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Land of trades and living tradition

The Oscos-Eo region is a land where nature and crafts intertwine. Blacksmiths, cutlers, traditional crafts are still very much alive here.

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Crafts with soul

At Oscos-Eo, artisan crafts thrive. Forging, knife making, textiles, woodworking, basketry, and honey are all crafted with skilled hands, noble materials, and inherited techniques. Each piece is unique and conveys the soul of its creator, the rhythm of the land, and a way of life that respects tradition, time, and nature.



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Crafts with soul - Castropol

Basketry

Castropol keeps the basketry tradition alive, with artisans crafting baskets and other objects using ancient techniques. Workshops are organized.

Wooden boats

Astilleros Pacho, with over 75 years of history, is the last active shipwright's workshop in Asturias. Specializing in the construction and restoration of wooden vessels, such as the lateen-sailed boats typical of the Eo Estuary, they maintain a tradition dating back to the 15th century.

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Curiosity

Two Urcas (galleys) were built at the Ribera de la Linera Carpentry Shipyard in Castropol, which fought in the Spanish Armada to defend Spanish interests.

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SAINT MARTIN OF OSCOS

San Martín de Oscos, nestled in the heart of the Los Oscos region, is a municipality where craftsmanship and tradition are intertwined with everyday life. Although it doesn't have artisan workshops open to the public like other nearby municipalities, it offers cultural experiences that allow you to understand and appreciate the region's artisan heritage.

SAINT TIRSO DE ABRES

In San Tirso de Abres, there was significant artisan activity surrounding salmon fishing, particularly the creation of baskets for transporting the caught salmon. Currently, there is a working artisan, a master woodcarver, specializing in the creation and restoration of figures of saints.

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Curiosity

Four members of the Mon family line (Palacio de Mon) reached important positions of relevance throughout the 18th century: Arias Mon y Velarde was governor of the Council of Castile, his brother José Antonio also served on the Council, Juan Antonio served as governor in Antioch, and Romualdo Mon opted for an ecclesiastical career, eventually becoming Archbishop of Seville.

Crafts with soul - Santa Eulalia de Oscos

Mazonovo Forge

In Santalla (Santa Eulalia de Oscos), iron lives on thanks to the passionate work of **the Ferreiros de Mazonovo**, a group that keeps the ancient tradition of forging alive. **The 18th-century hydraulic hammer** is still in operation, and the most unusual thing is that among those who wield it is a woman—something unusual in this traditional trade.

They don't limit themselves to demonstrations for visitors: **they have their own workshop**, create and sell unique pieces, and share their knowledge through **courses and activities**. Every two years, the **Blacksmiths' Meeting** brings together blacksmiths from around the world. These gatherings leave visible traces in the form of outdoor sculptures that today form a unique route: **The Asturian Warrior**, **The Nail**, and **The Spirit of the Blacksmith** are just a few examples of how history, landscape, and memory merge in the heart of Oscos-Eo.

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Curiosity

The beloved Sargadelos pottery, founded and manufactured in Galicia, takes its name from Don Raimundo Ibáñez, Marquis of Sargadelos. In Santa Eulalia de Oscos, you can visit the Marquis of Sargadelos Birthplace Museum, where guided tours are offered to discover the way of life and customs of western Asturias at that time.

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In Artesanamente

At Artesanamente, you don't buy crafts, **you experience them**. This initiative organizes **creative workshops and courses surrounded by nature**, where visitors can learn to make soap, natural cosmetics, baskets, craft beer, cheese, candles, or even learn how to keep bees.

These are not just handcrafted products for sale, but rather a **participatory and sustainable experience**, ideal for families, groups, or curious individuals who want to learn about traditional crafts in a practical and fun way.

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Crafts with soul - Taramundi

Taramundi is a benchmark in the preservation and dissemination of traditional crafts from the Oscos-Eo region. They not only preserve ancestral techniques but also offer live experiences that connect visitors with the essence of the region.

Museum of Traditional Cutlery

(Pardiñas) preserves and enhances the legacy of the knife-making trade, showing its evolution to keep a tradition alive over time.

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Active forging and cutlery workshops

Free visits to various knife, razor, and scissor artisans in Taramundi

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Curiosity

Taramundi is one of the most famous places in the world for its handmade knives. The knifemaking tradition dates back centuries and lives on in workshops where you can watch them being forged, sharpen your own blade, or have it engraved with your name. In Taramundi, the knife isn't just a tool: it's art, identity, and local pride.

Taramundi Cheeses:

The Eo-Leche artisan cheese factory revives traditional methods to create a carefully curated range of cheeses. In its facilities, which can be visited, you can learn about the entire production process and purchase varieties such as semi-cured, blue, goat cheese, walnut and hazelnut cheese typical of Taramundi, dried cheese, and cottage cheese.

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Crafts with soul - Villanueva de Oscos

In Villanueva de Oscos, craftsmanship is deeply connected to rural life and collective memory. The knowledge of iron, bread, and other crafts are part of everyday life and are passed down with pride. Between forests and mountains, tradition lives on in the trades, in the hands that create, and in a way of life that resists oblivion.

Santa Eufemia Major Ironworks

The Santa Eufemia forge, which belonged to the Villanueva de Oscos monastery and was active between the 17th and 19th centuries, was the only early processing forge in the region, where iron bars were obtained from ore using hydraulic power. Today, Macra-Fragua revives this process with guided tours and demonstration and participatory workshops.

Curiosity

Villanueva de Oscos had a significant cheesemaking tradition linked to the ancient monastery, where cow's milk was already being made in the Middle Ages. Today, there are no active cheese factories in the municipality, but the memory of this artisanal know-how remains part of its rural identity.

Vegadeo

In Vegadeo, craftsmanship is born from the connection with the land and the legacy of generations. Here, crafts such as traditional forging, leather and woodworking, and working with chiestolite, a unique stone from western Asturias with the natural shape of a cross, endure. These are skills passed down from parents to children, and also renewed by hands that come from afar to continue giving life to the art of transforming matter with soul.

Curiosity

In the Oscos-Eo and Navia regions, a unique mineral is found, whose geological name is chiestolite, popularly known as the "stone of the cross" or the "stone of Santiago." It was once used as an amulet: women wore it to increase their milk supply, it was hung around the neck of cattle during childbirth, and pilgrims on the Camino kept it as a protective talisman.

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Fairs and markets with a rural soul

Notable dates and places to find local crafts



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Pixota Craft Fair

Location: Figueras (Castropol)

Date: July

On the picturesque Figueras pier, this fair combines crafts, gastronomy and cultural activities in a unique maritime setting.

Biosphere Reserve Market

Location: San Martín de Oscos

Date: Saturday , **July 27, 2025**

Description: The Biosphere Reserve Market brings together crafts, agricultural products, and traditional trades. It includes guided tours of the Mon Palace and the church, country recreation at the Casa del Marco, children's activities, an exhibition of Asturian sports, and live music. Food service, a bar, and a festive atmosphere will be available.

Crafts and Agri-Food Products Fair

Location: Santa Eulalia de Oscos

Date: Good Friday

An essential event to learn about local crafts: basketry, forging, soap making and more, with live workshops and local agricultural and food products.

Santa Ana Fair

Location: San Martín de Oscos

Date: November 11 (**the Saturday immediately following November 11**)

Description: Traditional fair with a livestock market and numerous street stalls, very popular with locals and visitors. The festive atmosphere is rounded out with special menus in the borough's restaurants and bars. A day steeped in tradition that makes San Martín a regional meeting point every autumn.

Fair of Exaltation of the Holy Week Roscas

Location: San Tirso de Abres

Date: Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Celebration of the traditional Asturian rosca, with craft stalls, agricultural products and activities for all audiences.

Summer Market

Place: San Tirso de Abres

Date: first Sunday in August
Crafts and agri-food.

Cheese and Products Fair

Taramundi Venues

Location: Taramundi

Date: Saturday of Holy Week

This is one of the most important cheese fairs in Asturias. A chance to taste and purchase artisanal cheeses from different parts of Spain and other local products in a festive atmosphere.

Vegadeo Weekly Market

Location: Vegadeo

Date: Every Saturday

Every Saturday, Vegadeo comes alive with its traditional market, where locals and visitors find handicrafts, textiles, food and garden products in an authentic and quality environment.

Vegadeo Trade Fair

Annual event with an exclusive craft area, where you can discover and purchase unique, handmade pieces.

Location : Vegadeo Fairgrounds (Asturias)

Date : Usually held at the **beginning of June** (check the exact dates each year on the official City Council website)

Medieval market of Piantón

Vegadeo

Second weekend of July

Various craft and food villages, demonstrations of traditional crafts, and numerous activities for all audiences.

San Miguel Fair

Location: Puerto de La Garganta, Villanueva de Oscos

Date: September 29th

Originally from the Middle Ages, this annual livestock fair has brought together ranchers, artisans and merchants in an exceptional natural and cultural setting since the 16th century.

Santa Ana Fair

Location: La Garganta (Villanueva de Oscos)

Date: Friday, July 26

Description: Traditional livestock fair at Puerto de La Garganta, featuring livestock farmers, dealers, grocery stores, crafts, and local products. The natural surroundings and festive atmosphere make this event a regional landmark.

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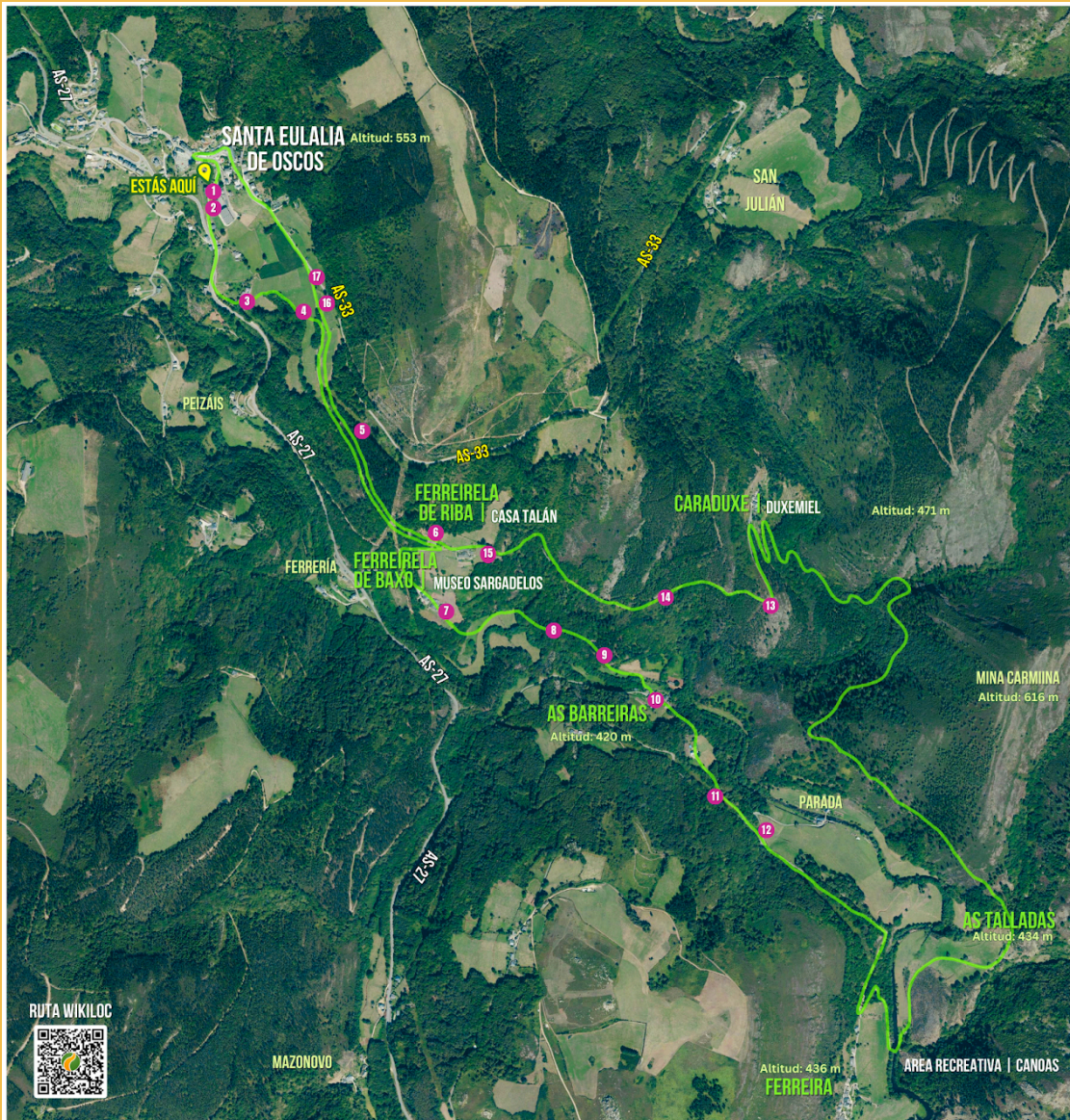
Discover living craftsmanship by exploring spaces where traditional trades still thrive. Workshops, museums, and trails introduce you to the local know-how.

A highlight is the **Blacksmiths' Route**, which takes you past ancient hammers and forges where iron comes alive:

Route with Art – Santa Eulalia de Oscos





A pioneering project that unites nature, art, and tradition in a **10-km circular route** through the **Agüeira River valley**. From Santa Eulalia to Ferreira, the trail passes through villages of ethnographic value and hosts more than **16 artworks** installed in 2024. The landscape is shaped by native forests, recreational areas, the **Marquis of Sargadelos Birthplace Museum**, and a small **river beach** with canoe rentals in summer.

You can get more information here





Practical tips for visitors

1.  Check schedules in advance. Some artisan workshops or museums require an appointment or have reduced hours during the off-season.
2.  Bring cash. Although many artisans accept cards, at fairs and rural markets, cash is usually the only way to pay.
3.  Ask and chat. The artisan is happy to share his work process. Take advantage of the visit to learn the stories and techniques behind each piece.
4.  Dress comfortably and wear appropriate footwear. Many activities take place in rural or outdoor settings, so practical clothing is recommended.
5.  Buy local, bring culture. When you buy a handcrafted piece, you're not only buying a unique object, but also a part of the region's identity.
6.  Participate in workshops if you have the opportunity. Experience it firsthand is an unforgettable way to connect with traditional crafts.
7.  Respect the rural rhythm. The value of craftsmanship also lies in its timing: enjoy it slowly, with all five senses.

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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