

## Thematic Tours

### “Pasiegos: the last nomadic”

**The territory of the pasiegos of Burgos** is included in the called “**four river county**”: Trueba, Lunada, The Sia and Rioseco, with its core at Las Machorras, having always forgotten the fact that “pasieg” way of life extends up to the headwaters of the rivers Nela and Engaña, though in minor measure.

The pasiegos descended from some of the inhabitants of Burgos Mountain who, in the Middle Ages, beset by overpopulation, penetrated in a region of high mountain in search of new lands and pastures for their cattles.

It has been this high mountain territory character, isolated and practically inaccessible until the beginning of S.XX, which has marked the contrast and the difference between pasiego people and people living around them.

The major source of economy for the pasiegos is the bovine ranching and around it turns a lifestyle that is marked by seasonal transhumance. At the beginning of the summer, they go up to “brañizas”, natural grasslands individualized by stone fences, where their typical huts are located. When the first snows are fallen, they made the dumb and descend with their cows and their belongings to the foot of the mountains and river banks where they have placed their most comfortable winter cottages. In this route you will find the nearly extinct culture pasiega. Learning from its origin, evolution, visiting their fields, their huts, living their traditions...

### Duration

There is the possibility to visit the most representative attractions in half a day, but ideally, to experience the essence of culture pasiega, **these valleys worth to stay at least a full day**. The length of this route will be determined by customer preferences.

### Activities

- Cultural and ethnographic walk around the Pasiego’s settlements
- Environmental walk
- Ornithological walk