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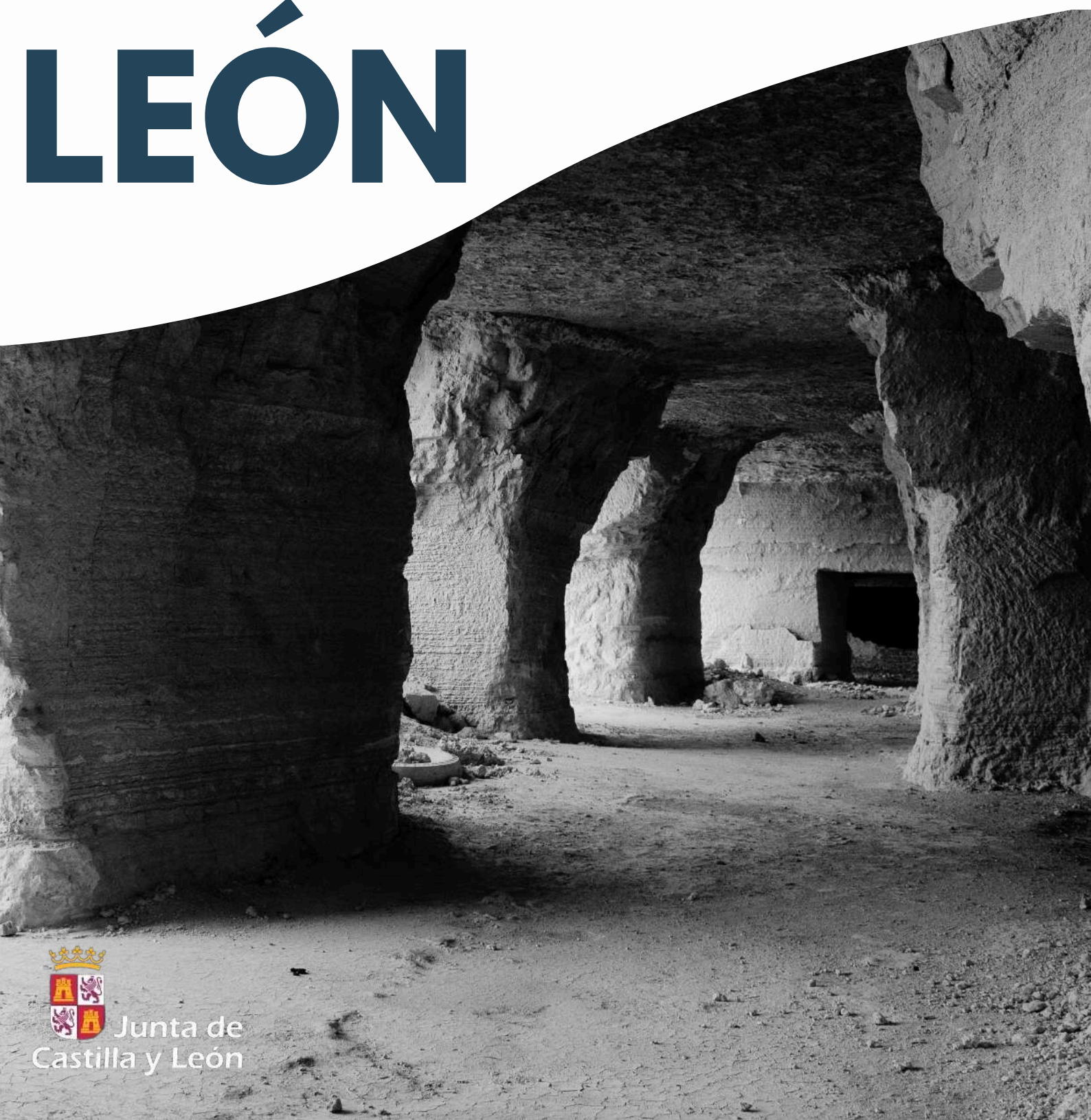
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INDUSTRIAL MINING HERITAGE

Minas de yeso de Hornillos de Cerrato, Palencia



The northern route spans the provinces of León, Palencia and Burgos, where visitors can explore the stunning landscape of Las Médulas, the largest open-pit gold mine of the Roman Empire, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Along this route, you'll find captivating museums, including those focused on energy, oil, iron and steel and mining, alongside several railway museums. Visitors can also explore underground mining galleries where light barely reaches—some are original, while others have been recreated for tourism. For cycling enthusiasts, the mountain bike trails winding through the mining valleys promise exciting discoveries, and the La Robla mining train provides a unique glimpse into fascinating locations.

The central route features six key tourist attractions across the provinces of Zamora, Salamanca, Valladolid, southern Palencia and Soria. Rich in minerals, our region offers visitors access to several educational museums that detail the extraction and use of these materials. Along the route, you can also explore ancient mines and quarries. Tourists can learn about the production of millstones, the extraction of gypsum and the art of stone carving. This journey highlights the significant impact that mining and mineral extraction have had on the lives, economies and development of local communities.

The southern route explores the southernmost part of Castile and Leon, featuring six notable sites. It begins in Segovia at the Casa de la Moneda and an archaeological park dedicated to lime manufacturing. The route ends in the province of Salamanca, where you can visit a granite-themed park, take guided tours of ancient mines for cassiterite, tungsten and iron pyrite, and enjoy a scenic hiking trail through the mining terraces formed by Roman gold extraction in Las Cavenes. Be sure to stop by the copper mines in Ávila before wrapping up your adventure—a truly remarkable journey to the centre of the Earth.



TOURIST PROPOSALS

Plaza de La Villa de Arévalo, Ávila (cedida agencia Ical)



MUSEO DE HISTORIA DE ARÉVALO "AREVALORUM", ÁVILA

Located in Plaza de la Villa, amongst historical surroundings, the building that once housed the Casa de los Sexmos until the 16th century now serves as a museum. Visitors are invited to explore a timeline that stretches from prehistory to modern times. The museum is arranged chronologically over two floors: the ground floor showcases the oldest artefacts, while the upstairs displays items from the 16th to the 20th century. The collection includes pieces from the Provincial Museum of Ávila, along with private donations. Among the highlights are a prehistoric cuneiform mill; objects and relics from the Celtic, Roman and Medieval eras; models of historical Arévalo buildings; and various ceramics. A resin replica of a giant tortoise is bound to impress visitors! The museum also features a section dedicated to the three cultures. Some of the historic figures who have left their mark on the history of Arévalo, such as Isabel La Católica, Ignacio de Loyola and Emilio Romero, are also commemorated within the exhibits.



Chevalier, dulce típico Burgos



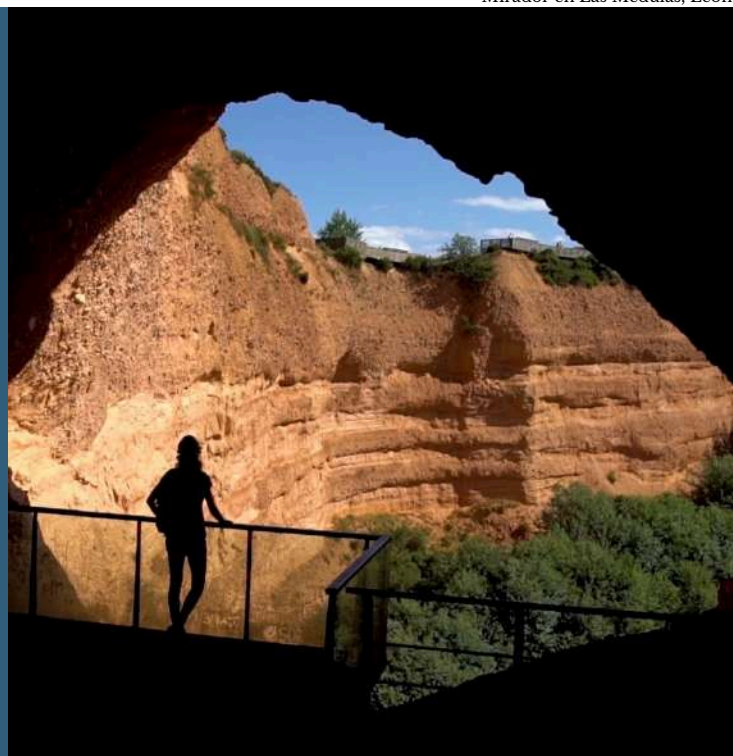
CHEVALIER, THE SWEET TREAT OF BURGOS

The Chevalier is the most renowned pastry in Burgos, first created in the mid-1930s by Jesús Pinedo at the now-closed Pinedo confectionery. Its name was inspired by the famous French singer of the era, Maurice Chevalier. Initially, the Chevalier was filled with meringue or chantilly cream (a blend of butter and meringue), as cream was not commonly used at the time. Over the years, cream became the preferred and standard filling. In the traditional recipe, powdered sugar is always used for dusting. Although the Chevalier is a type of brioche, it has two ingredients that differentiate it: cream and almonds. Hand crafted and deeply rooted in tradition, the Chevalier is still undoubtedly a beloved symbol of Burgos for its people.



ROMAN CANALS IN LAS MÉDULAS, LEÓN

Las Médulas, the largest open-pit mine of the Roman era, was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. To extract gold, the Romans employed the "ruina montium" technique, which required vast amounts of water. To supply this, they constructed an extensive network of canals. These canals represent one of the most remarkable feats of Roman engineering, having withstood over 2,000 years, hidden within the mountain slopes surrounding the ancient gold mine. Spanning nearly 600 km, the canals are unevenly distributed across both sides of the Montes Aquilanos, with nine main canals and several secondary ones. The southern side is far more extensive than the northern, stretching from El Valle del Silencio to Las Médulas and La Cabrera. Discover the network of Roman canals by following the scenic trails that wind through this incredible historical landscape!



Baltanás, Palencia



THE LIGHT OF CERRATO PALENTINO

Cerrato Palentino, the southernmost region of the province, is a land rich in Visigothic heritage, Romanesque art, gypsum, fertile farmland, the Canal of Castile, wine and winery neighbourhoods. It has played a key role in some of the most important moments in Spanish history, with notable locations like Dueñas, Torquemada and Baños de Cerrato. This month, we shine a spotlight on something truly special that captivates visitors day after day: its light. This absolutely peculiar light dazzles the eyes and captivates the senses. It enhances the region's crops, boosts the quality of its wines and inspires its poets. It penetrates the gypsum mines, preserving their legacy. The light awakens the wildlife, nurtures plant life and guides hikers through its valleys and endless paramos. The sunsets here are unforgettable! A golden glow pours through the ruins of Santa Eulalia Church in Palenzuela and Hornillos Castle, bathing them in timeless radiance. This light, more Palentino than any other, leaves a lasting impression on anyone lucky enough to take in the views from Antigüedad, Reinoso or Valdecañas. A light that lulls you to sleep in the warm embrace of the winery neighbourhood of Baltanás, only to rise again at dawn with renewed brilliance.





FLORETAS, SALAMANCA

These delightful flower-shaped sweet treats are crafted from simple, readily available ingredients: flour, eggs, milk and sugar. The unique flavour comes from anise and the zest of lemon or orange, but the true secret lies in the iron mould that shapes them into their distinctive floral design with an intricate lattice pattern. This mould needs to be very hot so the batter sticks to it and then easily peels off in oil, creating a very fine, light, golden and crispy flower. Once removed from the pan, they are typically dusted with sugar or cinnamon, depending on preference. While floretas are especially popular during Carnival and Easter, they can be enjoyed throughout the year.



Camino Natural Vía Verde Valle del Eresma, Segovia (cedida agencia Ical)



ERESMA VALLEY GREENWAY, SEGOVIA

If you enjoy long walks or bike rides, the Greenways are an excellent choice. These trails are converted former railway lines that have been transformed into traffic-free routes. Thanks to their sweeping curves, gentle gradients and features like tunnels, bridges and viaducts, the Greenways can be accessed by all. The Eresma Valley Greenway starts in Segovia, close to the "Puente de Hierro," providing a mostly flat route perfect for outdoor activities. The railway line connecting Segovia and Medina del Campo, spanning approximately 92 kilometres, was officially opened on 1 July 1884, with the passage of the first train. Four years later, in the summer of 1888, it was possible to go up El Alto del León through the long Tablada tunnel. It was closed in 1993, but two segments were preserved: Segovia-Villalba and Olmedo-Medina del Campo. Today, we can enjoy a scenic 73 km stretch from Segovia to Olmedo, lined with poplar trees and fields of grain, just as Machado celebrated in his "Campos de Castilla."





THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF TIERMES, SORIA

The archaeological site of Tiermes, located in the municipality of Montejo de Tiermes, showcases insights into the area's population history, dating back to the Neolithic period with individual finds and continuing through to the 16th century. During this time, the Church of Santa María de Tiermes was converted into a hermitage, and the local population eventually disappeared, merging into neighbouring communities. The remains of the ancient Celtiberian city and the Roman settlement make this site one of the most interesting archaeological locations in Spain, so much so that some researchers refer to it as the Spanish Pompeii. Doors, windows, stairs, houses, streets and pathways have withstood the test of time, intricately carved into the sandstone rock. The striking light and rugged beauty of the Sierra Pela, nestled among the Sorian paramos, give added beauty to this enclave. A notable highlight for visitors is the Romanesque hermitage of Santa María, featuring a stunning porticoed gallery. The experience is further enriched by a visit to the monographic museum, which offers valuable insights into the historical evolution of the city of Tiermes.



LEARN SPANISH IN VALLADOLID

Torre Catedral de Valladolid



Valladolid is the perfect place to learn Spanish, thanks to its vibrant humanistic and cultural heritage. Strategically situated in the heart of the Autonomous Community of Castile and Leon, the city offers a diverse array of academic opportunities for studying Spanish, with both public and private institutions. It is also part of the European Cultural Route "Camino de la Lengua Castellana," having played a pivotal role in the promotion of the Spanish language, particularly due to its status as home to one of Spain's oldest universities. One of the key milestones in the history of the Spanish language is the founding of the Colegio de Santa Cruz in 1494 by Cardinal Mendoza. Valladolid, the capital of the province, has deep historical ties to literature. Notable figures such as José Zorrilla, Rosa Chacel, Miguel Delibes and Francisco Umbral were born here, while Quevedo studied in the city, and Santa Teresa de Jesús and Cervantes lived here. These figures have promoted the purest form of Spanish around the world. Additionally, Valladolid boasts an excellent selection of leisure and dining options, famous for its tapas and wines.





MIRADOR DE LA VELA, ROELOS DE SAYAGO, ZAMORA

The Almendra Reservoir is the third largest in Spain by capacity, following the reservoirs of La Serena and Alcántara, both located in Extremadura. It spans 8,650 hectares and follows the natural course of the River Tormes as it flows through the Arribes region. This area, known as the Arribes del Tormes, is a deep geographic depression formed by the millennia of erosion caused by the river. It is part of the Saltos del Duero system, which includes infrastructures located in Aldeadávila, Castro, Ricobayo, Saucelle and Villalcampo. This reservoir is often referred to as "The Sea of Castile," and its best viewpoint in the Zamora region is the Mirador de la Vela, located in the small village of Roelos. This remote spot in the Sayago region is a hidden gem for the few who discover it, especially at sunset. From the car park, a beautiful 15-minute walk through a beautiful path lined with holm oaks, oaks and junipers leads to a platform made of iron, wood and glass. This vantage point offers stunning views of the vast landscape, accompanied by the impressive granite boulders that appear in these lands.



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