



The villages of our route form part of the municipality of Casares de las Hurdes and are all located in the valley of Casares. The centre of municipality, Casares de las Hurdes, is known as “The Balcón (vantage point) of Las Hurdes” and so could be called all his “alquerías”: Robledo, Carabusino, La Huetre, Casarrubia and Heras. All literally hang off the slopes of the mountains that close the north of Las Hurdes.

From the port of Casares, Robledo is the first village when entering the region. Robledo is the highest village of the region; it is located at 920 meters. There are no trees that justify its name Robledo, but it is known that there was in the past. Below, Carabusino, whose curious name could come from “carabouxíño”, which is referred to the “agállaras, gállaras or agallas” (oak apple) in the northwest of the Iberian peninsula.

The Carabusino’s situation intimidates and you wonder, when contemplate it, if some of its inhabitants have not fallen headlong downhill. The outlook over the valley Hurdano are stunning from here; in fact, on the same road is the Mirador de las Estrellas, the place seems so high. In our memory are the thousands of terraces that extended throughout the slopes decades ago. Now, a lot of them have become part of nature, although the old photos, those that went around the world and were made from here, remain as testimony of the past.

People of the area has retained a warm and friendly character. It is a pleasure to wander through the traditional streets of La Huetre, as does the route, to observe the old slate houses and talk to any of its inhabitants. If you go before the end of the summer, somebody can even offer you a delicious “pavía”, a kind of peach, not nectarine, that has a pleasant smell and taste.

By that time it is also easy to see the fruit trees overflowing fruit and a lot of figs drying on sieves. But if the route is done in early spring, the flowers will compete with the cherry-trees for the beauty of the valley. We are agree to think that the name of La Huetre may come from “vulture”, common in the area.

Casarrubia is below La Huetre and its spring color is also the one of the cherry-trees. Below, there are remains of other places, now depopulated and the pieces of land used as terraces, as it happens with Casa Jurde or Casas del Monte. Casares de las Hurdes and Heras are still down below. The second looks more like a neighborhood of the first, given its proximity. Casares shows beautiful slate traditional buildings, such as the Casa de la Cultura or the same Council building. From any of the “alquerías” cited the outlooks over the Hurdano river (or Casares) are magnificent, because they extend toward the horizon, toward Asegur and Nuñomoral.

