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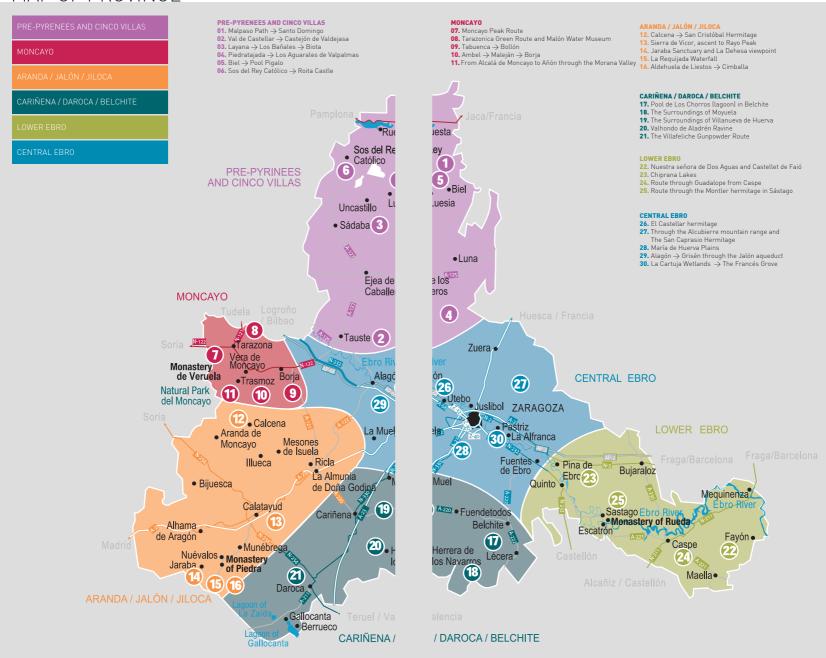
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PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS **MONCAYO**

→ ARANDA / JALÓN / JILOCA

CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO CENTRAL EBRO

CALCENA→ SAN CRISTÓBAL **HFRMITAGE**

→ Duration Two hours (round trip).

→ Difficulty

Medium. Adequate footwear and drinking water is recommended.

→ Recommended time of the year Spring, summer and autumn. PR-8 Path with white and yellow signs.



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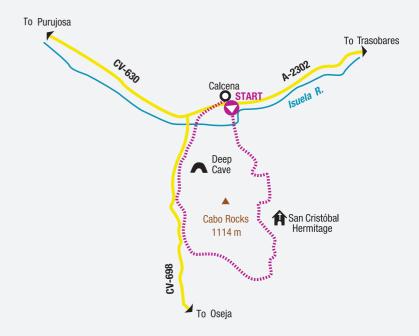
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During this route we visit the most remote and little known of Moncayo, where we find small, picturesque villages such as Calcena and Purujosa. From Calcena, at about 800 metres. the excursion starts. We should look for the bus stop next to a spring close to the San Miguel Hermitage Romanesque apse remains. Here the PR-8 path begins, which after about an hour of gentle ascent, leads us to the San Cristobal hermitage, at 1100 metres.

Shortly, the route crosses the Isuela River over a bridge where the PR.5 commences, taking us to Trasobares. After passing some corrals, the path continues flanked by stone walls, which in spring are covered with a pleasant tapestry-like green. We go up a gentle ravine that is actually an Isuela River tributary.

After crossing the ravine, the terraces turn into holm oaks that appear to be an authentic Mediterranean landscape.

The path continues a steep ascent to the hermitage, already visible at the top of the sierra. On the right, without leaving the path, we observe the elegant



flight of the bearded vulture, that nests in the craggy cliffs of the Cabo rocks.

Amongst holm oaks and boxus ascending through a zigzag path, which becomes easier as we walk on, after an hour we reach the San Cristobal hermitage.

Once there, it would be a good moment to relax and enjoy the magnificent panorama that this strategic point offers of the Isuela Valley, the village of Calcena, the gentle and undulating hills of the Moncayo, and more to the South the Sierra of the Virgen.

One can return to Calcena taking the same route or by doubling back taking another way. To do this we take the transport track, which starts behind the hermitage passing a pond next to the path, from there on we

descend through an interesting holm oak woods until Plana del Rebollo. Once there, we again leave the track and take the path descending to a dry ravine to later arrive at the Calcena to Oseja road, which leads us again to Calcena.



ONE SHOULDN'T MISS A

VISIT TO CALCENA AND

AMBLE THROUGH THE

STREETS WITH THEIR



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SIERRA DE VICOR, ASCENT TO FI RAYO PFAK

→ Duration

Two and a half-hours ascent. Descent two hours

→ Difficulty

Low, keeping to the paths.

→ Recommended time of the year

All year round. Winter is very beautiful, however warm clothing is required due to low temperatures. As always, good walking boots, drinking water and binoculars are needed.



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The Ravo Peak, and Nevera peaks, where there is a military observatory, are the highest elevations of the Vicor Sierra. They lie between the Pereiiles Valley to the South and the Grío Valley to the North. A height of 1427 metres allows for views of Moncayo, the Pre-Pyrenees Sierra and the Pyrenees, weather permitting.

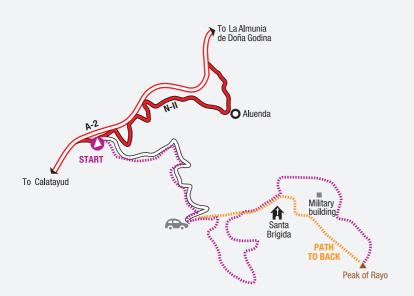
We suggest of the many ascents possible that which starts from Puerto Cavero, to the Southe of the Sierra, ascending the southern face in order to reach the peak to the North. The vegetation reflects the climate, to the south pines, holm oaks and bushes are predominant. To the North pinewoods mix with other species such as holly and moss.



From Zaragoza the route starts taking the A2 until the Puerto Cavero where we find the second way to Aluenda, the first was passed after El Frasno near to Calatayud. We leave the dualcarriage way and take the N-II to the village. At little more than a kilometre from the Puerto of Cavero there is a turn off to the right sign-posted as «Pisa de la Sierra de Vicor (Sierra de Vicor Track) and another sign saying «Aula de la Naturaleza» 4,6 km (Nature Workshop 4,6 kilometres). The route goes through the pinewoods until reaching the workshop. One may park at this point although the route continues to la Fuente de Valdepajares (Valdepajares spring) where three tracks cross marking our start-off point.

From the spring we continue the track North and at the next crossing we take the widest one to the right. Rapidly, we rise and at one of the cruves, with outstanding views of Calataryud we find a 1970's sculpture of the Sacred Heart, thework of hikers. The route is clear through thick pinewoods until we meet a pass, crossing a restricted Military access road coming from El Frasno and the Air Force base to Nevera Peak, where there are radars, aerials and an astrological observatory.

Once past the road, we continue through the woods the path steepens and we come closer to the Northern side of the Sierra. Here, the woods thicken and great holly trees appear amongst



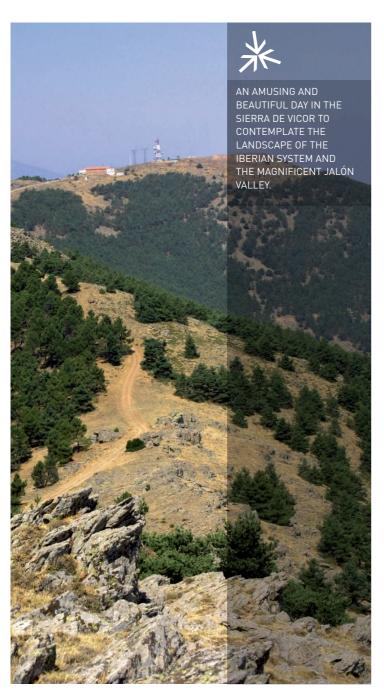


the pines. The path goes east along the Northern part of the Sierra (know as Bicora, soon we arrive at the refuge in good state with benches and chairs both inside and outside. The view to the North is glorious. The Ebro Valley opens below descending to the Iberian Somontano, from the valley the mountain, on a clear day, showing the snowy peaks.

We continue until arriving at a second refuge «La caseta Blanca or Acebal», and a spring in bad condition. Still, we continue another stretch with a slight slope until the woods start to clear. The track turns South to draw a rocky outline, the Peak of Rayo

may be made out, from there on a pronounced ascent reaches the peak connecting with the Peak of Nevero track.

Having reached our goal we find the fire warden's post, the geodesic vertex milestone and large amount of piled stones. The views are even more spectacular from the summit, Moncayo to the west, the Algairén Sierra to the Northeast and a northerly view of the valley and mountains. We descend from the South although now following themasts of the Nevera peak to continue along a track which connects with Valdepajares, our starting point for the excursion.





PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS MONCAYO

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CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO CENTRAL EBRO

JARABA SANCTUARY AND LA DEHESA **VIEWPOINT**

→ Duration

Two hours (round trip).

→ Difficulty

Low. Hiking boots, drinking water and binoculars are recommended.

→ Recommended time of the year

All year round. Avoid doing the route during midday hours.



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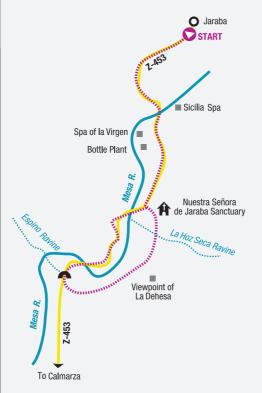
Phone 976 849 040 www.hotellastruchas.com We start from Jaraba close to the Sicilia spa taking the path that finishes at the bridge crossing the River Mesa.

Always following the Calmarza direction we leave behind the Spa of the Virgin and the bottling plant. Arriving at a bend in the river and before crossing the bridge we are surprised by a sanctuary situated upon a cliff leading to the Hoz Seca or Cañada de Campillo. At its base we see a sign which indicates that we should go along a wide path that takes us to the other side of the rocky cliff. Soon we will leave the path and take an easy path until the viewpoint of la Dehesa del Mesa.

We follow the GR24 signs going down the road until the tunnel. The way back can be done to the left, in this way describing an almost circular route which will have allowed us to reflect on the contrast between the heights of La Hoz (the plateau steppes), and the densely forested riverbank.



BETWEEN CALMARZA AND JARABA, THE RIVER MESA TRANSPARENTLY FLOWS, SEPARATING AN **IMPRESSIVE CANYON** KNOWN AS THE HOCES DEL MESA. THE ROUTE WE PROPOSE IS ONE OF THE CLASSIC ROUTES FOR TOURISTS WHO ENJOY THE JARABA THERMALS. IT IS A DELIGHT FOR THE SENSES TO WALK ALONG THE LOWER PART OF THE HOCES, NEXT TO THE FRESH RIVERBANK. WHERE ONE MAY CONTEMPLATE CURIOUS **GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS** AND ALLOW ONESELF TO BE SURPRISED BY THE CLIFFSIDE SANCTUARY OF JARABA, CLIMB TO THE PLATEAU AT THE HIGHEST POINT OF LA HOZ AND FEEL THE VERTIGO OF THE





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LA REQUIJADA HILL

→ Duration

One hour.

→ Difficulty

None, although it is recommendable to observe the waterfall from its base at the hydroelectric station. And not get too close as it is slippery.

→ Recommended time of the year
All year round, preferably after rain.



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Río Piedra Restaurant. Ctra. Monasterio, s/n Phone 976 849 007 www.hotelriopiedra.com The route starts at the well-known Monastery of Piedra, to continue along the Cimballa road. We cross a bridge and, near a viewpoint, next to a hermitage, from where there is a nice panorama of the natural surroundings of the Cistercian Monastery, we continue, after about two kilometres we see, on the left of the road, some livestock birthing huts. We should leave the car here at Lugar Nuevo.

From this point, and following the canal on our left, we pass some houses, descending along the towpath, leading to the river. Once there, we may see some waterfalls, such as the La Cava, almost hidden on the banks of the River Piedra.

We continue along the agricultural path to the hydroelectric central workers houses. Next to them will find a steep stairs descending to the central from which we may admire the beauty of the La Requijada Waterfall, within an idyllic surrounding.







THE RIVER PIEDRA ALONG ITS STRETCH BETWEEN LUGAR NUEVA AND THE MONASTERY OF PIEDRA. HIDES BEAUTIFUL WATERFALLS OF WHICH LA REQUIJADA WATERFALL IS ALSO ATTRACTIVE AS IT ALLOWS US A VIEW OF THE MONASTERY OF PIEDRA ANOTHER PRIVILEGED PLACE WHERE WATER DRAWS MAGNIFICENT WATERFALLS SUCH AS THE WELL-KNOWN «COLA DE CABALLO» (HORSE TAIL

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ALDEHUELA DE LIESTOS →CIMBALLA

→ Duration

Around two hours.

→ Difficulty

Low, as it is a very steady route. The gradient oscillates between 179 mts. (highest point) and 230 mts. (lowest point). The altitude oscillating between 936 and 1044 mts.

→ Recommended time of the year All year round.



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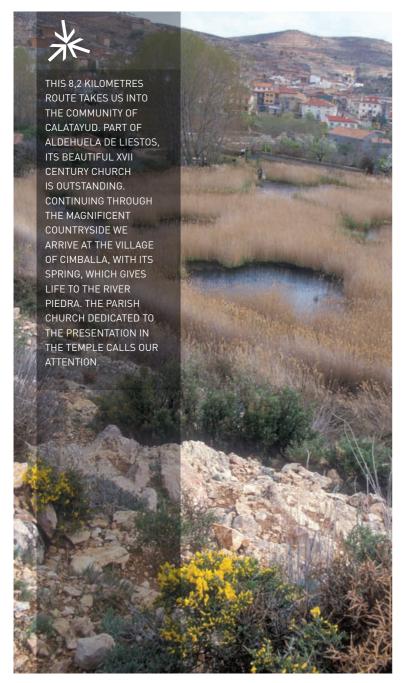
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Bílbilis Restaurant Madre Puy, 1 Bajo Phone 976 883 955 www.restaurantebilbilis.com We start the route at the Aldehuela de Liestos spring, which is next to the road which is on the banks of the River Piedra at 986 metres. Its natural surroundings stand out, as do its representative buildings, such as the XVII Century church dedicated to Our Lady of the Ascension. In the municipality there is also a hermitage dedicated to Saint Barbara.

We continue towards Cimballa then taking 1,6 kilometres later the path to the right. Gently rising we find a fork of which we take the left.

We descend to cross the ravine then we rise again to find rosemary and junipers. We go down again to meet with another ra-





vine, which we cross, up again we then descend. Here we see farm lands and we pass Agustin's hut. Further on we walk amongst reforested pinewoods.

Always following the main track, which later takes a turn of 90° to the left from where we commence our descent towards the trough and Cimballa. This village on the banks of the River Piedra has an altitude of 936

metres. Passing through its streets takes the tourist back in time. The village has traces of past conserved in country houses and a xxIII century church built in honour of Christ's Presentation in the Temple.

The spring of the Ojos de Cimballa, on the outskirts of the village is a highlight, which gives life to the River Piedra and the River Molino its principal tributary.



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