

CASTILLA Y LEÓN



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Catedral de El Burgo de Osma, Soria

THE ROUTE OF THE CID

Rodrigo Díaz was born at the end of the first half of the 11th century. In 1058 he joined the court of King Ferdinand I, and on his death, he began to serve King Sancho of Castile, who appointed him the royal standard bearer. His many victories in battles against other knights would soon earn him the title of El Campeador - the 'Outstanding Warrior'.

In 1072, during a fratricidal struggle, King Sancho was killed in the siege of Zamora. He was succeeded by his brother Alphonse, who became King of León, Castile and Galicia.

Following the change of monarch, The Cid lost much of his power and influence, and the constant frictions at the new court - where The Cid had powerful enemies - resulted with him being sent into exile in 1081. After leaving Castile, he entered the service of the Muslim kingdom of Zaragoza, where he reaped numerous victories leading armies made up of Christians and Muslims.

In late 1086 or early 1087, faced with the danger of an invasion by the Almoravids, King Alphonse VI granted The Cid a pardon. He returned to Castile, although it would not be long before he set out again for the Levant region in order to continue fighting. Shortly afterwards, in 1088, a further dispute with the king led to a second period of exile, which this time lasted for some four years. Following years of continued fighting, and after a long and relentless siege, The Cid finally conquered Valencia, where he would die in 1099.

The Route of the Cid is a cultural tourist itinerary that crosses regions that during the Middle Ages formed major boundaries. It passes through peaceful countryside settings of immense historical, artistic and natural value. The Route of the Cid can be followed in any of the following ways:

- Hiking
- By off road - MTB bike
- Classic cycle tourism along secondary roads with little traffic
- By motor vehicles

The Route of the Cid offers two itineraries as it makes its way through Castilla y León: the Route of Exile and the Borderlands, with lengths of between 270 km and 370 km depending on the chosen means of transport. All sections of the route are signposted.

The Route of the Cid Consortium is responsible for running and maintaining this itinerary. It has a website www.caminodelcid.org featuring all the necessary information: topography guides, maps, tracks, accommodation and all other details for travellers, supported by the Tourism Offices that can be found along the route. Together with the Consortium, these offices can issue the Letter of Safe Conduct, the Route's credential that entitles users to special promotions and discounts of at least 10% at more than 200 accommodation options situated along the way.



TOURISM IDEAS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

ROYAL MONASTERY OF SANTO TOMÁS



Claustro Real Monasterio de Santo Tomás, Ávila

The Royal Monastery of Santo Tomás is of incalculable value. It was founded thanks to Hernán Núñez Arnalte, the Catholic Monarchs' treasurer. It has been greatly significant throughout its history; the monastery was previously a royal palace and a headquarters for the General Study of Theology and Arts. The creation of the latter was sponsored by the Catholic Queen (Isabella I) and was constituted as a public university under the reign of Philip II. The distinguished students who graduated from this university include Spanish statesman Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos. The monastery is home to many treasures, including the tomb of Prince Juan (the Catholic Monarchs' only male child), the main altarpiece dedicated to Saint Thomas Aquinas (by Pedro Berruguete), the Christ of Saint Teresa (by Gil de Siloé), the choir and its three cloisters. It is home to a museum of oriental art and a museum of natural sciences.



CALERUEGA AND SANTO DOMINGO DE GUZMÁN

2021 is the eighth centenary of the death of one of Christendom's most illustrious saints Santo Domingo de Guzmán, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and of the Holy Rosary. He is also the patron saint of the province of Burgos. He was born in the town of Caleruega, which is part of a select club of the "most beautiful towns in Spain", with a significant historical and patrimonial legacy that is always linked to the figure of Santo Domingo. One of its most outstanding monuments is the Santo Domingo de Guzmán Convent that surrounds the mediaeval los Guzmán turret. Dating from the 10th century, this fortress was part of the front line in the Ribera del Río Duero area during the Reconquista. Another essential location to visit is the Royal Monastery of Santo Domingo de Guzmán, built shortly after the death of Santo Domingo in 1221. The mid-20th century crypt includes a small well, which indicates the exact place where this town's most illustrious child was born. In addition, Caleruega has rich ethnographic heritage such as the Museum - Lagar de Valdepinos, its traditional wineries, and the "Las Loberas" nature visitor centre.



Torreón de los Guzmanes, Caleruega, Burgos

DISCOVERING THE MINING BASINS ROUTE IN LEÓN



Las Medulas, León

This month, we invite you to discover the province of León's mining basins route (Ruta de las Cuencas Mineras). In addition to its extensive historical and natural heritage, this territory is unique thanks to previous mining activity that transformed the landscape, creating heritage elements of great value. Museums such as the Railway Museums in Cistierna and Ponferrada, the Castilla y León Steel and Mining Museum in Sabero and the National Energy Museum in Ponferrada showcase just some of the examples of this rich industrial heritage. You can learn about how coal mining developed in Fabero from its protagonists in the Pozo Julia Mine. Your visit would be incomplete without learning about the gold extraction process, 'ruina montium', in the mines of La Leitosa and los Cáscaros or in Las Médulas. Likewise, cyclists can explore a variety of all-terrain routes through the mining basins, while the La Robla mining train can take you to incredible places. And, of course, you can enjoy a rich and varied cuisine in each of the areas that you visit.



CYCLING ROUTES IN PALENCIA

Are you passionate about cycling? Do you love sport and nature? We offer several cycling routes in Palencia. You can choose short, medium or long rides from our wide range of routes. Take a look at the following suggestions. You can enjoy the surroundings closest to the city through a short tour of the Monte El Viejo area, the San Juan Valley, and the Via Verde del Tren Burra. If you like a little more of a challenge, the route for you is undoubtedly "Pedaleando por el Románico", a route proposed by adventurer Jesús Calleja that perfectly combines the beauty of nature and the Romanesque features of the Palentina Mountain. And if you're a true cycle "titan", we recommend the "Eurovelo" routes. These long-distance routes travel through several European countries, with many routes going through Palencia and Castilla y León, such as the Canal de Castilla or the Camino de Santiago.



Fromista, Canal de Castilla, Palencia



Lunes de Aguas (cedida por Turismo de Salamanca)

WATER MONDAY CELEBRATION

The Monday following Easter is called Lunes de Aguas (Water Monday), commemorating the times when, by order of Felipe II, prostitutes had to leave Salamanca and be confined in the house of ill repute located on the other side of the river during Lent and Holy Week. On Water Monday, the ban was lifted and prostitutes returned to the city in boats. Their return was a reason for celebration among the students, who came to the river to receive the girls drinks and the popular hornazo, a hearty empanada filled with sausage and boiled egg to end the Lent fast. Nowadays, tradition has turned this festival into an afternoon snack with friends and family, sharing hornazos on the banks of the Tormes. This celebration is not exclusive to the capital and also takes place in other municipalities in the province.



MARTÍN MUÑOZ DE LAS POSADAS

Just over 50 km to the west of the province, on the border with the province of Ávila, is the town of Martín Muñoz de las Posadas. It received the title of "town" from King Philip II, at the request of Cardinal Espinosa, town native and counsellor and President of the Castilla Council. Its palace is one of the town's main attractions, along with the parish church. Although built on the preceding Romanesque church, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción church, is in the Gothic style (mid-16th century), and was the work of Gil de Hontañón and Juan Bautista de Toledo. In one chapel there is a painting of the Crucifixion of Jesus by "El Greco" during his first period, and the Main Chapel, which Cardinal Espinosa ordered built so he could be buried there, contains a sculpture by Pompeo Leoni. The Cardinal Espinosa Palace is part of the Toledo style. Completed in 1572, it has two towers, slate roofs and a Renaissance courtyard, decorated with the shields of Cardinal Espinosa and Philip II.



Cuadro de El Greco, Martín Muñoz de las Posadas, Segovia (cedida por Podestur)



TIERMES, CARACENA AND RELLO SITES



Yacimiento arqueológico de Tiermes, Soria



The visible archaeological remains of the Tiermes site correspond to the Roman city; only some houses at the highest point of the hill may date from the Celtiberian period. The imposing Roman constructions settled and anchored their foundations in the soft nature of the red sandstone, which constitutes the natural base on which the site sits. The town of Caracena is located in the south-west of the province of Soria, in a limestone massif framed by three canyons. The landscape is breathtaking. Two Romanesque churches are preserved from the mediaeval period (Santa María de la Asunción and San Pedro Apóstol), along with the castle, one of the best preserved castles in the province. Rello is a beautiful mediaeval walled town whose gate and narrow cobbled streets made up of stately buildings, transport you to another time gone by. The entire site is a Site of Cultural Interest and a Historic Site. The Wall, which surrounds and protects the town, is flanked by various towers and topped with battlements.

PEÑAFIEL, THE CRADLE OF WINE

The riverbank of Duero Vallisoletana constitutes an indisputable reference point and a gateway to extensive and varied wine culture and artistic historical heritage. The capital of the area, Peñafiel, is located on the banks of the Duero river, which is dotted with countless wineries in which you can taste the best Ribera de Duero wines. The castle of Peñafiel, shaped like a ship, stands on a hillock. Its figure presides over the town and from its vantage point you can see the basins of the Duero and Duratón rivers. Its current appearance dates back to the second half of the 15th century. The castle was declared a historical-artistic monument in 1917 and houses the provincial wine museum. A short distance from the imposing castle is the old bullring square, El Corro. The square is bordered by 48 buildings and was created to hold bullfighting festivities. It is unique as a result of the buildings' wooden decorative facades. Another must-see is the church -convent of San Pablo, built by the young Juan Manuel in Gothic-mudéjar style, taking advantage of the fortress built by Alfonso X the Wise. Peñafiel is therefore a must-see not just for wine lovers, but also for anyone who wants to discover an important part of Spain's historical legacy.



Castillo de Peñafiel, Valladolid



ABELÓN WATERFALLS



Cascadas de Abelón, Zamora



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LAS POSADAS REALES DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN PROPOSALS



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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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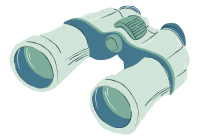


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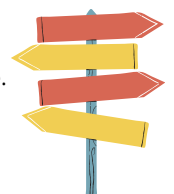
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