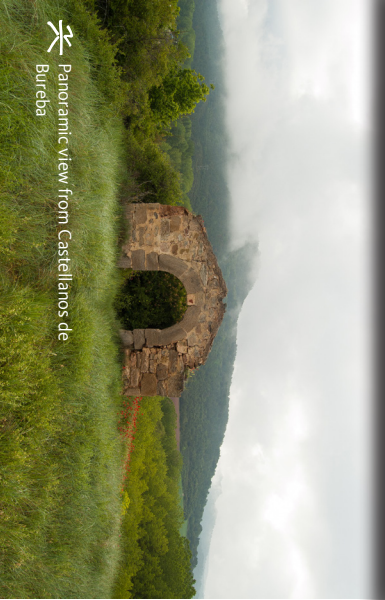




Medieval bridge in Lencas de Bureba



Panoramic view from Castellanos de Bureba



Detail of Santa Leocadia church in Quintanaruz

**11.** Not long after passing kilometre point 12, the Callejón tunnel (120 m) and the La Hoz tunnel (84 m) are reached.

**10.** Around kilometre point 11, after the town of Peñahorada is reached, the traveller reaches the old station of Peñahorada.

**9.** After passing kilometre point 7, the church of San Román can be seen. This is where various scenes of the Passion of Jesus take place, performed by the residents of La Molina de Ubierna on Good Friday.

**8.** On the top of a small headland stand the ruins of what was once the Shrine of Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles, and shortly afterwards a wooden bench enables for the botanical richness of the River La Molina to be enjoyed. After passing kilometre point 4, the town of Cobos Junto a La Molina can be seen, with its church of San Torcuato being the most notable building.

**7.** Continuing from the same point, kilometre point 0 marks the beginning of this second part, fittingly passing through the town of Quintanaruz along the street called La Vía.

**6.** The old railway route turns various times to the left and right with a wide and characteristic turn radius, with kilometre point 20 being reached slightly after the town of Lermilla, with the Rest Area of the same name prior to this. Finally, before entering the town of Quintanaruz the first part of the route from Castellanos de Bureba to Quintanaruz comes to an end

**5.** The traveller delves fully into Valle de las Navas, and as the kilometres advance they are able to enjoy the various colours offered by the different layers that have come to light after large erosive processes.

**4.** After kilometre point 13, the Rest Area at the Arconada stop allows the traveller to take a break. A few metres later, on the left of the route, the town of Arconada welcomes the traveller with the church of Santa Eulalia dominating the landscape.

**3.** The views of the mountain range with the Castle of Rojas and Poza de la Sal on its slopes provoke the traveller to cast their gaze behind them for various kilometres. After passing kilometre point 9, the old Lencas de Bureba stop is reached and soon after the town of Lencas de Bureba is passed on the left. Highlights of said town include its medieval bridge and the church of Santa Eugenia

**2.** Not long after passing kilometre point two, a crossing is reached through which the town of Salas de Bureba can be reached. Coinciding with kilometre point 6, an interpretation panel portrays the proximity to the beautiful town of Poza de la Sal.

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**13.** The town is left among cropland, leaving behind the trail that provides access to Quintanilla Vvar, located less than 1 km from the Nature Trail. Without further ado, kilometre point 22 is reached, and shortly afterwards finding the interpretation panel that puts an end to this double section of the Santander-Mediterranean Sea Nature Trail

**12.** The ruins of the Gothic church of La Mota precede the old Villaverde Peñahorada stop, both to the left of the route. After passing kilometre point 16, a bridge crossing the River Ubierna is taken, with this being the prelude to the travellers' entrance to Sotopalacios. The castle of Los Adelantados is particularly noteworthy in this town.

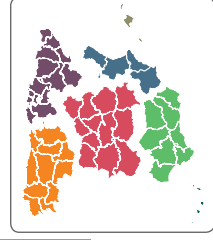
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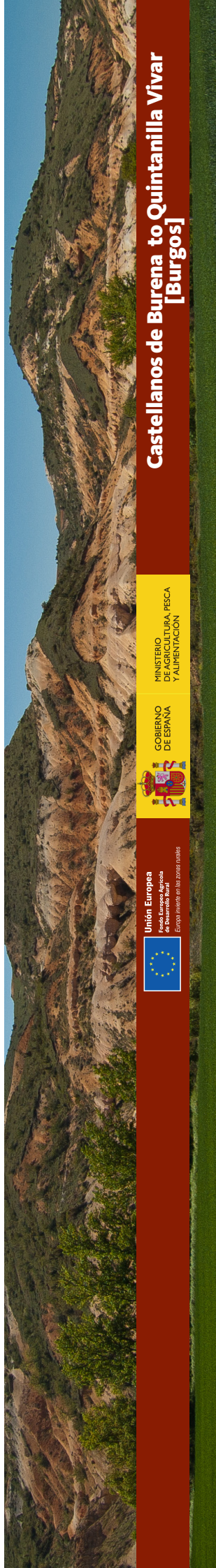
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