAR**

Located on the northern slope of the Sierra de Guadarrama mountain range, El Espinar is made up of several population centres: El Espinar, San Rafael and La Estación. In addition to its natural wealth, which we will discuss below, it also has monumental wealth, as evidenced by its various hermitages and palaces and, particularly, by the church of San Eutropio, with its impressive altarpiece by Francisco Guiralte and its beautiful twill to cover the Main Altarpiece while mourning at Easter by Sánchez Coello. Formed by a diversity of landscapes and ecosystems, El Espinar is located in the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park. An extensive network of trails where you can find pines, oaks and holm oaks, with a wide variety of flora and fauna that will accompany you while enjoy two Cañadas Reales routes, two Grandes Recorridos routes and two stages of the Camino Natural de la Cañada Real Soriana Occidental, among other routes. You cannot miss the opportunity to enjoy the over 700 storks that visit this town each year.



Sierra de Guadarrama, Segovia





Monte Valonsadero (cedida por Ayuntamiento de Soria)

### MONTE VALONSADERO, PREHISTORIC PAINTINGS, SORIA

One of the main leisure and recreation areas for Soria natives is Monte de Valonsadero hill, 8 km from the Soria province capital and almost 2,800 hectares in size. In addition to several recreational areas, it has a Visitor Centre, marked hiking and biking routes, catering services and cave paintings. The schematic cave paintings are associated with the first agro-livestock and metallurgical societies of the Chalcolithic-Bronze Age (3000-2000 B.C.). There is a signposted route that includes a set of 11 stations.

Soria: Romanesque temples, Castilian Plaza Mayor, palaces, porticoes, literature, the Douro River, parks and gastronomy invite you to explore Soria with tranquillity, savouring every one of its various aspects. The Romanesque churches of Santo Domingo and San Juan de Rabanera, the Romanesque cloisters of the Co-Cathedral of San Pedro and San Juan de Duero, the picturesque hermitage of San Saturio (the patron saint of Soria) nestled in the rock on the banks of the Duero River, the Renaissance Palace of the Counts of Gómara and the Numantino museum are essential places to visit.



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### VALLADOLID'S LA TIERRA DE CAMPOS, HISTORICAL LEGACY

Mayorga has significant historical heritage in which the Mudejar style predominates, with examples including the 14th century church of Santa María de Arbas, the late 15th century church of Santa Marina, and the late 15th century church of Santa María del Mercado. A significant element is the 16th century rollo de justicia denoting the province's administrative status: this is formed by a slender stone column on circular steps and consists of four corbels topped by a small temple. Villalón de Campos is another municipality of interest in the Terracampina region; it has three temples including the parish church of San Miguel Arcángel, an example of Gothic-Mudejar architecture from the 13th-14th centuries. It is also home to the church of San Juan Bautista, a Gothic church from the 15th century, as well as the church of San Pedro, a Baroque church from the 18th century. The Plaza Mayor is home to the Rolla Jurisdiccional (pillar erected that denotes the jurisdictional independence of a town or village), which is 10 metres tall and was built in 1523. Both Mayorga and Villalón are home to religious and civil heritage of undeniable interest.



Villalon de campos, Valladolid



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### "STREET ART" IN CASTROGONZALO

Castrogonzalo is a small town of under 500 inhabitants that can become a truly open-air art space. This town hides a peculiarity: the walls in its streets are adorned with murals and graffiti of all kinds thanks to Antonio Feliz "Parsec", a graffiti artist who, when he



Pinturas en Castrogonzalo, Zamora

returned from Germany, wanted to change his town's image. So we encourage you to go hunting for the works of Parsec and other urban artists, you will surely be surprised.



Pinturas en Castrogonzalo, Zamora

**Remember, in Castilla y León, you'll find everything and more...  
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# 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.



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