

RIVER AVENUE

Distance: 25 km

Location: Santacara, Carcastillo, Mérida y Murillo el Fruto



This wonderful circle route continues the path marked by the river Aragón, passing along the closest way possible to the course of the river.

It can be covered by bicycle or walking, enjoying the abundant vegetation and seeing a lot of species of animals, including the European mink, an endangered mammal.

TAMARIX BUSH



Distance: 5 km. ida y vuelta

Location: Castillo Street, Santacara

Very pleasant and flat path. The ground is in a very good state for walking and running.

On the route we can also find "Las Balsas" (The ponds) calm waters where we can stop along the way to enjoy the sounds of nature.

THE ALLOTMENTS

Everybody knows about the fame of the vegetables of Navarra, and Santacara could not be less. Almost all the families own a little allotment where they cultivate their vegetables, both winter (borraja, cabbage, swiss chard..) and summer vegetables (tomatoes, cucumber, squash...). Of course, without forgetting the well known asparagus of Navarra.



TOPONYMY

Before the arrival of Romans, the territory of Santacara was occupied by the vascones, and more concretely by those that remained at the Ager vasconum. It's difficult to specify which was the spoken language although it seems to be an ancient form of current basque. The roman occupation started with a cultural conquest, way of life, laws... that implied the imposition of Latin as an official language. The names of the places (toponymy) are direct witnesses of a language that was spoken and then missed.

After analyzing the toponymy of Santacara, we can state that some of their names have basque origin. Nevertheless, something we can't know is how and even when it was used the basque language in this territory.



WALK AND CIVITAS CARA

Distance: 1 km aprox.

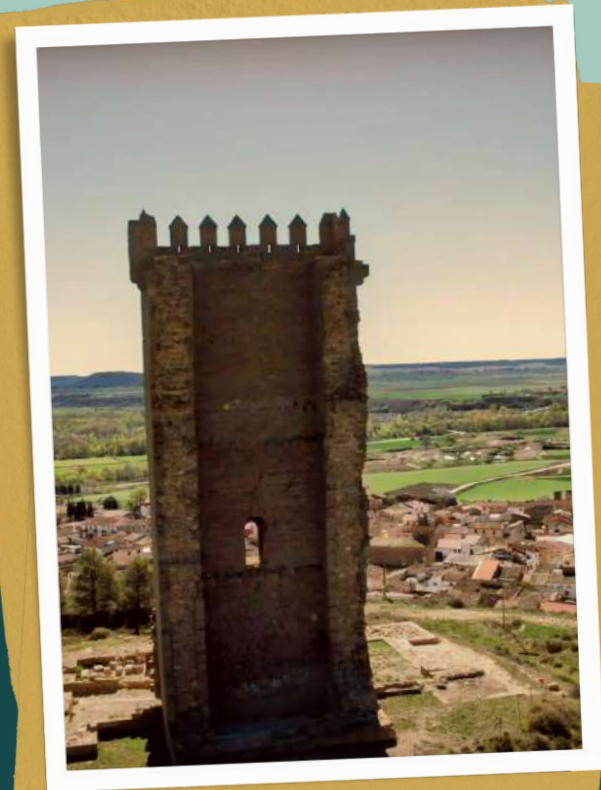
Location: cruce calle Santa Eufemia y calle Aoiz, Santacara

History and nature are found in the same environment: small animals, plants and monumental wealth which can be seen in the ruins of the City of Cara, reflecting life in Santacara between 1st century BC and 4th century AD.

A few meters away from the village, the approximately 200 meters long of the walk of Cara, allows one to contemplate the characteristic landscape of the zone, enjoying the tranquility and accessible to anyone.



VISIT SANTACARA



"PORQUE FUERON SOMOS, PORQUE SOMOS SERÁN"

"IZAN ZIRELAKO GARA, GARELAKO IZANGO DIRA"

TIMELINE

Since the first civilization that occupied the territory of Santacara, to the present day. A review of the milestones that marked the history of the village.



THE TOWER

Watching out from the top are the remains of the medieval castle of Santacara, of which the "Torre del Homenaje" (Homage Tower) and the remains of the pit, the wall, the cistern are preserved. It is possible to arrive from several routes. The more usual ones are the 139 wooden stairs on the east side or through a beautiful and more accessible path surrounded by pine trees. Whatever it is, you will find a fantastic place, remembrance of knights, soldiers and medieval fights.



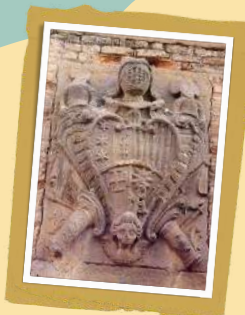
RELIGIOUS MONUMENTS



In Santacara we can find three religious monuments very representative of the Christian tradition in the village. The church "Nuestra Señora De La Asunción", the hermitage "Santa Eufemia", dedicated to the co-patron Saint of the village; and the magnificent cross, preserved in perfect condition that leads us the way to the Virgin of Ujué chapel.

EMBLAZONED HOUSES

In the old town of the village around houses and properties of the 16th century, especially in the Iglesia Street. Semicircular arch doorways and pointed arch doorways are very typical, and in some of these buildings, we can find geminated windows with small conopial arches. Many are the houses that show different coats of arms off in their facades, related to the heraldry or history of those houses.



ORIGIN OF THE SURNAMES

Being the intangible heritage of Navarre, we have to enhance the tongues of the community and the importance of keeping Euskera alive despite the years and the different civilizations that have passed



through our land. After conducting a study analyzing the surnames of the inhabitants of Santacara, we can state that there is a large list whose origin stems from the Basque tongue. Knowing the historical roots of surnames is very interesting since it takes us back to our ancestors. Usually, they can tell us a lot about our feats, their lifestyle, the places where they lived, the possessions they had, the jobs they performed...

This has been one tough task but thanks to the help of experts we have been able to know the origin and meaning of some of them.



- ① River Avenue Entrance
- ② MTamarix Bush
- ③ Allotments of Santacara
- ④ Civitas Cara
- ⑤ The Tower
- ⑥ Church
- ⑦ Sta. Eufemia Chapel
- ⑧ Cross

DETAILED INFORMATION



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