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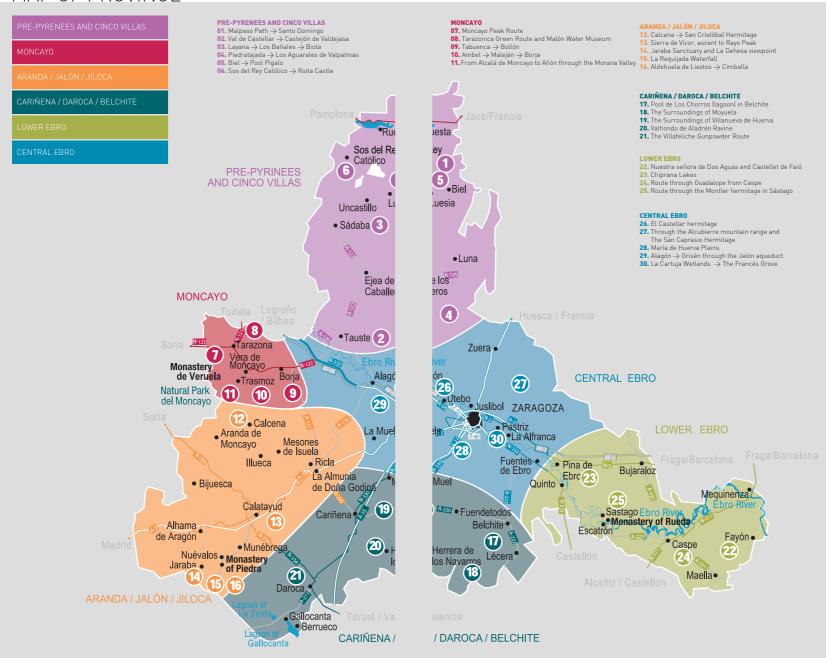
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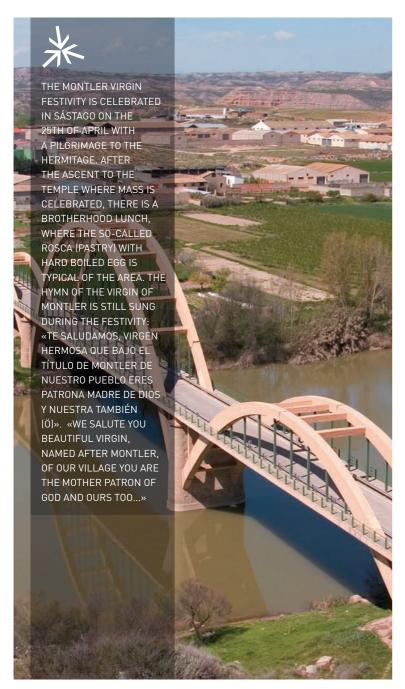
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PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS MONCAYO ARANDA / JALÓN / JILOCA CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO

→ CENTRAL EBRO

CASTELLAR HERMITAGE

→ Duration

The return trip takes little more than an hour and a half, however one should allow for the whole morning as the boat only works at the beginning and the end of the pilgrimage.

\rightarrow Difficulty

None.

→ Recommended time of the year
Unfortunately one can not choose as
the boat only operates the 8th of May
and the last Sunday in September
coinciding with the pilgrimage to the
hermitage.



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CASETAS

El Palacio Restaurant Ctra. Logroño, 14-16 Phone 976 788 037 We reach Torres de Berrellén via the Logroño dual-carriage way. We cross the historic centre and we follow a track to the North, from which there are two kilometres until the river Ebro route.

Before crossing on the ferryboat over the Ebro, we may take advantage to observe the functioning of the boat, as we will probably have to wait our turn. The boat is made up of a great hull above which there is a ramped platform that while crossing maintains itself parallel to the current. There are two cables across the river, the first guides the ferryboat's routes, and the second is for security purposes.

The crew guides the boat from one bank to the other pulling on auxiliary cables which advance the boat. It is difficult to explain however it does work. Once on the other side the ramp is lowered and we have crossed!

In this way we start off on a track which crosses farmlands. Later we take the left and begin the cliff's ascent. There are some steep parts so take it easy. When we arrive above there is an entrance where the track turns

180 degrees and we face the last part up hill to the hermitage.

We recommend that you now climb up to the highest point of the cliff (only five minutes). From where, as mentioned before, the views are spectacular.

On the way down we mustn't miss the castle ruins. To do so, just before the gate, we take the path to the right and in ten minutes we will have arrived. Be careful when visiting the fort as the cliff is steep (100 metres).





This castle built in 1080, during the reign of Sancho Ramírez boasted a church which until 150 years ago, when it collapsed due to the Ebro's erosion of the cliff loosing the image of the Virgin of Castellar. However, the Virgin was found years later in the water provoking the decision to construct the hermitage, this time, of course, a little further from the cliff's edge.





TO CLIMB TO TOWARDS HERMITAGE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PILGRIMAGE OF TORRES DE BERRELLÉN, IS TO DISCOVER THE VALLEY AND SOME CHARMING TRADITIONS. FIRSTLY WE WILL HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER ON ONE OF ITS LAST REMAINING FERRIES, THEN FROM THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLIFFS WE WILL HAVE HAD SOME SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE EBRO, WITH THE MEETING OF THE JALÓN IN THE FOREGROUND AND MONCAYO IN THE BACKGROUND, ASCENDING TO THE TEMPLE DURING THE PILGRIMAGE TIME WILL PERMIT US TO ENJOY



ALONG THE ALCUBIERRE SIERRA AND THE SAN CAPRASIO **HERMITAGE**

→ Duration

Three to three and a half-hours by foot (add 20 minutes by car)

→ Difficulty

None, although the route requires adequate footwear, a cap, drinking water and food.

→ Recommended time of the year

All year round, however given the characteristics of the route spring is verv beautiful.



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Cartuja de Aula Dei, Goya paintings.

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PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS **MONCAYO** ARANDA / JALÓN / JILOCA CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO

→ CENTRAL EBRO

This pleasant trip takes place within the LIC (Place of Community Interest) and ZEPA (Area of Special Interest for Birds) of the Nature Network 2000 Sierra de Alcubierre just a few kilometres from the city of Zaragoza. Starting off from the village of Perdiguera by car (A-129) along the track which goes to the east following on towards the Sierra de Alcubierre passing on the right the Las Luengas reservoirs first and then the El Pozo reservoir. Later we gently ascend until reaching the Fl Collado del Maestro and afterwards entering the plains known as El Estrecho.

We leave the car, at 600 metres of altitude, at the crossing we pass along the path on the right which takes us to Monte Oscuro



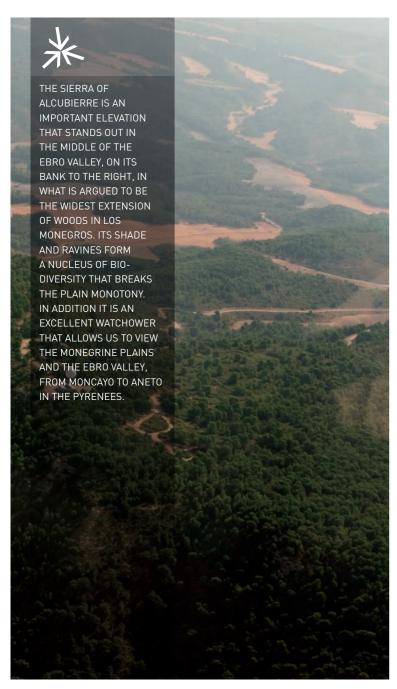


(811 metres), we take the left towards Barranco de Camilo. which we let descend while we take the right towards the hermitage, with its superb views of the Sierra, Monte Oscuro and San Caprasio (812 metres). This trip also offers the opportunity to observe the differences in vegetation of the North face with its holm oak pinewoods, junipers, whereas the southern face has a dryer Mediterranean bush and thistle covering.

The route rises as we cross Perdiquera in the province of Zaragoza and Alcubierre in the province of Huesca as the milestones indicate we are travelling through a mountain of public use (MUP). This once was the home of the mythical Cucaracha (cockroach) bandit, as can be deducted from the names of the area (Cucaracha, Mata de Cucaracha, etc.). Contemplating beautiful junipers specimens we move on to the Guara Corrals, up to the right, to connect a hundred metres later with the better signposted GR-17 Marian Route. The vegetation is represented by holm oak pinewoods, Portuguese oak, holm oak, where we may be lucky enough to observe the European green woodpecker or the red-billed chough.

After passing by the Cimacorva reservoir we reach the San Caprasio hermitage, also known as San Garapasio, where we stop to recover and enjoy the view.

An alternative descent is offered by the track down the hillside until the limestone rock and the hermitage caves excavated by the religious community of the Brotherhood of Jesus, a curious place of nature and faith. We return by car along the same route.





PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS MONCAYO ARANDA / JALÓN / JILOCA CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO

→ CENTRAL EBRO

MARÍA DE HUFRVA PI AIN

→ Duration

Around two hours by car.

→ Difficulty

None, although one must keep in mind the necessity to carry the right equipment, adequate seasonal clothing and binoculars are recommended.

→ Recommended time of the year All year round.



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MARÍA DE HUERVA

Mesón Las Calas Restaurant Ctra. Valencia N 29 Phone 976 126 363 In María de Huerva we can travel on foot or by car along a narrow track that leaves the industrial area and zigzags rising up the slopes of clay and gypsum. After passing a small hill we face an old sealed tip that occupies the lower part of the Las Almunias ravine. From this point on we may continue walking along the bed of the ravine itself or take the path until reaching the horizontal peak of Las Planas of María and Zaragoza.

From this point we can contemplate to the North a magnificent view of the wild ravines and valley that descend to Zaragoza, the vegetation leopard-skin like, of thyme and other clay loving plants. The sheerest faces and shady areas above are populated by pinewoods, scattered with oak, holm oaks, junipers and rosemary, with a rich bird-life and some of the most emblematic birds of prey, such as owls and Golden eagles.

On the plains traditional dry land agriculture has alternated between fallow and cultivated lands of wheat and barley. Each winter the last migrating Pyrenean flocks occupy the



zone, in particular those from Ordesa Valley, which house old birthing huts and watering wells still in use.

This environment is also ideal for the populations of calandra larks, crested larks, short-toed larks, linnets, pin-tailed sandgrouses, black-bellied sandgrouses, and Montagu's harrier, although the installation of hundreds of windmills has transformed the physiognomy and peace and quiet of the zone.



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PRE-PYRENEES AND CINCO VILLAS MONCAYO ARANDA / JALÓN / JILOCA CARIÑENA / DAROCA / BELCHITE LOWER EBRO

→ CENTRAL EBRO

ALAGÓN →GRISÉN VIA THE JALÓN AQUEDUCT

→ Duration
One hour.

→ Difficulty

None, as it is a flat route, with an altitude oscillating between 245 and 231 metres.

→ Recommended time of the year All year round.



UTEBO

C/ Las Eras, 8 Phone 976 775 400 www.ossamuseo.org

Orús Museum Plaza España, s/n Phone 976 775 100 www.ayto-utebo.es We leave Alagón along the route that takes us to the cemetery. We continue along the paved track until reaching the Caracol tower and keeping on we arrive at the aqueduct of the Jalón River.

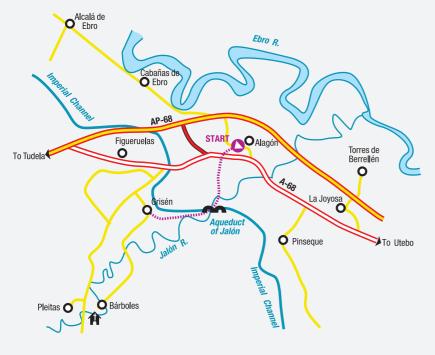
Walking along the right bordering the canal, we may pass one of the aqueduct arches. Later, we follow along the track leading to Grisén, already visible from this point.

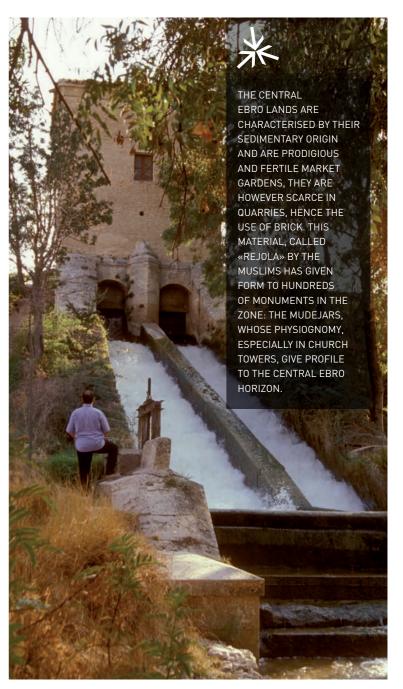
Once in the village, and after having passed many fields of fruit trees, especially apples. We can appreciate some of the attractions of the village, such as the local washing place, a witness to times gone by, as is the church of San Martín (xv. century), and the hermitage of San Miguel (xviii century). There is also the nineties built Town Hall. Nearby there is an old port that lived through an interesting resurgence after the war when the canal recovered part of its transport capacity thus benefiting the beetroot industry.

The Jalón aqueduct was a Ramón Pignatelli project with which the canal manages to cross the Jalón River. Two great stone walls were of the walls of Grisén. These together with the four strong,

erected to be given the name eight-meter arches, make for a magnificent construction.







GALACHO (WETLANDS) OF LA CARTUJA → EL FRANCÉS GROVE All along this walk we can enjoy a little known zone within the Natural Reserve of the Ebro wetlands: La Cartuja wetland and the Francés Grove.

By car to get to the start point of the trip we take the first turn off after passing the neighbourhood of La Cartuja, which leads to the water treatment plant of La Cartuja. At a second roundabout, we take the right path and when we get to the crossing we take the right to an open area where we start the route.

We cross a recently laid path to maintain the old livestock route. We walk along the border of the cliff, always close to the galacho (wetlands). Later we reach a track, where there are some constructions known as Casas de Lierta. At a crossing we take the left and enter the Huerta Honda until we reach the banks of the River Ebro. There we take a left and we arrive at an open area where the river is safe guarded and where there is an information board.

We continue along the path, through the vegetation, and at a fork, we continue straight on.



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→ CENTRAL EBRO

→ Duration
One hour.

→ Difficulty

None, as its 5.58 kilometres are completely flat, with an altitude oscillation between 180 and 204 metres

→ Recommended time of the year All year round.



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Chané Restaurant Eras Altas, 10 Phone 976 107 833 / 976 107 877 www.chanerestaurante.com Later we arrive at a path that goes along the limits of the lush Francés Grove. The track, crosses a pebble beach, moves away from the grove and turns to the left. Little by little we find ourselves above the cliff from where we can enjoy some beautiful views. Continuing along the path we reach our start point.





LA CARTUJA GALACHO (WETLANDS) IS AN ABANDONED MEANDER OF THE EBRO TO BE FOUND, TOGETHER WITH THE ALFRANCA OF PASTRIZ AND EL BURGO DE EBRO WETLANDS, WITHIN THE NATURAL RESERVE OF THE GALACHOS OF THE EBRO. A DENSELY VEGETATED ECOSYSTEM HOME TO A WIDE VARIETY OF WILDLIFE. THE FRANCÉS GROVE, A THICK RIVERBANK WOOD ON THE RIGHT MARGIN OF THE RIVER EBRO, IS ALSO INTERESTING, SPECIES SUCH AS THE WHITE AND BLACK POPLAR. AT THE END OF THE ROUTE ONE ARRIVES AT A CLIFF WHICH HAS BEAUTIFUL VIEWS, ENCOMPASSING THE LIERTA HOUSES TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND LA CARTUJA (ZARAGOZA)

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