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THE SILENT ROUTE

The regions of **Andorra-Sierra de Arcos** and **Maestrazgo** share the route of the **A-1702**, a road which, itself, is already a tourist attraction. In just 63 km, its winding route takes in some of the most beautiful and wildest landscapes of the region of Teruel, where natural areas and incredible heritage can be enjoyed, it runs through villages of long history and it is necessary to savour it calmly.

The Silent Route is a panoramic route where the important thing is to enjoy, feel the greatness of landscapes, visit all towns, stop at every road widening and get excited by this natural wonder. In short, surrender to the pleasure of **slow driving** and the multiple sensations offered by the road. The scarce traffic and the silence will allow you to enjoy travelling the route that, from the beginning, **has captivated thousands of motorbikers in Spain**. Welcome to the region of Aragón. **Welcome to The Silent Route.**

HOW TO ARRIVE TO THE ROUTE

The Silent Route extends for 60 km between the towns of Gargallo in the north and Cantavieja in the south, both located in the region of Teruel, in the east south of the triangle formed by Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia. It is perfect to travel during the weekend. The distances to the nearest towns are as follow:

From El Cuarto Pelado (The Silent Route Sur)
Valencia, 183 km | Castellón, 114 km | Morella, 50 km | Teruel, 81 km | Cantavieja, 9 km
From Venta de la Pintada (The Silent Route Norte)
Zaragoza, 134 km | Teruel, 102 km | Alcañiz, 50 km | Barcelona, 282 km

SERVICES

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- **Mirador del Maestrazgo** | Ejulve | 978 75 28 08 | www.miradordelmaestrazgo.es
- **Casa El Bailador** | Montoro de Mezquita | 978 77 31 08 | www.casaelbailador.com
- **Casa El Obrador** | Montoro de Mezquita | 649 67 04 09
- **Casa Valloré del Maestrazgo** | Montoro de Mezquita | 649 67 04 09
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- **Bar-Restaurante 4 Vientos** | Cantavieja | 964 18 50 79 | www.4vientoscantavieja.com

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- **Cárnicas Ortín** | Ejulve | 978 75 26 69 | www.carnicasortin.es
- **Quesos los Santanales** | Ejulve | 978 75 26 12 | www.lossantanales.blogspot.com
- **Alimentación Tere** | Ejulve | 978 75 26 39
- **Horno Aznar Royo** | Villarluego | 978 77 31 30 | panaderiabolleriaznarroyo@gmail.com
- **Jamones El Rullo** | Villarluego | 978 77 30 06 | www.jamoneselrullo.com
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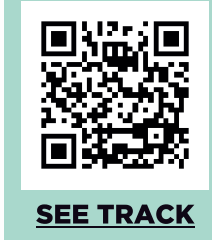


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The start of the route is indicated on information panels. Get your camera ready, at the end of the day a photo album will be to frame. The starting point is in Gargallo, at the Venta de La Pintada - hotel, an emblematic place that has been used as a stopover and inn for countless travellers over the decades.

Gargallo is one hour away from Teruel by car on the N-420. Barely a hundred inhabitants continue to resist the threat of depopulation. At the beginning of the last century, over 600 hundred people were registered on the municipal register. The Silent Route begins by welcoming you as it does best, so there is nothing better than to honour this meeting with quietness, tranquility and calm, nature and people.

Located in an old farmhouse, Gargallo is home to The Civil War and Aragonese Traditional Customs Interpretation Centre - Centro de Interpretación de la Guerra Civil y las Costumbres Aragonesas. It gathers over 3,000 objects and antiques to provide an in depth- knowledge of the past customs and habits of the local people. One of the floors is devoted to the Spanish Civil War where maps, war reports, uniforms, plans, curiosities and exhibits from both parties can be found. It should not be forgotten that this area was one of the hardest hit during the Spanish Civil War. In fact, a few kilometers far from there, the remains of the Campillo aerodrome are preserved, which was built by the Republicans as a support during the Battle of Teruel. Located in the foothills of the Manjolin mountain range, it is possible to reach it by motorbike - via a right turn-off on the only straight stretch of road on the route in the high moorlands of Ejulve.

Ejulve is the entrance to the Maestrazgo region and the most mountainous town in the area of Andorra-Sierra de Arcos. The orography of the land makes it necessary to build villages perched on the relief: steep slopes, rocky cliffs...although not everything is in sight. In the architectural ensemble of Ejulve the Church of Santa María la Mayor, the town-hall and different casonas in masonry stand out like the Posada de la Plaza, the Casa Felicitas or the Old Hospital - the Antiguo Hospital. For those who want to let off some adrenaline, there is a signposted turn-off to the right three kilometers from Ejulve which leads to the Recuenco Caves - Cuevas del Recuenco that can be visited as long as it is organised by a specialized active tourism company.

It is also worth trying the high-quality and traditional agri-food products like the goat cheese and the Otín meat products: longaniza - a type of Spanish sausage with truffle or pistachio, canned pork, marinated partridge and quail...delicacies that can be purchased in the two shops in town.

Hiking and mountain bike enthusiasts will find in the "Masías de Ejulve" a signposted area with 9 self-guided routes to get to know the natural, cultural and historical heritage of the masías of Teruel. For its part, Caleja del Huergo is a canyon which you can easily access through the trail PR-TE-91 from Ejulve.

'Silencioso', A Must Stop

At kilometer 17,300, one of the most iconic images of the route stands: a four by four metre sculpture of an imposing male mountain goat named 'Silencioso' and set in 2018. It has become the logo of the Silent Route and the most photographed viewpoint of the area. From this privileged natural balcony you can contemplate the coronas de Aliaga, the altos de Pitarque and Cañada de Benatanduz, the calcareous buttes of Villarluengo and Cantavieja...Contrasting topography in the Alto Maestrazgo area. This stop is a must. It is a trendy selfie!

Back on the motorbike and after going down the Degollados mountain pass, there is a turn-off to the right to **Montoro de Mezquita**. After 2.7 kilometres we enter an incredible world sheltered by the mighty cliffs overlooking the Guadalupe river's breath. It is time to replace our motorcycle boots with more comfortable footwear and take on the footbridges of the Estrecho de Valloré - strait and the Mirador De los Estrechos - viewpoint.

On the way back to the main road, less than 6 kilometres further on, the Órganos de Montoro emerge, a massive cliff that outlines the skyline of the route and rises towards the sky where vultures, Egyptian vultures and other majestic birds soar. This geomorphological wonder, which resembles the tubes of an organ, is surrounded by pines, common junipers, enebros - Juniperus communis, kermes oaks, white poplars and rushes along the riverside. Very close by is The Hostel de la Trucha whose promises housed the state's first paper money factory.

The road to **Pitarque** is another of the most sought-after spots by motorbike travellers. The succession of tunnels dug into the rocky outcrops form a passageway where you cannot miss taking a picture. The river Pitarque flows in parallel, and the visit to the source of the river is full of whimsical springs.

On the way back to the A-1702 road we get to **Villarluengo** after reaching the top with the same name. You cannot miss visiting any viewpoints. One of them is known as the "Balcón de los Forasteros" and the other one is the "Peña Capitán" viewpoint.

The Tower of Montesanto is one of the fortified towers that scatter the Maestrazgo region, which are classified as an Asset of Cultural Interest - Bien de Interés Cultural. Opposite to it, the image of the Virgin of Montesanto appeared in 1522, which led to the foundation of a Franciscan convent whose old walls can still be seen. Leaving Villarluengo we can see another fortified tower, the Torre Gorgue.

In **Cañada de Benatanduz** we can look down into the abyss through a cluster of houses suspended on the steep and abrupt slope of the land. The ravine of the river Cañada surrounds this small village providing in return some formidable aerial shots from the viewpoints of San Cristóbal and the castle, which can be reached from the square, following the highest spot of this rocky outcrop turned into a home for some thirty people.

When snowfall comes, this area takes on a shape that looks like it was taken out of a canvas. It stands about 1,700 above sea level. Before reaching the end of the road, there is a rest area presided over by the reproduction of the old bus that used to travel along the road and which the locals called "El Caimán" - the Alligator. This is a must stop in order to enjoy the high mountain environment and learn more about the history of the bus and the road. After just 4 kilometers the Puerto of Cuarto Pelado - pass completely fades away the last landscape. This is one of the greatest secrets of THE SILENT ROUTE: its capacity to mutate and offer us a universe of contrast.

We can see **Cantavieja**, the end of our route and just a few minutes away from the Cuarto Pelado panel. Why not go? Compared to a ship shape because of its special elongated shape standing on a promontory, its arcade square is one of the most beautiful ones in Aragón.



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