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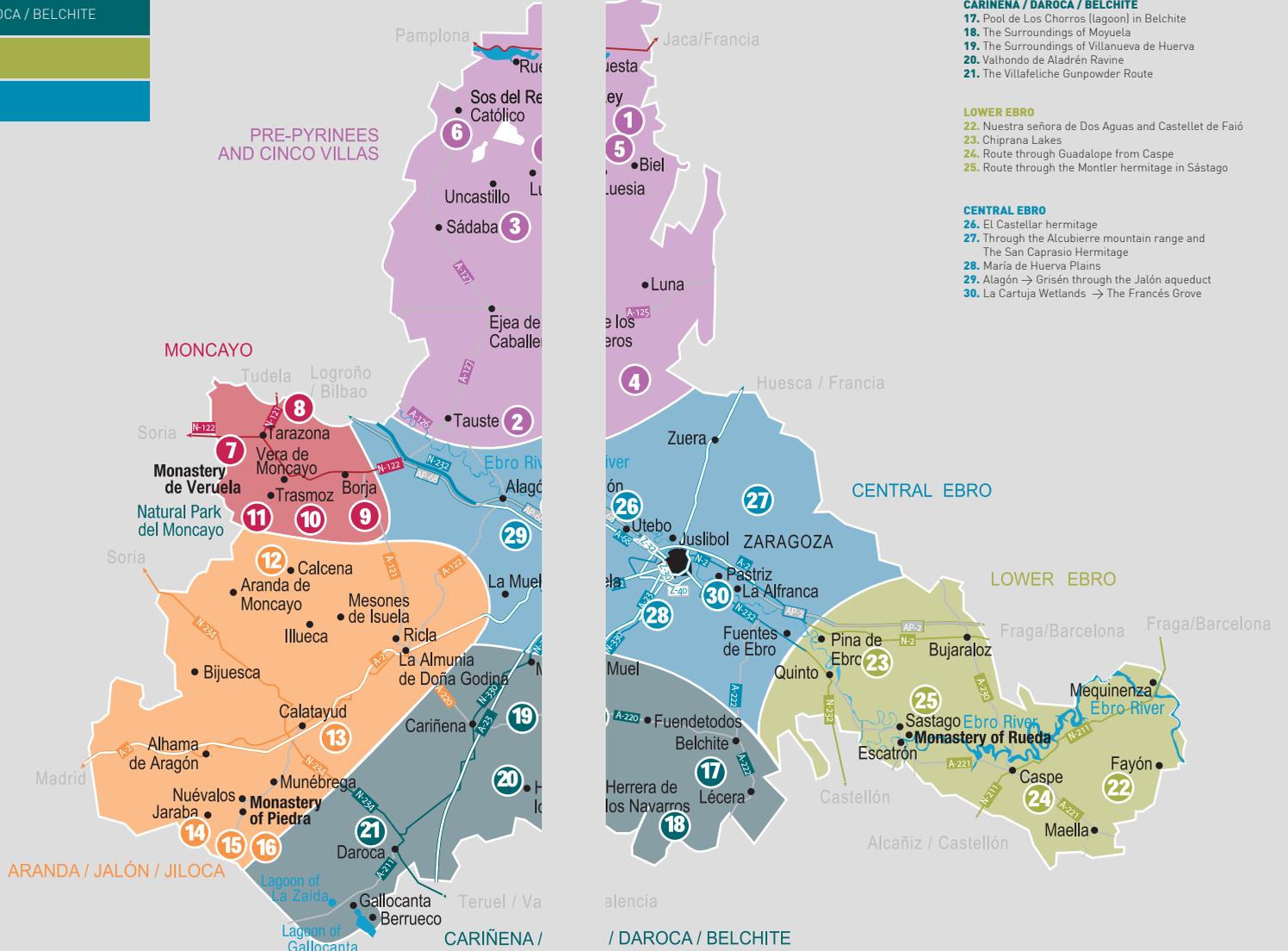
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## NUESTRA SEÑORA DE DOS AGUAS (OUR LADY OF THE TWO WATERS) AND CASTELLET DE FAIÓ

### → Duration

Part of the route may be done by car. If by foot the route takes one and a half hours, quicker on the way back.

### → Difficulty

None.

### → Recommended time of the year

All year round avoiding midday summer hours when ascending to Castellet.



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We take Virgen Street from Nonaspe towards the hermitage of Our Lady of the Two Waters. This itinerary follows the typical Via Crucis. It is also possible to go up from the bridge over the River Matarraña following the river path. Next to the hermitage there is a recreational area and some interesting pinewoods.

Visiting the meeting of the two rivers, walk along the gravel, looking at the pebbles and wicker reeds; observe Royal cranes, white wagtails and common sandpiper.

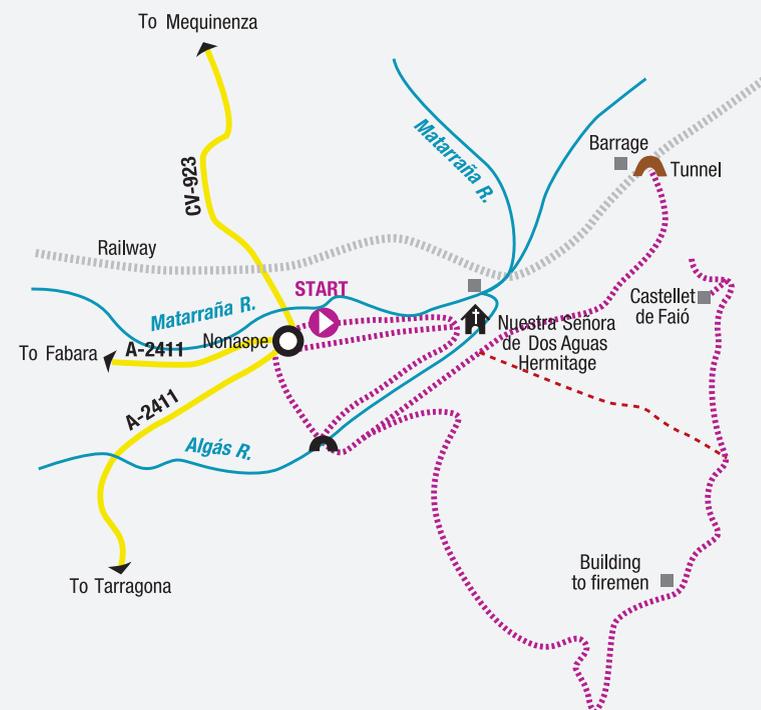
We continue up the route of the River Algás until a small bridge. From the other side we continue parallel to the river downstream. 150 metres later there is a fork



in the path. On foot we take the left and by car the right.

We continue 700 metres to the left and once in front of the hermitage we take the right which slopes gently upwards taking us to a crossing in the path. The electrical installations are our reference.

If travelling by car the route goes through the Villalba ravine. Once reaching the fork one turns left and crosses the paths until one kilometre later we see a monument. There we take the path on the left, which takes us to the previously mentioned crossing next to the electrical installations.



From the crossing we take the path on the left again, not suitable for vehicles.

We continue until Castellet. If the path has finished don't worry if you haven't seen the tower, it is behind you! Within a dense pinewoods. This tower was one of several watchtowers built during the Third Carlist War. The view of the Algás and Matarraña meeting, above all during the morning, is superb.



WE PROPOSE A VISIT TO THE SITE WHERE THE RIVER ALGÁS AND MATARRAÑA MEET IN NONASPE. HERE THE HERMITAGE OF OUR LADY OF THE TWO WATER WAS BUILT, A PERFECT NAME GIVEN ITS SITE. FROM CASTELLETE WE MAY ENJOY EXCEPTIONAL VIEWS OF THE RIVER'S SURROUNDINGS.



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## CHIPRANA LAGOONS

### → Duration

The lagoons may be reached by car. The visit will take around one hour.

### → Difficulty

None.

### → Recommended time of the year

All year round, we recommend several visits during the year in order to enjoy the changing scenery.

If you arrive from Escatrón via the A-221 direction Caspe, you pass a sign saying «Comarca de Caspe», two hundred metres later at kilometre 40 we take a path to the right following it for a kilometre and a half, a crossing appears just below the high tension cables. From there we can already see the Salada Grande which we enter from the path on the right.

If coming from Chiprana or Caspe you must take the left turn off once passed the bridge an entrance to the Mequinenza reservoir. After three kilometres you reach the crossing mentioned before below the high-tension cables.

Once there we recommend you first visit the principal lagoon, Salada de Chiprana, with its 32 hectares and irregular contour owing to sandstone formed canals which create small islands and stretched out peninsulas. It is better to leave the car behind as soon as possible and continue on foot, to avoid disturbing the birds and at the same time taking the great beauty of the area.



Unlike the rest of the salt pools in the Ebro basin, the Chiprana never dries up, as it is fed by subterranean waters. Its deepest point is more than 5 metres and its salt levels almost double those of the sea. In its depths layers of microbes have developed housing primitive life forms, similar to those of 3.500 years ago.

Amongst the birds that may be observed: common shelducks, as well as red-crested pochards, Northern shovelers, black-headed seagulls, storks, etc.

As we border the lagoon, beaches which depending on the time of the year, have shiny salty layers surprise us. We later cross a small stream coming from the other lagoon: La Salada de Rocés (three hectares).

A few metres later on the right a third reed covered wetland: the Prado de Farol.

The best panoramas of the Salada de Chiprana (Salt Pool) are to be had from the hills to the Southeast, next to the train line. Easily reached by a path.



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### CHIPRANA

Las Saladas Herbarium  
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THE RIVER EBRO IS AN AUTHENTIC OASIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LOWER ARAGONESE EBRO STEPPES. NEVERTHELESS, THE DESERT HAS ITS SURPRISES. AS IN THE CHIPRANA LAGOON, A WETLAND OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE. FROM WHERE WE CAN OBSERVE MANY ACUATIC BRIDS, AS THEY ARE LAGOONS THAT NEVER DRY. ALL THE FLORAL RICHNESS OF THE SALT POOLS MAY BE CONTEMPLATED FROM THE LAS SALADAS HERBARIUM, A MUSEUM IN MAYOR STREET IN CHIPRANA.

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## ROUTE ALONG THE RIVER GUADALOPE FROM CASPE

### → Duration

Around four hours, although part of the route is through paved forest tracks thus easier.

### → Difficulty

None, although the route does present steep slopes.

### → Recommended time of the year

All year round, although a good knowledge of the terrain is advisable in order to not get lost.



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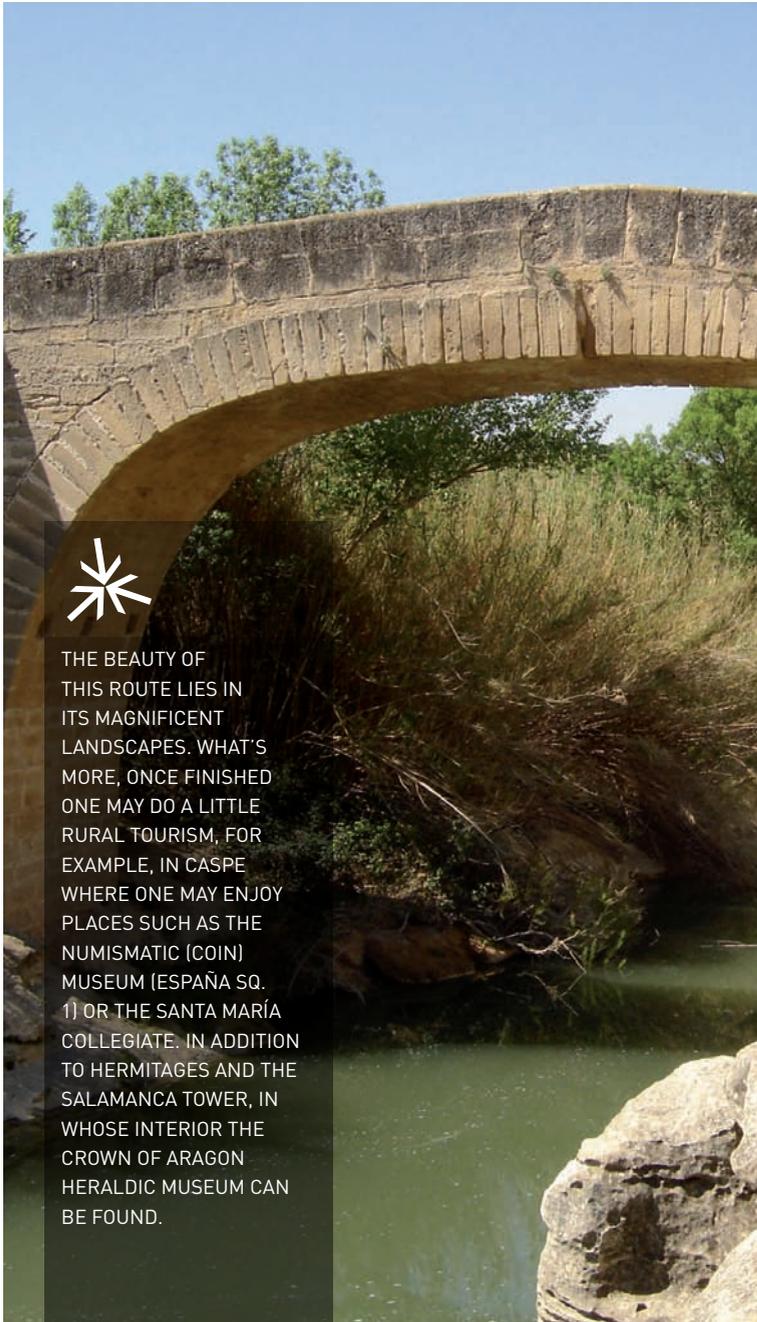
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We start the route in Caspe and from there take the A-221 road towards Maella.

Later we take a paved path to the right. Having walked just less than one kilometre we turn off towards Val de Zaíl, there we may see an old mill. We continue the path until reaching the banks of the river Guadalope.

Now we walk parallel to the river enjoying its groves later we arrive at the Masatrigos Bridge. Then we take the left moving away from the river we arrive at a glass kiln. Once we have finished the visit we continue up to the Miraflores rocky mound. The path is now paved and we continue until the bus stop.





THE BEAUTY OF THIS ROUTE LIES IN ITS MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPES. WHAT'S MORE, ONCE FINISHED ONE MAY DO A LITTLE RURAL TOURISM, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASPE WHERE ONE MAY ENJOY PLACES SUCH AS THE NUMISMATIC (COIN) MUSEUM (ESPAÑA SQ. 1) OR THE SANTA MARÍA COLLEGIATE. IN ADDITION TO HERMITAGES AND THE SALAMANCA TOWER, IN WHOSE INTERIOR THE CROWN OF ARAGON HERALDIC MUSEUM CAN BE FOUND.

From there we take the paved path on the left, pass the ditch and a little later we turn to the left to finally arrive at the Barberán grove and tower. In all we will have covered a distance of

13,9 kilometres with an incline of 226 metres (positive) and 235 metres (negative). The maximum altitude is 216 metres with a minimum of 137 metres.



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## THE MONTLER HERMITAGE ROUTE IN SÁSTAGO

- **Duration**  
One and a half-hours.
- **Difficulty**  
None.
- **Recommended time of the year**  
All year round, although spring and autumn are more beautiful.



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**CASPE**  
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We start our route in Sástago and we go to the bridge over the River Ebro. From there, a sign indicates how to get to the Virgin of Montler along a pleasant path parallel to the river. Once we have visited the hermitage, we arrive at Sástago via a paved path that takes us to the A-2105 road. Along this road we can arrive at the meanders viewpoint and at the Tambor watchtower, until we arrive again at the village of Sástago.

This route of 6,93 kilometres apart from being very pleasant allows us to discover a place, which is well loved by the locals, the Virgin of the Montler hermitage that has a beautiful history.

The Counts of Sástago received the order to build a Sanctuary dedicated to the cult and veneration of the Virgin. Shortly after a venerable penitent from a noble family, Juan Leer, arrived. Hiding in a cave praying he attracted those souls that sought consolation. Such was his fame that one day of his own will he moved to the mountains, where the Sanctuary is to be found, looking for peace. In that way the area started to be called «Monte

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