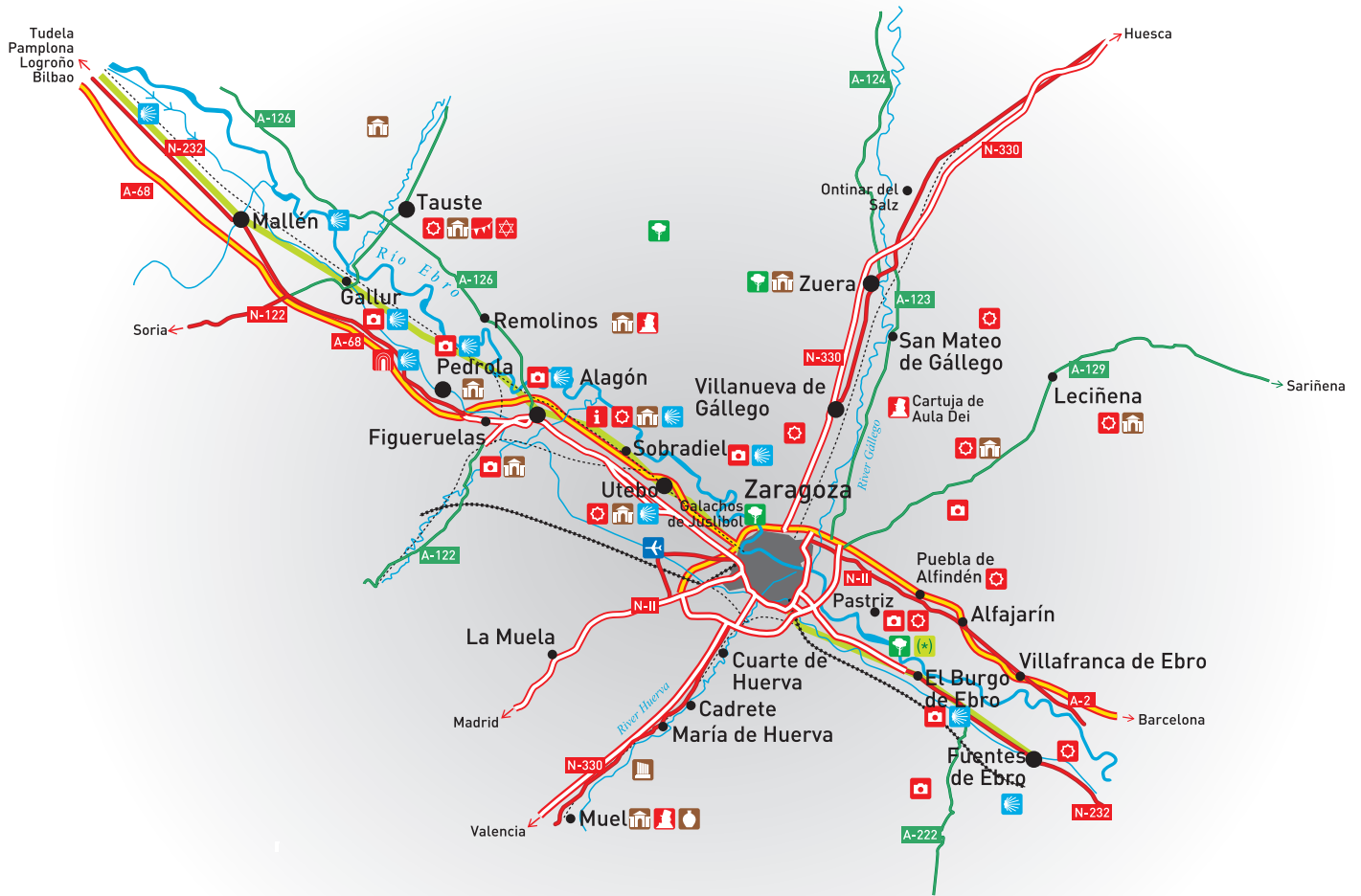


Ebro central

guide for tourism professionals. Zaragoza, the province 2008-2009





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The Central Ebro

→ Three fluvial currents giving form furrow the province of Zaragoza's heart. The first is the **Ebro** which flows towards the sea accompanied by the Imperial Canal, its construction started in the XVIth-century in times of Carlos V, however it was not concluded until 300 years later becoming one of the hydraulic landmarks of the European Illustration. The other two tributaries are the **Gállego**, from the North, and the **Huerta** born in the Southern Mountains. Both feeding the Ebro's current on its route through the Aragonese capital.

The area is a prodigious fertile land, scarce however, in stone quarries something which has made brick the leading protagonist in its Mudejar towers, many conserving Islamic battlements structures.

Between **Gallur** and Zaragoza churches with bell towers built in agreement with Andalusian roots appear.



The most spectacular being the church of San Pedro in **Alagón**, where Pedro IV, el Ceremonioso, celebrated royal weddings, and the Asunción of **Utebo**. In this final example a lace of glazed ceramic unites geometric drawing traced in brick so on sunny days the simple walls transform into multicoloured magic carpets.

The Duke of Villahermosa Palace in Pedrola or the Count of **Sobradriel** mansion is worth a visit. The neighbourhoods of **Alcalá de Ebro** are themselves of particular interest, here Cervantes imagined Sancho Panza governing the Island of Barataria.

Nature lovers can admire the so-called Galachos (wetlands) of the Ebro, previous branches of the river that today, isolated, form lagoons on both margins of the river. They are valuable Nature Reserves where an infinity of animal and vegetable species are sheltered. Observatories, signed paths and interpretation centres facilitate the visit and help us to find out more about this singular ecosystem: **La Alfranca** Interpretation Centre.



If one travels up the river Gallego from Zaragoza towards the North, one of the first surprises held for the visitor, behind the solid walled perimeter, is the **Cartuja de Aula Dei**, founded in 1564. The walls of one of the monastery's buildings distributed around an evocative patio, were decorated by Francisco de Goya at the end of the XVIIIth-century with various episodes of the life of the Virgin.

Until just a few years ago only men could access the premises occupied by closed order monks. Nowadays a subterranean passage leading directly into the room where the paintings are to be seen has been constructed with the objective that all visitors can contemplate them. By previous appointment.

→ main attractions

- Mudejar towers in Alagón and Tauste
- Cartuja de Aula Dei, Goya paintings
- Galachos (wetlands) of the Ebro Natural Spaces: Juslibol and La Alfranca
- The Ebro Saint James' Way: www.jacobeo.net
- Festival: Fuentes de Ebro Cinema Week (October)

→ routes

- The Ebro Mudejar Route
- The Ebro Saint James' Way



→ museums and interpretation centre → where to eat



- **Alagón:** Hispanic-Mexican Contemporary Museum.
- **La Muela:** Olive Oil Museum, Life Museum, Wind Museum.
- **Utebo:** Utebo Ossa Museum, Orús Museum.
- **Pastriz:** La Alfranca of Pastriz Natural Reserve Interpretation Centre.
- **La Cartuja and Burgo de Ebro:** Internacional Water and Environment Centre in Pastriz. (Contact: 976 10 58 40 and ciama@aragon.es. Reservations and management: Sodemasa → Contact: 976 070 002 and centrosdeinterpretacion@sodemasa.com)
- **San Mateo de Gállego:** Fernando Malo Ceramics exhibition hall.
- **Peñaflor:** Cartuja de Aula Dei, Goya paintings: (Ctra. de Peñaflor, s/n. Contact: 976 715 583)

CASETAS

El Palacio Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 788 037

LA PUEBLA DE ALFINDÉN

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→ Contact: 976 107 833

MARÍA DE HUERVA

Mesón Las Calas

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UTEBO

Octava Milla (Hotel Europa) Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 792 900

www.srhoteles.es

VILLANUEVA DE GÁLLEGO

Sella Restaurant La Val d'Onsera

→ Contact: 976 180 388

www.sellacomplejohostelero.com



Menu suitable for coeliacs

ZUERA

Las Galias Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 680 224

www.hotellasgalias.com

ZARAGOZA

El Aral Restaurant (Hotel El Cisne)

→ Contact: 976 332 000

www.hotelcisne.com

→ where to sleep



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Hotel 4* Europa

→ Contact: 976 792 900

www.srhoteles.es

ZUERA

Hotel 3* Las Galia

→ Contact: 976 680 224

www.hotellasgalias.com



→ infrastructure for events

LA MUELA

City Hall Auditorium

(Contact: 976 144 002

www.lamuella.es) and

Centrovía Business Centre Halls

(Contact: 976 144 002)

Meeting rooms in hotels:

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Hotel 4* Europa

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www.srhoteles.es

PEDROLA

Hotel 3* Castillo de Bonavia

→ Contact: 976 619 000

www.castillobonavia.com

ZUERA

Hotel 3* Las Galias

→ Contact: 976 680 224

www.hotellasgalias.com

→ travel agencies

ALAGÓN

Tinatours

→ Contact: 976 616 269

www.viajestinatours.es

Viajes Mapfre

→ Contact: 976 384 917

www.mapfre.com

FUENTES DE EBRO

Viajes Zuera

→ Contact: 976 167 941

www.gruposerc.com

LA MUELA

Viajes La Muela

→ Contact: 976 141 460

www.viajeslamuela.es

LA PUEBLA DE ALFINDÉN

Estival Tour

→ Contact: 976 107 597

www.estivaltour.com

SAN MATEO DE GÁLLEGO

Viajes San Mateo

→ Contact: 976 694 531

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Todoviajes

→ Contact: 976 462 327

www.todoviajes.group-team.com

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976 784 145

www.halconviajes.com

Zafiro Tours

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www.zafirotours.es

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→ car rental

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LA PUEBLA DE ALFINDÉN

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www.alquilerdeclasicos.com

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976 32 18 30

www.atesa.es

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www.automovileszaragoza.com

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Cars with driver.

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Budget

Alquiler de Turismos.

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www.aplbudget.com

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976 533 096 / 902 105 030

www.europcar.es

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www.therpasa.es/palacios&moncayo

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www.turismosquilez.com

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www.recordrentacar.com

Rovic

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www.ruzafa.com

→ activity organisers

CABAÑAS DE EBRO

Ebronautas

Diverse didactic and recreation activities around the navigation of the river Ebro. Kayaking, cataracts, walks, off road, theatrical visits based on the history of the river, consulting and environmental education.

→ Contact: 654 898 400
www.ebronautas.com

CUARTE DE HUERVA

Cuarte Ecuestre

Equestrian courses.

→ Contact: 610 553 116

EL BURGO DE EBRO

Ribera Centro Ecuestre

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Yeguada San Antonio

Horse riding courses excursions. Everyday except Mondays.

→ Contact: 976 124 314 / 607 874 034
www.yeguadaasanantonio.com

PASTRIZ

Centro Ecuestre La Alfranca

Horse riding courses, dressage, excursions, nocturnal excursions, visits to the galachos (wetlands) for students.

→ Contact: 976 583 151 / 656 836 526

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L'auca

Ornithological routes, natural spaces interpretation. Guides in several languages.

→ Contact: 976 165 969
www.grupolauca.com

PINSEQUE

Golf Los Lagos

Camino de Vinales s/n

→ Contact: 976 617 613 / 976 617 614
info@golfloslagos.com
www.golfloslagos.com

UTEBO

Club de Campo Hípico Aragón

Horse riding courses, dressage, excursions and competitions.

→ Contact: 976 445 125 / 629 729 393
www.yeguadaaragon.com.

ZARAGOZA

Zaratrekking

Hiking.

→ Contact: 976 56 20 49
www.zaratrekking.com

Club de Golf La Peñaza

Carretera de Madrid Km. 307 (Turn off at the Air Base).

→ Contact: 976 342 800
→ Fax: 976 541 907
www.golflapenaza.com

En Vuelo

Tourist flights all over Aragon and the Province of Zaragoza. Air taxi service for the Peninsula, France and Portugal.

→ Contact: 976 396 157 / 630 971 111
www.envuelo.es





→ tourist offices

Alagón Tourist Office

Plaza San Antonio, 2

Alagón

→ Contact: 976 611 814

turismoalagon@hotmail.com

Gallur Information Department

C/ Azucarera s/n

Gallur

→ Contact: 976 864 073

aytogallur@infonegocio.com

La Muela Tourist Office

C/La Balsa, 1

La Muela

→ Contact: 976 149 965

info@unpaseoporlamuela.com

Zaragoza Tourist Office, the Province

Plaza España, 2

Zaragoza

→ Contact: 976 212 032

turismo@dpz.es

www.zaragozalaprovincia.es

→ group offers

1.Ebro Mudéjar Route (1 day)

**Utebo > Tauste > Ejea de los Caballeros
> Alcalá de Ebro > Alagón**

Day1

Departure and return to Zaragoza. Lunch in Ejea.

→ The Ebro up river from Zaragoza and the Mudejar articulate this route that extends from the fertile riverbanks and arid dry lands. The N-232 parallels the river, as does the A-68 where one finds **Utebo**, with one of the most spectacular Mudejar towers along the way, the church of la Asunción. In its shadow, two centres dedicated to contemporary culture, the Mariano Mesonada Museum, concentrating on the paintings of José Orús and the Museum of the twentieth-century Science and Technology OSSA have been opened.

→ The A-126 has to be taken to **Tauste**. The spire tower of Santa María surprises from the distance. It is also possible within a visit of an hour and half to see Santa Clara convent, the church of San Antón, the Barrio Nuevo (the old Jewish quarter) and the monastery of San Jorge, together with the House of Culture and its contemporary art collection. If the stay is extended a little a visit to the **Sanctuary of Nuestra Señora de Sancho Abarca** with its impressive panoramic is recommended.



→ Arrival to Ejea de los Caballeros. Visit to La Espiral and lunch.

→ In the afternoon: a stroll around Ejea's historic centre allowing us to find the fort church of El Salvador and the parish of Santa María de la Corona. And an appointment with ethnology in the Miguel Longás Centre.

→ Returning via Gallur, a stop off in **Alcalá de Ebro**, identified with the island of Barataria governed by Sancho Panza in Cervantes' universal work. There is a monument, not far away from the church of la Trinidad, to the likeable shield carrier that greets the visitor.

→ The route has its last stop in **Alagón** where the historic centre conserves part of the Jewish and Muslim neighbourhood. Here Mudejar art shines in the tower of San Pedro. The church of San Antonio and the hermitage of Nuestra Señora del Castillo add to the list of monuments. And its cultural offer is completed with a contemporary Hispanic-Mexican Museum.

2. The Ebro Saint James' Way Route (1 day)

→ The Ebro Saint James' Way: The Ebro was a natural entrance for pilgrims from the Delta to Logroño and from there, North, until Galician lands.

→ After leaving the city of Zaragoza passing through the balconies of the Ebro the route arrive in **Alagón**, with its decorated Mudejar tower sitting in a green valley at the foot of greyish gypsum earthworks.

→ Later we arrive at **Alcalá de Ebro**, well known for being Sancho Panza's Barataria Island, During periods of flooding it turns into an authentic island.

→ The traveller continues to **Gallur** crossing the Aragón Imperial Canal until arriving at the Navarran locality of Tudela.

→ As most of the Saint James' Way coincides with the **GR-99**, the great river Ebro route is well sign posted with updated information.