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Introduction: the festive soul of Oscos-Eo

In Oscos-Eo, every festival is a pulse of the rural soul. The region celebrates its roots with ancestral rituals, popular devotion, and shared cuisine. Between bagpipes, dances, pilgrimages, and markets, the living memory and collective joy of a region intertwine, transforming the passing of the year into a festive cycle filled with identity, hospitality, and emotion.



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Annual calendar of festivals, fairs and markets



Spring

Oyster Festival – We are the oyster CASTROPOL

During the May long weekend, Castropol pays tribute to its oysters with tastings, cooking demonstrations, visits to the oyster farms, music on the dock, and workshops for all ages. A tasty and fun event next to the Eo.

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Corpus Christi CASTROPOL

Declared a Festival of Tourist Interest, this celebration transforms Castropol into a gallery of floral carpets of immense beauty. If you visit on Corpus Christi Sunday, you can see (and smell) streets covered in ephemeral art created by local people. A unique spectacle where tradition and devotion intertwine.

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Saint Isidore the Farmer SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

The feast of San Isidro Labrador, patron saint of the countryside. It is celebrated on May 15th in the El Llano neighborhood. This day begins with a solemn mass at the local chapel, followed by a vermouth session accompanied by traditional music. It is an opportunity to share with neighbors and visitors in a festive and welcoming atmosphere.

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Rosca Fair SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

San Tirso de Abres Roscas Fair. Held during Holy Week, this fair, held during Holy Week, pays tribute to one of the most characteristic sweets: the San Tirso Roscas. You can taste them and participate in various workshops accompanied by popular music. Throughout the day, various activities are held for all ages.

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Corpus Christi SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

On Corpus Christi Sunday, the streets are covered with floral carpets handmade by residents and visitors. You can join in preparing petals, designing designs, or simply admiring the results before the procession. An expression of shared devotion and beauty, fleeting and unique each year.

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Crafts and agri-food products fair

SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

This fair, held during Holy Week, sells handicrafts and agricultural products. It also features demonstrations of ancient crafts and basketry and forging workshops. All accompanied by traditional music.

Saint Joseph's Festival TARAMUNDI

Every March 19th, the feast of Saint Joseph, Taramundi celebrates one of its major festivals. A solemn Mass, a vermouth session, a popular barbecue, and a street party enliven two days of gatherings and tradition. There are also children's games and an atmosphere for all ages. Taramundi Cheese and Local Products Fair. Every year on the Saturday of Holy Week, the most important cheese fair in western Asturias is held in the municipal sports center.

Cheese and Local Products Fair TARAMUNDI

This annual event stands out for the wide variety of Asturian cheeses and other local products on sale, and for its festive atmosphere with bagpipe music. At this fair, in addition to more than twenty cheese factories among its exhibitors, you can also see artisan cutlery and other agricultural products such as cider, bread, and honey, among others.

Trade Fair VEGADEO

Commercial tradition and festivities come together every June at one of the most iconic events in western Asturias and the surrounding regions of Galicia. Exhibitors of local and local products, workshops, gastronomy with the traditional pulpo á feira (octopus á feira), concerts, and street parties fill Vegadeo with life throughout the weekend. A unique event where the town comes together and the region unites.

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Holy Week of Piantón and Vegadeo VEGADEO

With more than 250 years of history, Holy Week in Piantón is one of the oldest in western Asturias. Its articulated floats and the traditional "Bandeo de Pendones" (Band of Banners) are particularly noteworthy, full of symbolism. Amidst processions, music, and community participation, experiencing it is like immersing yourself in a sober, unique, and deeply rooted celebration. Holy Week in Vegadeo is also one of the most significant and participatory in the entire region.

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Living Way of the Cross VILLANUEVA DE OSCOS

Every Holy Thursday, the Monastery of Santa María hosts a moving Passion Play. More than 80 residents recreate biblical scenes with dramatization, historical costumes, live music, and the participation of the Praetorian Guard of Lugo. Declared a Festival of Tourist Interest in the Principality, it is a unique experience that combines faith, art, and tradition in a natural setting of great beauty. Exhibitors of local products, workshops, gastronomy with the traditional pulpo á feira, concerts, and street parties fill Vegadeo with life throughout the weekend. A unique event where the town comes together and the region unites.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel CASTROPOL

Every August, Figueras passionately celebrates the Fiestas del Carmen (Festival of Carmen), in honor of the Virgin of Carmen, patron saint of sailors. This festival is one of the most important and moving in the municipality of Castropol, where the sea, faith, and tradition intertwine. The most anticipated moment is the maritime procession, in which residents take the Virgin by boat along the Eo estuary, accompanied by decorated vessels and lateen-sailed boats.

Saint James' Day CASTROPOL

In Castropol, the Day of Saint James is celebrated on July 25th as a local holiday, and also around this time is the anniversary of the Puente de los Santos (All Saints' Bridge), which connects the municipalities of Castropol and Ribadeo.

Pixota Craft Fair CASTROPOL

This fair is held in Figueras on the last weekend of July or the first weekend of August. It stands out for its focus on local crafts, seafaring culture, and traditional cuisine, making it a must-attend event for residents and visitors alike.

Patron Saint Festivities SAINT MARTIN OF OSCOS

On the second weekend of July, San Martín celebrates its patron saint's day with a street party, mass, a procession, and a vermouth session to the rhythm of bagpipes. A lively and welcoming atmosphere in the heart of western Asturias, ideal for joining in the festivities, meeting the people, and enjoying the living traditions of the municipality.

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Summer

Biosphere Reserve Market SAINT MARTIN OF OSCOS

On the last weekend of July, San Martín de Oscos hosts this market that celebrates the identity of the Río Eo, Oscos, and Terras de Burón Biosphere Reserve. The day offers guided tours of the Mon Palace, live music, craft workshops, children's activities, and exhibitions of traditional crafts. This is a must-see for enjoying the region's culture and natural surroundings.

Livestock Competition SAINT MARTIN OF OSCOS

On the last weekend of August, the fairgrounds host this event dedicated to the Asturiana de los Valles breed. Ranchers from across the region present their best cattle in a rural and festive atmosphere, with prizes, exhibitions, and local pride. An event that highlights the municipality's livestock tradition.

Summer market SAINT TIRSO DE ABRES

Numerous stalls are set up in the town's recreational area, where you can buy various agricultural and craft products.

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Wheat Malla Festival SAINT TIRSO DE ABRES

(3rd weekend of August) Every third weekend of August, San Tirso revives traditional threshing with residents in period costume, antique machinery, and folk music. A lively day, where a community demonstration demonstrates how the grain was separated from the wheat. Workshops, food, dancing, and a good atmosphere make this ethnographic festival an authentic experience for young and old.

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Summer

Patron Saint Festivities of San Juan SAINT TIRSO DE ABRES

(June 24, bonfire and sardine feast) On June 24, El Llano is filled with music, tradition, and fire. The night of San Juan begins with a huge bonfire and continues with a festival, and the following day, a procession, mass, and a floral carpet decorate the big day. A complete celebration, with rural flavor and authentic hospitality.

San Roque SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

(August) On the last weekend of August, Santalla celebrates San Roque with a parade, a popular cider festival, a street party, mass, and a procession. The festivities continue the following Saturday with the traditional Millarado Countryside Picnic: an open-air meal, games, and bagpipes. A lively and friendly atmosphere, ideal for enjoying summer in the mountains. Meeting of blacksmiths from Santa Eulalia de Oscos.

Celtic Night and "Ace of the 15th" VEGADEO

Vegadeo celebrates its major patron saint festival around August 15th, in honor of the Assumption and San Roque. The festive atmosphere kicks off with the popular Celtic Night (the previous Saturday) and continues with religious services, open-air dances with renowned orchestras, and the traditional picnic in the El Noveledo Recreation Area (the following Sunday). Music, tradition, and celebration in one of the most anticipated events of the Asturian summer.

Horse fair VEGADEO

Every August 14th, Vegadeo hosts its traditional Horse Fair in La Entreseca, bringing together breeders and equine enthusiasts. The fair offers exhibitions of local horses, a festive atmosphere, and traditional cuisine. A must-see for lovers of Asturian livestock tradition.

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Oscos-Eo Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Development Showcase. ECO 21 Fair. VEGADEO

This annual event, held at the Vegadeo Fairgrounds, brings together various producers, experts, and enthusiasts of organic farming and sustainable development. Attendees can enjoy a wide variety of activities, including exhibitions, workshops, and tastings of organic products.

Medieval market "HONOR DEL SUARÓN". VEGADEO

enjoy this market, held the second weekend of July, where you can find numerous craft and food stalls, as well as various workshops on traditional crafts such as basketry, carving, and forging. there's also a horse fair and horse ribbon races, and various activities such as falconry displays. throughout the weekend, there are various activities for children, and on Saturday night, the "medieval knight of honor of suarón" is honored. all accompanied by traditional music.

Feast of the Friars VILLANUEVA DE OSCOS

Every August, the Monastery of Santa Maria transforms into a vibrant setting for the Festa dos Frailes (Feast of the Friars). Live music, theater, dance, children's workshops, and a craft market bring this historic site to life. A celebration that fuses tradition and modernity, inviting everyone to enjoy local culture in a unique setting.

Other local festivals VILLANUEVA DE OSCOS

- **Santa Ana (La Garganta):** July 26. Traditional livestock fair with more than 500 years of history.
- **San Miguel (La Garganta):** Sunday before September 29.
- **Santa María (Villanueva):** September. The exact date may vary, so it is recommended to check the local program.

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Autumn

Ornithological days in the Eo Estuary CASTROPOL

(October-November) Every autumn, Castropol hosts these birdwatching days in one of the most valuable natural areas in northern Spain: the Eo Estuary, a Biosphere Reserve. Talks, guided tours, and activities for all audiences allow you to discover the incredible biodiversity of the estuary, home to migratory species and waterfowl. A meeting of nature, science, and environmental education in a privileged setting.

Meredo Chestnut Festival VEGADEO

(late October - early November) Every autumn, the town of Meredo celebrates one of its most cherished festivals: the Chestnut Festival, which brings together locals and visitors around traditional cuisine, music, and conviviality. The celebration includes a communal dinner outdoors, under a tent in the Church Square, followed by a large open-air dance. An ideal plan for those seeking authenticity, gastronomy, and celebration.

Cultural Days of the Marquis of Sargadelos SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

(October/November) Every autumn, Santalla pays tribute to its most illustrious resident, the Marquis of Sargadelos, with talks, tours, and cultural activities. The events, organized by the Association of Friends of Antonio Raimundo Ibáñez, invite visitors to learn about his enlightened legacy in his birthplace and in the heart of the region. An ideal event for lovers of history and thought.

Magosto or Chestnut Festival SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

(November) Every October 31st, Santa Eulalia de Oscos celebrates its traditional Magosto, an autumn festival where locals and visitors gather at the sports center to enjoy roasted chestnuts, sweet cider, pork rinds, and ham. The evening is enlivened with live music, creating a cozy atmosphere that celebrates the arrival of autumn and local traditions.

San Martín Fair SAINT MARTIN OF OSCOS

Around November 11th, San Martín de Oscos celebrates its traditional San Martín Fair, a day that combines a livestock exhibition with a lively market featuring local products and crafts. If the date falls on a weekday, the fair is moved to the following Saturday.

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Winter

Livestock Fair in honor of St. Eulalia SAINT EULALIA OF OSCOS

Every December 10th, Santa Eulalia de Oscos celebrates its traditional Livestock Fair in honor of its patron saint. This event, which marks the close of the livestock calendar in the Oscos region, brings together ranchers, artisans, and residents for a day that combines tradition and community. In addition to the livestock exhibition, the fair offers stalls selling local products and cultural activities, reflecting the area's rural roots.

Traditional music and dance in Oscos – Eo

Sounds that move, rhythms that unite.

Traditional music is the sonorous soul of the region. At every pilgrimage, market, or local festival, the notes of a bagpipe or the beating of tambourines awaken memory and the heart.

Instruments that do not fail

- **Asturian bagpipes** : protagonists of processions, parades and festivals.
- **Tambourines** : they keep the rhythm at parties and community dances.
- **Pilgrimage songs** : lyrics that are repeated generation after generation, accompanied by clapping and steps.





Pilgrimages

- + Pilgrimage of San Roque-Castropol
- Villarquille Pilgrimage – San Martín de Oscos

Every year, the Villarquille chapel hosts an intimate yet deeply felt pilgrimage. Residents and visitors gather to celebrate faith and community in a well-maintained rural setting. A serene experience, deeply connected to the municipality's roots.

- + San Román Pilgrimage – Porzún (Vegadeo, May)

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Pilgrimages

- + Pilgrimage of San Roque-Castropol
- + Villarquille Pilgrimage – San Martín de Oscos
- San Román Pilgrimage – Porzún (Vegadeo, May)

Every May, Porzún welcomes pilgrims from Vegadeo and other places, both in Asturias and Galicia, to the hermitage of San Román.

Every May, San Román del Monte becomes a meeting point for locals and visitors, many of whom come on foot from different parts of Asturias and Galicia. The day revolves around the hermitage, with **masses, symbolism, and folk traditions** surrounded by nature.

One of the most anticipated items is the **Roscas de San Román**, which were traditionally made at home and can now also be found in local bakeries, exclusively on that day.

A perfect getaway for those who enjoy rural culture, gentle hiking, and authentic encounters.

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Pilgrimages

— Pilgrimage of San Roque-Castropol

Every August 16th, Castropol celebrates San Roque with mass in the chapel, a procession with bagpipes, and a spectacular display of "voladores" (flying fireworks). The day continues with vermouth, food, children's games, a tute tournament, and a street party at dusk. Tradition, festivities, and scenery come together in a highly anticipated summer event.

<https://www.castropol.es/en/fiestas-y-ferias>

- + Villarquille Pilgrimage – San Martín de Oscos
- + San Román Pilgrimage – Porzún (Vegadeo, May)

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Practical tips for visitors

Oscos-Eo's festivals are local, rural, and ever-changing. Many don't have fixed dates, and their programs are published at short notice or only on local social media. To make sure you don't miss anything, we recommend following these tips:

Confirm dates and times

- Contact local tourist offices or **city halls** to confirm exact dates and locations.
- Check local websites such as:

Regional Tourist Office

Get ready for the rural

- Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear.
- Don't forget a jacket, even in summer.
- Have cash on hand: not all events accept credit cards.
- If it's a pilgrimage or market, bring a small backpack or reusable bag.
- Respect the environment and traditions; be a part of the place.

How to get there and get around

- Some villages have limited or no mobile access.
- Check road conditions in case of storms.
- Carpool if possible.
- Ask about local or public transportation during holidays (sometimes there are special buses).

Experience the festivities from within

- You don't come here just to watch: you're expected to participate, sing, dance, or eat.
- You don't have to know anyone: you'll be invited anyway.
- Ask, chat, and say thank you. The most valuable thing you can take away from here is a shared history.

Información práctica

Información práctica para resolver cualquier duda durante tu estancia.

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Alojamientos

Dormir en Oscos-Eo es descansar rodeado de tranquilidad. Casas rurales, hoteles familiares, campings y alojamientos con encanto integrados en la naturaleza te esperan.

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Restaurantes

La gastronomía forma parte esencial del viaje. En la comarca podrás saborear platos caseros, productos locales y recetas tradicionales servidas con hospitalidad.

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