

Best Practice Guide for Visitors

Valle de Ricote Slow



A way of being

There are places that are not visited. They are lived. The Ricote Valley is a place where time changes pace, where water sets the tempo and where life passes unhurried.

This manual is not a set of rules.
It's a guide to becoming part of the place.

Because here, every gesture counts.





WHY THE RICOTE VALLEY IS DIFFERENT

Where time is on your side

In the Ricote Valley, what matters is not doing more, but doing it better. The babbling of water in the irrigation channels, the groves of fruit trees that teach us patience, the towns and villages that preserve stories from the past, the shade and the calm... everything responds to the same balance.

A balance which has remained untouched for centuries and which today depends on how we experience it.

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE RICOTE VALLEY

Small ways of doing things



Walk

The valley is best discovered one step at a time. Move without hurrying, use marked trails and choose sustainable forms of travel. Walking, cycling or simply stopping is also part of the journey.



Listen

Here, silence is also part of the landscape. Listen to the water, the wind in the trees, everyday life. Avoid unnecessary noise and respect the tranquillity that defines the valley.



Stay

Choosing where to stay is also part of the experience. Opt for legal, family-run accommodation committed to the area.

These places offer you a better understanding of the surroundings, genuine recommendations and the chance to experience the valley in a more personal and responsible way.



Eat

Here, we eat the same way we live: slowly. Choose local gastronomy, fresh produce and businesses from the area.

Consuming locally is taking care of what makes the Ricote Valley unique.



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Talk

Hospitality is part of the landscape.

Say hello, ask questions, share.

Relating with warmth and respect to those who live here is the best part of the experience.



Trust

In local companies and guides who know the area, its history, its stories and its rhythms. They are the ones best placed to help you discover the best places in the valley and understand its natural and cultural heritage.



Respect

The Ricote Valley is a living environment. Take care of nature, don't litter, respect the flora and fauna, and use resources responsibly. What you enjoy today depends on how you look after it.

Whenever possible, take part in conservation activities and help maintain the natural balance of the valley.



Enjoy

Without reservation.

Without stress.

Without rushing.



CONSUMERISM AND SUSTAINABILITY

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Travelling also means choosing how you make an impact.

- ✓ Reduce the use of plastics and unnecessary waste
- ✓ Recycle whenever possible
- ✓ Reuse materials during your stay

Small gestures like these help to preserve the balance of the valley.



ZERO-WASTE COMMITMENT

Caring for the valley is also up to us

The Valle de Ricote has preserved its authenticity for centuries. Maintaining it is a shared responsibility.

The best memory you can take away is knowing you've helped preserve this area.



ALWAYS REMEMBER

- ✓ Pick up any containers, bottles, or food scraps after visiting the area.
- ✓ Avoid leaving trash on trails, viewpoints, and rest areas.
- ✓ Use the trash cans when available.
- ✓ Share awareness messages on your social media.



CONNECTION WITH THE TERRITORY

Participate, don't invade

The Ricote Valley is not just a pretty landscape. It is a place where life follows its course.

Respect its spaces, times and people.
Avoid intrusive behaviour and value the authenticity of the surroundings.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

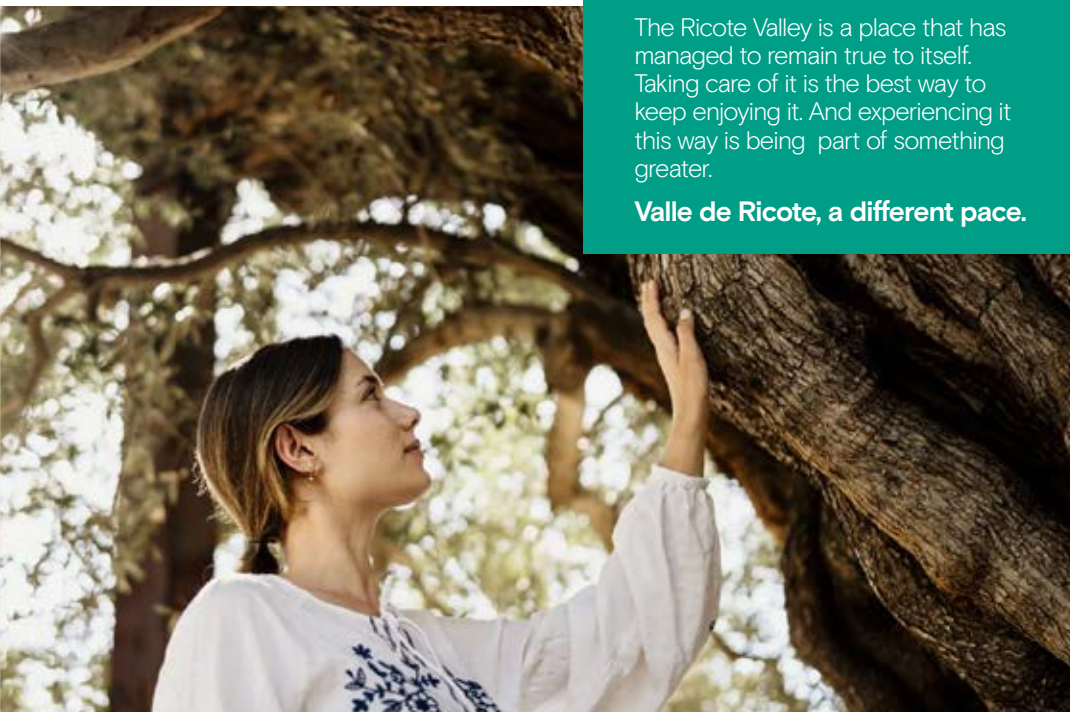
In summary ...

- 1 Move without hurrying
- 2 Listen before you speak
- 3 Save water
- 4 Respect the environment
- 5 Consume locally
- 6 Reduce your waste
- 7 Stick to the paths
- 8 Value silence
- 9 Connect with people
- 10 Enjoy responsibly

Living, feeling, enjoying another time also depends on you

The Ricote Valley is a place that has managed to remain true to itself. Taking care of it is the best way to keep enjoying it. And experiencing it this way is being part of something greater.

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