

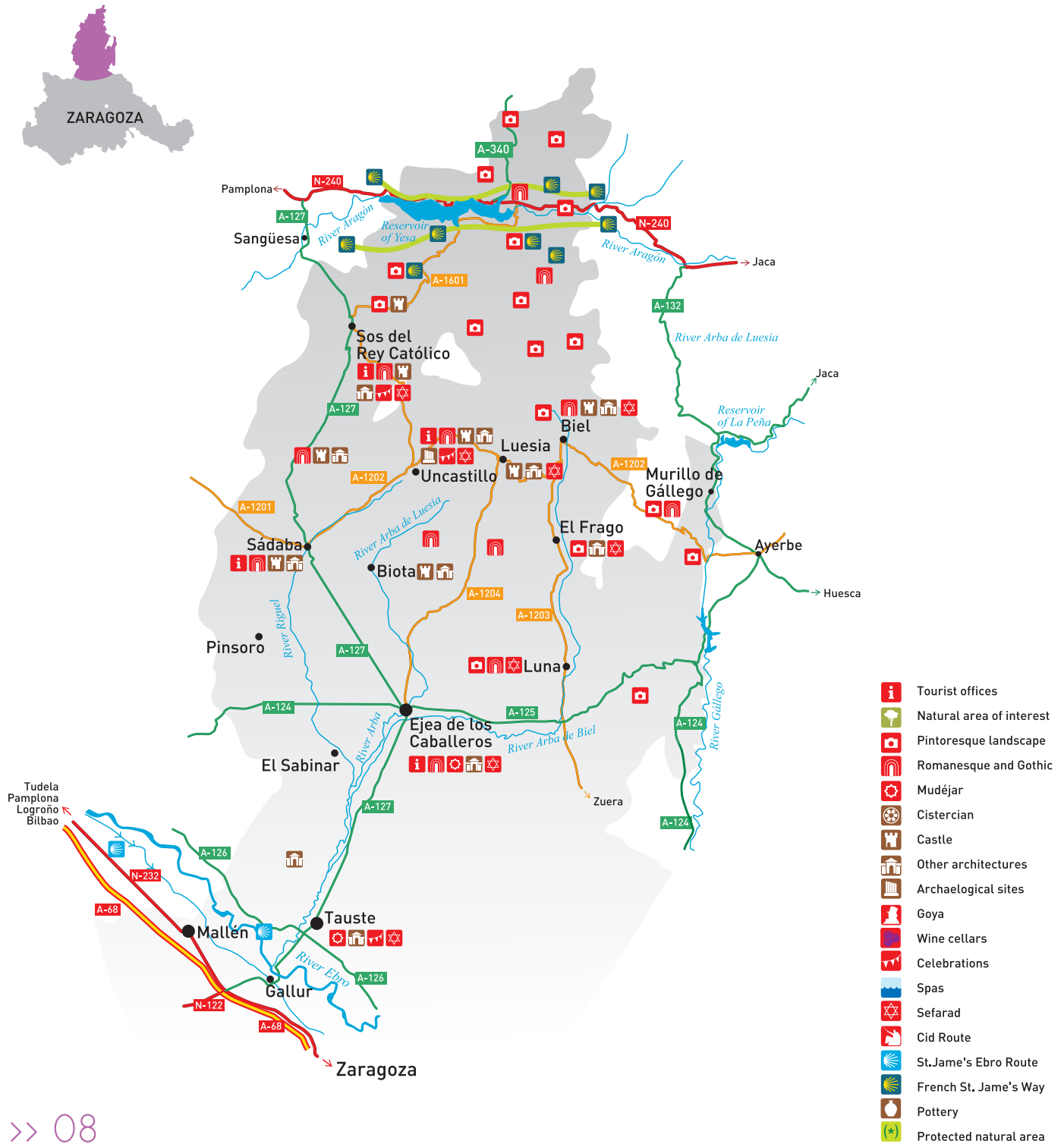
Pre-Pyrenees and Cinco Villas

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



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The Pre-pyrenees and Cinco Villas

→ Encompassing a vast territory that descends from the Pre-Pyrenees Mountains to the Ebro Valley organised around the Cinco Villas for centuries: Sos del Rey Católico, Uncastillo, Sádaba, Ejea de los Caballeros and Tauste. The **French St. James' Way** passes through the North of this land between woods and meandering rivers where many forts remain.

Sos del Rey Católico, This historic artistic site hides behind its doors and below its fortress tower, various temples, commercial buildings and noble residences. Offering an ample and personalised gastronomy, the site brings together a summer Music Festival, at the foot of the Renaissance Palace of Sada, where Fernando, the unifier of the Spanish Kingdoms was born in 1452.

Uncastillo, This historic artistic site offers many samples of Romanesque churches. Its urban passages unite various interactive centres and surprises one with a pleasingly preserved Jewish Quarter with its winding streets. On the fortified hillside that crowns the locality, the tower battlements share space with a Gothic palace. In the summer months the village is a place of cultural meetings, courses and celebrations. Nearby is a site of notable importance, the roman city of Los Bañales, where the aqueduct which supplied water to the baths and Forum, is to be found.

Sábada also conserves Roman remains, various rural residences and two funeral monuments: Los Atilios and "La Sinagoga" (The Synagogue). This village bordering the Kingdom of Navarra conserves two extraordinary constructions: a thirteenth-century castle and the parish church of Santa Maria, one of the most outstanding Gothic buildings of the Province.

To the East we find Murillo de Gállego and los **Mallos de Riglos** with its defiant vertical rock formations. Nowadays, it is possible to practice hiking, canoeing, rafting, hang gliding and paragliding in unsurpassed conditions.





As we near the Ebro Valley, the landscape changes and the wild woods of the Pyrenees Mountains gives way to extensive cultivated flatlands. **Ejea de los Caballeros** reflects this transition and offers valuable samples of Romanesque architecture together with examples of Mudéjar art, predominant along the middle course of the Ebro, where stone is combined with versatile brick as in the octagonal tower of Santa María de **Tauste**.

Sefarad

Sefarad is the name given by the Jewish to Spain, a paradise lost. From antiquity until the 31st of March 1492, when the Reyes Católicos (Catholic Kings) decreed their expulsion, numerous Hebraic communities flourished on the mainland. One of the focuses with more density, in what today is Aragón, was to the North within the Province of Zaragoza. The trace of their stay is perfectly visible in localities such as Sos del Rey Católico, Uncastillo, Ejea, Tauste, Luna, Biel, Luesia or El Frago, where one can wander through a neighbourhood of winding and narrow streets once inhabited by the Jewish community.

→ main attractions

- Tauste, Ejea de los Caballeros, Sábada, Uncastillo and Sos del Rey Católico
- The Romanesque and Gothic styles in Uncastillo and especially in Sos.
- The Sephardic Remains and Jewish Quarter: Uncastillo, Tauste and El Frago
- Los Bañales Roman Aqueduct, Los Atilios Roman Mausoleum in Sábada
- The Pre-Pyrenees landscapes: Santo Domingo Mountain range and Mallos de Riglos
- The proximity to the semi-desert area of Las Bardenas, Natural Reserve
- The Country food and Artisan pottery shops.
- The 50 Knights Festival in Uncastillo (July)

→ routes

- **The Medieval Route:** Alagón, Tauste, Sábada and Sos del Rey Católico
- **The Romanesque Route:** Ejea de los Caballeros, Uncastillo, Luesia, Biel, El Frago and Luna
- **The French St.Jame's Route** on the banks of the Yesa reservoir.



→ museums and interpretation centre

- **Ejea de los Caballeros:** "La Espiral" Three Cultures Centre, The Manuel Longás Ethnology Museum, and The Apiculture Museum.
- **Murillo de Gállego:** Electricity Museum.
- **Sos del Rey Católico:** Fernando el Católico and Medieval Interpretation Centre.
- **Tauste:** House of Culture Exhibition Hall.
- **Uncastillo:** The Tower Museum, The Cold Museum and the Pre-Pyrenees Religious Art Centre.

→ where to eat



BIEL

El Caserío Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 669 083

→ where to eat

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

Ciudad de Ejea Hotel Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 677 989
www.hotelciudadejea.com

El Bolaso Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 668 030

Aragón Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 667 665

LUNA

Finca El Regano Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 689 024
www.elregano.com

SOS DEL REY CATÓLICO

La Cocina del Principal Restaurant
→ Contact: 948 888 348

As Bruixas Restaurant
→ Contact: 948 888 415
www.asbruixas.com

The State-run Restaurant -

Hotel Parador Nacional de Turismo
→ Contact: 948 888 011
www.parador.es



Menu suitable for coeliacs



SÁDABA

Hostel-Restaurant Sádaba
→ Contact: 976 675 377

TAUSTE

El Torreón Restaurant
→ Contact: 976 859 331

→ where to sleep



ARDISA

Casa rural (country house) superior La Bodega del Hortal
→ Contact: 976 687 811 / 615 060 902
www.labodegadelhortal.com

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

Hotel 3* Ciudad de Ejea
→ Contact: 976 677 989
www.hotelciudadejea.com

Hotel 3* Salvevir
→ Contact: 976 677 417
www.hotelsalvevir.com

LUNA

Casa rural (country house) superior El Rincón de la Media Luna
→ Contact: 976 523 850 / 661 778 677
www.elrincondelamedialuna.es

Casa rural (country house) superior Casa del Pepo
→ Contact: 650 420 639 / 976 689 023
www.casadelpepo.com

SÁDABA

Hospedería 3* de Sábada
→ Contact: 976 675 377
www.hospederiasdearagon.com

SOS DE REY CATÓLICO

Hotel 3* Triskel
→ Contact: 948 888 570
www.hoteltriskel.com

→ where to sleep

SOS DE REY CATÓLICO

Parador Nacional de Sos 4*

→ Contact: 948 888 011

www.parador.es

Casa rural (country house)

superior El Infanzón

→ Contact: 948 888 097

www.casadelinfanzon.com

TAUSTE

Hostal rural (country hostel)

El Patiaz de la Reina Rana,

→ Contact: 976 855 307

646 613 453

www.reinarana.es

UNCASTILLO

Posada (Inn) La Pastora

→ Contact: 976 679 499

www.lapastora.net

Caserón El Remedio

→ Contact: 976 679 462 / 660 569 650

www.caseronelremedio.com

→ infrastructure for events

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

Halls and Community centre also in:

Hotel 3* Ciudad de Ejea

→ Contact: 976 677 989

www.hotelciudadajea.com

Hotel 3* Salvevir → Contact: 976 677 417

www.hotelsalvevir.com

SÁDABA

Conference room:

Hospedería (Inn) 3* de Sádaba

→ Contact: 976 675 377

www.hospederiasdearagon.com

→ infrastructure for events

SOS DE REY CATÓLICO

Exhibition and congress rooms:

Sos State-run Hotel -

Parador Nacional de Sos 4*

→ Contact: 948 888 011

www.parador.es

Hotel 3* Triskel → Contact: 948 888 570

www.hoteltriskel.com

UNCASTILLO

Congress hall and Romanesque church of San Miguel and exhibition lounge.

→ travel agencies

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

Viajes 5 Villas → Contact: 976 667 815

www.marsans.com

Viajes Ekoalfa → Contact: 976 663 611

www.travelmar.com

Viajes Halcón → Contact: 976 663 111

www.halconviajes.com

Viajes Estivaltours → Contact: 976 660 155

www.estivaltours.com

TAUSTE

Viajes Ecuador → Contact: 976 854 577

www.viajesecuador.com

→ car rental

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

ALADI → Contact: 976 66 30 26

→ activity organisers

EJEA DE LOS CABALLEROS

Anea Tiempo Libre

Leisure and free time company

→ Contact: 976 667 796 / 647 706 860

Racing Park

Leisure and motor sports complex (karts, supermotard, enduro-cross, paint ball, trial exhibitions, tuning competition, etc.)

→ Contact: 609 665 920

Caballos de Martincho (Horse riding)

Cultural, sport and professional training activities and investigation in particular those related with physical and psychic disabilities.

→ Contact: 618 568 924

www.fundacionfarasdues.org

Rutas Turísticas Andurriales

Tourist routes in four-wheel-drive-vehicles.

→ Contact: 976 662 095 / 691 321 429

www.andurriales.com

Segiatur

Tourist environmental and leisure time programmes.

→ Contact: 976 661 157 / 659 005 935

www.segiatur.com



MURILLO DE GÁLLEGO

Caroc

Rafting, canoeing, hydrospeed, canyons and hiking.

→ Contact: 974 383 152 / 974 356 437

www.carocaventura.com

Evasión Grupo Explora

Adventure and water sports, rafting, kayak, canyons, hydrospeed, bungee-jumping, paint ball, hiking, vias ferrata, tree climbing and canopy walking, quads.

→ Contact: 974 232 812 / 974 383 022

www.grupoexplora.com

Nattura

Rafting, kayaking, canoeing, hydrospeed, canyons and hiking.

→ Contact: 974 383 152 / 974 356 437

www.nattura.com

Paintball Murillo

Paintball and Nature Activities.

→ Contact: 637 715 703

www.paintballmurillo.com

Verticalia

Tree climbing and canopy walking, bungee-jumping, rafting, canoeing, climbing, archery.

→ Contact: 649 912 045

www.verticalia.es



Ur

Rafting, canoeing, hidro-speed, canyons, hiking and vía ferrata climbing.

→ Contact: 974 383 048

www.urpirineos.es

UNDUÉS DE LERDA

La Fuina

→ Contact: 948 888 489 / 606 424 621

→ oficinas de turismo

Ejea Information Department

Plaza Magdalena, s/n

→ Contact: 976 677 474

www.ejea.net

Sos del Rey Católico Tourist Office

Palacio de Sada. Pza. Hispanidad, 1

→ Contact: 948 888 279

www.territoriomuseo.com

Uncastillo Tourist Office

Iglesia de San Martín
C/ Santiago.

→ Contact: 976 679 001 / 061

www.uncastillo.es



→ group offers

1. Medieval Route (2 days)

Alagón > Tauste > Sádaba > Sos del Rey Católico

Day 1

Zaragoza - Alagón - Tauste - Sádaba

→ From the Ebro Valley to the North, firstly we find Mudéjar brick giving way to medieval stone. In **Alagón** one passes through the “aljamas”, Jewish and Muslim neighbourhoods. Mudéjar art shines from the Tower of San Pedro and the visit is completed by the Church, hermitage and exhibition centre.

→ From the distance the church of **Tauste's** Mudéjar spire surprises, here one can also visit the Convent of Santa Clara and the Barrio Nuevo (the old Jewish Quarter).

→ Arrival and lunch in **Sádaba** where the route shows its well-proportioned fort of seven towers and its curious double door bend, the Gothic Levantine church, noble residences and Roman mausoleums.

→ In the afternoon, **Castiliscar**, with its fort and church of San Juan Bautista, the Paleochristian sarcophagus serving as an altar, awaits the visitor.

→ Arrival at **Sos del Rey Católico**, free afternoon. Accommodation in Sos.

Day 2

Sos del Rey Católico and nature in the Pre-pyrenees

→ A visit to the village of Sos. With Its suggestive medieval urban routes, sheltering the Church of San Esteban. The church reveals spectacular architecture, sculpture and Romanesque mural painting. Other points of interest in the village are the palaces of Sada and Gil de Sanz, the Lonja (Exchange) and the Town Council. Lunch in Sos.

→ A recreational activity afternoon on the Yesa reservoir, where one can canoe. **Ruesta** is to be found almost on the banks of the reservoir. The Romanesque hermitages of Santiago and San Sebastián are its most notable buildings together with the scenic viewpoint of Vidiella. In **Navardún** the church of la Asunción combines Romanesque and Gothic elements. In the same location a castle and an interesting public building are conserved.

→ Return to Zaragoza.



2. Romanesque Route (2 days)

Ejea de los Caballeros > Uncastillo > Luesia > Biel > El Frago > Luna

Day 1

Zaragoza - Ejea de los Caballeros - Uncastillo

→ The Cinco Villas was first the frontier between Christians and Muslims and later between Christians Kingdoms. In this way multiplying its fortified enclaves. A visit to the church-fort of El Salvador and Santa María parish church is obligatory in **Ejea de los Caballeros**.

→ Along the way Cinco Villas's quality delicatessens together with wine cellars from Ejea (contact 976 663 770 and www.bodegasejeanas.net) may be visited. The Roman site and aqueduct of Los Bañales are within the proximity of Uncastillo.

→ Uncastillo - Arrival and lunch.

→ In the afternoon a visit to **Uncastillo**, which is presided over by the tower fortress battlements, while also conserving a complete Jewish quarter. In the Church of Santa María, Uncastillo boasts one of Aragón's most complete Romanesque repertoires. Also housing five other Romanesque temples and a Renaissance public building. The visit includes the Tower Museum.

→ Accommodation in Uncastillo.

Day 2

Luesia - Biel - El Frago - Luna

→ Small marvels are conserved within the natural framework of the mountains **Sierra de Santo Domingo**: Luesia conserves the remains of a neighbourhood. In **Biel** a stone castle rises above the church, possessing a well-conserved Jewish quarter, galleries which cross streets with various noble buildings and a popular flavour.

→ The locality of **El Frago** conserves a fine Sephardic inheritance, one enters through the Terrau Arch it brings together various hermitages, churches and a welcoming epigraphic Jewish Interpretation Centre.

→ In **Luna** lunch is available, where the churches of Santiago and San Gil will be visited.

→ In the afternoon return to Zaragoza via Zuera.