

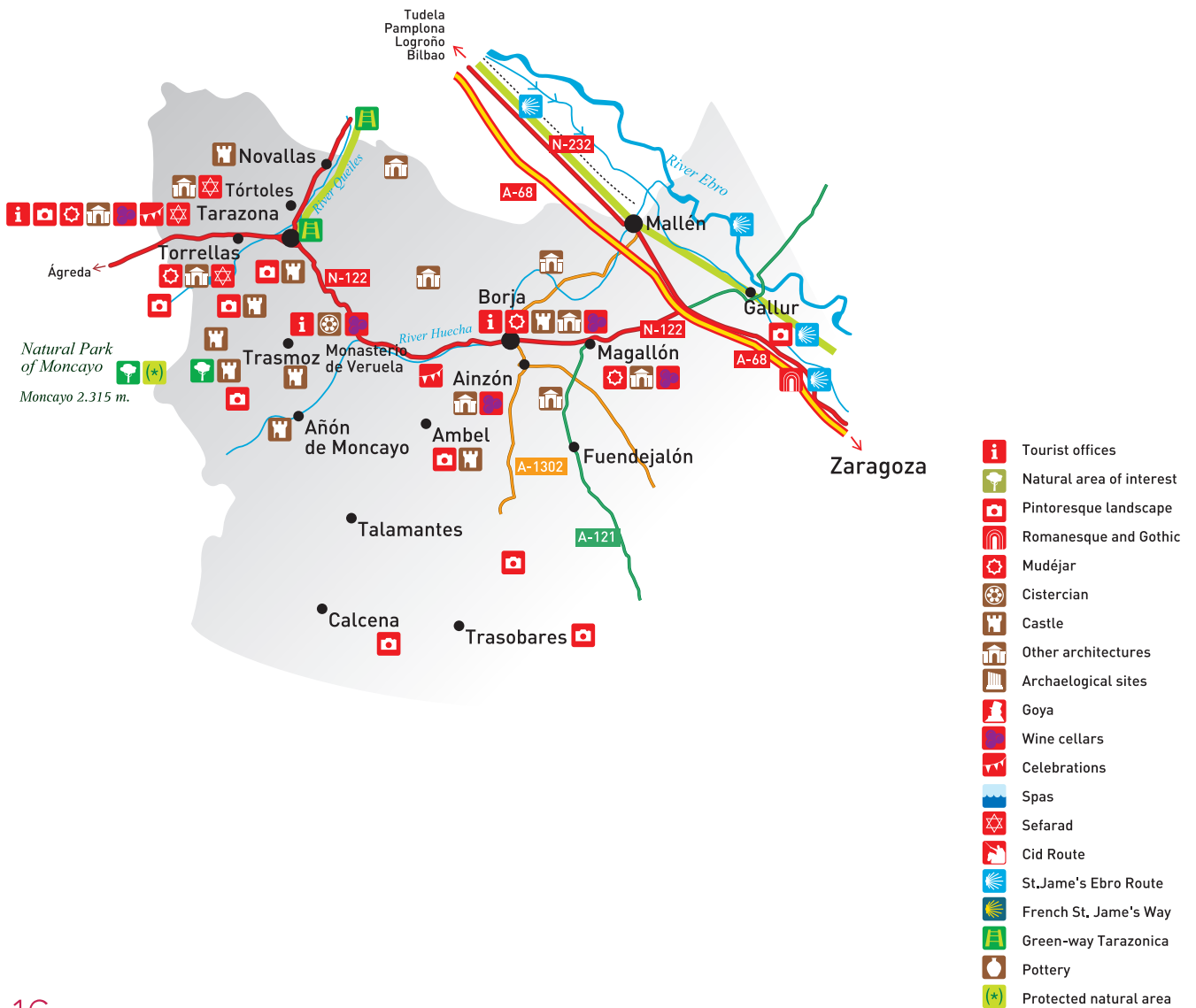
Moncayo, Tarazona and Borja

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Moncayo:

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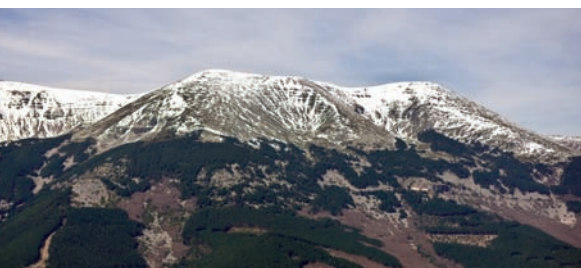
→ The **Mount Moncayo** -2.315 metres- is the outstanding mountain of the Zaragoza landscape as well as being the home of magic beings and the scene of legendary episodes.

Tarazona is the most relevant capital of the somontano of El Moncayo: under the name of Turiaso its moment of splendour was the Roman era, however, its highest point was the Middle Ages, becoming a crucible of Christian, Hebrew and Muslim harmony. Within its narrow streets spectacular hanging houses and a Jewish quarter are preserved. Gothic and Classical motifs go hand in hand with eye-catching constructions which have an air of Andalusia in the Cathedral of Santa María de Huerta as in the cimborrio (lantern that permits light to enter) and the cloister decorated with delicate lattice-work. The Episcopal Palace, the Town Hall, with Renaissance relief, and Mudéjar Convents are the city's other points of interest.

At the end of August the San Atilano Festival attracts hundreds of people in a tomato battle with the "Cipotegato", unusually dressed from head to foot as a harlequin.

Moncayo Nature Reserve

Protected by law since 1927, this area of lush vegetation is a refuge for a variety of flora and fauna where is possible to find a range from oak and beech groves typical of Central Europe to plants more used to resisting the extreme conditions of peaks and icecaps. In the same area pine forests and holly cross the steeps. In Agromonte an Interpretation Centre of the Park has been created from where routes are taken ascending to the highest peaks of the Iberian System, snow capped for most of the year.





The **Monasterio de Santa María de Veruela** is to be found at the foot of Moncayo. It is the earliest of the three great Cistercian complexes of the province founded in Aragón. Building was started in the middle of the XII century and today unites monumental monastic rooms of different eras and styles. During the summer months it converts into an active exhibition and concert centre attracting many visitors. Its interior houses the Protected Denomination of Origin Campo de Borja wine museum.

The present day **Borja** is the capital of a prosperous territory thanks to the quality of its products, especially wine and olive oil. Its narrow streets and arcaded squares bring together a fine collection of religious buildings and interesting XVth and XVIth-century palaces.

Around **Moncayo** a charming rosary of villages is conserved. Malón shelters attractive Baroque palaces and the Museum of Water within its circling streets. Interesting traces of antique mosques still remain in Tórtoles and Torrellas. The village of Los Fayos hides behind an impressive cave rock formation, where tradition places the hideout of the cruel Caco, nearby the imposing castle of Grisén, the defensive bastion of Vera del Moncayo and Trasmoz castle rise.


We recommend you let yourself be surprised by the patio of columns that guards the Duke of Villahermosa Palace in Fréscano, amble through picturesque village of Bisimbre, visit the XVth-century Baroque palace of the Countess of Bureta and taste the cavas and sweet wines of Ainzón, **Campo de Borja Protected Origin Denomination** regulatory centre of wines.



→ main attractions

- The Cistercian Monasterio de Santa María de Veruela
- Tarazona
- Borja
- The Natural Reserve of Moncayo and small localities which maintain castles as in Trasmoz, Añón and Santa Cruz del Moncayo
- Bodegas (Wine Cellars) P.D.O. Campo de Borja www.campodeborja.com
- Hiking through the Green Way of Tarazonica www.viasverdes.com
- Festival of the Cipotegato in Tarazona (27 August)

→ rutas

- **Route of the Three Cultures and P.D.O Campo de Borja (wine tourism)** 

→ museums and interpretation centre

- **Ambel:** Castle-Convent of Ambel
- **Borja:** Collegiate Church Museum, Large fortified Borja tower.
- **Malón:** Museum of Water
- **Santa Cruz de Moncayo:** Pottery Museum, Ancient photography Museum.
- **San Martín de la Virgen del Moncayo:** Mycology Centre, Agramonte del Moncayo Interpretation Centre.
- **Tarazona:** Tarazona Archaeological Museum, Ancient Convent of la Merced, Raquel Meller Museum, Maturén Foundation, "Moshé de Portella" Jewish Culture Interpretation Multimedia Centre in Tarazona
- **Torrellas:** Islam Interpretation Centre
- **Trasmoz:** Tower and Knight Museum, Moncayo Witchcraft and Superstitions Museum, The Poet's House.
- **Vera de Moncayo:** Wine Museum P.D.O. Campo de Borja, Mycology Centre, Agramonte Interpretation Centre, Bécquer Space, in the Monasterio de Veruela

→ where to eat



ALBETA

El Portal del Moncayo Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 853 000
www.elportaldelmoncayo.com

BORJA

La Bóveda del Mercado Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 868 251

BULBUENTE

Mesón del Aceite Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 852 200


SAN MARTÍN DEL MONCAYO

Hotel Gomar Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 192 101 / 976 192 147
www.hotelgomar.com

TARAZONA


Brujas de Bécquer Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 640 404  Menu suitable
for coeliacs
www.hotelbrujas.com

Saboya 21 Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 643 515
www.restaurantesaboya21.com

La Merced de la Concordia Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 199 344 
www.lamerced.info

VERA DE MONCAYO

El Molino de Berola Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 646 550
www.molinodeberola.com

La Corza Blanca Restaurant

→ Contact: 976 649 036
www.lacorzablanca.com



→ where to sleep



AÑÓN DEL MONCAYO

Hotel 2*

El Comendador de Añón

→ Contact: 976 649 032
www.comendadordenayon.com

BORJA

Hotel 2* Plaza

→ Contact: 976 867 414
www.hotelplaza.com.es

BURETA

**Casa Palacio de los
Condes de Bureta**

→ Contact: 976 868 799
www.condadodebureta.com

GRISEL

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior Los Girasoles**

→ Contact: 976 644 814 /
654 699 736
www.casarurallosgirasoles.com

LITUÉNIGO

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior La Carrasca**

→ Contact: 976 646 581 /
630 037 663
www.la-carrasca.com

LOS FAYOS

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior El Cantón**

→ Contact: 976 640 923 /
620 087 577
www.casaruralelcanton.com

SAN MARTÍN DE MONCAYO

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior Alforís**

→ Contact: 976 192 052 /
625 411 459
www.alforis.com

SANTA CRUZ DE MONCAYO

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior El Mirador**

→ Contact: 976 643 138 /
639 059 494
www.elmiradordelmoncayo.com

TARAZONA

Hotel 3* Condes de Visconti

→ Contact: 976 644 908
www.condesdevisconti.com

Hotel 3*

La Merced de la Concordia

→ Contact: 976 199 344
www.lamerced.info

TORRELLAS

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior Villahermosa**

→ Contact: 976 640 434 /
676 228 407
www.casaruralvillahermosa.net

VERA DE MONCAYO

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior La Portaza**

→ Contact: 976 646 584 /
639 362 677
www.casarurallaportaza.com

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior El Pintor**

→ Contact: 976 646 526 /
685 329 516
www.casaelpintor.com

**Casa rural (Country house)
superior La Oruña**

→ Contact: 976 649 130 /
651 993 310
www.casaruraloruna.com



→ infrastructure for events

TARAZONA

Events rooms in the city and hotel establishments:

Hotel 3* Brujas de Bécquer

→ Contact: 976 640 404

www.hotelbrujas.com

Hotel 3* Condes de Visconti

→ Contact: 976 644 908

www.condesdevisconti.com

Hotel 3*

La Merced de la Concordia

→ Contact: 976 199 344

www.lamerced.info

MONASTERIO DE VERUELA

Events and exhibition halls.

Bodegas (Wine Cellars) prepared for celebrations, on demand:

AINZÓN

Bodegas Bordejé

→ Contact: 976 868 080

www.bodegasbordeje.com

Bodegas Santo Cristo

→ Contact: 976 869 696

www.bodegas-santo-cristo.com

Bodegas Caytusa

→ Contact: 976 867 552

www.monasteriodeveruela.com

FUENDEJALÓN

Bodegas Aragonesas

→ Contact: 976 862 153

www.bodegasaragonesas.com

MAGALLÓN

Bodegas Ruberte

→ Contact: 976 858 106

www.bodegasruberte.com

→ travel agencies

BORJA

Más Viajes

→ Contact: 976 867 612

TARAZONA

Ibertrip

→ Contact: 976 199 231

www.ibertrip.com

Viajes Halcón

→ Contact: 976 642 961

www.halconviajes.com

Viajes Eroski

→ Contact: 976 64 48 23

www.viajeseroski.es



→ activity organisers

ALCALÁ DEL MONCAYO

Moncayo Aventura

Paintball, mountain biking, hiking, flying fox.

→ Contact: 690 014 744

www.moncayoaventura.es

SANTA CRUZ DE MONCAYO

Equestrian Centre "Campo Alegre"

→ Contact: 660 161 072

www.campoalegre.es

TARAZONA

Girola Servicios Turísticos, S.C.

Guided visits through Tarazona and its region and Moncayo area, fairs, the management of the Wine Museum in Veruela, customer service in the Monastery of Veruela.

→ Contact: 652 65 50 10

www.girola.net

Nataven

Segway rides through Moncayo, Bardenas, Sotos de Ebro and more.

→ Contact: 629 425 577

www.nataven.es

TRASMOZ

El Acebo de Moncayo

Cultural and Nature seminars.

→ Contact: 976 198 819 / 651 148 069

www.acebodemoncayo.com

→ tourist offices

Borja Information Department

Plaza de España, 1

50540 Borja

→ Contact: 976 852 001

borja@dpz.es

Tarazona Information Department

Pza. San Francisco, 1

50500 Tarazona

→ Contact: 976 199 076 / 976 640 074

turismo@tarazona.org

www.aytotarazona.es

Monasterio de Veruela Information Department

Paseo de Veruela, s/n

50580 Vera de Moncayo

→ Contact: 976 649 025

monasteriodeveruela@dpz.es



→ group offers

1. Route of the three Cultures and P.D.O. Campo de Borja. (2 days)

Day 1

Departure from Zaragoza arrival at the Monastery of Veruela.

→ Visit to the **Cistercian Monasterio de Veruela**, an example of abbey architecture also housing the Campo de Borja P.D.O. Wine Museum.

→ A walk through beech and oak woods within the **Nature Reserve of Moncayo** together with a visit to the **Agramonte** Interpretation Centre. Lunch in the Park.

→ Visit to **Torrellas**: The Moncayo, region's Muslim Culture Interpretation Centre, the castle, the church of San Martín de Tours, the main square and the San Sebastian hermitage, with its botanical garden

→ Arrival at **Tarazona**, free time and accommodation.

Day 2

Visit to Tarazona, Tórtoles and Borja

→ **Tarazona**: A splendid medieval past is hinted at in its architecture. Its Jewish quarter made up of steep narrow streets within passages and arches in the vernacular style. The village is famous for its hanging houses, the Bishop's Palace, the Cathedral, the churches and convents of the Magdalena, San Francisco y La Merced, the Renaissance Council building and its octagonal bullring with its interior housing.

→ The Arts Theatre, the Archaeological and Paco Martínez Soria Museums and the Jewish quarter Interpretation Centre are other places of interest.

→ To the North of Tarazona, in **Tórtoles** the mosque and its XVIIIth-century parish church may be visited.

→ On route to Zaragoza one arrives at **Borja**. The city has a Jewish quarter by animated exquisite corners and well-preserved civil and religious monuments, such as Santa Maria Collegiate Church and its museum, the town hall, the Market Square or Aguilar House. There is a good offer of shops and patisseries.