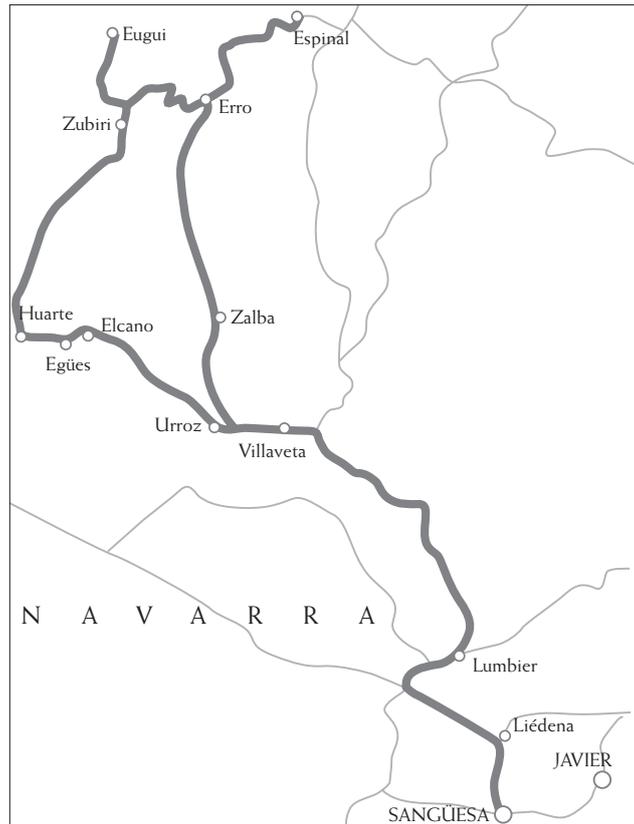


# Navarre IN BEECH AND OAK FORESTS



The towns, villages and places dotted along the 145 kilometre route for the western area of the Merindad of Sangüesa. The Erro and Arga rivers create the personality of these valleys.

From Lizoain, one ascends parallel to the Erro river and following in the valley of Arriasgoiti, the route of the 'Camino de Santiago' that comes down from Valcarlos. The traveler follows in the footsteps of Gothic churches with Romanesque flavor and medieval bridges in a landscape marked by bush, gall oaks and tyme that are make way to black oak and Scots pinem until they are replaced by oak groves and the sun and shade of beech woods on high rocks. A landscape that reaches its maximum splendor of colours and light in spring and autumn.

When passing the river Arga basin, the traveler enters Quinto Real, space declared National hunting zone for deer and doves.

Sheep and horses populate the meadows. Birds of prey patrol the skies, flying over patches of oak and beech to the vicinity of the Eugui reservoir, where the trout-filled waters of the river Arga. The zone offers different sporting options. In addition to hunting and fishing, there is climbing and mountaineering, offering 1,000 metre peaks, hosting interesting megalithic monuments.

The tour ends in Egües valley at the foot of the Sierra de Aranguren, as once it did on the Irati train, where the towns of narrow villages are grouped around solid churches, standing in a damp dark green landscape. There are fewer beech and oak trees in this arable landscape. From time to time, one can see mansions and palaces, manors of the crown land in the area.



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