



Dear Guest,

Welcome to **Relais & Chateaux Molino de Alcuneza**.

We have prepared this information for your stay.

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**We wish you a happy stay!**

## 1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We want to thank you for your trust in El Molino de Alcuneza. The Moreno family and our team want you to have an unforgettable stay and feel at home.

During your stay we will be happy to attend to any need that may arise, as well as any doubts or suggestions they may have.

We inform you that at 00.00 h, following our quality policy and to preserve the good rest of all our clients, they will close all common facilities (restaurant, bar, etc).

If you want to go out to dinner outside the hotel, we inform you that the gate of access closes at 00.00 h. If you arrive later, please ring the bell and wait a moment. We will receive you soon.

In case of an emergency or if you need to leave the hotel between 00.00 h. Y 8:00 a.m., please call us from the telephone in your room by dialing number 100 and you will be attended.

In accordance with international hotel accommodation standards, we remind you that on the day of departure you can enjoy your room and the rest of facilities until 12.00 h. noon. If you want to enjoy your room until 6:00 p.m., there is the possibility of late check-out. If you are interested, ask at reception. (Involves a supplement of

€50).

At Molino de Alcuneza we are committed to sustainability to contribute to preserving and improving our economic, social and environmentally. That is why we have obtained the Biospher certification under the Biosphere Responsible Tourism seals as well as Biosphere Sustainable Lifestyle Committed.

For all these reasons, we would like to make you a part of this commitment and make it you part of the change during your stay by collaborating in making use responsible for water and energy.

We wish you once again a happy stay.

Thank you very much for your attention.

El Molino de Alcuneza Hotel & Spa

## 2. ROOM SERVICES

- **Telephone**

To make calls from your room:

External calls	0 + telephone number
Reception daytime (8 am to 11 pm)	100
Reception night-time (11 pm to 8 am)	100
International calls	0 + 00 + number with destination country calling code
Calls to other rooms	1+ the room number (example: 1+04, 1+15) or call reception and we will transfer your call.

- **Mobile telephones.**

We currently only get a mobile phone signal for Movistar phones, and it is not very good inside the house because of the location and the thick walls. You will get a better signal if you are near the windows or outside.

If you need to be contactable on your mobile but you don't have a Movistar phone, we can lend you a mobile telephone to which you can divert your calls. Ask for information at reception.

- **Internet - Wi-Fi**

The hotel has an open Wi-Fi network in common areas (WIFI-CUSTOMERS / WIFI-DINING ROOM / WIFI-SWIMMING POOL). For added security in their rooms they have a personalized password with each registration. The Reception staff will provide you the password during check-in.

- **Changing of sheets and bedclothes:**

Sheets and bedclothes will be changed every two days - unless they are dirty or you decide you would like to have them changed.

*Dear guests, imagine how many tonnes of laundry are washed unnecessarily every day in hotels around the world. Can you imagine the amount of detergent polluting our waters?  
Decide for yourselves: If you leave the towels in the bath or shower, we have to change them, if, however, you hang them up, we will know that you are going to use them again. Think of the environment.*

- **Pillow menu**

In the wardrobe you will find some large, fibre pillows. The following large pillows are also available:

- Large latex pillow
- Large down pillow
- Large synthetic fibre pillow

To order them please contact reception.

- **Welcome products**

In your room you can enjoy the prestigious natural cosmetics of Dr. Perricone. For reasons of environmental sustainability and our firm commitment in the reduction of plastics we have reduced the amenities of your room. However you have everything you need available at reception. In your room you will find gel, shampoo, body cream and hand soap. If you need any other personal hygiene product, please order it at reception and we will kindly leave it in your room.

- **Safe**

All rooms have a safe. The key to its use is issued for each stay and will be provided by the reception staff in the check-in.

- **Hair dryer**

In the bathroom you will find a hair dryer, you turn it on by pressing on the handle. Make sure it is plugged in and that the red switch is illuminated. If you would like a more powerful hair dryer, you may request one from reception.

- **Heating and air conditioning**

The hotel has central heating in all rooms. The average temperature is 21° C. However, all rooms are equipped with individual air conditioning and adjustable heating equipment.

We recommend:

- Do not open the windows when the heating is on.
- In winter the comfort temperature is 21° C.
- In summer it is recommended to regulate the thermostat to a temperature of 25° C.
- A temperature difference of more than 12° C with the outside is not healthy. Take advantage of solar energy during the day.
- Do not cover radiators with objects.

- **Television**

The channels that are seen in the Hotel are programmed on your television. Because we are in a rural area, the signal is not always as good as we wish. Sorry for the inconvenience it may cause. Television is a Smart TV and is connected so that you can enter your personal keys and watch NETFLIX, Youtube...

### 3. HOTEL SERVICES

- Reception opening times

The reception is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

If you wish to check out of the hotel between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m., please inform the staff at reception.

- Bar and Terrace

We have a bar and terrace service. If you would like to order something and we are not behind the bar, please ask at reception and a member of staff will serve you straightaway.

We remind guests that, in order to avoid breakages and injuries, glasses may not be taken onto the lawn or to the pool area.

- Room Service

Room service will be available from 7:00 p.m. at 9:00 p.m. If you want to use it, it is necessary to request it at reception before the 8:00 p.m.

- Restaurant

- Lunch and Dinner

Lunch: from 1:00 p.m. at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner: from 8:00 p.m. at 10:00 p.m.

We remind you that it is essential to make a reservation in advance for any restaurant service. Consult our menus and in case of allergy, intolerance or requirements specials of any kind report at reception.

- Breakfast

Breakfast time is from 08:30 a.m. at 11:00 a.m.

Our breakfast is a gastronomic delight. You can enjoy homemade pastries which we bake daily in the hotel, yoghurts and homemade natural curds, traditional fruit preserves and honey from Alcarria, fresh fruit salad, cured meats from Sigüenza and Atienza, organic Santa Gadea goat's cheese, toasted rustic Sigüenza bread and freshly squeezed orange juice with a shot of seasonal fruit, as well as coffee and a carefully selected assortment of teas and infusions.

If you like, we can also prepare eggs for you (omelette, fried, scrambled, etc.). Order them from your waiter or waitress.

Breakfast price €18/person VAT included.

Room Service breakfast in the room - additional charge of €10/person, VAT included.

- **SPA & Massages**

If you plan to use the Spa or Massages / Treatments, it is essential to make a time reservation in advance. Reservation is also required for treatments included in packages.

- **Electric car**

Our car park has 4 electric car chargers. In case of if you want to use them, authorize your load at reception.

- **El Molino de Alcuneza swimming pool**

The outside pool is open from 1st of May until 30th of September. The timetable is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- It is obligatory to shower before entering the water for the first time.
- Swimwear is obligatory, and goggles are recommended.
- It is forbidden to bring glass bottles or containers into the pool area and solarium.
- The swimming pool is reserved exclusively for guests staying at the hotel.
- It is forbidden to run or shout around the pool.

- **Business meetings**

El Molino de Alcuneza is the best place to hold your business meetings.

If you have a company and you wish to hold your next business meeting in our hotel, please tell the reception staff, who will be happy to give you a complete dossier and all the information you need.

At El Molino de Alcuneza we are constantly striving to impress with our professionalism, attitude, discretion and service, by attending to every last detail.

Each meeting is planned and designed according to exactly what our clients really need.

The hotel can offer meeting rooms, spa, private restaurant for the exclusive use of clients, comfortable double rooms for single occupancy, internet connection and a large garden with swimming pool and terrace on the banks of the Henares river.

We have more than 18 years of experience in organizing events and meetings for companies of the highest standing, with rates especially designed to adapt to the criteria and services your event requires.

Our multi-functional meeting room can be adapted into different layouts according to the requirements.

#### 4. LOCAL TOURIST INFORMATION

##### **SIGÜENZA breathes history**

Sigüenza is an old medieval city whose ancient walls contain a history of legends and traditions passed down the ages. Surrounded by natural, rural landscapes, it has a rich gastronomic tradition based on local products and a variety of traditional crafts.

Sigüenza has a great cultural and artistic heritage stretching back over many centuries. It is a cathedral city and a home of artists. A stroll through its streets reveals the evolution of different architectural and artistic styles. The old town centre, with its civic and religious buildings and elegant stately mansions, extends from the Castle to the Cathedral.

Particularly noteworthy buildings are the Cathedral, the Church of San Vicente, the façade of the Church of Santiago, the Ursulinas monastery and the Nuestra Sra. De los Huertos monastery, the chapels of San Roque and Humilladero, the Casa del Doncel, the Pósito (granary), the Torreón (fortified tower), and the various walls which ring the city, featuring half a dozen gates or passageways.

##### **THE DIOCESAN MUSEUM**

The Diocesan Museum is housed in one of the most important neoclassical palaces in the city.

**Location:** It is located opposite the Cathedral.

**Opening times:** From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Telephone: 949 391023

##### **Museum: LA CASA DEL DONCEL**

A handsome building of civil Gothic architecture, with Mudéjar elements inside, located in the heart of the medieval old town.

**Location:** On the Travesaía Alta Street, in the small San Vicente square, opposite the San Vicente church.

**Opening times:** From Tuesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In summer, afternoon opening times are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Mondays except holidays.

Telephone: 949 390362

##### **THE CATHEDRAL**

**Location:** Plaza Mayor.

##### **Times for guided tours:**

Weekdays: 11 a.m., midday and 1 p.m. Afternoons: 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sundays and holidays: Summer: midday, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Winter: midday, 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Guided tours are not possible during the mass or other religious ceremonies. Given that these can vary according to demand and the season, we recommend that you reserve your tour in advance.

## EATING OUT IN SIGÜENZA, OUR FAVOURITE PLACES

### ➤ Restaurants

- **Nöla** (this is our recommendation)

A gastronomic treat at reasonable prices. Whether you want traditional food or you wish to be surprised by their nouvelle cuisine. Located in the historic old town, in the main street, a cute little restaurant with impeccable food and service.

Reservations are essential because they only have 7 tables. Telephone: 949 39 32 46. Ask for Maria.

- **Sánchez**

Founded in 1915, this place serves traditional homemade dishes such as beans with hare, stuffed red peppers, conger eel in green sauce, or fried kid. Their artichoke hearts are exquisite, as are the homemade *empanadas* (stuffed savoury pastries) which they serve as an appetizer.

Telephone: 949 39 0545 We recommend reserving a table.

- **El Doncel**

The brothers Eduardo and Enrique are the leaders in Sigüenza for nouvelle cuisine. They produce original and lovingly-prepared dishes which delight the senses. We recommend the *foie gras*, the seasonal dishes and letting Eduardo or Enrique help you decide.

Telephone: 949 390 001. We recommend reserving a table.

- **Calle Mayor**

Cooking inspired by local recipes and a more creative slant, with vegetable dishes made from locally grown produce, meats such as lamb and kid and delicious desserts. We recommend the marinated sardines, borage with scampi and the gourmet tasting menu.

Telephone: 949 391 748 We recommend reserving a table.

### ➤ Tapas:

- **Taberna Rompeculos** (*this is our recommendation*) Located in the historic center.
- **Cafetería Atrio** Located opposite the atrium of the Sigüenza Cathedral
- **Café Bar La antigua** A large and pleasant bar with a terrace in summer..

## 5. HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

- [Hoz del Río Dulce National Park](#)

### Getting there:

From Sigüenza head towards Pelegrina and Torremocha del Campo. From there you can reach Pelegrina. Recommended excursion: It is 13 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Places of interest:**

The Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente viewpoint, Chorrera del Gollerío (waterfalls), Pelegrina, La Cabrera, Los Heros, Aragosa

**Entrance fee:** None

**Best way to do the route:** By car to Pelegrina, then on foot, by bicycle or on horseback.

**Level of difficulty:** Easy

Description: A gorge carved into a karst plateau from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, typical of the upper Alcarria, and characteristically covered with holm oak, Portuguese oak, clumps of Spanish juniper, Pyrenean oak, broom, Spanish sage and thyme.

The gorge contains numerous escarpments of various shapes, including rock shelters, rock formations like the prow of a ship, rock arches, crags, pedestals and needles. Several lateral or fluvial escarpments give rise to waterfalls. The side walls feature a jumble of loose blocks and frost shattered rock.

The río Dulce also has travertine barriers and terraces, as well as an incised and abandoned meander.

- [\*\*\*A trip around Santamera and the Imón salt mines\*\*\*](#)

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza take the road to Atienza, after 18 km you reach the Imón salt mines. They ceased production in 2000 and they date from the 11th century AD. From here, continue towards Atienza. After 5 km there is a turning to Santamera. Park here and walk down the path to the gorges: It is 25 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Places of interest:** The Imón salt mines, Santamera, Gorges, Atance reservoir. There are climbing routes and the only *via ferrata* in Castile-La Mancha. You can see vultures nesting in the rocky walls of the gorge.

**Entrance fee:** None

**Best way to do the route:** By car to Santamera. You can stop on the way at the Imón salt mines and then continue to the little village of Santamera. From there you continue on foot, by bicycle or on horseback.

**Level of difficulty:** Easy

- [\*\*\*Atienza\*\*\*](#)

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza follow the road to Atienza, It is 38 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Places of interest:** the castle at Atienza, the Arrebatacapas arch, historic old town, Rural Romanesque features, Churches –San Bartolomé Museum, *Caballada de Atienza* (an ancient cavalcade which takes place every Sunday during Pentecost from early in the morning)

**Entrance fee:** Entrance to the castle is free, you only need to buy a ticket for the museum.

**Best way to do the route:** By car to Atienza, then on foot, or on horseback for the cavalcade.

**Recommended restaurant:**

**Atienza:** El Mirador. Reservation required. Telephone: 949 399 038

**Hiendelaencina:** Casa Sabory. Reservation recommended. They have some of the best *patatas bravas* (spicy fried potatoes), and there is a set menu which comprises vegetables or seasonal mushrooms, roasted or grilled meat and desserts. Telephone: 949 89 90 19

**Description:** Atienza, which was declared a national site of historical-artistic interest in 1962, is almost unrivalled in Spain for its history, art, monuments and beauty. The valuable natural, historical, archaeological and artistic heritage on offer in this town and its surroundings make this very varied region a benchmark for cultural and interior tourism. A land of undeniable charm and beauty, where you can still sense the Castile of old in each and every corner.

- **[Medinaceli](#)**

**Getting there:** From Alcuneza take the road to Medinaceli, it is 18 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Places of interest:** Castle, fortified walls, *La Colegiata de Medinaceli* and the representation of Christ, historic old centre, Ducal Palace of the Dukes of Medinaceli - home to the DEARTE foundation where you can see exhibitions of contemporary art.

**Entrance fee:** No

**Best way to do the route:** By car to Medinaceli, then on foot.

**Recommended restaurant:** El Aljibe.

**Medinaceli Tourist Office** Telephone: 975 326 347

**Visitor centre:** The centre is about a hundred metres from the three-gated roman arch, in front of the grand western esplanade, in a publicly owned two-storey building known as "La Carbonera". The centre has a range of facilities aimed at providing a complete welcoming service to the visitor.

The ***Culture Workshop*** and the **Archaeological Room** of Medinaceli are found in the *Plaza Mayor* and were created to make the world of archaeology and history more accessible to anyone who wants to learn about how our ancestors developed over time. It aims to provide a new way of seeing and understanding art and history based on finds in the area. To do this, the Room includes a very specific route which takes us from the very earliest archaeological remains in the Ambrona valley to the Medinaceli of medieval times.

## 6. ONE DAY EXCURSIONS

These excursions can easily be made in one day, arriving back at the hotel in the afternoon or making the most of the day on your way home.

- [Hayedo de Tejera Negra National Park \(on the way to the A1 Madrid - Burgos motorway\)](#)

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza drive to Atienza and then pass Condemios and Galve until you reach Cantalojas, from here access to the park is by a dirt road (about 10 km) Recommended route: It is 85 km from El Molino de Alcuneza.

**Places of interest:** Information and park access point, car park, *La carbonera* (old charcoal kiln), viewpoint.

**Entrance fee:** No, but it is necessary to reserve a parking place in autumn. There is a limited number of spaces in the car park. If it is full, you will have to walk the 6 km from the park access point to the flat area where the route begins. There is no limit to the number of visitors on foot, but there are strict rules about the number of car parking spaces inside the park. Therefore, to visit the park during the busiest periods (weekends and public holidays in October and November), you need to reserve a parking space in the park by calling the Guadalajara Environment and Rural Development Agency and telling them your vehicle registration number and which day you wish to visit.

The numbers to call for reservations are: **630 367 990 - 636 666 138 - 636 981 323 or 638 317 099.**

Reservations for the autumn months can be made from the 1st of September every year.

Parking places reserved in advance will only be kept available until 1 p.m. on the day requested, after that they can be occupied by other visitors.

**Best way to do the route:** By car as far as Hayedo, then on foot.

**Level of difficulty:** Medium

**Description:** "*Hayedo*" means "beech forest" in Spanish, so it is not surprising that, as well as the river Lillas and the river Zarzas, which have their source in the glacial valley beneath *la Buitrera* (a 2045 metre peak whose name means "vulture's nest"), the park also contains a characteristic and exceptional beech forest, one of the most southerly in Europe.

The park's microclimate, combined with its remoteness, has allowed the preservation of these special areas of vegetation.

- **[The Black Architecture of "the slate villages" \(on the way back to Guadalajara and Madrid\)](#)**

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza head towards Madrid, turn off at Mandayona towards Jadraque and Cogolludo then continue on to Umbralejo, Valverde de los arroyos and Tamajón.

**Places of interest:** Umbralejo, Valverde de los Arroyos, la Huerce.

**Best way to do the route:** Ask about the different routes at reception.

**Recommended restaurant:** Mesón Sabori in Hiendelaencina. Reservations essential. tel: 949 899019. Specialities: *patatas bravas* (spicy fried potatoes), roasted kid, seasonal mushrooms and fresh pork products.

\*\*A *Mesón* (rural restaurant) full of family tradition where José and Julián have inherited all their parents' knowledge in the art of roasting meat. We recommend trying their *patatas bravas* as an appetizer.

- **[A tour of the Alcarria \(on the way back to Guadalajara and Madrid\)](#)**

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza head towards Madrid and Mandayona, when you reach the A2 motorway, head towards Madrid and then, after only 2 km, take exit 103, passing under the motorway to the roundabout, you head on to Masegoso and from there to Brihuega. Now continue towards Guadalajara, going through Torija. From here you can get back onto the A2 towards Guadalajara and Madrid or come back via Hita and Jadraque as far as Mandayona and then Sigüenza and back to the Molino de Alcuneza.

**Places of interest:** Brihuega, where you can stop for a stroll around the historical old centre, see the Arabic caves and the professor Max miniature museum. Torija: Torija Castle, an information centre about the Route of El Cid. Hita: Medieval town, there is a very interesting medieval market at the end of June. Jadraque: specialists in roasted meat. The Castle of El Cid is currently being renovated, and can only be visited from the outside.

**Best way to do the route:** By car.

**Recommended restaurants in Brihuega:**

**La Posada de Jorge** is in an annexe to the Royal Textile Factory and serves traditional food in welcoming surroundings. [laposadadejorge.com](http://laposadadejorge.com) **949 28 01 66**

**Quiñoneros** only opens at weekends and on public holidays. tel: 949 28 04 95 [www.quiñoneros.es](http://www.quiñoneros.es) Reservations essential. \*\* A *Mesón* (rural restaurant) full of family tradition where José and Julián have inherited all their parents' knowledge in the art of roasting meat. We recommend trying their *patatas bravas* as an appetizer.

- ***Alto Tajo National Park (On the way back towards Teruel and Valencia)***

**Getting there:** From Sigüenza head for Alcolea del Pinar and Molina de Aragón. From here you can access Taravilla, Peralejos de las Truchas, Checa and Orea. Recommended route: It is 85 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Entrance fee:** No

**Best way to do the route:** By car as far as the monastery, then on foot.\*\*

**Information:** The Upper Tagus (Tajo) valley features most of the typical characteristics of the Iberian System mountain range, some of these are very striking and even produce formations and micro formations exclusive to this area.

There are remarkable landmarks associated with river beds such as canyons and gorges -both very abundant- and terraces, as well as unusual formations on the steep sides of the valley, such as blades, needles and monoliths. In short, the area provides the most extensive network of canyons and gorges in all of Castile-La Mancha. For more information, telephone: **949 88 53 00**

**Description:** This is the largest system of fluvial gorges in the region, showing a great diversity of geology, climate and geography. It is excellently preserved and one of the high points for biodiversity in Castile-La Mancha.

We also find the **Natural Monument for the Source of the Río Cuervo** and the **Micro-reserve at Torremocha del Pinar**.

**Recommendations:** You can visit the park at any time of year, but be aware that temperatures are very low during winter and you need to be properly equipped, especially if you are going to camp.

Camping is only permitted in the designated camping areas.

- ***Monasterio de Piedra National Park (on the way back towards Zaragoza and Barcelona)***

**Getting there:** When you reach Medinaceli take the A-2 motorway towards Barcelona and exit at Km. 204 (Alhama de Aragón - Monasterio de Piedra) It is 90 km from El Molino de Alcuneza

**Entrance fee:** Yes.

**Best way to do the route:** By car as far as the monastery and then on foot.\*\*

### **The formation of the geological landscape**

*El Monasterio de Piedra* (Monastery of [the River] Piedra) National Park forms part of the mountainous Iberian System. The rocks which form the landscape here were formed on the sea bed. Later, the intense forces of the Alpine orogeny, the same crumpling and folding which built the Pyrenees, compressed those rocks and pushed them up to the surface. Ever since then, erosion has been at work in shaping them. These are very slow processes, almost unnoticeable in our perception of time.

### **The slow transformation of the rocks.**

Carbonate rocks such as limestone experience a distinctive shaping process due to the action of

water. This is called karstification, it consists of the dissolution of the calcium carbonate in the rocks. As a result, the water is rich in this element which, as it drains down to underground caves, is deposited onto any submerged object. The same water which dissolved the rocks thus becomes water which "petrifies", or turns other things to stone, and this gave us the name Río Piedra (Stone River).

### **VISITING THE NATIONAL PARK (waterfalls, caverns, lakes...)**

**Opening times:** From April to November, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Rest of the year: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **Fish fauna Information Centre**

**Opening times:** From April to November, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Rest of the year: (public holidays and weekends only) 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**PLACES TO VISIT** - Guided visit of the different sections of the **Cistercian Monastery** (1195 A.D.), **Wine Museum** D.O. Calatayud, **History of chocolate exhibition**, **Carriage museum** and reproduction of the **Triptych of the shrine** in the Monasterio de Piedra (1390 A.D.).

**Opening times:** From April to November, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Rest of the year: 10a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## **7. MAJOR ROUTES**

- ***The Don Quixote Route***

This section of the route is 63 kilometres in length. Starting in the hamlet of Fuensaviñan and arriving in Atienza, the route runs along the minor GU-928 road and later connects with the A-2. This section, located in the north of Castile-La Mancha, is not connected to other sections of the route.

Beginning at the foot of the **Torresaviñán Castle**, you then continue across the **Barranco del Río Dulce National Park**, a natural location where the Spanish naturalist and broadcaster Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente filmed many of his documentaries. Following the route, the traveller comes to **Sigüenza**. At this point, the section is divided into two stages. The first phase, as far as **Valdelcubo** passes by the **castle at Guijosa**, close to the village of **Alcuneza**. The second phase starts in **Sigüenza** and finishes in Atienza, along the way we can see **the castle and walls of Palazuelos** and the **Imón Salt Mines**, which date back to Roman times, and which were in their day the most important in the Iberian Peninsula. The latter stages of the route bring us to **Atienza**, with its magnificent historic old centre where we can still see the fortified walls and two gates which protected the town.

#### **Presentation**

From Sigüenza, The Don Quixote Route offers two variants: one, longer and more monumental which ends with the visit to Atienza, and the other, with the unmistakable flavour of the small villages and paths inaccessible motor vehicles. They both connect in Valdelcubo. With its little historical landmarks, less dramatic than the others, this branch of the Quixote route which passes through Alcuneza, Alboreca and Sienes has to be enjoyed on foot.

#### **Technical details**

24.5 Kms. Constantly climbing and descending without too much difficulty. Suitable for all: on foot, by bicycle or on horseback. Before setting off on the path, it is worth a good look around Sigüenza in the morning.

### **The Route of El Cid**

Over the centuries, the figure of Cid "the Champion" has transcended the limits of history and national borders to become a mythical icon, on a par with King Arthur or the French knight Roland.

Long after his death, El Cid remains an idealised figure in Spain. He has been immortalized in plays, film, folk tales and poems. One of which is still almost intact today: The poem of Mio Cid. Written in the second half of the 12th century or beginning of the 13th century, it is one of the most important literary works of European epic poetry.

The poem tells of, among things, the adventures of El Cid after being exiled from Castile by his king Alfonso VI, as well as the subsequent conquest of Valencia. In the poem of Mio Cid, the anonymous author describes a route which, starting in Vivar del Cid, near Burgos, takes him through various provinces on the way to Valencia.

Attracted by the legends surrounding El Cid, for decades now, many people have followed in the footsteps of El Cid, discovering the great historical, cultural and natural richness along the route.

In response to this newfound interest, the regional governments of Burgos, Soria, Guadalajara, Zaragoza, Teruel, Castellón, Valencia and Alicante have decided to mark out and promote the Route of El Cid using the fictional route described in the poem of Mio Cid, in order to channel and enhance a route which deserves to become internationally famous.

## **8. TELEPHONE CONTACTS**

Molino de Alcuneza R&C. Reception: (+34) 949 39 15 01.

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Sigüenza Emergency Medical Center: (+34) 949 39 00 19.

Guadalajara University Hospital: (+34) 949 20 92 00.

Emergency Hospital U. de Guadalajara: (+34) 949 21 92 92.

Residence La Antigua de Guadalajara: (+34) 949 22 36 00.

Emergencies: (+34) 112.

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