

'GREEN SPAIN' - VISIT THE CHARMING ASTURIAS



The Asturias region is often dubbed 'Green Spain' thanks to the diverse wilderness of the region. It is one of the most charming areas which still remain in the shade of southern beaches and cities like Madrid or Barcelona.

Asturias is a region situated on the northern coast of Spain, facing the Bay of Biscay. Locals, however, often call it 'Green Spain'. It is a verdant coastal strip which runs north from Cantabrian Mountains. **The region is wonderfully diverse and appeals to a large group of traveling enthusiasts.**

Thanks to its varied terrain, spectacular scenery which features rushing rivers, lush green forests and picturesque Picos de Europa (Peaks of Europe), it is a magnet for hikers, who come here from all over the world.

The 'capital' of the Asturias region is Oviedo, an old historic city with a special draw for cider lovers. Local infamous Sidra (Spanish Cider) is a must and the city has even a special boulevard for those who wish to indulge in a pint or two - the Boulevard of Cider.

A visit to the region cannot be complete without a taste of the delicious Fabada Asturiana, a local rich bean stew dish featuring chorizo sausage, morcilla (black pudding), pork shoulder and saffron.

The city and its surrounding hills hide many Romanesque churches well worth exploring. **The green countryside is home to many fishing villages; Gijon is a charming coastal town which started as a fishing village some 3,000 years ago.**

Today visitors come here to enjoy a bit of sunshine on local beaches. Gijon is a fascinating place where the ancient past meets with the modern day. It is a busy shipping port and a favorite destination for shopping enthusiasts.

Asturias is slightly overshadowed by many other, more popular Spanish tourist attractions, but it is not less worthy. Locals know its quality - after all, it is one of the most popular holiday destinations for the Spanish.

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