

## Wine Route Ribera del Duero Aranda de Duero (Spain)



Aranda de Duero capital of the Ribera stands out for its great monumental heritage, its famous gastronomy based on roasted lamb and the excellent wines of the D.O. Ribera del Duero. Aranda sits on a subsoil mined by old and historic wineries. In its urban area you can discover some palaces and large houses that survive the great development of the town.

Among the most outstanding monuments that Aranda de Duero treasures are the Church of Santa María and the elegant Church of San Juan. Other buildings of interest are the "Palacio de los Berdugo", from the 15th century, the "Humilladero" from the 16th century and the Sanctuary of the Virgen de las Viñas.

In the Plaza Mayor is the CIAVIN, an interpretation center for wine architecture. You should also visit the old underground cellars that run through the entire basement of the town. They have 7 km of tunnels excavated in the old town between the 12th and 18th centuries dedicated to the preservation of wines made from the Middle Ages. The depth of these underground cellars ranges between 9 and 12 meters and maintains a temperature between 11°C and 13°C that provide a constant level of humidity throughout the year.

Aranda de Duero is a place for good food, where the roasted suckling lamb must be tasted accompanied by the excellent red wines of the land.

Church of Santa María la Real, a 15th century Gothic temple. With a beautiful cover attributed to Simón de Colonia. Inside, with three naves and a transept, the Salazar chapel, the Mudejar-style choir staircase, and the Renaissance pulpit, the work of Juan de Cambray and Miguel de Espinosa, stand out.

Iglesia de San Juan, its fortified tower was part of the town's defenses. In it, the Council of Aranda was held in 1473. Gothic in construction, prior to that of Santa María, it has an elegant doorway with pointed arches supported by delicate capitals and an image of the Baptist. Located in the Plaza del Rollo we find the Palacio de los Berdugo, an elegant stately mansion built in the 15th century by Martín Durango and the Jurisdictional Scroll, originally located in the Plaza Mayor as indicated by a map of Aranda de Duero from 1503. The scroll, Late Gothic, it represents the jurisdictional powers of the town, also used as a pillory to apply punishments.



The Humilladero is located at the exit of the villa. It was built in the 16th century and it stands out for its coffered ceiling and the Gothic images of the Virgin and Christ. The Sanctuary of the Virgen de las Viñas was built in the 17th century. In it is the Patron Saint of Aranda de Duero, a beautiful image of the Virgin with the Child, from the 15th century. Over the Bañuelos river we find the Puente de las Tenerías, of medieval origin, offering beautiful views.



### Sonorama Festival

It is one of the best festivals in Spain with more than 150 musical groups in concert. In its last edition there were 110,000 people. It take place in summer, august is perfect to enjoy the music, the gastronomy and the wine culture in Aranda de Duero (Burgos).

