

A BROCHURE OF LUARCA -VALDES

LUARCA (THE CAPITAL OF VALDES)

Hidden on the western coast of Asturias, Luarca is a quiet town known as “The White Village on the Green Coast” . It keeps all the charm and attraction of its seafaring traditions.

WHAT TO SEE IN LUARCA.-

Its most characteristic buildings are the lighthouse, the chapel of Atalaya and the cemetery overlooking the sea cut from the rock by pickaxe and the final resting place of the remains of the Nobel laureate Severo Ochoa, a native of this town.



BEACHES.-

There is a nice beach in Luarca, but if you want to know others, you can move on and visit:

The beach in Otur is a wide sandy beach that has lifeguards, cafe and road access. On either side are two coves only accessible at low tide and offer a perfect excuse to stroll through the sand.

Barayo Beach is considered a protected nature reserve which is only accessible on foot. This beach is a stop on the migratory routes of several species that fly from Europe to North Africa and enjoy the semi-water marshes created by the junction of the Sea and the River Barayo.



FESTIVALS

We emphasize the Holy Week processions and the feast of St. Timothy.

The festival begins the night of August 21, with fireworks. The next day, August 22, is the pilgrimage of St. Timothy. The various clubs are equipped with food, and everyone goes to the hermitage of San Timoteo.

The groups of pilgrims go there dressed in "chambrón" (long and coloured shirts, all of them different, depending on the fraternity you belong) with sticks in the shape of a "T" made of bread.

Once you arrive at the chapel, there is a Mass and the saint is taken to a field. After the simple ceremony, the luncheon begins in the rosemary fields surrounding the shrine.

At night, the pilgrims return to Luarda and the locals throw water from the windows. Those who keep dry can go to the river and end up.

During the night they celebrate a dance festival and people can keep drinking as much cider as is consumed during the festival.



FOOD AND DRINK.-

We can enjoy fresh meats, fish and seafood. Reasonable prices and great quality. Lluarca's traditional character is reflected in its chigres (Old Asturian Taverns), where visitors can learn the art of drinking cider.

WHERE TO SLEEP.-

Hotel Villa La Argentina (Villar, s / n. 985 64 01 02 This beautiful palace was built by "Indianos" (locals who travelled abroad, mainly to America, looking for work and money and they succeeded, coming back to their country to settle down).

El Báltico (P^o del Muelle, 1.). Located in the port.

You can also find houses, villas, village homes, vacation rentals and very good camp grounds.



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