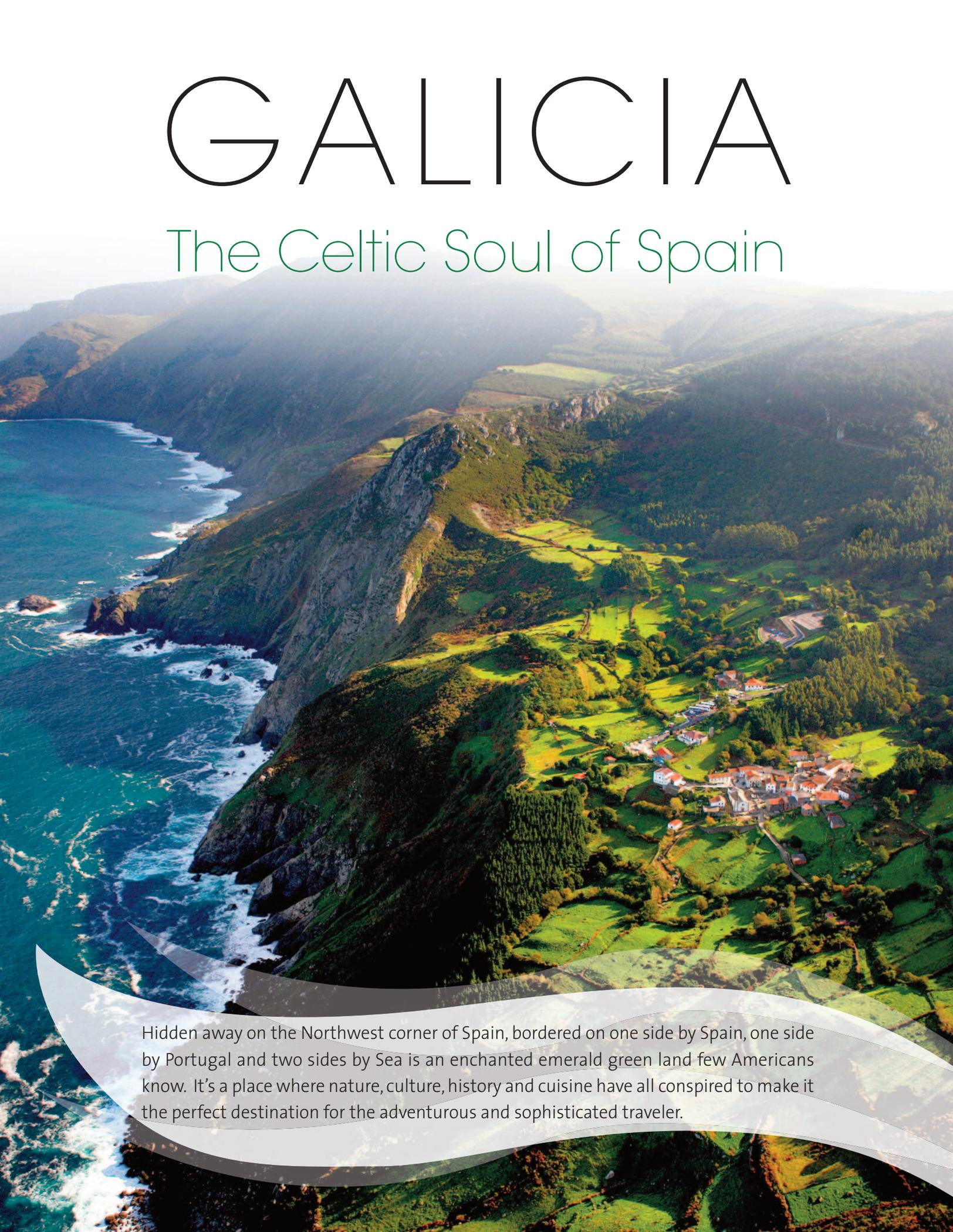


GALICIA

The Celtic Soul of Spain



Hidden away on the Northwest corner of Spain, bordered on one side by Spain, one side by Portugal and two sides by Sea is an enchanted emerald green land few Americans know. It's a place where nature, culture, history and cuisine have all conspired to make it the perfect destination for the adventurous and sophisticated traveler.

For those who appreciate the finer things in life

Although Galicia has long been a favorite of European gourmards, it has yet to be discovered by gastronomy aficionados from this side of the Atlantic.

Off the rugged Galician coast are some of the world's best fishing waters. Only in Galicia can you feast on over two hundred local varieties of fish and fifty four kinds of shellfish.

Galicia's rich soil provides full flavored fruits and vegetables: extra-large turnips, peppers, maize, tomatoes and mushrooms so large and luscious they're often served as a main dish. Their unique cheeses and grass-fed meats are known throughout Spain.

Your gastronomy adventure will take you off-the-beaten-path in search of some of Spain's finest restaurants. One is hidden away in a quaint sea-side village.

Another on the side of a mountain. But they're all well worth the trip. You'll find out why Chefs like **Pepe Solla**, **Marcelo Tejedor**, **Iñaki Bretal** and **Pepe Vieira-Xose Cannas** have earned their international reputations.

To go with the fabulous cuisine is an array of Galician wines which are just as fabulous. Crisp whites from the **Godella** grape. Lush, full-bodied reds from the **Mencia**. Whatever you do, don't leave Galicia without sampling one her famed **Albariños**.

Few places in Spain, or anywhere else for that matter, can match Galicia for its varied terrain. One day you can explore her rugged coastline and forests. The next day you can take a leisurely stroll through her lush green hills and vineyards.

Only in Galicia can you find the true origins of the Celtic culture. In fact every-

where you go you find a reminder of Galicia's rich traditions. Three of her historic cities, **Lugo**, **La Coruña** and **Santiago de Compostela** are UNESCO World Heritage Cities.

You may choose to stay in a historic **Parador**, a rustic Country inn, a magnificent Spa with its healing waters or a traditional 'Pazo' (manor) overlooking one of Galicia's **Rias Baixas**.



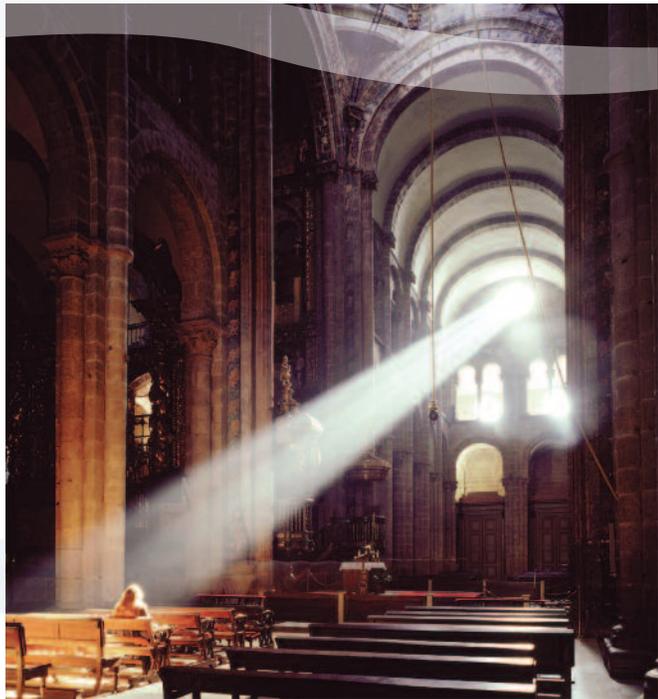
For those who seek spiritual awakening

All roads lead to Santiago. For a thousand years knights and pilgrims have come from all over the world to walk to the sacred city of Santiago de Compostela. Today you can participate in this unique, life-changing adventure. Walk the same ancient and historic 'Caminos' (trails) that have brought pilgrims to the emerald fields of Galicia every year for the past millennium.

As you walk these trails, you'll feel you've gone back in time. You'll pass by Castles, Cathedrals, hidden sanctuaries and gravestones with inscriptions that date back to the tenth century. You'll cross ancient Roman bridges and walk by battlefields where Romans, Celts and Visigoths once fought.

You'll follow country paths through the heart of mystical Galicia, the Celtic Soul of Spain. Local people will greet you along the way. Each night you'll stay in a comfortable or country inn, hotel or historic 'Pazo' (manor). You'll dine with new friends on local country cuisine and drink some of Spain's best wines.

When you reach the Cathedral of Santiago, your final destination, you'll have earned the official certificate stating that you have completed one of the world's great pilgrimages. You'll return completely renewed (dare we say born again), ready to take on the slings and arrows of daily life.





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