



TECHNICAL DATA

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THE ASCENT TO SANCHO ABARCA



99 km



690 m



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Ejea de los Caballeros y Tauste

A route that goes around the southern area of the Cinco Villas that proposes the ascent to one of the most representative places, as is the Sanctuary of Sancho Abarca. A natural visiting point and access to the Bardena Negra of Aragón. There is also a beautiful 10-km mountain pass with its sanctuary on the summit.

The route starts in Ejea de los Caballeros and it takes you along a beautiful narrow road surrounded by steppe until you reach Castejón de Valdejasa, with a small steep slope before you get to the turn-off to Tauste. When you reach the crossroads, you go downhill to the village in the Cinco Villas on another narrow road that offers some lovely views of the Bardena Negra and the irrigated area in the southern area of the district.

After going around the edge of the village with its impressive Mudéjar tower, the route continues north following the roads that lead to the well-known colonist villages. Before you reach the village of Sancho Abarca, you take the turn-off on the left to ascend to the Sanctuary of Sancho Abarca. At the end, there is a beautiful 10-km stretch of sinuous road. The views of the Bardena steppe, both along the way and here, are well worth looking at. The sanctuary is also a good point for having something to eat and drink in the hotel next door.

After reaching the summit and visiting the sanctuary, you descend on the same road and, at the crossroads, you have to turn left to return to Ejea, riding along small service roads that belong to the Ebro Hydrographic Confederation and passing through the colonist villages of Sancho Abarca and El Sabinar. The final stretch between El Sabinar and Ejea is on asphalt track.



