

# Caves of Canelobre

The little town of Busot offers its visitors the Caves of Canelobre, 77.9 km – about 53 mins from Ciudad Quesada at a height of 700 meters on the northern side of Cabeço d'Or. The interior of the caves boasts one of the highest vaults in Spain, which looks very similar to a cathedral's.

During your visit you can admire the varied and whimsical forms that the rocks have created: candelabra, animals and many other spectacular shapes. On certain occasions the unsurpassable acoustic and atmospheric conditions of the caves are used to provide musical entertainment. Cuevas del Canalobre is a single huge chamber 150 metres long, containing many dripstones, some of them looking like a candelabra, giving the cave its name. The cave is beautifully lit with coloured lighting to bring out the natural colours and highlight the fantastic shapes. The chamber has excellent acoustics, so it is often used for concerts and folk festivals and a large stage has been built for such events.

The entrance is high on the slopes of the Cabezón de Oro (Golden Head) in a dry and hot bare karst region, and the visitor has a beautiful view of the Province of Alicante and the Mediterranean. There are several paths in the area for good walking and hiking routes to enjoy the natural and unique views over the whole region.

And what better to get your strength back than to visit the local cafes and restaurants of Busot offering an exquisite range of cuisine.

Note that the cave is very popular in the summer since there are frequent coach trips from the tourist centers along the coast.

## **Opening Times:**

October to June: 11:00 – 17:50

Easter Week: 10:30 – 19:50

July to September: 10:30 – 19:50

Christmas Day and January 1<sup>st</sup>: Closed

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# Parque Natural de Sierra Espuña

About an hour's drive from Ciudad Quesada, south west of Murcia, you can visit the beautiful mountain park of the Sierra de Espuña.

If you don't like driving round sharp hairpin bends, with sheer cliff faces along the edge of the road, this one is probably not for you! The park, in the Sierra de Espuña mountain range, is almost completely forested with pine trees. This is the place to see wild life in its truly natural environment, especially huge birds of prey, circling overhead.



This is a great place for a stroll with your camera, or for longer walks along the ravines and valleys for the serious walkers and hikers.

The park rises to over 5,200 feet in places. Look for eagles, hawks and kestrels above you. You may also see wild boars, wild cats, white squirrels, snakes and salamanders.

There are a few roads that cross through the park in between the various picnic areas. There is also a Visitor Centre and restaurant (on a busy day, the restaurant is packed, so take plenty of food, snacks and drink with you).