



# Cazorla

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Cazorla is living nature opening the door to the Natural Park of Cazorla, Segura y las Villas (1866), the biggest protected space in Spain, and the second in Europe. There are few places where you can see so many wild animals at their own habitat, like Hispanic goats, deers, or one of the biggest and most emblematic bird in Europe, the Lammmergeier. Talking about flora, there are approximately 2100 cataloged vegetables species, about 39 of them are endemic, some millenary, like yews, sabinas and pines. You can listen to the warble and get excited with the flying of more than



180 different birds, enjoy the trails adapted to everyone, or live an experience with a 4x4 in wild places with more than 1500m of altitude. The gastronomy and the traditions are worth mentioning: enjoy the typical dishes (tapas serranas) at places full of history and legends, such as the famous "Tragantía" legend. Walking on the streets surrounded by fountains is stopping in time. You can breathe fresh air and discover the beauty of every corner, discovering some secrets hidden for almost 500 years, like the subterranean tunnel under the only church in the world built above a river: The church of Santa María, of Renaissance style, which construction was ordered by D. Francisco de los Cobos, secretary of Emperor Carlos V.

## *Municipal Tourist Office*

Ruins of St. Mary

**Schedule:** From Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 a 13:00 y de 16:00 a 20:00 hours.

**Tlf:** 953 71 01 02



Discovering Cazorla is a gift for any traveller. Its magnificent location showcases, on the one hand, rugged natural mountain ranges, and on the other, extensive olive groves. The old quarters preserve beautiful stone buildings, balconies decorated with flowers, fountains and astonishing viewpoints. These characteristics of an Andalusian mountain town contrast with the modern cultural town that Cazorla is today, offering music, theatre, museums and fine cuisine that will make you eager to return.

If you travel on foot to the Plaza Vieja or Plaza de Santa María through the old quarter of Cazorla you will be pleasantly surprised. The open spaces, combined with the soaring crags of Peña de los Halcones and Gilillo and the impressive spectacle of La Yedra Castle, are constantly trying to draw your attention away from your immediate surroundings ; however, it would be a shame to let them do so, because in front of you there is a beautiful square full of history and charming details, along with the impressive ruins of the church of Santa María which never fail to fascinate the high number of visitors who make their way here.

The church of Santa Maria was the most important building in the Settlement of Cazorla. Built in the Renaissance-style, it is attributed to Andrés de Vandelvira or one of his pupils. The church overlooks the River Cerezuelo, which flows through its vault and goes on underneath the square.

It is not the only remarkable building you will find here: the Clergy House, the Endangered Species Centre, the old Town Hall (situated in an alley leading to the square) and the Cadenas fountain (built in 1605) are just some of the many attractions that can be visited in the town.

The square also boasts pleasant restaurants that offer an outstanding selection of local dishes. The prospect of enjoying a fine dinner and a peaceful evening in Cazorla is another reason to keep on coming back to this beautiful square.

From Cazorla you can make various excursions to very special places on foot or by car. We recommend the routes from the Salvatierra Castle to the Montesión Monastery and from the Virgen de la Cabeza Sanctuary to Peña de los Halcones.



**2/4** History and nature along the banks of the Guadalquivir river are the suggestions for a route of many contrasts that leads to some of the most significant areas of the Sierras de Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas Nature Reserve.

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The main feature you will come across is the Guadalquivir river, of course. It winds quietly through the olive grove countryside and loudly in the upper reaches of the valley, where it has sculpted the stunning landscapes you will encounter. You can admire the contrast afforded by villages brimming with history and culture set in the midst of unspoiled natural surroundings. Here you will spot wild animals and discover forests extending as far as the eye can see, high mountains, and water... water everywhere.



### Viewpoints route Felix Rodríguez de la Fuente

**15,2 Km - 4:30 Hours**

This route is located at the Bridge of the Closed the Utrero. Nearby you'll find the start signal path where you said you will pass by the forest track that goes to the fields of Hernán Perea. It is a way of free access for road traffic so we must exercise caution when walking on foot the trail.

Along the route several viewpoints help us interpret the landscape, delighting us with the view that these mountains offer us.

Among the most striking points are the Cerrada de Utrero and Linarejos, where the river Guadalquivir have dug a deep gorge, the Payos of officers, striking geological formation in which highlights the strong forms of rocks, Nava de San Pedro surrounded by the Valle del Guadalentín, which leads the waters of this river to the reservoir of Bowling, and the Strait of Perales, steep gorge where the rock is the main protagonist of the environment.



### Route Cazorla Collado Zamora

**13,1 Km - 4:23 Hours**

Leaving behind Cazorla and its castle Yedra, soon will surprise the castle of Salvatierra Five Corners, defensive tower whose construction dates from the twelfth century, nestled on a hill with steep slopes without tree vegetation. Another important point at this stage is the monastery of Montesón.

The cut of the jet, is one of the best places in the park for watching vultures, raptors and corvids. Even in the summer months, we can see a couple of Egyptian vultures, who find this place a peaceful instance before starting their return to sub-Saharan Africa.

Impressive rocky folds outcropping near Collado Zamora, with striking forms that show the power of nature and the relative youth of these mountains, because the different layers that form them emerged from the sea floor millions of years ago.





*Active Tourism*

**Horse**

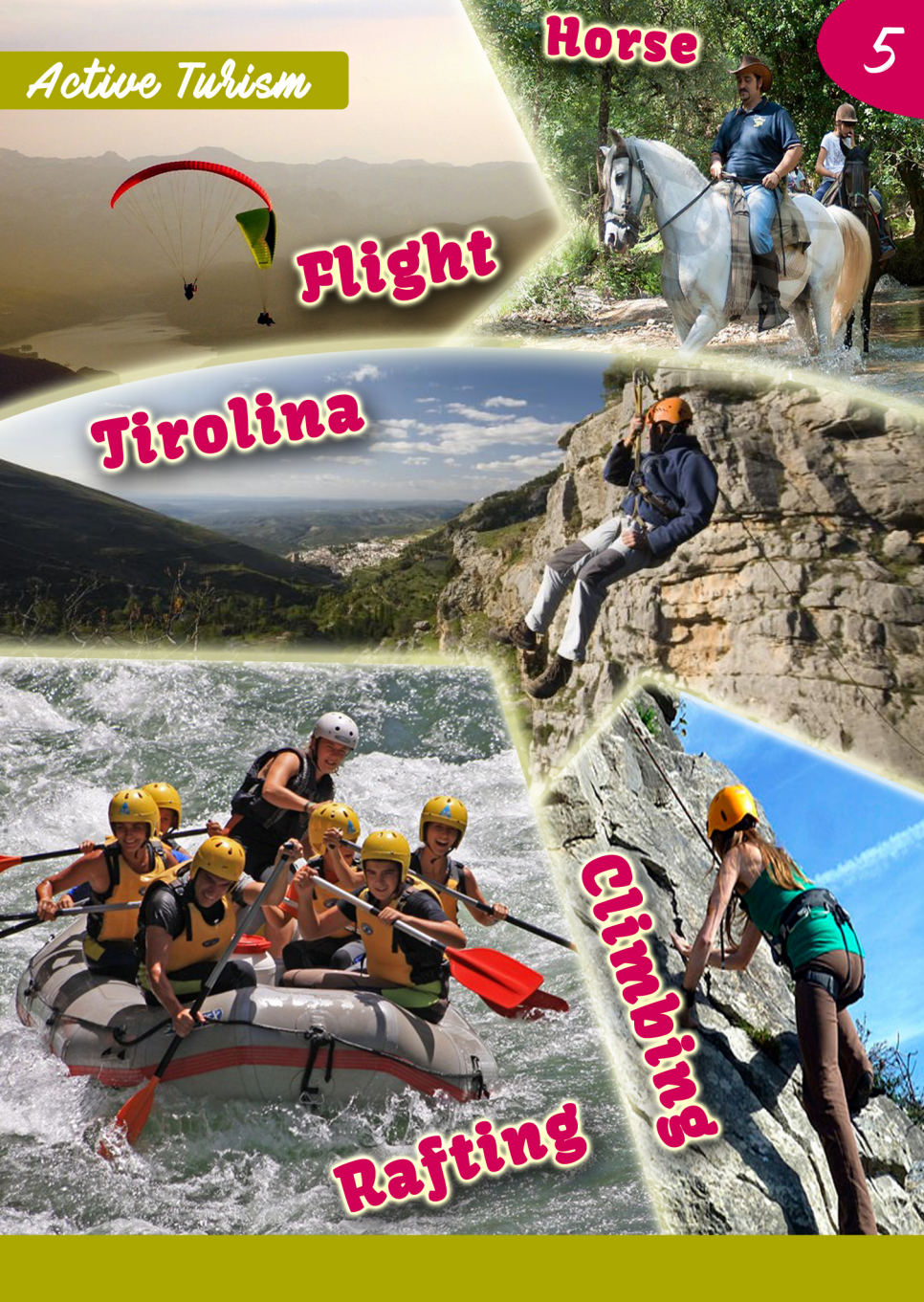
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**Flight**

**Tirolina**

**Climbing**

**Rafting**





There are few places in Europe where you can see as many wild animals roaming freely in their natural habitat as you can in the Cazorla, Segura y Las Villas Natural Park. It is an exceptional refuge for Spain's wildlife.

Your pulse will quicken in that magical moment when you first catch sight of a mountain goat making its way across an impossibly rocky crag. You can come across red deer, mouflon and fallow deer in any part of park and you will be able to observe them in their family groups, made up of does and fawns. You may even see solitary large stags. Meanwhile, the friendly squirrels could catch you unawares as they clamber acrobatically through the trees, and if you turn your gaze skywards you will be surprised at how easy it is to spot bearded vultures, presiding over the high plateaus and enclosed valleys with their slow, unhurried flight.

And if you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of an animal that has become a symbol of pride for the park: the bearded vulture. After becoming extinct in this region in 1986, this remarkable bird has been brought back to the park as a result of an ambitious and complex reintroduction project. The sight of its elegant silhouette gliding above the rockiest cliff faces is proof that humankind is able to stop, change direction and once again live in harmony with the rest of the natural world: the park has served as a hub for raising and releasing bearded vultures and has thereby played a vital part in reintroducing them to Andalusia and beyond. The dream of reintroducing and restoring harmony with nature has come true in the Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas mountain ranges: when you visitit, you will see the outcomes by yourself.





Events that you can not miss...

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**Eternal Running**



**FIT Cazorla**



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