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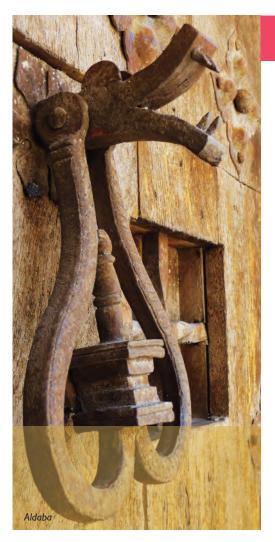
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The Medieval town of Pedraza is an incomparable setting, declared a Monumental Complex in 1951 and honoured at the "C" awards for tourism in Castille-Leon in 1993, and the Europa Nostra Prize in 1996. It is an excellent place for strolling around, shopping, dining or spending a night in a place privileged for its peacefulness and authenticity. Located at 1,073m in the Segovian foothills, the rocky promontory on which the town now sits is surrounded by the San Miguel and Vadillo streams which merge further down to become the river Cega. The geographical characteristics of Pedraza would have favoured an early settlement; there are signs of prehistoric populations in the valleys around the Cega and remains of handmade ceramics have been unearthed next to castle area which suggest that the very outcrop where Pedraza sits today was already inhabited in around the 4th century B.C. by the Celtiberians. It is known for certain that it was later occupied in in the Roman era, and there is even a theory that situates the birthplace of the Emperor Trajan in Pedraza. However, we must leap forward to the Middle Ages to find more reliable information, given that the first historical document to to name Pedraza dates back to the 10th century, in which Count Fernán González launched an offensive in the Cordillera Central (central highlands), seizing the squares of Sepúlveda, Pedraza and Segovia from the



Moors occupying Castillian Extremadura from the river Duero to the mountains. It was later taken once again by the Moors and it wasn't reconquered until the 11th century when the border between Castille and Al-Andalus became definitively defined. It was at this time that the so-called Comunidades (communities) arose, by means of which the colonisation and repopulation of the reconquered lands was carried out. These were concejos comuneros (community councils) which were the federation of several municipalities within a geographical, historical and cultural unit. They were self-governing and recruited troops, collected taxes and administered justice to their people without having to answer to the king or Lord except as a last resort. The Comunidad de Villa y Tierra (regional administrative division) of Pedraza is nowadays comprised of 18 villages and functions as an administrative institution of their communal assets. From the middle of the 14th century, Pedraza was ruled by the nobility, a situation which was maintained until the beginning of the 19th century when it was abolished. Bernardino Fernández de Velasco. Constable of Castille and first Duke of Frías obtained Lordship of Pedraza in the 15th century through a marriage dowry. Pedraza changed from being governed by several noblemen to the powerful House of Velasco, Constables of Castille from the middle of the





15th century to the 16th century. Since the arrival of the Velascos, the town began to fill with noble houses, emblazoned with coats of arms. Furthermore, the richer cattle farmers also came to take residence in the town, gaining the right for their Merino sheep to graze on the common land. The 16th and 17th centuries were the years of greatest splendour in Pedraza, owing to the stock of Merino sheep and the honourable Concejo de la Mesta (Mesta council), a dense network of drover's roads to aid the movement of livestock and which came to control some three million head of sheep. The workshops of Segovia made Castillian wool famous in all of Europe and supplied workshops in Bruges and Florence; in La Velilla in the 19th century a wool laundry still survived. In the 18th century things began to fall into decline which was harshly accentuated in the 19th century as a consequence of the livestock crisis which affected most of the plateau. Furthermore, the old regime of nobility rule was abolished in 1811 in the Cádiz Cortes, one of which being the Duke of Frías in Pedraza. On the other hand, this paved the way for the transformation of the old lands of Castille into councils. with their own town hall, with which Pedraza was left on equal footing with the other towns in the division. As a consequence of rural depopulation at the beginning of the 20th century and which would continue to worsen until past

the first half of the century, houses were abandoned, vulnerable to ruin and sold at low prices. What turned the tables on this trend during the Seventies and Eighties was the purchase and restoration of these properties as holiday homes, and this ever- increasing flow of city-dwellers who flock to the area on weekends and holidays has imposed a different economic order from the traditional. The pulse which has been recovered in Pedraza is a merit recently recognised by the International Europa Nostra Foundation, who in 1996 awarded Pedraza a diploma "for the recuperation of life in this walled Medieval town, through the respectful rehabilitation of its old buildings, with frequent collaboration from private initiatives".





Imperial Eagle theme centre

Located in the recently reconstructed church of San Miguel, it provides information about the species, about the European conservation network Natura 2000 and about the Comunidad de Villa y Tierra of Pedraza.

Church of San Miguel - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 508 758 www.miespacionatural.es cp,aguilaimperial@patrimonionatural.org

The town prison

This is a 13th century Medieval building which was rebuilt in the 16th century. It is the property of the Comunidad de Villa y Tierra of Pedraza and was opened to the public on 1st April, 1994 owing to the efforts of the Fundación Villa de Pedraza (Pedraza foundation), who since then have run it and provide guided tours. It is possible to see the remains of the dungeon, the stocks for the hands and feet of the prisoners, the large fireplace with the coat of arms of the jailer's quarters, the gloomy dungeons on the lower floors, and a long list of other features which will allow one to gain an insight into how the history of the town developed around it.

Tel. 921 509 955



Royal street

Always known by the same name, it is clearly the backbone of the town. It leads to the Plaza Mayor (main square) and from there the calle Mayor continues to the castle. The most notable buildings along this "golden mile"; first to catch one's attention is a house with a corner balcony: the so-called casa de Pilatos, a 16th century mansion which belonged to the Ladrón de Guevara family. Opposite, forcing the calle Real to swerve, sits another of the most tasteful houses in Pedraza, the last of whose three floors is a timber frame filled with brickwork, typical in Medieval times. In the last stretch before reaching the Plaza Mayor, and on the opposite-numbered side, the coats of arms of the Pérex, Salcedo, Velasco and Ladrón de Guevara can be observed, families which occupied it at the beginning of the 18th century.



Main square

The quintessence of the town. A Castillian square through and through, which has been formed little by little over the years. It is irregular, somewhat anarchic and quite ramshackle, it is a square made from remnants and scraps, materials from demolished buildings. It was designed by nobody yet it is handsome, one of the most beautiful in Spain. The most attractive feature are the porticoed houses opposite the church. Originally two houses from the 16th century and later converted into four dwellings. The colonnade was added later once the feudal lords had abandoned the castle having lost their privileges over the town. In fact, the shafts and capitals of the columns may have come from the castle.

Church of St. John the Baptist

Located on the southern side of the Plaza Mayor, the church of San Juan Bautista still allows us to appreciate the remains of its original Romanesque style, for example its proud tower with arches at the top and the apse which may now be seen from from the small square which can be accessed from the Plaza Mayor through a passage located very near the tower. The old Romanesque structure went through a Baroque makeover which has left the interior of the church with a singular charm. The baptismal font is a notable I 3th century Romanesque piece. I 3



Castle and Zuluaga museum

The castle is a fortress built in the 13th century and rebuilt in the 15th. The keep is from the latter. Inside the castle, on the staircase leading to the water tank, the coat of arms of the Herrera family has been preserved, earlier residents than the Fernández de Velasco family. The Dukes of Frías, Constables of Castille, renovated it again in the 16th century, from which the current structure dates. Several historical events involve this castle such as the imprisonment of the children of King Francisco I of France from 1525 to 1529 as well as other legends. In 1926, when the pain-



ter Ignacio Zuloaga purchased the castle, the interior was in ruins. He restored one of the towers where he made his studio and painted landscapes and portraits of the people of Pedraza. The artist's heirs have conditioned a second tower as the Museo Zuloaga where works by the painter are exhibited on rotation and on occasion other works in the family collection such as a "Cristo" by El Greco, a portrait of "La Condesa de Baena" by Goya and some Flemish still lifes from the 17th century. The museum, the bailey and the water tank may be visited on guided tours from Wednesday to Sunday, on weekdays visits should be previously booked by telephone.

Recently, the "Ignacio Zuloaga" bullfighting museum has been opened in one of the halls of the the Zuloaga hotel. It displays authentic relics from the painter's collection. *Tel.* 921509 825

Hontanillas well and Muñoz lane

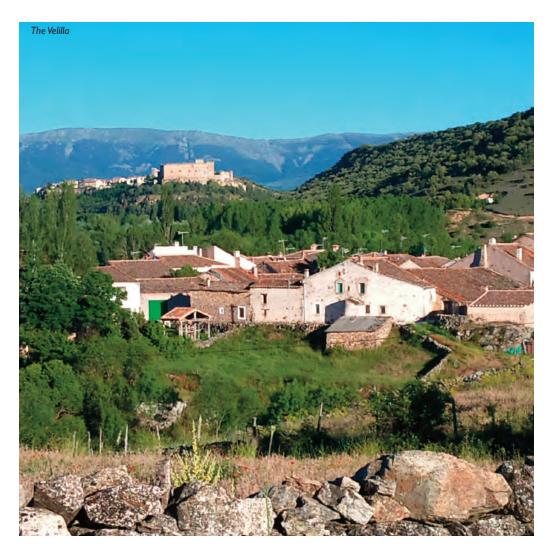
A part of the Medieval wall has been recently restored and this historic well of 15 metres in height which served the town as as a source of water in times of siege. Just a few metres from this point begins a pleasant lane with views of a marvellous natural landscape

Town hall exhibition room

Monthly exhibitions display work by different artists or the work of craftsmen from the area in the Town Hall in the Plaza Mayor. Free entry.







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Sepúlveda

Here we can see the churches of San Bartolomé, Santiago, El Salvador and Santos Justo y Pastor, the walls, the main square, the town jail, the houses of the Gil de Gibaja, Señor and Proaño families and sanctuary of Nuestra Señora de la Peña. The arches in the Jewish quarter, the viewpoint and the Duratón Canyon National Park.

Prádena

Remains from the neolithic period have been found in the Enebralejos and Las Grajas Caves, which were used as burial places four thousand years ago. Roman and Visigoth remains have also been found in the area.

Requijada

The romanesque church of Nuestra Señora de las Vegas was built on the ruins of a Roman temple and a Paleochristian basilica, at the end of the 11th century and the beginning of the 12th. In 1969 it was declared a National Monument.

Turégano

The castle was built at the end of the 11th century when Count Fernán González began to repopulate the region. Within the town the welcoming Plaza Mayor or "square of the one hundred pillars" is noteworthy, surrounded by colonnades in the purest Castillian style.



LET'S PARTY!

Candlelit concerts Pedraza celebrates its popular feast in honour of its patroness, the Virgin of the Carrascal, over the first fortnight in September. On the eighth day there is a procession through the town with the image of the virgin. Men dance jotas (traditional dances) before the Virgin and before entering the church once more there is the "subasta de palos" (auction) where locals bid for the honour to carry in the image upon their shoulders. On the ninth day the bull running takes place, one of the most picturesque spectacles as the bulls are brought from Dehesa de la Villa cross country, driven by men on horseback with cattle prods. On days 9 and 10 bullfights are held with the bulls used in the bull running. Since 1550 the bulls have been an intrinsic complement to the religious celebrations in Pedraza, with the square and calle Real closed off with carts and fencings; at the corners of the streets stone posts may be observed with holes where the fencing boards would have been fitted. Due to its unique layout, the main square of Pedraza is one of the most picturesque settings for bullfights. On the 12th day and to signal the end of the festivities lamb stew is served in the Plaza Mayor in which the whole town participate.

FESTIVALS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Dulzaina playing

Every summer the best dulzaina players in Castille-Leon converge on the main square.





Candlelit concerts

Every first and second Saturday in July, the Conciertos de las Velas (candlelit concerts) are held in Pedraza. They are organised by the Fundación Villa de Pedraza, and form a sublime spectacle in which the beauty of Pedraza can be observed illuminated by thousands of candles while attending the concerts with bills of the highest level in such privileged settings as the main square of the town.

Where To Sleep

For fifty years the only inn in the town was in the Plaza Mayor, called "La Única" (the only one), and back in the Thirties offered full board for five pesetas. Nowadays in Pedraza there are places to stay whose exquisite atmosphere invite relaxation in order to delight in the peaceful mountain village evenings.

H*** Hotel de la Villa

Calzada, 5 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 508 651-2 www.elhoteldelavilla.com info@elhoteldelavilla.com (36 rooms 63 capacity)

H** Hostería del Arco

Cordovilla, 1 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 508 647 www.hosteriadelarco.com info@hosteriadelarco.com (10 rooms 18 capacity)

HR** La Posada de Don Mariano

Mayor, 14 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 509 886 www.hoteldonmariano.com info@hoteldonmariano.com (18 rooms 33 capacity)

PO Hospedería de Santo Domingo

Matadero, 3 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 509 971 - 921 508 686 www.hospederiadesantodomingo.com info@hospederiadesantodomingo.com (17 rooms 34 capacity)

CRA El Serrador

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CRA El Mirador de la Hontanilla

Hontanilla, 2 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 680 956 841 www.casasruralesenpedraza.com info@casasruralesenpedraza.com (3 rooms 7 capacity)

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HS* Hostal Peñas

Cantarranas, 11 - 40173 La Velilla Tel. 921 509 949 - 615 242 022 www.hostallavelilla.com recio@hostallavelilla.com (8 rooms 15 capacity)

CTR Puentes del Cega

Real, 2 - 40173 La Velilla Tel. 921 508 659 - 608 899 267 www.puentesdelcega.es puentesdelcega@gmail.com (7 rooms 18 capacity)

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Apartament T El Arroyal

Ctra. Pedraza-Arcones, 8 40172 Rades de Abajo Tel. 619 444 472 - 619 089 443 belenalvaro@gmail.com Capacity: 10

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Pedraza's cuisine was initially based on the roast lamb for traders and the stews of the boarding house. Today visitors who sample the traditions of the former traders are held by an almost magical fascination: but even the most seasoned gourmet who likes to combine new flavours in an exquisite setting, where the old and the new outstretch their hands will be impressed. Noteworthy sweets include soplillos (light iced cakes), el ponche segoviano (cinnamon cake with sweet liqueur) and a variety of cakes, all handmade in the ovens of our bakeries.

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Rte. Distinto Iglesia, 39 - 40172 Rades de Abajo Tel. 921 508 646

Shopping

Shops and handicrafts

Commercial activity in Pedraza has a long tradition. Already in the 15th century a market on Tuesdays was referred to when one writer described the atrium of the church of San Juan as a place "do se usan facer almonedas'' Today the many visitors has led to the proliferation of a considerable number of shops with an increasing variety of products, from rustic furniture to lightweight gifts. Pewter is a noteworthy material in local crafts, made by hand by a local cooperative. Pedraza has a deserved fame for interior design and rustic furnishings.

Carpentry, Cabinetmaking, Wood

Antonio Cristóbal Muebles Artesanos de Pedraza Calzada, 12 - 40172 Pedraza Tel. 921 509 904 - 689 808 709 www.mueblesartesanos.es dime@mueblesartesanos.es

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HOW TO GET

Located in the north-east of the province of Segovia in the foothills of the Guadarrama mountain range, Pedraza lies 37km from Segovia on the N-110, 120km from Madrid on the A-I and 130km on the A-6.

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Other interesting information Distance from the capital: 37 km. Area: 31,6 Km².

Altitude: 1073 m. Population: 472 inhabitants. Districts: La Velilla and Rades de Abajo.





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