

TRAVEL GUIDE TRIP TO BIODIVERSITY



NATURE, WILDLIFE AND RURAL LANDSCAPE IN SPAIN AND ESTONIA





Since 2009, eleven rural areas in Spain represented by their corresponding Local Action Groups have been working together in the transnational cooperation programme "WOLF: WildLife & Farmers".

The aim of the project is to promote measures and actions that make it possible for both livestock and wolves as an example of large predators to live together. The project WOLF, which now has additional joined members of Portugal, Romania, and Estonia, aims to boost sustainable development and maintain biodiversity.

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In the past years, **the European wolf population** has changed so that from being a rare and endangered species, in some areas wolves have now grown to healthy numbers.

The current estimates for **Spain's wolf population are roughly 250 to 300 reproducing packs** with a total population ranging between 1,500 and 2,500 wolves making it the biggest wolf population in the whole of Western Europe.

A large part of that population can be found in the north-eastern quadrant of the autonomous communities of Asturias, Galicia, and Leon. Even though these regions are also inhabited by bear, their numbers are very low; however, it is possible to observe these animals via nature tour operators and specialised guides.

In Estonia, the wolf population is around 300, but in central Estonia in Järva County, this predator shares its territory with other beautiful animals such as bear and lynx that also roam the local forests, making it a highly rewarding destination for nature loving visitors

This growth of the population of wolves has brought along a development of various strategies that undertake the difficult task of achieving coexistence between farming, livestock rearing and wolves, without forgetting about the conservation of the species.

The presence of wolves and other large predators in general, in itself shows that the surrounding environment is of exceptional quality and that the rural areas are well preserved. However, this value will be even greater if we consider that only very few countries in the European Union still have these natural treasures of biodiversity coexisting with livestock farming.

This guide intends to showcase the quality of this biodiversity, the beauty of the countries and the value of the natural heritage of these rural areas in Spain and Estonia, focusing on wolves and large predators, with the aim to build a unique tourism product.

You will discover that the accommodation and nature tourism companies listed in this guide come from as diverse rural areas as Europe itself: there are mountains, large forests, plains and steppe lands, watercourses and riverbank forests. The listed service providers are the best starting point for learning about our regions and our heritage, cuisine, nature, and wildlife. You can find a roof in the middle of wilderness, enjoy observing wildlife and visiting emblematic places. Behind each of the products and services are a series of values that favour biodiversity, which are also key factors for preserving our territories.

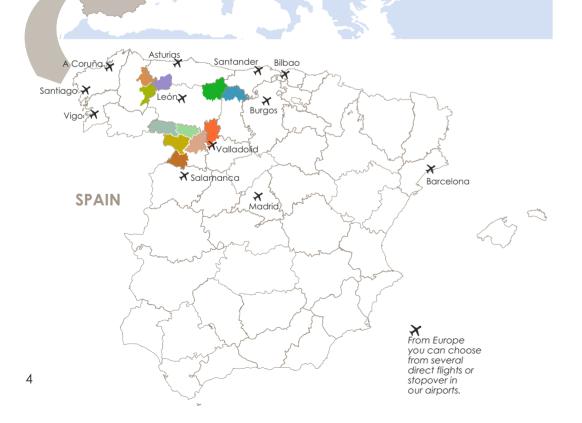
Today it is possible to learn about these emblematic animals without interfering in their lives in areas that have a long tradition of wolf-related heritage. Moreover, you can also observe these predators in the wild in a way that is respectful to the animal.



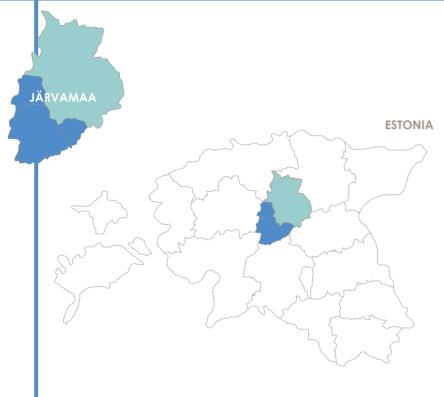


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LÕUNA JÄRVAMAA KOOSTÖÖKOGU



The region of South Järva County in Estonia boasts untouched forests and bogs that invite you to enjoy the unspoilt and pristine local nature! The four seasons here showcase the true diversity that nature has to offer visitors year-round.

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OUR NATURE. The area is characterised by the waived plains of the **Pandivere** hills that are brightened up by drumlins and eskers that alternate with numerous mires and raised bogs. The south of the region is enlivened by the small drumlin hills of **Türi** and the pine and primal forests near the village of Kabala.

The territory of **Kõrvemaa** in the north-east of the region is a mire plain, which till this day remains the least touched area, where the rolling drumlins, terminal moraine hills, kames and chains of eskers are called the plain mountains by the locals. The higest point is situated in Albu parish where Valgehobusemägi hill rises at 106,5 metres above sea level.

Järva County as a whole has quite shallow residual soils and is heavily karstified. The bigger karst areas are sitated in the Järva–Jaani parish (Kagavere – Kuksema), in Ambla parish (Lüsingu), in Türi parish (Kurla), and in Kareda parish.

Järva County wouldn't be the same without its bogs, the largest of which is Epu–Kakerdi bog (363 km2), which lies on the boarder with Harju County and has numerous bog ponds and lakes. This area with its innumerable springs and bogs is an enormous freshwater reservoir, where a large part of the freshwater supply for the north of the country is produced. A big chunk of Järva County is taken up by the Pandivere water protection area and, in total, more than half of the county is protected area, making its primal and untouched nature very appealing for visitors!

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Many rivers are born in Järva County, including the Pärnu river, which is the longest in Estonia.

The biggest lakes are lake Väinjärv (41 ha) and lake Endla (20 ha), and the most remarkable springs are situated in the Endla nature reserve. The Norra-Oostriku spring area that consists of a dozen springs attracts attention in many ways: the Sopa spring is Estonia's deepest (4,8 m), whereas the spring lake situated just next to the Norra mansion, pumps out up to 1.3 million litres of water a day. In Roona–Alliku there is the biggest spring lake in Estonia (2.5 ha) that is also where the Pärnu river begins, and the local Prandi river also begins from a 1.4 ha spring lake by the same name.



The most common types of forests are spruce and pine forests, and the most widespread deciduous trees are birch, grey alder, and aspen among others.

There are many types of protected areas in Järva County: the Endla nature reserve, the Kõrvemaa landscape protection area, the Pandivere water protection area, the Türi drumlins protection area, the Pilumetsa bog protection area, the river island in the town of Türi, oak groves in Rava and Päinurme villages, and the pseudotsuga wood in Purdi. In addition, there are many parks, most of which surround beautiful manor houses.

The region is rich is wildlife rarities.

In the forests, mires and raised bogs you can spot moose, roe deer, red deer, wild boar, brown bear, lynx, wolf, fox, raccoon dog, beaver, European offer, European polecat, stoat, least weasel, badger, European pine marten, hare, mountain hare, squirrels and otherspecies.

There are many bird species that nest in the area, such as Eurasian sparrowhawk, grey partridge, corn crake, Northern lapwing, Eurasian curlew, common swift, woodpecker, Eurasian skylark, swallow, white wagtail, fieldfare, redwing, song thrush, typical warbler, Icterine warbler, spotted flycatcher, European pied flycatcher, parus, magpie, Western jackdaw, crow, common starling, common chaffinch, European greenfinch, European goldfinch, Common linnet, geese, golden eagle, black stork, not to mention numerous white stork nesting areas and many other bird species.







Fishing in the area is mainly recreational, and the most caught species is trout. In addition, it is possible to fish European crayfish. Pärnu river is one of the richest in different fish species where more than 30 species can be found, such as salmon, river trout, rainbow trout, European whitefish, European smelt, northern pike, eel, common roach, common dace, European chub, ide, common minnow, common rudd, tench, gudgeon, common bleak, silver bream, common bream, vimba bream, Crucian carp, carp, stone loach, burbot, three-spined stickleback, ninespine stickleback, zander, European perch, ruffe, straightnose pipefish, sea lamprey, and European river lamprey.

Having four clearly distinguished seasons is our great natural wealth!



More about us.....

This area has one of the richest soils in Estonia,

which is why farms here have been passed down from generation to generation. Every year on the third Saturday of July local farms open their doors to visitors and introduce their life and activities to everyone who is interested in rural life.

Farms are mainly engaged in rearing cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, etc. In addition, many different types of cereals, vegetables, root crops and berries are grown in the region.

The slogan of our area is

IT'S COMFY IN SOUTH JÄRVA COUNTY!

We respect and carry on the family farm tradition down from generation to generation.



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Culture and traditions

The region has long culture traditions, where song and dance festivals have been organised for centuries. In the local culture centres there are many active folk dance and singing clubs, and children are encouraged to participate in handicraft workshops from an early age.



Arts and handicraft.

Handicraft is held in high esteem and many different techniques are practised. In local workshops, the knowledge is passed down from older to younger generations, and visitors are welcome to give it a go as well.

Museums, information centres and other sights of interest.

The area has a number of exciting museums, beautiful manor houses and many other places to explore.

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The local gastronomy is based on respecting old traditional dishes, and also serving modern foods. Estonian food offers unforgettable experiences—it is prepared of local produce by master cooks, washed down with some local tipples, and accompanied by fun entertainment—all that is what makes up the local food culture.



Sports

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There are many sporting facilities in the region where you can go skiing, ice skating, sledding, bowling, play pool, go kart racing, horse riding, visit the local skate-parks, rent a bike and take to the bicycle paths, giving a go at archery, bike racing, hiking, orienteering and other activities.

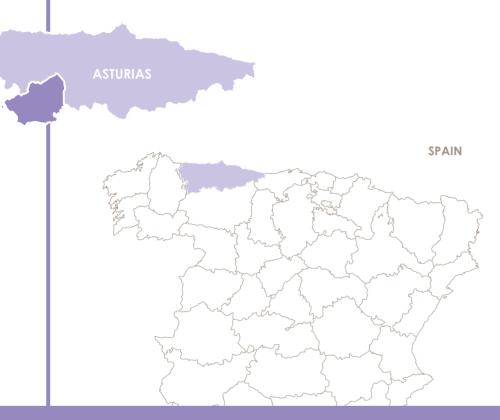
Welcome to Estonia and to South Järva County!

If you wish to visit us or have any questions contact us via email at: wolftourism.estonia@gmail.com

You are very welcome!

KOOSTÖÖKOGU

FUENTES DEL NARCEA



Fuentes del Narcea is situated in Asturias, which is considered the heartland of Green Spain. It is made up of the municipalities of Canaas del Narcea, Deaaña, and Ibias.

Its age-old isolation has allowed maintaining large beech and oak forests in the region where such species as wolf, bear, or the Capercaillie live together with the inhabitants of hamlets scattered over the territory. In the nature park you can enjoy its hiking trails, outings to observe the local wildlife and many other unforgettable experiences.

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Walking in wolf tracks. You can learn about wolf biology, issues of its conservation, local traditions, relations with man, projects for its study, protection and recuperation.

There are tours where you can explore old ruins of buildings meant for wolf hunting back in the day, discover wolf tracks and enjoy what the nature park of Fuentes del Narcea, Degaña and Ibias has to offer.



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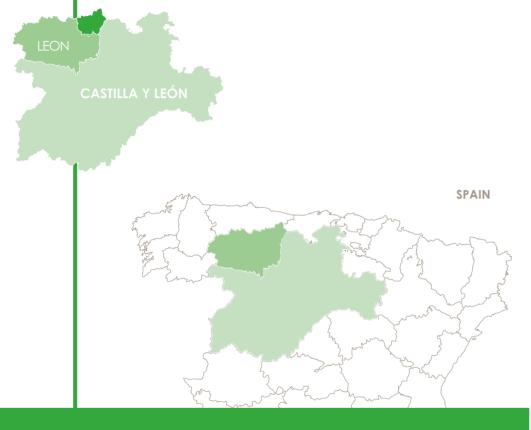
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MONTAÑA DE RIAÑO



This beautiful area in the province of León boasts an enormous geographical diversity, which is dominated by mountains and valleys towards the south of the province, flattening down into plains further north.

The diversity of its landscape turns the region into a perfect place for any kind of leisure tourism or active sports activities where on top of that you can enjoy an unequalled landscape.

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In spring and summer the remote and solitary valleys of Montaña de Riaño are the best places in Europe for spotting wolves in their habitat.

In this region you can observe these enigmatic animals without disturbing their everyday life. It's a unique adventure for those who enjoy wild animals and nature.

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- Los Argüellos- Valdelugueros (Bioshere Reserve).
- National and Regional Park of Picos de Europa (SCI: Site of Community Importance and SPA Special Protection Area for birds)
- Rebollares del Cea (SCI: Site of Community Importance).
- Banks of the Esla and its tributaries (SCI: Site of Community Importance).



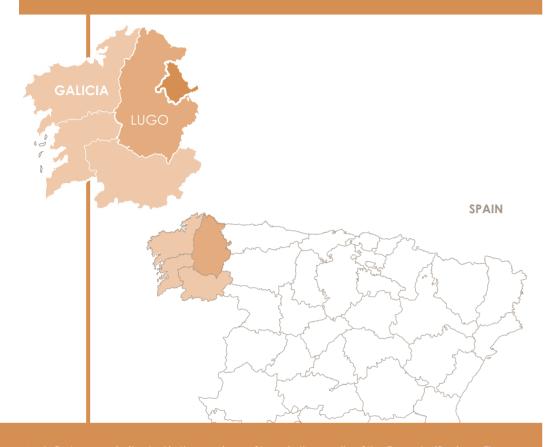
CULTURAL SITES

- Castle of Boca de Huérgano
- Romanesque portal in Siero de la Reina. Boca de Huérgano
- Castle of Villapadierna. Cubillas de Rueda
- Castle palace of los Álvarez Acevedo. Otero de Curueño Valdepiélago
- Raised granary in Posada de Valdeón
- Parish church of Lois. Crémenes
- Villa de Lois, Crémenes
- San Martín church in San Martín de Valdetuéjar. Valderrueda
- Palace fortress of Prado. Renedo de Valdetuéjar Valderrueda
- Sanctuary of the Virgin of Velilla. La Mata de Monteagudo -Valderrueda
- Monastery of Eslonza. Santa Olaja de Eslonza Gradefes
- Church of the Assumption. Villarmún Gradefes
- Monstery of San Miguel de Escalada. Gradefes
- Nunnery of Saint Mary. Gradefes
- Foundry of San Blas. Sabero
- Fortified tower in Puebla de Lillo
- Military tower. La Vecilla de Curueño

MUSEUMS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Museum of the Iron and Steel Industry and Mining of Castile and Leon. Sabero
- Wildlife Museum. Valdehuesa Boñar.
- Prioro and Riaño Etnographical Museum.
- Regional Park of Picos de Europa. Guest houses in Puebla de Lillo and Lario.
- Baot tours on the Riaño reservoir

A MONTAÑA LUGUESA



Montaña Luguesa is situated in the province of Lugo in the cradle of the Eo and Miño rivers. The region's river ecosystems and low levels of contamination favour well-preserved surroundings where a fraga thickets, beech forests and riverbank plants abound.

Among the populations of nutria and the Pyrenean desman, there are wild boars and deer with predators such as wolves and bears also roaming the area.

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There are two biosphere reserves that run through the territory: Oscos-Eo y Terras de Burón, and Terras do Miño where you can enjoy hiking trails, and the local ethnographic and culinary heritage. For pilgrims, this area also serves as an entrance route to Santiago known as Camiño Primitivo or the "Primitive Way".

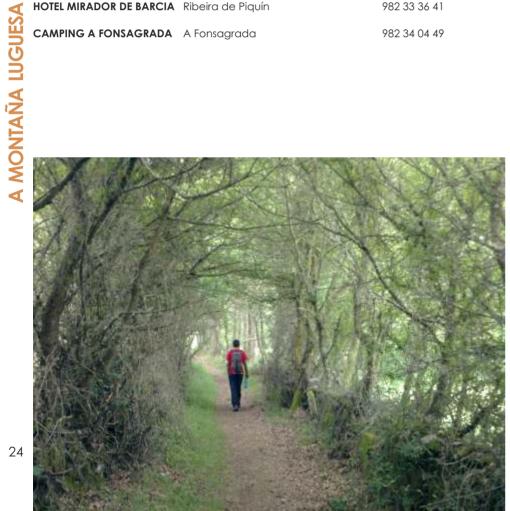
Wolf track watching and wolf spotting are possible in many corners of the territory, which you can combine with visiting the old "foxos" or "cortíns" that remind us of the old ways of people and wolves living together.



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ANCARES Y FOLGOSO DO COUREL



Ancares and Courel: these are two names that have their own authentic identities that revolve around nature, traditions and the coexistence between the local people and their environment. These two are without a doubt two of the most magical regions in Galicia where you can enjoy a great richness that it holds within – a phenomenal nature, remains and evidence of man working in his environment, culture and a thousand-year-old way of life.

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Just as in other parts of Galicia, this region was inhabited by various settlers, all of whom have left behind countless cultural remains.

There are numerous prehistoric limestone caves in Folgoso do Courel, and in Castros in villages such as Piornedo. Cervantes is a pre-Roman era hamlet where we can still see typical medieval houses, called "pallozas".

Dating to the Roman era, there are several settlements related to gold mining. You can also find Roman bridges or the remains of a Roman road XIX that connected the towns of Astorga (Asturica Augusta) in León, and Lugo (Lucus Augusti).





Evidence of the region's noble past in the medieval days can be seen in its castles, like that of O Carbedo in Folgoso do Courel (built by the Order of Santiago) or the castle of Doncos in As Nogais, and the castle of Doiras in Cervantes that avarded the entrance to Galicia by El Camino Real. There is also the castle of Navia in Pobra de Navia, and the fortified towers of Quindous and Donís, besides numerous country houses and stately homes. Also of a medieval origin is the "A Ponte Vella" bridge in Navia de Suarna, and the way many hamlets in the mountains are built.

The hamlets are one of the main appeals for tourists in the area. In general, they lie in higher parts on the sides of the mountains, facing south so that they are sheltered from the cold winds coming from the north. The houses are surrounded by small family vegetable gardens, and overlook the mosaic patterns of the local landscape of fiedls, "soutos" (chestnut forests) and pastures. An example of the balance between the human settlements and the natural environment can be seen in the traditional local houses that are built using local materials so that they have stone walls and thatched or slate roofs. The "pallozas" are the most traditional houses that are oval or elliptical in shape and have straw roofs where both people and

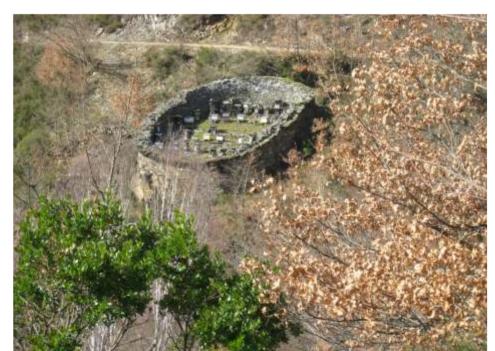


Closely related to the traditional agrarian lifestyle in this region there are innumerable unique architectural elements.

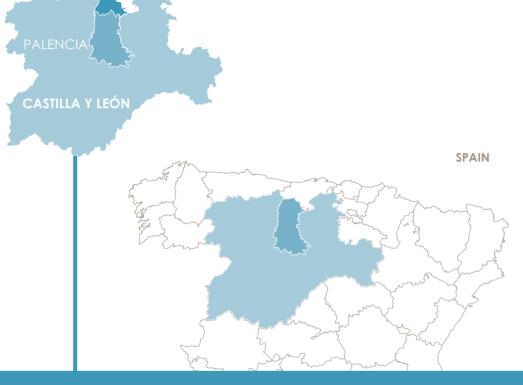
This is how we can point out more that 600 raised aranaries that can be found in the region of Ancares - these buildings have a square floor raised on top of four pillars made of wood or stone covered with a pyramid shaped straw or a more modern slab roof, which were used as pantries or storage space.



Mills for grinding cereal. "Los Sequeiros" in Folgoso de Courel were used for drying chestnuts, and shelter shepherds high up in the mountains where they drove the flocks to pastures in summer. You can also find constructions with stone walls and a circular floor that were used to protect beehives from bear attacks and vermin. Thanks to the region's mining tradition it has a good number smithies, the most remarkable of which is "Ferrería de Seogne" in Folgoso de Courel. The numerous churches such as Santuario do Cebreiro witness the passing of the French Way of the Camino de Santiago going through Pedrafita do Cebreiro.



MONTAÑA PALENTINA



Montaña Palentina is situated on the southern slopes of the Cantabrian Mountains displays an interesting diversity in many ways. Its geographic location that combines both ocean and Mediterranean characteristics makes the region stand out for its biodiversity, which is accentuated by the complexity of its geomorphology. Thanks to the high value of the elements that make up this diversity, half of this territory is covered with the Natura 2000 network: there are the Nature Parks of Fuentes Carrionas, and Fuente Cobre - Montaña Palentina, as well as the protected areas of Covalagua and Las Tuerces.

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Nature tourism enjoys a privileged position in Montaña Palentina.

Experiences such as discovering wild birds in the very same forests where perhaps a brown bear was roaming the night before, or sighting birds of prey on a hillside where wolf cubs will play at nightfall, are those that can make you fall in love with this region.



Walking in the many tracks which among others bear, wolf, wildcat, and badger have left of the surroundings is undoubtedly one of the strongest appeals for responsible visitors and mature tourists.

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If you further explore the landscape of little hamlets, where there are more than a hundred Romanesque monuments, you'll enter into a whole new dimension: that of Romanesque art that conveys medieval influences till the present day. A high concentration of rural Romanesque architecture is scattered between small hamlets surrounded by oak forests and meadows, on soft hillsides and by untamed streams.





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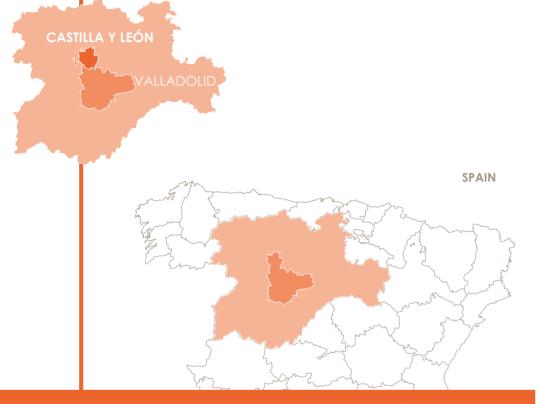
Nature tourism and low impact sports here are respectful activities that make for unforgettable personal experiences.

Nature tours are complimented by excellent accommodation facilities that offer magical locations with unique views, such as Parador de Cervera.





TIERRA DE CAMPOS ZONA NORTE DE VALLADOLID



Its 40 municipalities accommodate a population that barely reaches 10,000 inhabitants over its area of more that 1,120 km2 of wide plains with an average altitude of 720 m. It is a steppe landscape where grain farming is what most identifies this natural region. The area is carved by the meandering beds of the Cea, Valderaduey and Sequillo rivers that belong to the watershed of the Duero. This vast plateau allows for the territory to be observed in a radius of 50 km, reaching 150 km on clear days, and at nightfall the beholder can experience a mesmerising sight as the landscape and the horizon melt together.

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The low population density allows for this man-influenced area to preserve its natural heritage. For that reason, the Natura 2000 network makes up 37% of the region with five special protection areas for birds: La Nava-Campos Norte, La Nava-Campos Sur, Oteros-Cea, Penillanuras - Campos Norte and Penillanuras - Campos Sur that are home to one of the highest concentrations of bustard, Montagu's Harrier, and Lesser Kestrel in the EU.

In addition to these protected areas, there are also the riverbanks of the Cea, which are catalogued as SCI Site of Community Importance and function as a passageway between wolf inhabited areas in Sierra de la Culebra (west of Zamora), and the eastern edge of the León mountains.

Wildlife observation and interpretation sites. This territory possesses an excellent infrastructure for wildlife observation, since it is also a member of the TRINO project www.birdwatchinginspain.com

There are both bird-watching and landscape lookout points, such as the observatory of Tamariz de Campos by the Canal of Castile, plus the lookout points in Villalba de la Loma, Melgar de Arriba, and Herrin de Campos; in addition, there are three clearly marked and also georeferenced hiking trails within the Natura 2000 network areas where in Monasterio de Vega you can visit the Tierra de Campos Birdlife Interpretation Centre.



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Rural and historical heritage. In Tierra de Campos clay is the element upon which the popular heritage of the region lies. The sun-dried brick and rammed earth walls hold up such emblematic buildings as huts, wine cellars and typical dovecots whose origin dates back to the Roman-era villages.

On top of the popular architecture and the Roman remains in Becilla de Valderaduey, the region is also proud of its religious art where the strong presence of Arab art in Christian churches called the Mudejar style is represented in the architecture and rich decorations of the religious buildings from between the 12th and the 16th century. This region could also easily be called the Museum territory, since it includes the Dovecot Interpretation Centre, an ethnographic exposition called "Tools of Yore", and the Museum of Cheese in Villalón de Campos. Nor can we forget the Bread Museum in Mayorga, which is the second of its kind in the EU, as well as the Interpretation Centre for Sustainable Hunting in Saelices de Mayorga, and the centres introducing the local festivities listed as tourism sites, such as those in Palazuelo de Vedija.



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Farming and livestock rearing are without a doubt the motors of the region's economy. The cultivation of grasses, and sheep husbandry for milk production are the main activities and this is how the Land of Fields is also a land of pastures, where native Churra and Castellana sheep breeds are awarded the Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) seal "Castile and León suckling lamb". The region also produces outstanding cured and fresh cheeses made of sheep's milk, the most famous of which are called "Queso de Villalón" and "Pata de Mulo". Furthermore, the area is famed for growing the small brown Pardina lentils protected by the PGI "Pardina lentils from Tierra de Campos" and its exquisite wines from vineyards growing the Prieto Picudo variety, which is also added to the "Tierras de León" certificate of origin list.

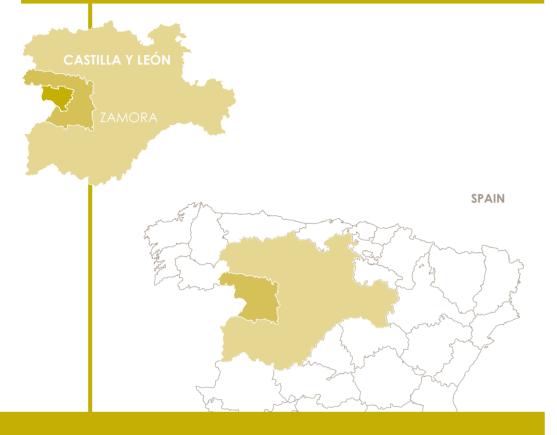








ALISTE, TÁBARA Y ALBA



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Wild animals have found some of the most suitable areas for their survival here, the area having a wide population of partridge, rabbit, hare, birds of prey, wild boar, deer, roe deer, etc. Last but not least, wolves have found a special habitat for themselves in Sierra de la Culebra where one of the biggest or the biggest wolf populations in Europe can be found.



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It is possible to go on tours where you can follow the tracks that wolves have left behind on these lands, and more fortunate visitors might even sight this predator in the wild, as well as visit some curious traditional buildings (the so-called "corrales") that were used by shepherds to shelter their sheep from wolf attacks.

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Aliste, Tábara, and Alba: A land of contrasts.

The region has a wide range of different landscapes, where much of its area (more precisely 22%) is taken up by various Special Protection Areas for birds, and Sites of Community Importance, or both, which without a doubt prove that the area possesses fascinating ecological resources.

The climate here is predominantly continental, meaning that winters are long and cold, whereas summers are short and warm, and in spring and autumn there are big temperature contrasts. Within the territory itself there are small microclimates that in some areas allow growing olive trees.

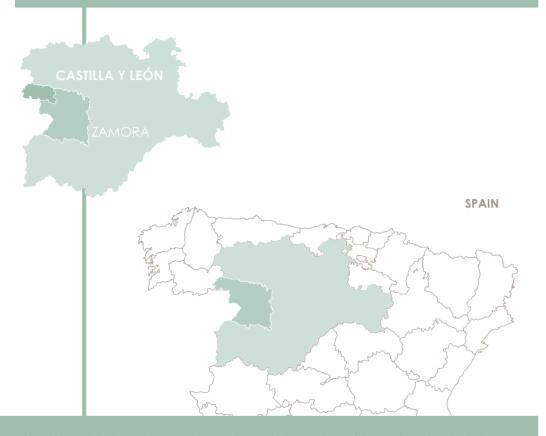


Roughly 25% of the territory's vegetation is of Mediterranean origin and is most commonly a representation of reforested pines, as well as forests of native origin, such as Portuguese and Holm oak forests, chestnut and oak groves, or even small cork oak woods. By the same token, you can also find an abundance of low hills covered with rockrose and heather.

From the geological point of view, the are can be considered an orographically complex zone that is characterised by stretches of mountains, valleys and plains predominantly having granite and slate that do not create the richest of soils, which is also why this landscape is more suited for forestry and livestock farming rather than agriculture.



SANABRIA Y CARBALLEDA



Sanabria and Carballeda lies on the north-east of the Province of Zamora, forming the borde with Leon in the north, and Orense and Portugal in the west.

The geography of the region is shaped by a large glacial valley that has formed large watercourses, strong forest masses, numerous lakes, as well as the biggest lake of glacial origin in Spain. This gives the region a unique landscape with enormous biodiversity, both in flora as well as in fauna.

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The region of Sanabria and Carballeda maintains all its natural splendour of a thousand-year-old ecosystem of oaks, chestnuts, alders, black poplars, ashes, birches, yews, hollies, and various types of fruit trees, where the region's culture and livestock live side by side with wolves, deer, roe deer, and wild boar, and also share the company of fox, badger, wildcat, nutria, genet and marten.



The nature park of Lago de Sanabria with its surroundings and Sierra Culebra stand out as natural highlights of the region where the traveller can discover various hiking trails, go on outings to observe wildlife, and undertake many other activities.

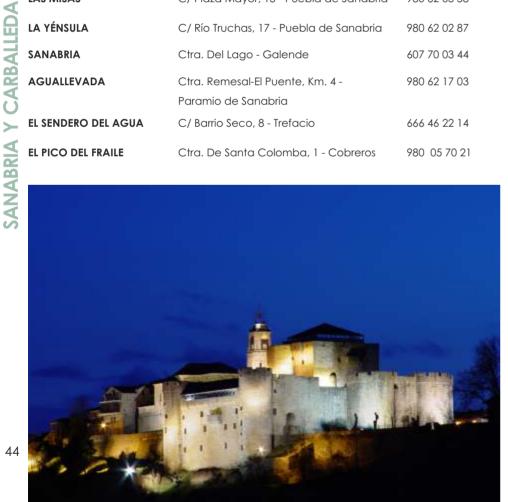
Do you know that the region of Sanabria and Carballeda is the European Union territory that has the highest wolf density with 22 definite and 6 probable packs, reaching a total estimate of 200 wolves.

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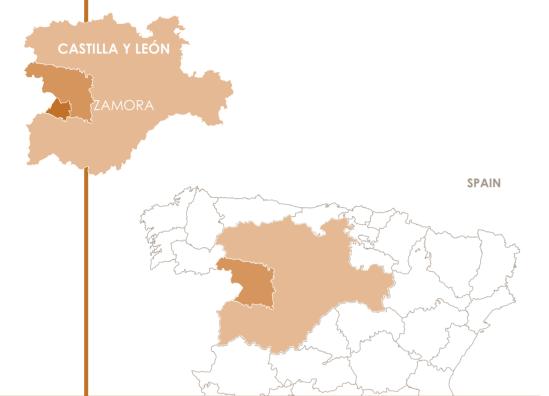


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SAYAGO



Sayago it borders in the north with the region of Aliste, in the west with Portugal, in the east with Zamora and the "Land of Wine" Tierra del Vino, and to the south lies the province of Salamanca. The capital of the region is Bermillo de Sayago, which is nestled between the Tormes river in the south and the Duero in the north.

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The region of Sayago extends over an area of approximately 240,000 hectares, and boasts a wide range of landscapes and ecosystems, which can be divided according to their vegetation and soil, giving us the following areas:

Border Zone: it is made up of Arribes, which is formed by a set of canyons around the Duero bordering with Portugal and comprising the Nature park of Arribes del Duero. The bedrock in this area mainly consists of granite covered with scarce vegetation. Agriculture-wise, the area predominantly has olive groves, vineyards and fruit farms.



The Middle Zone: it is made up of a transition peneplain with **extensive dehesas** that are characterized by Holm oaks and scrublands, and where the main agricultural activity is livestock farming.

Eastern Edge Zone: This is a **flat area that has soils that are rich in clay and are mainly covered in fields**. As regards to towns and villages there are 57, among which the ones offering administrative services stand out.

As it appears from this description, Sayago is mainly an agricultural area; however, this "poverty" is also its great asset, since over a long period of time the local people have stuck to their customs and a way of life that can lead into a generation of development based on things that used to be common but today are unique.

For that reason, the Sayago region has a great future ahead.



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The Land of Fields, Bread and North Duero represent a strange symbiosis between the nature filled with life and the toil of its people in the farmland, which creates a whole that takes us back to a time where there was total harmony between man and nature. Fortunately, it has been preserved here unchanged.



As regards to wild animals, we can describe the areas as steppe plains where a wide array of species have found a perfect home. The landscape may make it seem as if the place is inhospitable for large and medium-sized mammals because of the lack of refuge created by vegetation and rocky hills.

However, in the past decades the number of wolves has risen, especially near Villalpando and in the vicinity of the Quintos bridge and la Estación de la Tabla where the animals are moving closer to the area of the nature reserve of Las Lagunas de Villafáfila in search of food. Natural protected spaces perfect for hiking and watchingbirds and Iberian wild fauna.

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The combination of steppe birds, such as bustard living together with wolves grant the region of Tierra de Campos – Land of Fields, Bread, and North Duero – a high tourist potential offering excellent bird and wildlife watching sites, especially if we keep in mind that the nature reserve of Las Lagunas de Villafáfila boasts one of the largest if not the largest population of bustard in the whole world.



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The region's architecture, local cuisine, its festivities and traditions, and its natural surroundings all evoke reminiscences of a place we all have in our memory – it is where we lived in our childhood or it is a place we have heard our grandparents speak of, and thanks to the faraway industrial world of big cities and also the development initiatives like ADRI Dovecots it still remains safeguarded so that future generations could enjoy it as well.



VALLES DE BENAVENTE

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The region of Valles de Benavente is situated in the northeast of the province of Zamora, and

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There are also places on Community Interest of wildlife, leisure areas related to the riverbank areas and a number of archaeological sites (a traveller could start out in the centre of archaeology in Manganeses de la Polvorosa, then visit similar centres in Morales de Rey and Arrabalde, not forgetting to visit Sierra de Carpurias, and then explore Valle de Vídriales, where in the middle of the three villages of Santibáñez de Vídriales, Rosinos de Vídriales and San Pedro la Viña, there are ruins of Roman era campgrounds called Petavonium).

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Our privileged natural heritage relies on rich biodiversity that includes many species that are without a doubt emblematic, such as wild boar, deer, roe deer, black kite, hawk that can be observed on the various hiking trails the region has to offer.

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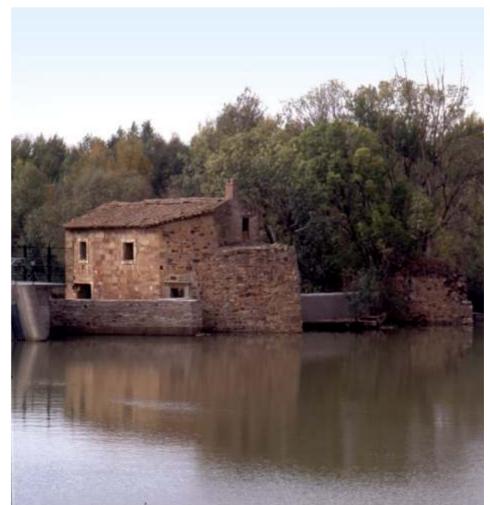
The **traditional architecture** that is based on stone and clay has shaped the wine cellars and underground vaults where our forefathers used to preserve food and make their wine. Today, many of these constructions have been restored to house restaurants where you can taste various beloved regional dishes.

Another fundamental part of the local heritage is watermills that were used to grind grains to make flour.









VALLES DE BENAVENTE

Step back in time with us to land of wolf

The coexistence of man and wolf for thousands of years in our territories has brought about a culture and a way of life that is mirrored in our literature, stories and legends, landscape, popular architecture, and in many other aspects.

We offer you an opportunity to get immersed in our history and experience the eco-tourism routes that have been built around the ethnographic heritage created by livestock farming and wolves.

For that reason, you can visit "corralas" (shelters for livestock from wolves in the mountains), as well as various wolf trapping systems known as "foxos", "cortellos" and "calechus

A fun and original plan for your trip.

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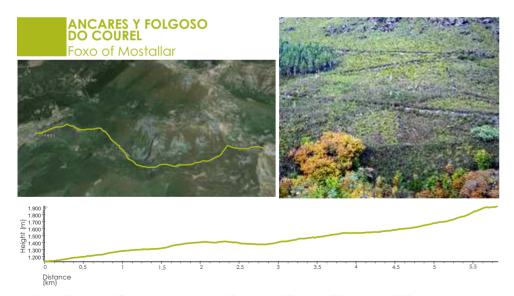
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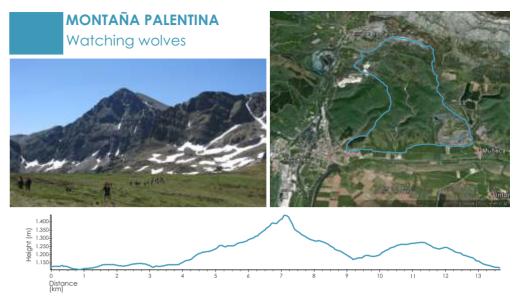
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Start: Santalla (Negueira - Lugo) - Distance: 29 km (18 mi) - Ramp: 972 m



Start: Piornedo (Cervantes - Lugo) - Distance: 5,7km (4 mill) - Ramp: 783 m



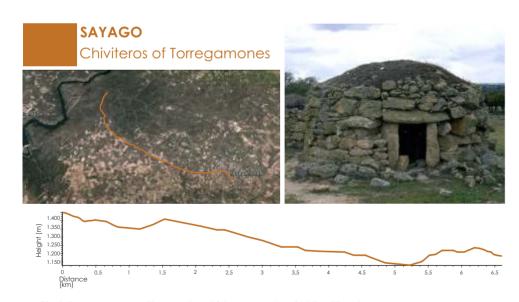
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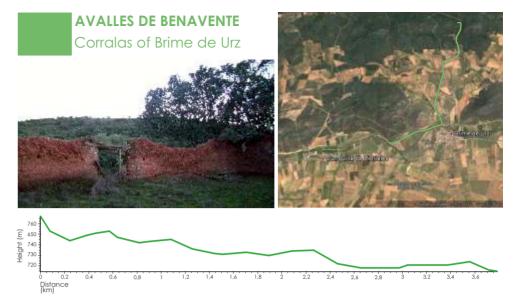
Start: Abejera de Tábara (Zamora) - Distance: 15,5km (9 mill) - Ramp: 78 m



Start: Lubian (Zamora) - Distance: 1,4 km (1500 yd) - Ramp: 100 m



Start: Torregamones (Zamora) - Distance: 6,6km (4,17 mill) - Ramp: 64 m



Start: Brime de Urz (Zamora) - Distance: 3,8 km (2,5 mill) - Ramp: 52 m































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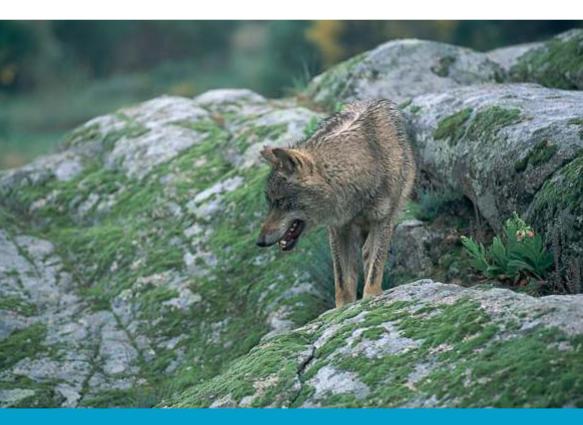


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