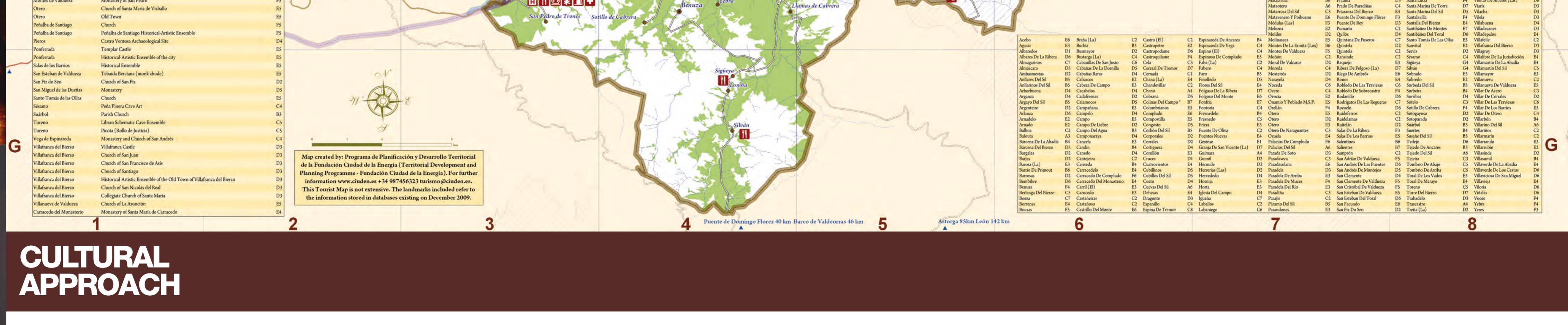
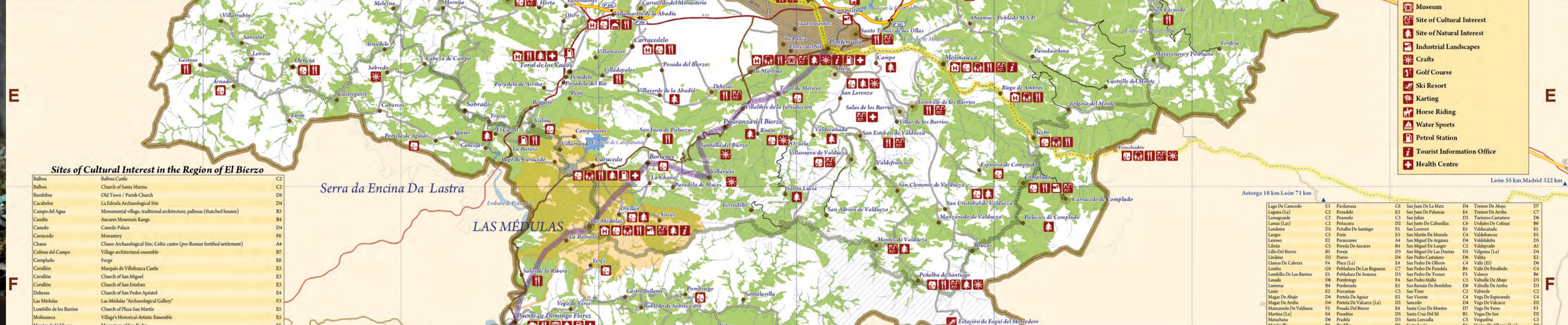
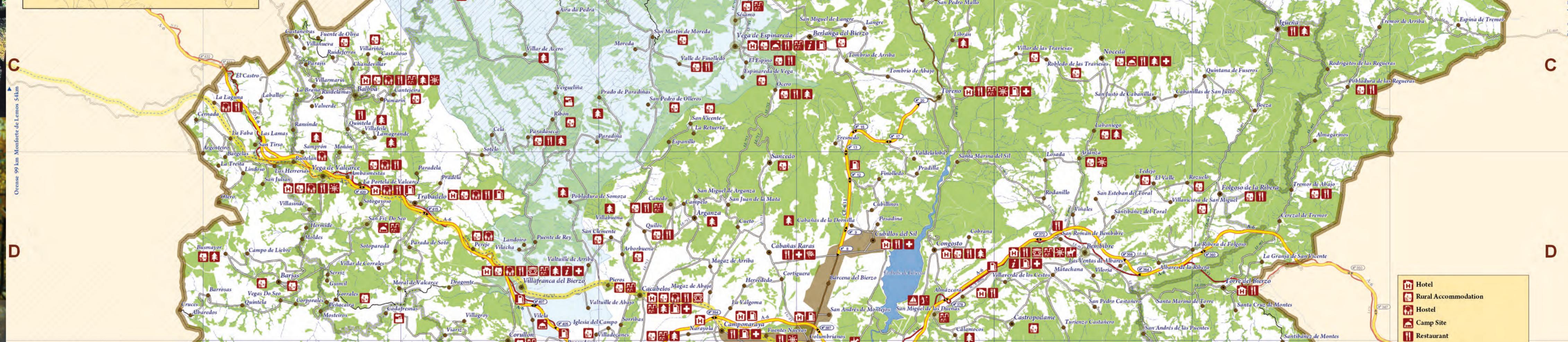
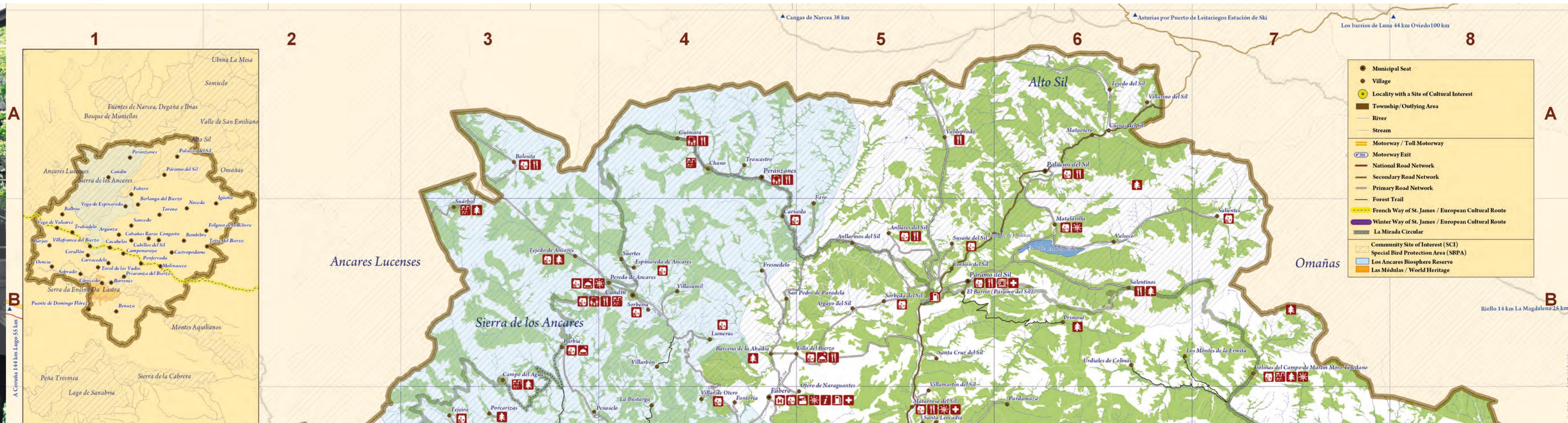


EL BIERZO TOURIST MAP



CULTURAL APPROACH

**EL BIERZO
MUSEUM [E5]**

Located in the former village j
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of Ponferrada and El Bierzo.

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LUIS DEL OLMO RAD
MUSEUM [E5]

Housed within a construction known as Casa de los Escudero—a Baroque manor house—, the museum accommodates one

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OPENING HOURS
Tuesday-Saturday
10.00-18.00

5 pm to 7 pm
Sundays and
12 pm - 2 pm

**ALTO BIE
MUSEUM**

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Sundays and Public
10.30 – 2 pm

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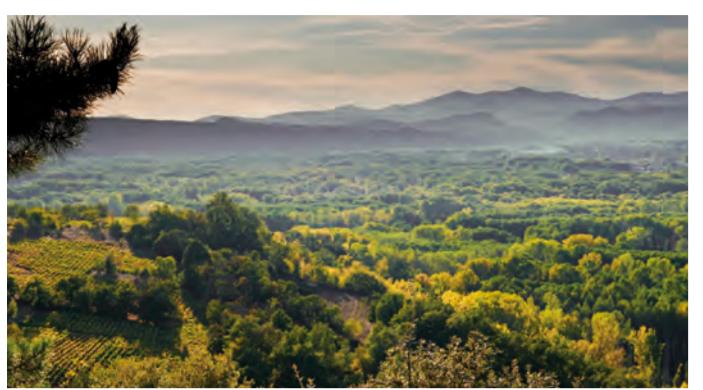
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10 am - 1.30 pm

EL BIERZO ITSELF

INDUSTRIAL LANDSCAPES



Located in the northwestern-most area of Castilla y León, El Bierzo is fenced in by stunning geographical borders. Limited by mountains (Cantabrian Mountains, the Anciles Mountain Range, the Aquilanos Mountains and the Viznubio

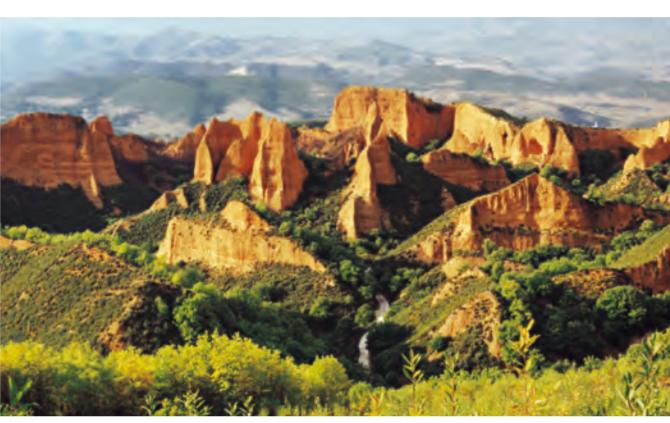


CULTURAL / MONUMENTAL HERITAGE

El Bierzo's monumental wealth is closely linked to its inhabitants. Many very different cul-

GOLD / LANDS OF CLAY AND GOLD

Over fifty Roman gold mines have been identified in the El Bierzo region, with Las Médulas standing out size-wise as the most important exploitation.



LAS MÉDULAS [F3]

galleries on different levels.

Las Médulas is interesting for more than its mines, since the surrounding area accommodates a canal network ("corruj") that transported water from the surrounding hills, as well as from

20,000 Roman pounds (6,547 kg) a year, which over its 250 year life-span produced a total extraction of 1,500 tons of gold, with earthworks spreading out over a total 500 million m³. Said earthworks turned the landscape that surrounds Las Médulas into what it is today: red peaks that conceal an intricate network of hydraulic mining.

The mud and water torrents were channelled towards the washing canals ("agoga") where the gold pips were separated from the other impurities. This activity gave way to the artificial lakes Somido and Carucedo. Note-worthy locations:



La Cabrera and the Aquilanos Mountains. Several deposits retained the water before it was released to flood violently into the mountain through the tunnels, undermining the underground cavities with huge amounts of mud and stones. This type of exploitation was known as "ruina montum" (a precursor of hydraulic mining).

Santalla. The viewpoint offers a stunning perspective of the Valley of Sil and the Santalla Ravines.

San Juan de Paluezas. El Castrelin is a fortified Astur settlement, located in a topographically dominating position it was constructed between the 3rd and 1st century BC.

Borrenes. A native Astur Castro (pre-Roman fortified settlement) from the 1st century BC which has introduced us to the lifestyle of these people before and after being conquered by the Romans.

Carucedo. Capital of the Municipality and access point to the Carucedo artificial lake, an important aquaculture bird reserve.

Mirador de Orellán. Located 2 km from the village of Orellán, this viewpoint offers a stunning panoramic view of Las Médulas gold mine. The route (3 km) traverses a forest of centenary chestnuts, with magnificent 400-600-year-old specimens.

Puente Domingo Flórez. Passage to La Cabrera, which accommodates several canals that took water to Las Médulas. Depart from Llamas de la Cabrera to visit one of the Valle Alroso canals.

Puente Leitosa [C3]

Located on the banks of river Burbia, in the area of Anciles. La Leitosa is accessed from Villafanca taking the road to Veiguelina and then following a dirt track. After Las Médulas, this is the most spectacular mine

Lago Somido. At just 2 km away, it was once one of the mineral washing areas and one

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