

## Ponferrada - Las Médulas

The **Winter Way** starts in **Ponferrada**, in the neighbourhood of Puente Boeza. You leave the city surrounding Mount Pajariel, and the first 5 kilometres are over when you reach **Toral de Merayo**, a medieval bridge over the River Oza.

Then you continue on a mild climb towards the municipality of Priaranza del Bierzo, where you can see the Castillo de Cornatel, a castle formerly inhabited by the Knights Templar where pilgrims could seek shelter. There are spectacular views over the valley from there.

The route continues through **Borrenes** to **Carucedo**, where you may take a detour to the town to access different services. You continue towards the village of **Las Médulas**, an amazing archaeological Roman site. It is listed as a World Heritage Site and its reddish mountains show how gold was extracted by the Romans by circulating water through rocky canals dug inside the mountains. There are guided tours.

### El consejo del cartero

“You should not miss a visit to the Templar Castle in Ponferrada. You have to check the opening times: it is usually open from Tuesday to Sunday from 11 to 14, while opening times in the afternoon vary depending on the time of the year. Once you walk past Priaranza del Bierzo, you should stop to check the Japanese Cherry trees, planted by the Hispanic Society of Yokohama as a symbol of friendship between Spain and Japan.”. **Benito Lázaro, Correos of Ponferrada.**

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