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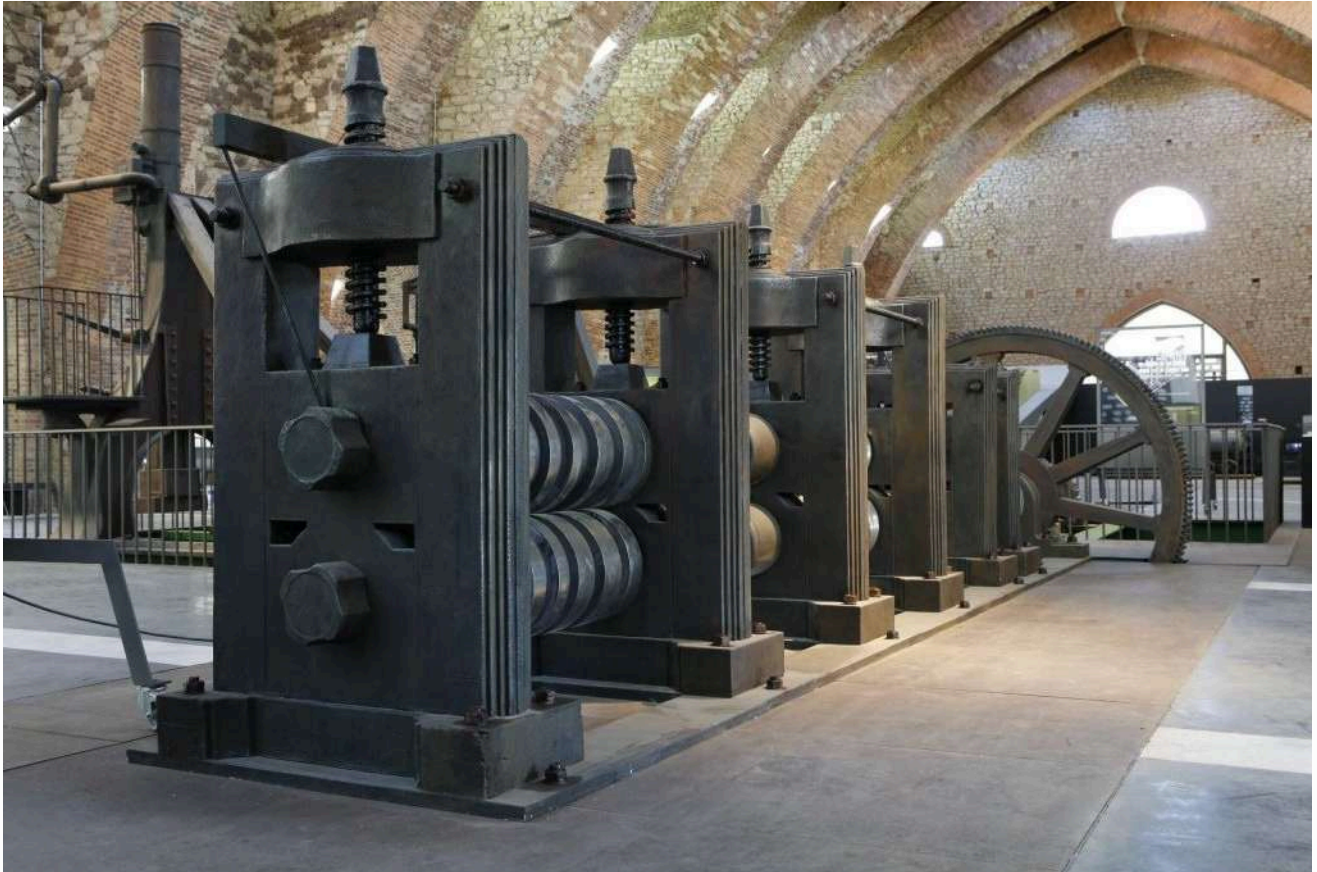
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CASTILLA Y LEÓN MUSEUM OF IRONWORK AND MINING



In the early decades of the 19th century, around 1830, countries such as France, Germany and Belgium were building large ironworks that embodied a novel industrial urban planning concept. These vast complexes were designed with specific architecture for industrial production.

These urban configurations were designed to provide all kinds of services for both workers and management, including hospitals, pharmacies, housing, supermarkets and, of course, the workplace itself. The rolling and forging workshop at this site is the only remaining example in Spain of such an industrial facility from that period.

Its architectural interest and historical value are noteworthy, as it was the first foundry in Spain to use blast furnaces powered by mineral coal (coke) and to introduce the large machinery that was revolutionising ironworking in Europe.

The factory is built from stone and brick, featuring a large central nave entirely open and unsupported by pillars, with the roof supported by a series of diaphragm arches. It has a basilica layout with three naves, the central one being taller and wider. The side naves are covered with barrel vaults at a height of 5 metres and are connected to the central nave through pointed arches. Both naves extended westwards to form lean-tos: the northern one housed forges, while the southern one contained reverberatory furnaces. Both naves opened to the exterior through semi-circular arches, creating a splendid gallery. The construction of this workshop began in 1846, driven by the Palentino-Leonese Mining Society.

The building housed the province's first steam engines and large machinery imported from Great Britain, including rolling mills, a steam hammer and a shearing machine.



TOURIST PROPOSALS

Procesión en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Sonsoles, Ávila (cedida agencia Ical)



SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF SONSOLES, ÁVILA

This elegant Sanctuary and Pilgrims' Hospital is located on the northern slope of the Paramera of Ávila, about five kilometres southeast of the city. It houses the image of Our Lady of Sonsoles, the patron saint of La Colilla and the nearby villages of La Sierrecilla and the Amblés Valley. No remains of the original building survive. The current construction, along with the Pilgrims' Hospital, dates back to the 15th century. The temple consists of three naves and a single apse where the main altar is located, featuring a 16th-century image. The original statue of the Virgin is safeguarded in the sacristy on a small altar. On either side of the main altar of the sanctuary, there are two large paintings depicting two miracles attributed to this Virgin—one of them features the famous crocodile displayed in a glass case inside the church, and the other refers to the replica of a ship hanging from the ceiling. One of the most notable celebrations in honour of the Virgin is known as Las Ofrendas, where various villages that worship her present their tributes.



Rollo de Justicia, Peñaranda de Duero, Burgos



PEÑARANDA DE DUERO, BURGOS

One of the must-visit destinations in the Burgos region of the Ribera del Duero is the monumental town of Peñaranda de Duero. After the turbulent period of the early Middle Ages, during which the area around the River Duero was the site of constant battles between Muslims and Christians, the town came under the lordship of the Avellaneda family during the reign of Alfonso XI, and later passed to the Zúñiga family, Counts of Miranda del Castañar, who built much of its historical and artistic heritage. Its military past is evident in the strategically positioned castle atop the hill overlooking the town, now home to an intriguing interpretation centre. There are also remnants of the wall that once surrounded the village, including two gates, one of which leads into the impressive Plaza Mayor, dominated by the Avellaneda Palace, the former Collegiate Church of Santa Ana, and the rollo jurisdiccional, one of the finest in the province. Other noteworthy landmarks include the Monastery of the Franciscan Sisters, the Convent of Carmen and the underground wine cellars. These historical and cultural treasures have earned Peñaranda de Duero a place in the exclusive club of Spain's Magical Towns.



MAGOSTO, LEÓN

The magostos are a deeply rooted tradition in the province of León during the autumn season. This ancient celebration, which takes place in November, revolves around the gathering and consumption of chestnuts, a typical seasonal fruit. The tradition not only includes roasting chestnuts but also enjoying other local products. It is common for families, friends and visitors to gather in the countryside or town squares, enjoying each other's company and the region's traditional gastronomy. Many towns also organise cultural activities, such as music and dancing, which enhance the experience even further. Several towns host magostos, including Camponaraya, Vega de Espinareda, Páramo del Sil, Moreda, Toral de Merayo, Ponferrada, Villafranca del Bierzo, Fabero and Chano.



Festival de Jazz, Palencia

XI JAZZ PALENCIA FESTIVAL 2024

<p>SÁBADO, 9 DE NOVIEMBRE 20:30 H - TEATRO PRINCIPAL ARIEL BRÍNGUEZ QUINTET <i>Noctalia cubana</i></p>	<p>VIERNES, 22 DE NOVIEMBRE 21:00 H - TEATRO ORTEGA LAKECIA BENJAMIN QUARTET <i>Phoenix</i></p>
<p>VIERNES, 15 DE NOVIEMBRE 21:00 H - TEATRO ORTEGA THE DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER QUARTET <i>We Exist</i></p>	<p>SÁBADO, 23 DE NOVIEMBRE 20:30 H - TEATRO ORTEGA ANTONIO SERRANO, CARLES BENAVENT, TINO DI GERALDO Y ANTONIO SÁNCHEZ <i>A Paco</i></p>
<p>SÁBADO, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE 20:30 H - TEATRO ORTEGA MARIA SCHNEIDER & CLASJAZZ BIG BAND</p>	

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JAZZ IN PALENCIA

The Palencia Jazz Festival returns, firmly established as a musical landmark and a must-attend event for jazz enthusiasts. This year's programme is brimming with talent and excitement. The festival kicks off on 9 November at the Teatro Principal with a performance by the Cuban group Ariel Brínguez and the presentation of the prestigious "Ramos Ópticos" award for the best jazz short story. But that's just the beginning. From 15 to 23 November, the Teatro Ortega will host four extraordinary concerts, headlined by the incomparable Dee Dee Bridgewater and the virtuosic Marçia Scheneider, as part of this 11th edition. American saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin will dazzle us with her energy and talent. A moving tribute to Paco de Lucía will mark the tenth anniversary of his passing, featuring performances by four renowned musicians who accompanied him throughout his career: Antonio Serrano, Carles Benavent, Tino di Geraldo and Antonio Sánchez. Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy the best jazz, with top international artists and the magic that this festival brings every year. We look forward to seeing you at the Palencia Jazz Festival!





THE OLIVE OIL TRAIL, SALAMANCA

The landscape surrounding San Felices de los Gallegos and Ahigal de los Aceiteros has, for centuries, told the story of humanity's relationship with one of the trees that has accompanied it since the dawn of agriculture: the olive tree. This landscape, shaped by olive oil, its culture and the marks it has left on the people of these villages, is the main feature of this circular route linking the historic town of San Felices de los Gallegos with the village of Ahigal de los Aceiteros. The 11.4 kilometres trail runs through gentle terrain, with hardly any inclines, framed by almond and olive groves, and occasionally interrupted by medieval stone fountains, centuries-old mills and modern-age bridges. The difficulty is low, as the elevation gain never exceeds 5%, and the estimated duration of the walk is around four hours. The trail also offers attractions such as the Lagar del Mudo museum in San Felices de los Gallegos and the olive oil mill in Ahigal de los Aceiteros, which are well worth a visit.



Casa Moneda, Segovia (cedida Turismo de Segovia)



ROYAL MINT, SEGOVIA

The Royal Mint of Segovia is a unique place that combines industrial and historical architecture. It consists of several sections: the museum, where visitors can learn more about coin minting techniques and machinery, the Aqueduct Interpretation Centre, and the King's Garden, which was a resting area for Philip II. Commissioned by Philip II in 1583, it was the first mechanised mint in Spain and the first directly owned by the Crown. It is recognised as one of the oldest and most important examples of industrial architecture in Europe. King Philip II entrusted the project to the renowned architect Juan de Herrera. The technology used at the mint went through various phases, from rolling and coin minting powered by waterwheels to the screw press and finally, the automatic press. In 1861, the new Royal Mint in Madrid was inaugurated, centralising production there and leading to the closure of the Segovia Mint in 1869. Today, the site also hosts a variety of cultural activities, such as concerts, conferences and celebrations.





SAN FELICES, SORIA

San Felices is one of the most beautiful villages in Soria, with a special charm like many other towns in this stunning province. Perched on a rock above the Alhama River Gorge, it is located in the "Tierra de Ágreda" region in the northeast of Soria. The village stands out for its rural architecture and the beautiful landscape that surrounds it. San Felices marks the beginning of the Ebro Valley, which explains the distinctive vegetation of this village, setting it apart from its neighbouring towns. It is an ideal place for hiking, boasting numerous springs that irrigate its terraced fields. Summer, up until mid-August, is the perfect time to visit and take a stroll through its beautiful lavender fields. With its unique magic, San Felices served as the filming location for director Roberto Lázaro's film—winner of a Goya Award—titled San Felices. The film presents a poetic story set here, filled with values and emotions, offering viewers an opportunity to appreciate the Sorian landscape.



INTERPRETATION CENTRES IN THE CASTLES OF VALLADOLID



It is undeniable that the province of Valladolid is home to numerous castles and fortresses. Some house valuable archives, such as the Castle of Simancas, while others have been transformed into interpretation centres or museums. The keep of Montealegre Castle, as the Centre for Medieval Interpretation, features audio-visual and educational resources, connecting the context of the era with the Meneses family lineage. Fuensaldaña Castle, which was the residence of the Vivero family in the 15th century, is now an Interpretation Centre dedicated to the world of castles, achieving a perfect balance between history and technology. Torrelobatón Castle, as the Interpretation Centre of the Comunero Movement, provides visitors with insights into the significance and historical impact of the War of the Communities, exemplifying the architectural standards of the Valladolid School. Lastly, in Peñafiel Castle, you will find the Provincial Wine Museum, a key destination for Ribera del Duero tourism. It offers visitors a look at the production techniques of the province's finest wines and includes a tasting room.





ZAMORA'S AUTUMNAL DELICACIES

November is the perfect month to visit a province as rich in traditions as Zamora, which celebrates the arrival of autumn in a unique way. The first autumn rains bring a bounty of delicious boletus mushrooms, wild mushrooms and saffron milk caps from our forests to our tables. Events like "Buscasetas" offer a variety of mushroom-based menus and tapas across Castilla y León, crafted by the region's top chefs. Zamora also hosts its own highly popular mushroom festivals, drawing visitors from all over Spain. In the chestnut-growing villages, popular magosto festivals are held, where rich chestnuts are roasted in village squares and shared with everyone gathered. This is accompanied by chestnut cakes, cured meats, filloas, Zamora wines and Sanabria cider. And, of course, there is lively music featuring flutes, drums or Sanabrian bagpipes, completing the warm, traditional atmosphere amidst the cold and the bonfire smoke. Towns like Trabazos, Sejas de Aliste, Puebla de Sanabria, Hermisende, El Piñero, Alcañices and Benavente are just some of the places where you can join us in celebrating these traditional chestnut roasts.



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EVERYTHING AND
MORE...
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YOU!!!**



LAS POSADAS REALES PROPOSALS



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