

Valle de Valdivielso

“Birds and Romanesque at the Valley of Validvielso”

The **Valley of Valdivielso**, in the **north of Burgos**, lays between the “Sierra de la Tesla” and the mounts of “Mazorra”. To access this corner, the Ebro has had to break through the “Sierra de Tudanca” and “Tesla”, causing the beautiful gorge of Hocinos. The river, with its calm waters, occupies the center of the depression. In this unique landscape of transition between desolate Castilian high plateaus and the Cantabrian mountains, beautiful surroundings are frequent : the climb to Tartales, the Cárcabos or Cereceda reservoir, among others. In the Valley, orchards, fruit trees and cereal farms mixed with forests of oaks and typical riparian vegetation. This landscape is completed with small villages spread along the valley, where the visitor can find Romanesque churches, mansions, palaces and towers, along with solid traditional architecture that uses wood and stone.

From its great historical past, the Valley has preserved numerous buildings, in special we can name Romanesque churches, such as Valdenoceda, The Almine, and the most important jewel of Romanesque art in Burgos: San Pedro de Tejada.

The medieval causeway of El Almine, within the route of the wool, confirms the importance of the Valley as a passage between the interior of Castile and the Cantabrian ports.

The charming people of Valdivielso have struggled to preserve their own personality while retaining preserving old customs and traditions that characterize them...

Thanks to its strong transition character where Atlantic and continental climates converge, a wide variety of birds have chosen this region to settle. Here we can observe a great variety of rock-dwelling species that fly among rifts and gorges, forest and riparian species. We can highlight the presence of Eagle, Vulture, Rock Thrush, Alpine Swift, Dippers, Bullfinch... among others.

Duration

This route can be done in **half a day**. Within the route you can choose all the activities and walks that we offer , in which case, we recommend you to stay at least two days. .

Activities

Walk along the valley: Rural architecture, landscapes and Romanesque

Tours for nature observation:

- Walk of “senses”
- Walk along the Ebro River
- Ornithological Walk