

In the 1st century A.D., the building of a Roman road commenced, exploiting the presence of a natural corridor to the west of the Iberian Peninsula which, over time, was to become one of its major road links. The route also linked up some of the major cities in the peninsula, while at the same time serving as an element for the spread of Roman culture. Moreover, from the start the road was provided with infrastructures that have nowadays become important remains that mark its path.

After the Via Augusta, the Vía de la Plata was the second most important route in the Iberian Peninsula. Work commenced under the consul Quintus Servilius Caepio, but it was the Emperor Augustus who really pushed forward its construction. Work continued under the emperor Tiberius, while the Hispanic emperors Trajan and Hadrian were the ones to give it its definitive form.

During the Middle Ages, it facilitated the Arab invasion northward, while also enabling the advance of the re-conquering Christian troops, and became an indisputable route also linking north and south. It was also at this time when it took on its present-day name, the Vía de la Plata, which derives from the Arabic term balat meaning "paved road".

It is nowadays one of the most important and attractive itineraries in Europe, located to the west of the Iberian Peninsula.

☺ THREE MUST'S

🌿 ROUTES

GIJÓN

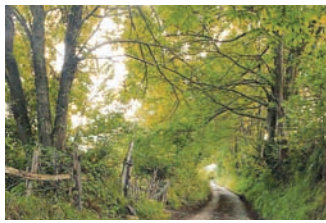


- ☺ Laboral City of Culture
- ☺ Gijón Botanic Gardens
- ☺ Talasoponiente Thermal Centre

- 🌿 The Coastal Pathway
- 🌿 La Camocha Greenway

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RIBERA DE ARRIBA



- ☺ Bueño "Hórreos" Route
- ☺ A traditional meal
- ☺ Take a stroll through Ribera de Arriba along the banks of the River Nalón

- 🌿 Climb up to El Gato peak
- 🌿 The Roman road and the Pilgrims Road to Santiago

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MORCÍN



- ☺ Chapels in Monsacro
- ☺ The Cheese Museum
- ☺ Peñerudes Tower

- 🌿 La Esperanza Route
- 🌿 The Chapel Route

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RIOSO



- ☺ "L'Angliru" Peak
- ☺ The Aramo Mines
- ☺ Alto de la Mesta-"Espines de Foz"

- 🌿 Llamu-Rioseco
- 🌿 "L'Angliru"-Gamonal Peak

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MIERES



- ☺ Some sips of cider in the Plaza de Requejo
- ☺ Romanesque church in Santa Eulalia de Ujo
- ☺ Bustiello Mining Village

- 🌿 The Coastal Pathway
- 🌿 La Camocha Greenway

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ALLER



- ☺ El Pino Gorge Nature Monument
- ☺ Views from Coto Bello
- ☺ Church of San Vicente de Serrapio

- 🌿 Las Fuentes Route (PR-AS 133)
- 🌿 El Gumial Route (PR-AS 48)

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LA POLA, LENA



- ☺ The Chapel of Santa Cristina de Lena
- ☺ Pre-Romanesque showcase display
- ☺ Las Ubiñas - La Mesa Nature Park

- 🌿 Route to the Payares Valley
- 🌿 La Carisa Roman road

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LA POLA DE GORDÓN



- ☺ The River Casares Valley. Biosphere Reserve
- ☺ "El Faedo" Route
- ☺ Traditional black pudding from Gordón

- 🌿 Cueto San Mateo Route
- 🌿 Fontañán Peak Route

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LEÓN



- ☺ Tapas-tasting around León
- ☺ Traditional (alcoholic) "lemonade" at Easter
- ☺ Cured meat (cecina) from León

- 🌿 The Picos de Europa
- 🌿 Valporquero Caves

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LA BAÑEZA



- ☺ The Romanesque apse in the Church of El Salvador
- ☺ The sculpture "La Piedad" by Gregorio Fernández
- ☺ Frogs' legs a la Bañezana

- 🌿 The Castles Route
- 🌿 La Cabrera Route

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BENAVENTE



- ☺ The Church of Santa María del Azogue
- ☺ The "Snail" Tower
- ☺ Shopping in La Rua and Los Herreros streets

- 🌿 The Valleys Archaeological Route
- 🌿 The Pimentel Route

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ZAMORA



- ☺ The quintessential Romanesque city
- ☺ The Castle and the Baltasar Lobo Museum
- ☺ Zamora and Modernism

- 🌿 The River Duero Route
- 🌿 The Villafáfila Lakes Route

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SALAMANCA



- ☺ Hornazo pie, ham and Iberian cured meats
- ☺ Climb up the Cathedral towers
- ☺ Casa Lis, Art Nouveau and Art Deco Museum

- 🌿 Salamanca's Pilgrims Itinerary
- 🌿 Guided city legends and anecdotes tour

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BÉJAR

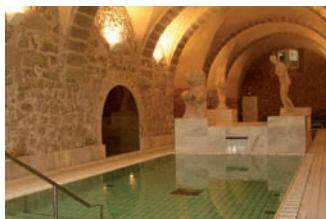


- ☺ Sierra de Béjar-La Covatilla Ski Station
- ☺ The oldest bullring in Spain
- ☺ The historical and artistic monuments

- 🌿 The Textile Factories Route
- 🌿 Peña de la Cruz and Peña Negra Route

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BAÑOS DE MONTEMAYOR



- ☺ Visit to the Roman road and Roman baths
- ☺ Buy a chestnut basket
- ☺ A relaxation circuit at the spa

- 🌿 The Ambroz Valley and Mountain Ranges
- 🌿 The Roman city of Cáparra

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HERVÁS



- ☺ Santa Maria Scenic Balcony
- ☺ The Jewish Quarter
- ☺ The Pérez Comendador-Leroux Museum

- 🌿 The Chestnut Forest
- 🌿 The Taverns Route

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CARCABOSO

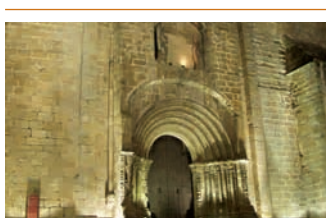


- ☺ Church of St. James the Apostle and the Milestone Park
- ☺ Taste our artisan sweets
- ☺ Stroll along the banks of the River Jerte

- 🌿 The Majalabara Route
- 🌿 Climb to the top of Berenguer peak

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PLASENCIA



- ☺ The Old and New Cathedral
- ☺ Lucia Tower Medieval Interpretation Centre
- ☺ Church of La Magdalena

- 🌿 Monfragüe Nature Park
- 🌿 The Jerte Valley

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CASAR DE CÁCERES



- ☺ The Cheese Museum
- ☺ The Coach Station
- ☺ Our Lady of the Assumption Altarpiece

- 🌿 Route along the banks of the River Almonte
- 🌿 Urban route

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CÁCERES



- ☺ The historical quarter with its numerous monuments
- ☺ Old Cáceres Roman Camp
- ☺ The bastion of Los Pozos

- 🌿 Sierra de la Mosca and the Virgen de la Montaña Sanctuary
- 🌿 Los Barruecos Nature Monument

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MÉRIDA



- ☺ Visit to the Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre
- ☺ Stroll along the banks of the River Guadiana
- ☺ Enjoy the traditional gastronomy

- 🌿 Cornalvo Nature Park
- 🌿 Tour of Mérida's archaeological sites

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ZAFRA

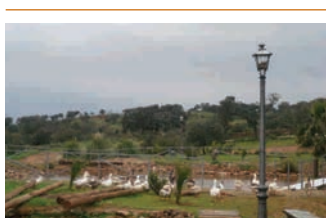


- ☺ Palace of the Dukes of Feria
- ☺ Zafra's Ducal, Bourgeoisie and Mudéjar routes
- ☺ Santa Clara Museum

- 🌿 The Pine Trees Route
- 🌿 The Orange Trees Route

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CALZADILLA DE LOS BARROS

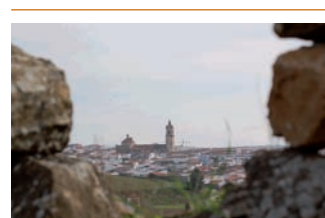


- ☺ The Divine Saviour Parish Church Altarpiece
- ☺ Wine and sweets
- ☺ Sunset in San Isidro Meadow

- 🌿 The Fountains Route

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FUENTE DE CANTOS



- ☺ Zurbarán's House-Museum
- ☺ The Chanfaina Festival (rice and lamb offal stew)
- ☺ Romería of San Isidro Labrador

- 🌿 Los Castillejos Archaeological Dig
- 🌿 Las Talliscas

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MONESTERIO



- ☺ Monesterio Cured Ham Day
- ☺ Taste and buy cured meats
- ☺ Showcase slaughter of the Iberian Pig

- 🌿 The Aguafria Route
- 🌿 Las Cruces Route

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SANTIPONCE



- ☺ Archaeological Site of Itálica
- ☺ The Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo
- ☺ The Fernando Marmolejo Municipal Museum

- 🌿 Itálica Greenway
- 🌿 Alamillo Park

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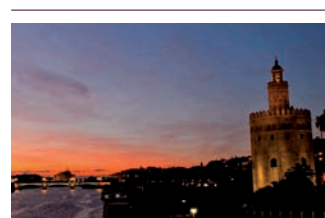


- ☺ A night-time stroll around the Old Quarter
- ☺ The Alcazar's Torre del Oro (Gold Tower)
- ☺ Cordoba Gate

- 🌿 Los Alcores Greenway
- 🌿 Roman Carmona Route

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SEVILLA



- ☺ The district of Santa Cruz
- ☺ The Royal Alcázar
- ☺ The Cathedral and the Giralda

- 🌿 Tour of the district of La Macarena
- 🌿 Tour of the district of Triana

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