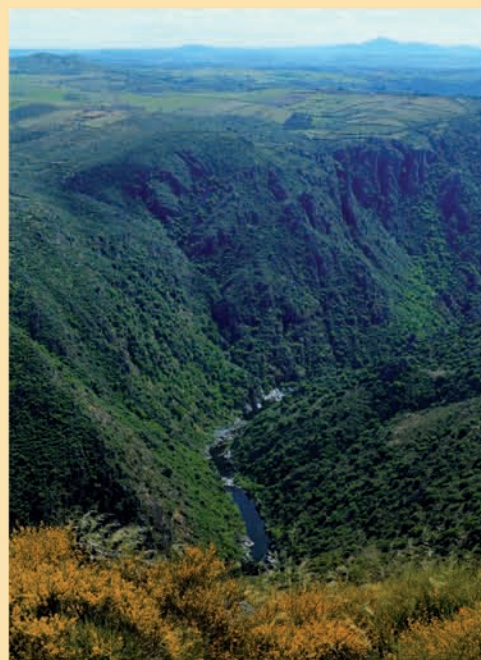




A SPeCTaCuLaR, uNKNoWN TeRRIToRy

El Abadengo, in the northwest of the province and beside nearby Portugal, is an area crossed by the rivers **Águeda, Huebra, Yeltes** and **Camaces**, children of the river **Duero**, which have given shape to the authentic landscape and ethnography of these distant lands.

Its main attraction is **Las Arribes del Duero Natural Park**. A name, **Arribes**, that evokes in the collective mind suggestive natural images with dramatic waterfalls and stone outcrops that fall into the void in an unparalleled vision. A unique paradise for birds, a place where one can experience feeling happy, small and yet part of an infinite, mysterious whole, all at the same time.



From **San Felices** to the south, the visitor can relive the history of this border by following the **Ruta de las Fortificaciones** (Border Fortresses Route), which becomes clear in the stately **Ciudad Rodrigo** and the **Fuerte de la Concepción**. Not far from there, in Portugal, the walled city of **Almeida** and the **Aldeias Históricas** (historical hamlets) can be added to enrich the route.

To discover the south of this natural space, the visitor can go to the **Casa del Parque in Sobradillo**, an interpretation space where the opportunities, values and resources of this area are explained.

Travellers who are into gorges and straits can do the **Ruta de los Miradores**, the viewpoint route, in their cars. For those who prefer to walk, there is the **Senderos de Frontera** route (Border paths route), which connect unique villages, places and ways of life, while the **ATB routes and centres** are an invitation to do these roads on two wheels.



At **La Fregeneda** is the **Vega del Terrón** international dock, which communicates **Salamanca** with **Oporto** and the Atlantic ocean via the navigable river **Duero**, crossing among vineyards the **Douro Internacional**, the Portuguese twin of our park.

A visit to the **Siega Verde** site and its prehistoric rock engravings, declared World Heritage Site along with those of **Coa** in Portugal, is almost mandatory. They are located near the river **Águeda**.

And, for the curious traveller, there is a mythical world that is part of the local DNA, the **Vettono Lands**. To learn more about this, the places to go are the **Casa del Conde** Visitor Centre in **Lumbrales** and the castros and museums of **Yecla** and **Las Merchanas**.



A WaLK THROuGH HiSToRy

On the **San Felices** route, the visitor can perceive history, time and its passing. The castle is a privileged viewpoint to explain and capture its significance.

While climbing the tower, it is possible to feel the character, at once warlike and austere, given by its builders, under the orders of the Portuguese king **Dionis**.

At the top, a splendid terrace offers the possibility to identify and understand from above the ruins of the walls, fences and doors.

On the way down to the castle, the visitor might find it is the right time to reflect on what led the peasant called **Ángel de Dios**, almost a century ago, to rescue this tower from oblivion. Him, and his descendants, saved it and, in the year 2013, it was given to the council for the enjoyment of watching the passing of time from its watchtower.

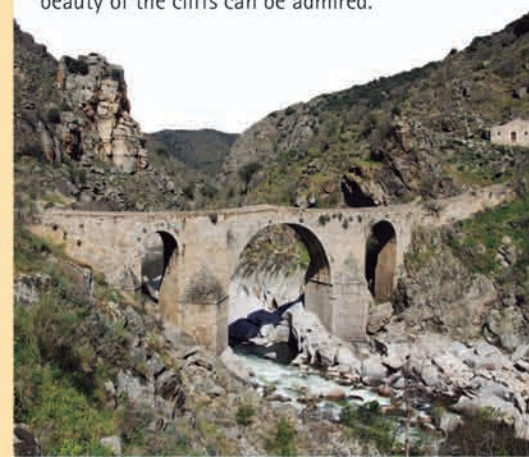
LIVING NaTuRe



Rolling hills covered by an endless sea of cereal fields, is what first meets the traveller.

And then, all of a sudden on the way to Portugal, this peaceful green and gold sea falls into the river **Águeda** and its **Arribes**. A great rift hides gentle, cautious waterways, which become thunderous when the floods make them indomitable. This is, then, a wild area where some nearly unique species find sanctuary, while around it grow olive trees, almond trees, orange trees...

These are places to be discovered by following some of their paths, such as the "oil path", the "puente de los Franceses" bridge or the "Mesa del Conde"...some spots from where the exceptional beauty of the cliffs can be admired.



ReNeWeD TRaDiTiONS

History and border are, unsurprisingly, the basic ingredients for the main festivals. For the **Noveno** festival, the **Plaza Mayor** square becomes an original, 19th century bullring made of carts joined together. And the **Santa Cruz romería** gathers a number of foreigners, mostly coming from the "Raya", that region that is Portuguese and Spanish at once.



The delicacies in **San Felices** are closely related to the landscape. On the one hand, there's those based on the good life "elixirs" and the landlocked micro-climate in the **Arribes**: almonds, wine and olive oil. And on the other hand, those that come from the cereal fields: the bread, still made with traditional flavour, and the "pastries" from the convents, which hide a divine culinary wisdom.

WHeRe To eaT aND SLeeP



TOURIST INFORMATION AND SERVICES

COUNCIL, TOURIST INFORMATION	923 521 517
www.sanfelicesdelosgallegos.es	
www.salamancaemocion.es	
CASTLE INTERPRETATION CENTRE	692 471 284
MUSEUM OF STONEMWORK	692 471 284
"LAGAR DEL MUÑO" OLIVE OIL MUSEUM	656 446 364

RESTAURANTS

MESA DEL CONDE C/ Lavaderos, 18	923 521 757
---------------------------------	-------------

RURAL TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

HR MESA DEL CONDE C/ Lavaderos, 18	923 521 757
CR EL CORRAL DE LAS ARRIBES I C/ Roque Amador, 8	666 564 018
CR EL CORRAL DE LAS ARRIBES II C/ Roque Amador, 7	666 564 018
CR EL CORRAL DE LAS ARRIBES III C/ Roque Amador, 12	666 564 018
CR EL GRANERO DEL DUQUE C/ Comandante Toribio, 8	650 248 868

NEARBY AREA

RESTAURANTS

LUMBRALES		
LA HOJITA	Ctra. Fregeneda, km 83,6	923 169 268
EL RINCÓN CHARRO	Pza. San Sebastián, 6	923 512 738
APARTADERO DOS	Ctra. Estación, s/n	923 512 596

SOBRADILLO

MESÓN LA TINAJA	Pza. del Castillo, s/n	923 522 023
-----------------	------------------------	-------------

RURAL TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

LUMBRALES		
CR CASA JULIA	C/ Resbalina, 5	923 512 638
CR LA ANTANILLA	C/ Portugaleta, 19	679 043 196

SOBRADILLO

CR EL MIRADOR DE LAS ARRIBES I	C/ Puerta del Sol, 27. Bajo	923 522 029
CR EL MIRADOR DE LAS ARRIBES II	C/ Puerta del Sol, 27. 1º	923 522 029



San FeLiCeS De LoS GaLLeGoS

THE FLowER of THE BoRDeR



Much about **San Felices de los Gallegos** is contained in its name which, despite the fact that its founder was the Portuguese bishop **Don Félix**, seems to be nowadays more closely related to **felicity**. A state of mind that does not come from the absence of war and conflict, of which this village has had its share, but from the deep commitment of its people with **dignity and hospitality**.

A dignity made tangible in the **Arco de las Campanas**, where the people, back in the 15th century, executed the magistrate **Fabián de Sesé** to get rid of his tyrannical, bad government. And again, when the people achieved victory after over 300 years of litigation against the **Noveno** (Ninth), that scandalous tax that allowed the **Dukes of Alba**



to deprive the inhabitants of **San Felices** of a ninth of the fruits of their labour. A dignity that became a symbol, thanks to the determination of **Mr. Ángel de Dios**, who saved the castle's keep, which was about to be sold and taken to the USA.

Their hospitable character, due to their frequent change of nationality (from Portuguese to Spanish, and back again), led to the establishment of family ties and solidarity on both sides of the border. However, having been the object of desire of two countries throughout history, made of **San Felices** a "flower of the border", a most desired fruit that grows in impossible places.



And this is the result, this village and the lands around it, a fruitful union between historic heritage and a prodigious nature. In this place the traveller will find an urban plan adapted to a defensive enclosure, landscapes cut open by great canyon walls and watched over by birds, colours, air and scents.

A walk around this village is a walk towards felicity. Because the name of **San Felices** says a lot about this place.

HiSToRiC SiTeS of SaLaMaNca RouTe

S-137-2015

