

Cultural and artistic visit

Fairy Villages who hold century old monuments. Surprisingly hidden history where greatness shows. Cristal tinkling flowing water in the grotto of marvels (Gruta de las Mravillas) at the historical town of Aracena where nature displays for the visitor an incredible show, passing on to grandiose quietness of the Alajarajar Rock (Peña de Alajar), followed by the beautiful medieval buildings of Cortegana or Cumbres Mayores, the Almonaster mosque, etc.... The hilly country offers for the visitor the discovery of a new world. We will help you to see all this on our cultural routes through out the innumerable itineraries of the Natural Park of the Aracena Sierra and Picos de Aroche.

RIDING

All type of activities related to horse riding are organized by us. Unforgetful time riding well groomed horses through out old royal glens and tracks that cross fascinating spots of the Natural Park of the Aracena Sierra and Picos de Aroche.



TREKKING

The best scenario for any open air activity is offered by the natural environment of Aracena, including trekking. -our advice is to follow unhurriedly the tracks, glaring at and enjoying the countryside and thus recovering the old concept of a walk or a stroll. In the Natural Park we offer a range of a due signposted tracks that integrate a densely covered area and that surpass in length six hundred kilometres. Sugested routes are:

- Aracena-Linares de la Sierra
- Aracena-Corteconcepción
- Fuenteheridos-Aracena

CYCLING

For cycling tourist and mountain bike fond people, there are hundreds

of possibilities as to cover this hilly area range on these machines, only depending on our physical preparation, our pleasures and the distance we want to cover.

HUNTING AND SHOOTING

The natural location of the Valdezufre village fully in the heart of the Natural Park of the Aracena Sierra and Picos de Aroche, completely surrounded by large hunting reserves, lets the visitor have a hunting or shooting area at less than an hour from the hotel. Hunting offer this establishment can offer to it's clients is based principally on practice of "montería" (hunting with dogs and beaters) or on the stalking of game.

The oldest and most traditional practice of hunting in our Iberian peninsula is the "montería", with dogs and beaters fetching or pushing the game out of the thickets; it probably is unique worldwide, and all hunters have dreamt of taking place in one. This way of hunting permits you to collect principally wild boar and/or deer, these last called "venados" by hunters and not "ciervos". There are also hunting reserves where fallow deer and/or roe maybe also collected. It is also possible to hunt these animals stalking them, without beaters and dogs.

As for shooting in the nearby hunting grounds shooting parties for wild pigeons, partridges, thrushes, rabbits..... are organized, and in august shooting of turtle doves goes on.

ANGLING

Visitor can also enjoy angling as an alternative option of living the environment of Sierra Morena as is present in the Natural Park of the Aracena Sierra and Picos de Aroche. These are a few of the places where you can dip your angling kit:

- Pond of the Aracena dam
- Pond of the Zufre dam
- Zumajo reservoir.....

"MATANZA"

Actually you don't see any slaughtering or butchering of pigs. But there are important herds of swine living in the area, feeding on

acorns from oaks, that give a very special and tasteful flavour to the meat and products.

The “matanza” of swine is one of most traditional Spanish customs in the rural world, and with other traditions nearly disappeared they are still maintained in Aracena. Enjoy this popular Aracena Sierra gastronomy, tasting this special and non copied gastronomical feast.

HANDICRAFTS

Quite a number of past crafts still are represented in this territory. This is due to the existence or abundance of various raw materials and the demand of agricultural, forestry and breeding activities that require the use of them, and have thus favoured the maintainance. Enumerating some of the popular handicrafts in existence, can be outlined:

- Carpentry and wood carving (With local chestnut and walnut tree wood)
- Handicraft in clay (plain and/or ceramic)
- Leather handicrafts (Saddles, harness and other leather goods, personal or for other use)
- Textile activity
- Basket making and goods with twined sticks and shafts
- Cork, including cork stoppers, manufactures
- Stone pavement blocks for streets and lanes.