

WHAT IS THE CREDENCIAL DEL PEREGRINO?

The Credencial del Peregrino, the Pilgrim's Credential, is the official accreditation issued by the Diocese of Cartagena for those who make their pilgrimage on foot, by bicycle or on horseback to the Basílica de la Vera Cruz in Caravaca.

It contains useful information for pilgrims such as maps, web links and the boxes to be stamped as they make their way along the stages of the pilgrimage route.

HOW DO I OBTAIN THE CREDENCIAL?

HARD COPY

A paper copy of the Credencial can be obtained by post from important religious seats all over Spain.

Diocese of Cartagena
Telephone: 968 221371

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The Credencial can be downloaded onto mobile devices (Android or IOS).

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WHAT IS THE CARAVACENSIS?

The Caravacensis is the official certificate showing that a pilgrim has completed the route to the Basílica de la Vera Cruz in Caravaca on foot, by bicycle or on horseback.

It can be obtained in the Basílica if the following conditions are met:

- At least **50 km** have been covered **on foot** or on **horseback**.
- At least **100 km** have been covered **by bicycle**.
- At least one stamp per day must have been collected by the pilgrim in their Credencial, clearly showing the date.
- The pilgrimage to the Vera Cruz of Caravaca must have been completed in a religious fashion or in a spirit of searching.

* If the above conditions are not met, pilgrims can obtain a visitor's diploma from the Basílica de la Vera Cruz in Caravaca.

MASS TIMES AT THE BASÍLICA DE LA VERA CRUZ IN CARAVACA

Monday to Friday

8.30 and 12.00 (Pilgrims' Mass)
18.00 (Holy Hour before the Cross)

Saturdays

8.30 and 12.00 (Pilgrims' Mass) and 18.00

Sundays

12.00 (Pilgrims' Mass) and 18.00



* PILGRIMS' WELCOMING POINT

Every day at 11.15 a welcome is offered to pilgrims at the parish church of El Salvador, or at alternative locations, at the "Estación Jubilar", and from here those who have reached Caravaca that day can complete the final stretch of the Camino de la Cruz de Caravaca to the Basílica together.



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CAMINO DE LEVANTE

This 120-kilometre route begins in Orihuela, in the region of the Comunidad Valenciana. Initially it runs along the River Segura and later heads north-west along the route of a greenway to the higher ground of the Region of Murcia. Among the attractions are the monuments of Orihuela, Cehegín, Mula and the city of Murcia, the flat croplands of the “Huerta” and the “Badlands”.

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CAMINO DE LA VERA CRUZ

CAMINO DE LOS TEMPLARIOS

At almost 900 km this is the longest of the routes leading to Caravaca. It links different places which were placed under the authority of the Templars, crossing five different regions of Spain and including important historic centres such as Pamplona, Artajona, Daroca, Teruel, Alcalá del Júcar and Jumilla. The route is currently being re-signposted.

CAMINO DE LOS VÉLEZ

A historic route which begins in Vélez Blanco in the province of Almería and for 60 kilometres crosses vast areas of cereal cropland, passing important archaeological sites such as the complex of La Encarnación. Mainly suitable for cyclists.

CAMINO DEL MEDITERRÁNEO

This route can be started at two different points: Cartagena and Mazarrón. It runs for 140 km through a wide variety of landscapes: the crop fields of the Campo de Cartagena, the mountains of Sierra Espuña and the higher ground in the inland area of the Region of Murcia, with must-see stops at the Santuario de Santa Eulalia and the castle of Aledo.

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CAMINO DEL ARGAR

A 70-kilometre route which also forms part of the Camino de Santiago, starting in the city of Lorca and promoted by the Asociación Lorca Santiago.

CAMINO DEL LIGNUM CRUCIS

This 119-kilometre route begins in Granja de Rocamora in the region of the Comunidad Valenciana and unites towns and churches where fragments of the Cross of Christ (each known as a Lignum Crucis) are worshipped. It joins the Camino de Levante and is promoted by the Hermandades de la Santísima Cruz of Granja de Rocamora and Abanilla.

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CAMINO ESPIRITUAL DEL SUR

This route is enormously rich in historical, cultural and environmental interest, starting in Guadix, in the province of Granada, and passing through Baza and Huéscar on the high plateau of Granada before reaching the Basilica in Caravaca de la Cruz. The 318 kilometres are divided into 14 hiking stages and it is promoted by the Asociación de Municipios del Camino Espiritual del Sur. The route is currently being signposted.

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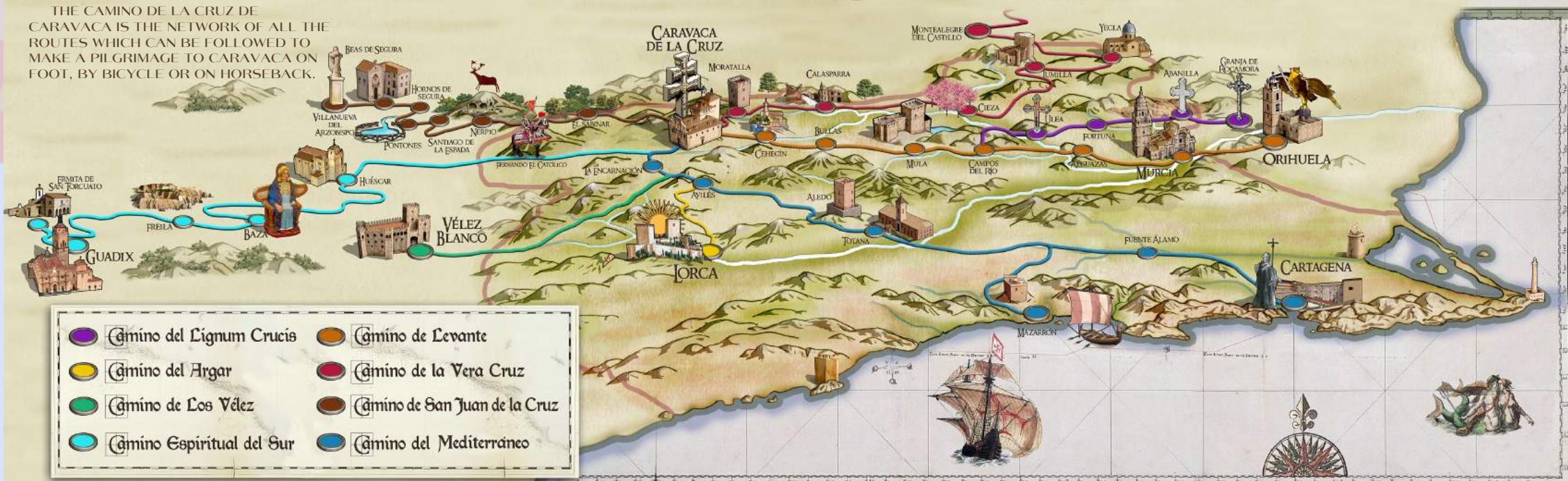
CAMINO DE SAN JUAN DE LA CRUZ

This is a 160-kilometre route established by the Discalced Carmelites of Caravaca, the Discalced Carmelites of Beas de Segura and the Asociación de Ciudades del Camino de San Juan de la Cruz, and it can also be used to make the pilgrimage to the Vera Cruz of Caravaca. It is a mountainous path, crossing the Sierra de Segura through the provinces of Jaén, Albacete and the Region of Murcia, and is based on the figure of San Juan de la Cruz, a mystic, poet and Doctor of the Catholic church. Mainly suitable for hikers.

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THE CAMINO DE LA CRUZ DE CARAVACA IS THE NETWORK OF ALL THE ROUTES WHICH CAN BE FOLLOWED TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO CARAVACA ON FOOT, BY BICYCLE OR ON HORSEBACK.



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| | Camino del Argar | | Camino de la Vera Cruz |
| | Camino de Los Vélez | | Camino de San Juan de la Cruz |
| | Camino Espiritual del Sur | | Camino del Mediterráneo |