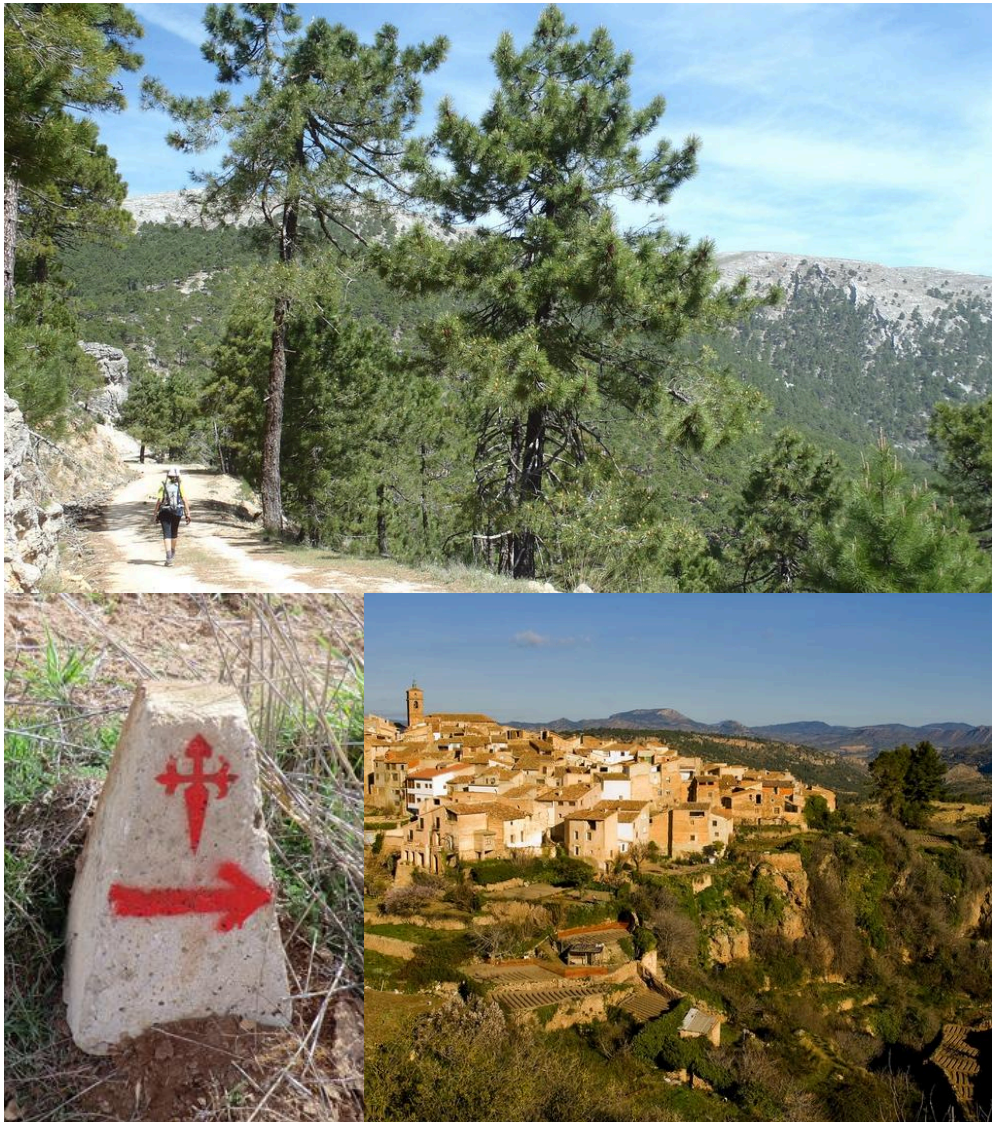




THE ORDER OF ST JAMES' WAY

SEPTEMBER 10TH-15TH, 2019
NATURE AND HIKING TRIP TO HIGHLIGHT
THE ANCIENT ST JAMES' WAY
THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN SPAIN



NATURAL BOUNDARY, SEARCHING PATH

The great spanish mountainous mass between La Mancha, the Mediterranean Coast and Andalusia is a border land, therefore rich, everywhere we look around. Iberian cultures of Bastetanes or Oretanes spread their lines up to here, also bringing Celtic colours with them when meeting the plains of La Mancha.

Corá of Teodomiro, the last stronghold of Visigoths within already muslim lands, also spread up to here. **These were the last frontiers of Grenade Kingdom after seven muslim centuries, and border between christian lords after that, as well: those living under St James Order power or those who paid their tributes to the kings.**



Los Pradillos waterfall (Letur)

This is the natural boundary between the limestone rugged Spain and the vast pastures spotted with quartzite hills that host different flora, fauna and ways of living. This is a water divide for rivers that flow towards Mediterranean Sea through Segura and Júcar bassins and those that meet Atlantic Ocean through Guadalquivir and Guadiana. Climate crossover between Castilian steppes, arid Southeastern lands and green valleys whose mountain ranges trap Atlantic rains. Thus, **this is a World biodiversity hotspot and an ancient cattle track.**

Finally, where the mountains lose their power and turn into Campo de Montiel gentle terrain, **this is a border between reality and fiction, as this is the physical space of Don Quixote adventures.** It would be really odd that this unique region would not be crossed by another kind of searching ways, like this one linking opposite corners of Iberian Peninsula from Santiago to Caravaca de la Cruz, the two main pilgrimage sites in Spain.

As Servas people are lovers of meeting spaces and paths, we came up with the idea of claiming this forgotten traders, warriors, shepherds and beliefs

itinerary that was built on a different, pagan St James Way that once linked the main lands and headquarters of St James Order from Caravaca to Villanueva de los Infantes.

September, 10th

Arrival to Albacete and bus transfer to Letur

There is a possibility to get a group train price from Valencia, Alicante or Madrid

Brotherhood dinner (Bring some local specialty from your homeland)

September, 11th

08.00

Breakfast

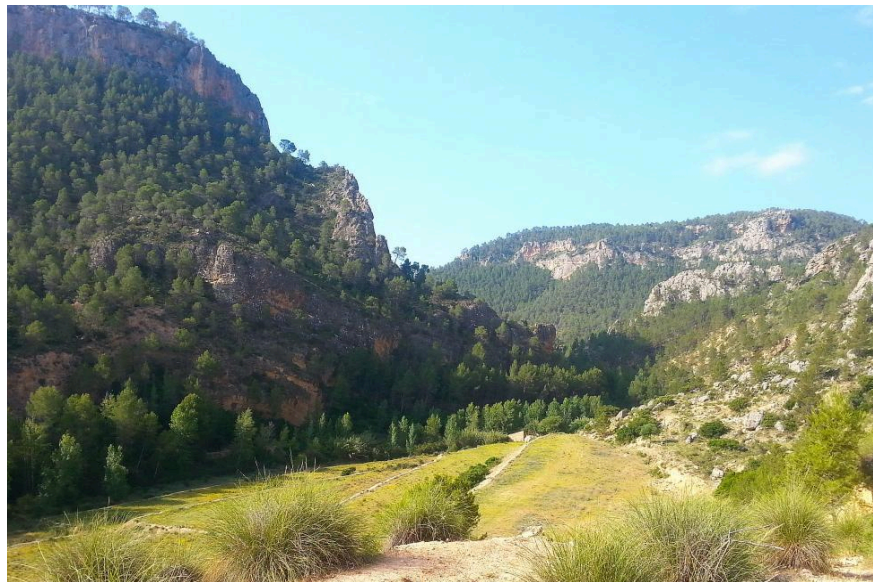
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Stage Letur-La Longuera

14.00

Brotherhood lunch in La Longuera, eco-sustainable community

There will be a chance to swim in Segura river



Segura River Canyon

18.00

Bus transfer to Molinicos and Old Crafts Tour

21.00

Dinner and accommodation in Posada de Peñarrubia

September, 12th

08.00

Breakfast and bus transfer to Molinicos

09.00

Stage Molinicos – Mesones

Picnic lunch during the hike. Not included

There will be a chance to swim in Mundo river

17.00 Bus transfer to Mundo river source
19.00 Bus transfer to Old Riopar
21.00 Dinner and accommodation in Albergue Los Chorros

September, 13th

08.00 Breakfast
09.00 Stage Riópar – Villaverde de Guadalimar
Picnic lunch during the hike. Not included

17.00 Bus transfer to Alcaraz and guided tour
21.00 Dinner and accommodation in Albergue San Francisco



Alcaraz

September, 14th

07.00 Breakfast and bus transfer to Relumbrar Mountains
Birdwatching and wildlife observation (birds of prey, deers...)

08.00 Stage across Sierra de Relumbrar
11.00 Bus transfer to Villanueva de los Infantes and guided tour
Infantes is one of the most impressive Heritage villages in Spain

16.00 Bus transfer to Albergue Alonso Quijano. Accommodation
There will be a chance to swim or walk by Ruidera lakes

21.00 Dinner



View from Relumbrar Mountains

September, 15th

08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Farewell walk up to Cruz de las Monjas viewpoint
11.00	Bus transfer to and Albacete
12.30	Arrival expected time



Ruidera Lakes

Albacete celebrates its great “Feria” from September, 7th to 17th, which have been declared of International Interest. It is a huge street festival with plenty of activities such as concerts, crafts and food markets all day and night round. If you manage to book some accommodation in the town for September 15th or 16th (be aware that the town gets crowded and reservations have to be made well in advance), we will organize a day out and will be happy to accompany you.

Places: We have **27 available places** in shared rooms.

Volunteering: We have one place available for a volunteer Servas member willing to collaborate in guiding the group, specially if you are an student of subjects related to Heritage or Environment. Send us your presentation letter to digitalsenda@gmail.com. Accommodation, meals, travel expenses but flights and a 100€ allowance are covered.

Price: The participation fee will be **250€**. **There is a 50€ discount for youth Servas members**. The price includes accommodation, bus transfers from the meeting point in Albacete and bus transfers between the different places during our trip, breakfast, dinner and one lunch. We will usually have lunch during the hikes, and that is why they are not included.

To register, you have to use this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19-aNmHh6Qp_vFU4gcjN2_4QrL3DegAjEm80O0TDAUsY/edit?usp=sharing

In order to pay, you need to transfer the participation fee to the following Servas Spain bank account. Don't forget to detail the participant's full name:

TRIODOS BANK, SERVAS ESPAÑA

IBAN: ES31- BIC: TRIOESMM- NUMBER: 14910001231008499525

What to bring with you:

- Beachtowel. We will swim in rivers and lakes during our trip
- Swimsuit
- Suncream and summer hat
- Summer clothes and trekking shoes
- Light backpack for the hikes. Your luggage will travel on the bus
- Reusable water bottles
- Light raincoat, just in case
- Sandals or water shoes
- Insects repellent
- Something typical to eat or drink to share from your country
- Hiking stick (advisable)
- Light binoculars (advisable)
- You don't need bath towels, sheets or sleeping bag as they will be provided in the hostels

Don't hesitate to send your questions to digitalsenda@gmail.com