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ASTROTOURISM IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN



Astrotourism is booming nowadays. Thousands of people enjoy going to the Starlight Reserves, which are especially suitable places for observing the stars and the firmament. Castilla y León is a fantastic destination for astronomical tourism due to its size and low population density.

A Starlight Reserve is a protected natural area where a commitment is made to defend the quality of the night sky and access to starlight, as well as the different associated values, whether cultural, scientific, astronomical, scenic or natural.

The requirements in a Starlight Reserve will specifically address the characteristics, singularities, and functions of each site, whether related to the preservation of astronomical observation conditions, nature conservation, the integrity of nocturnal landscapes or related cultural heritage sites.

Starlight Tourist Destination

- Gredos Norte (Ávila)
- Muriel Viejo (Soria)
- Borobia (Soria)

Starlight Villages

- Las Navas del Marqués (Ávila)

Star Parks

- Mizar y Alcor. Lodoso (Burgos)
- Tiedra Astronomical Centre (Cielo y Tiedra).
Tiedra (Valladolid)

Starlight Path

- Senda de los Pastores (Shepherds' Path) (Segovia)

Cultural monument

- San Pedro Cultural - Becerril de Campos (Palencia)

Other resources for Astrotourism in Castilla y León

- El Mirador de las Estrellas (The Stargazer)
 - San Cebrián de Mudá (Palencia)
- Observatorio del Castillo (Castle Observatory)
 - Borobia (Soria)
- Planetario del Museo de la Ciencia (Planetarium of the Science Museum) - Valladolid
- Observatorio Astronómico Orión (Orion Astronomical Observatory) - San Agustín del Pozo (Zamora)



PROPUESTAS TURÍSTICAS

TORREÓN DE LOS GUZMANES (TOWER OF THE GUZMANES), ÁVILA



Located in the historic centre of Ávila, the Torreón de los Guzmanes is part of the Palacio de los Guzmanes (The Guzmanes Palace), one of the most beautiful noble houses in the city which has been declared a National Monument. It was commissioned by the Mújica lineage at the beginning of the 16th century. The quadrangular Renaissance tower stands out, built in ashlar and masonry, it is topped with trefoil merlons and machicolations and boasts watchtowers with loopholes in the corners, revealing its defensive character. On the ground floor, the courtyard has a gallery with stone arches and cornices featuring rosettes and large coats of arms. The columns lead to the upper floor, which can be accessed through a door decorated with Gothic motifs leading to a monumental two-flight stone staircase. In the lower gallery of the courtyard, there are temporary exhibitions organised by the Diputación de Ávila (Provincial Council of Ávila), as well as in the Central Hall of the Torreón, which is located in the old stables and basements of the palace, where you can also visit the permanent exhibition 'Vettonia: Cultura y Naturaleza' ('Vettonia: Culture and Nature'). The Argentinean writer Enrique Larreta located the home of the protagonist of his work 'La Gloria de don Ramiro' ('The Glory of Don Ramiro') in this palace.



LA RUTA DEL VINO ARLANZA (ARLANZA WINE ROUTE), BURGOS

La Ruta del Vino Arlanza is an association comprising public bodies and private companies. It is located to the south of the city of Burgos and to the east of Palencia, and encompasses land in both provinces. It covers 2000 km² with more than 450 hectares of vineyards, between the middle and upper Arlanza valleys, the Covarrubias mountain range and the Cerrato moors, under this wine appellation. The Arlanza region is a territory structured by the river of the same name. The ruins of the monastery of San Pedro de Arlanza, Santo Domingo de Silos and its unique Benedictine monastery deserve special mention. The typical villages of Covarrubias, Lerma and Santa María del Campo, represent the main heritage treasures of this area, offering unique natural sites such as La Yecla. The gastronomy of the Ruta del Vino Arlanza is also based mainly on products derived from the pig slaughter: black pudding, chorizo, and picadillo. Typical are also the various stews made with hare, rabbit, partridge and pigeon, seasoned with local spices such as thyme, sage, and lavender.



MUSEO DEL VINO DE VALDEVIMBRE (VALDEVIMBRE WINE MUSEUM), LEON

In the heart of the province of León, approximately 20 kilometres from the capital, lies the municipality of Valdevimbre, a village of around a thousand inhabitants who have managed to maintain its wine-growing tradition. Over the centuries, hundreds of wine caves have been carved in its valleys, their interiors still today provoking fascination, freshness, and mysticism, as their smell and temperature take us back to an older world. One of these old cellars houses the Museo del Vino de Valdevimbre, which shows us what these caves were like in the past, and allows us to learn about the traditional wine-making process. It is located in a wine cave that is more than 300 years old. Though it is now a museum, the marks on its walls still show that it was excavated by hand according to local traditional methods. This municipality has maintained a rich winemaking tradition, producing rosé and red wines from Prieto Picudo, and white wines from Verdejo and Albarín, all included in the D.O. León. Nowadays, it still conserves many of its caves, some of which continue to function as wine cellars, while others have been converted into restaurants, making it one of the great attractions of wine and gastronomic tourism in Castilla y León.



ARTE CONTRA EL OLVIDO (ART AGAINST OBLIVION), BOADILLA DE RIOSECO, PALENCIA

“Arte Contra El Olvido” es un proyecto de dos hermanos, Juan Carlos y Francisco Javier Melero, que querían convertir el pueblo de su infancia en una galería de arte al aire libre. Y así empieza esta aventura en Boadilla de Rioseco, un pequeño pueblo de la provincia de Palencia. Comenzaron en 2010 con un gran mural en lo que fueron las antiguas escuelas, más de 1000 fotografías antiguas del pueblo y ya desde ese momento hasta la actualidad, que cuenta con 63 obras de artistas de diversos lugares que están encantados de colaborar en esta iniciativa, en la que por supuesto participan todos sus habitantes que ofrecen gustosos las fachadas de sus casas para la creación de estas maravillosas obras pictóricas, que se han convertido en un grandísimo atractivo turístico que fascina y enamora a los miles de visitantes que pasean por las calles de Boadilla de Rioseco, observando y fotografiando la belleza de los murales que se han creado en esta pequeña localidad tierra campina.



PROCESIÓN DE LOS CANDILES (PROCESSION OF THE CANDLES), MIRANDA DEL CASTAÑAR, SALAMANCA

Every year, at dusk on 7 September, a special atmosphere takes over the mountain village of Miranda del Castañar. It is the procession of the Virgin of la Cuesta, patron saint of the town, whose image is carried from her hermitage to the church through the narrow streets of the village, by the light of lanterns and oil lamps hanging from windows and balconies. The procession of dancers, dressed in beautiful traditional attire and goldsmith's work, is made up of young boys and girls who, to the sound of bagpipes and drums, go in search of the Virgin, an image dating from the 13th century. The following day, in the atrium of the church, the offertory ritual and folk dances take place. The day is rounded off in the afternoon with a bullfight in the bullring next to the imposing castle of this historic site. This festival was declared of tourist interest in Castilla y León in 2017.



SAN FRUTOS (SAINT FRUCTUS), SEGOVIA

San Frutos was born in Segovia in 642. After the death of his father, he and his two siblings, Valentín and Engracia, decide to leave the family home and set out on a path of retreat and prayer in the area of the Hoces del Duratón. There are many places related to the saint, but the most important is undoubtedly the chapel of San Frutos, from the 12th century, built on top of the Visigothic chapel founded by the saint in the 7th century. It is in this area that the four miracles attributed to him took place, and the pilgrimage to this hermitage is held on 25 October. Saint Frutos is also significant in the city of Segovia, with the patron saint's day also being 25 October. The Saint was known as "San Frutos Pajarero" ("Saint Fructus the Birdwatcher") because of his love for birds. On the night of 24th October, it is interesting to see "el paso de la hoja" ("the passing of the leaf") and then eat the Sopas del Santo (Soups of the Saint), a traditional garlic-based soup. On the following day, in the Cathedral's back chamber where his relics are kept, the popular carol of Saint Fructus, a musical piece from the 19th century, takes place. Finally, for lovers of walking routes, the Camino de San Frutos (the Way of Saint Fructus), is a pilgrimage route that links the city with the hermitage.





SORIA'S TARTA COSTRADA

One of the most special desserts in Soria is the fine, light and elegant Tarta Costrada, the most exquisite sweet in Soria's gastronomy. Costrada is a mille-feuille tart filled with cream and custard. Over the years this delicacy has become one of the most exquisite in Soria. It was originally filled only with custard, but over the last 50 years, cream has been introduced as an accompaniment. It is a rectangular-shaped cake made of several sheets of thin, crispy puff pastry interspersed with layers of custard and cream and, as a finishing touch, is decorated with icing sugar. A dessert with a simple presentation, made with few ingredients that make it healthy, delicate and very tasty, so much so that there is no afternoon snack and coffee in Soria without a plate of this pastry pleasure. The best way to discover this dessert is to attend the Jornadas de la Costrada Soriana.



FESTIVITIES OF THE VIRGIN OF SAN LORENZO, VALLADOLID

This year, from the 1st to the 10th of September, the streets of Valladolid will be filled with music, theatre, gastronomy, street parties and many other events during the Festivities of the Virgin of San Lorenzo. The Plaza Mayor is the stage for free concerts by great artists. Tapas also take centre stage in the main squares and streets of the city during the Feria de Día (Day fair). The peculiar "Lorencito", the star drink of the Fairs, made with white wine, a fizzy soft drink and a touch of lemon, stands out. The traditional cake of the Virgin of San Lorenzo is also very famous as the official dessert during the week of Festivities. It consists of a puff pastry base with orange cream and chocolate sponge cake. Fairs such as the International Exhibition, the International Ceramics and Pottery Fair, the Folklore and Gastronomy Fair, the parades of peñistas, as well as sports and children's events are some of the other events that take centre stage during the Festivities.





FESTIVAL DE LA MÁSCARA IBÉRICA (FESTIVAL OF THE IBERIAN MASQUERADE), ZAMORA

Few people know that the northwest of Zamora is home to the largest number of winter masquerades, the jewels of European anthropology. The Mascaradas (Masquerades) are a manifestation of Zamora's popular culture. With the first light of dawn, demonic creatures burst into different villages in Zamora, taking to the streets to fulfil an ancestral rite whose origin is lost in the mists of time. The phenomenon of the winter masquerades returns every year wrapped in a cloud of ash, to the sound of cowbells, to herald the winter solstice and the Carnival. They are authentic cultural jewels that refuse to disappear. Every year in September, Zamora hosts the Iberian Mask Festival, in which masquerade groups from Spain and Portugal take part. The city is full of life and colour. Confirm dates with the tourist office oficinadeturismodezamora@j cyl.es.



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