



LA VALL DE LORD





LOCATION

A UNIQUE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

La Vall de Lord (*Lord Valley*) is a valley in the Catalan Pre-Pyrenees located in the north-west of the Solsonès comarca (administrative division) and bordering the comarcas of Alt Urgell and Berguedà.

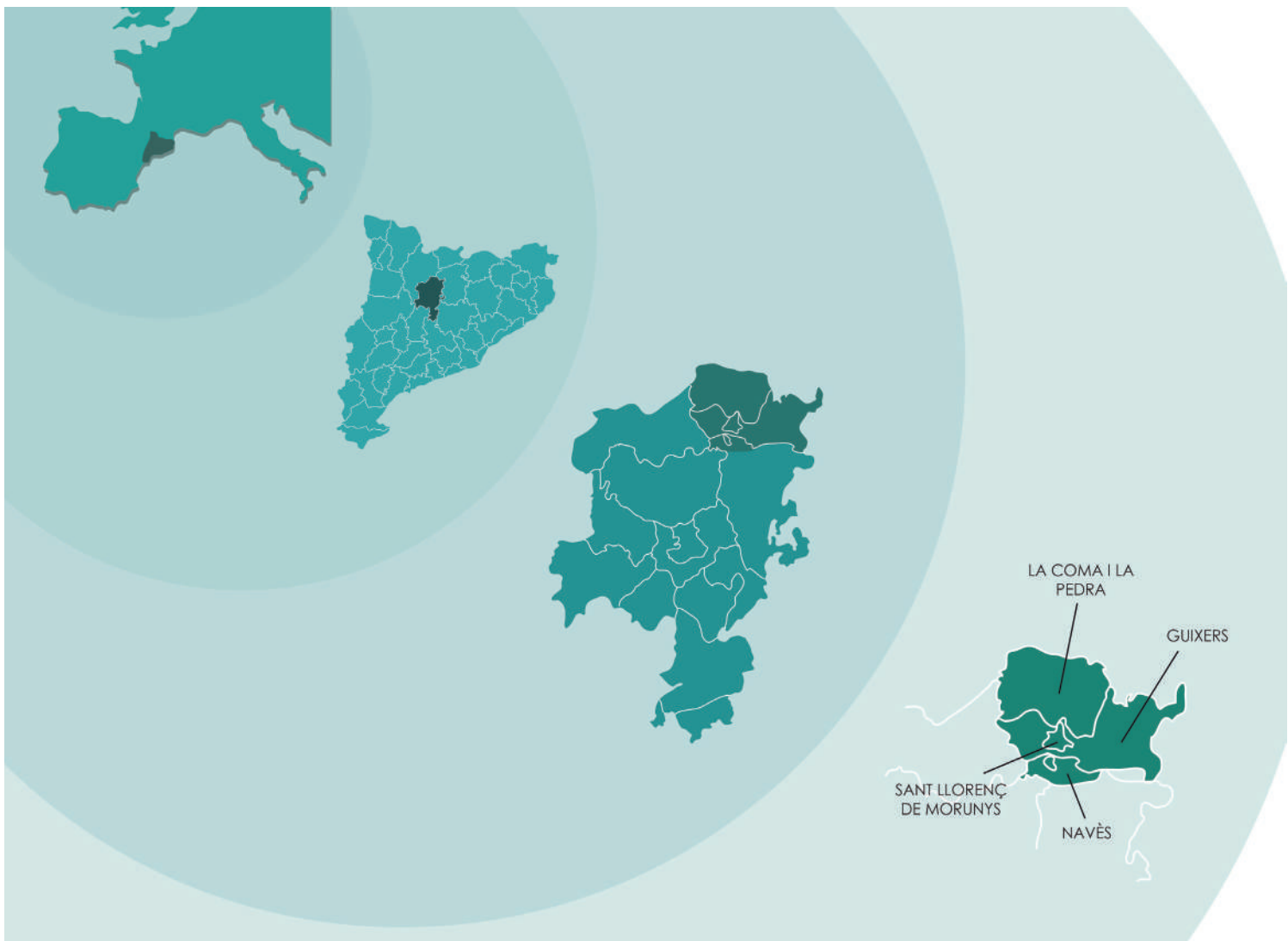
The valley has different towns and villages:

Sant Llorenç de Morunys

La Coma i La Pedra

Guixers

Navès, a small part of this municipality.





Views from Busera mountain range

Old town of St. Llorenç de Morunys



DISCOVER

THE HISTORY

More than **1000 years of history** distributed throughout the territory.

In La Vall de Lord (*Lord Valley*), dated in the 9th century, different historic events of great relevance took place that explain the current configuration of its historic and cultural elements. Each point of this area hides a story and all of them form the past and the present of this valley.

The Vall de Lord has been so called since the 9th century, during the period of Count Guifré el Pelós when he ordered one of the most important actions: the repopulation and reorganization of central Catalonia.

During the same period, three castles were built in this valley: *La Pedra* castle, *Castelltort* castle and the *Sisquer* castle; they provided protection of these lands.

Between the 11th and 12th centuries most of the forty Romanesque churches were built along the valley, especially in the villages of La Coma i La Pedra and Guixers.

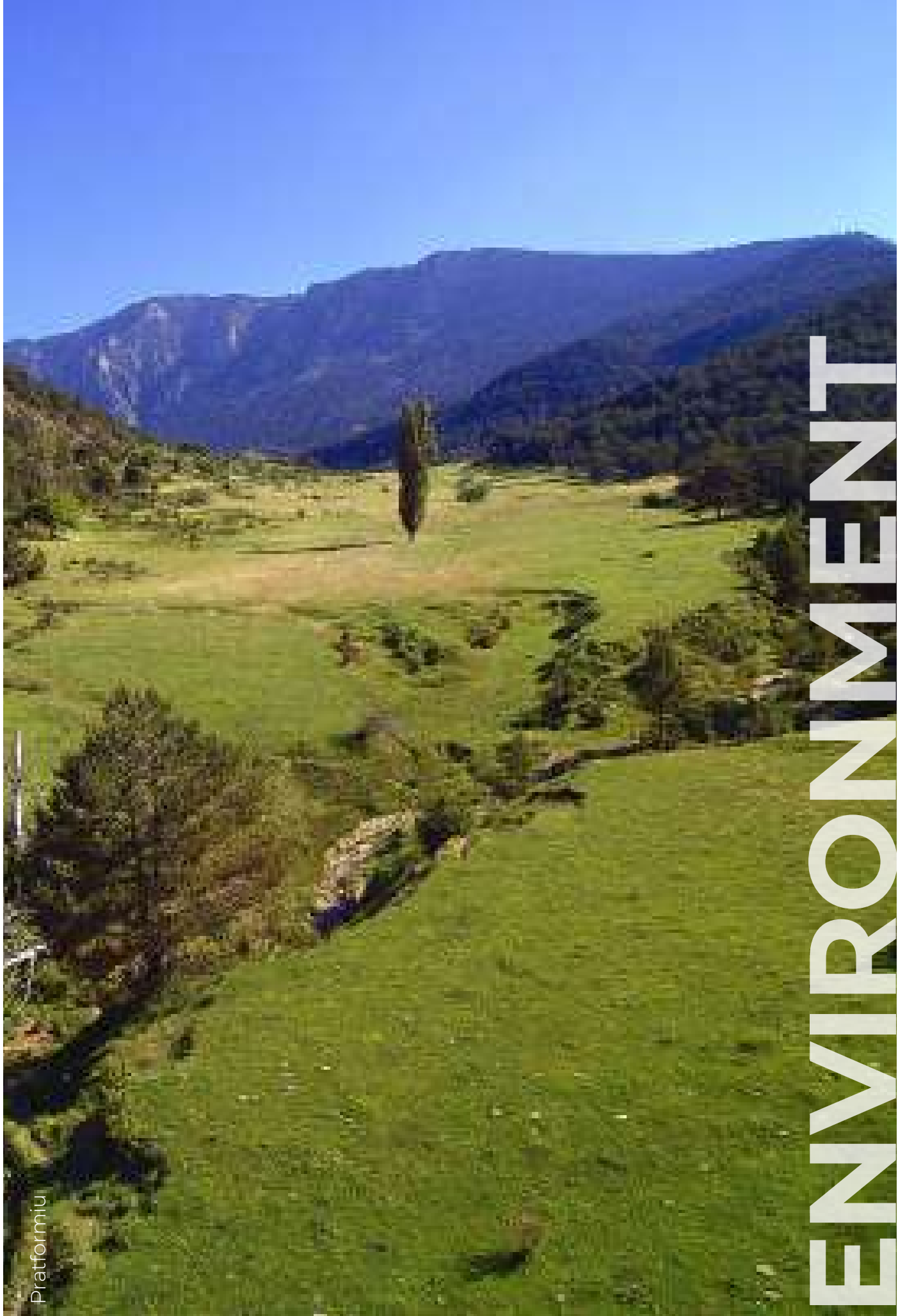
From the 13th to 19th centuries, in the village of Sant Llorenç de Morunys the well-known "*Drap Piteu*" (Piteu cloth), a wool weave which became the main economic activity of the town was produced and commercialized.

In the 19th century, in la Vall de Lord several historical events of great importance took place: Busa mountain range was used as a military base during the Peninsular War (1808-14). Nowadays we still find the natural prison known as *El Capolatell* or *Presó de Busa* (Busa prison), where the French prisoners were left isolated. Additionally, Busa was the second place, after Cadis city to proclaim the Spanish constitution in 1812.

Nevertheless, a few kilometres further, the town of Sant Llorenç de Morunys did not swear an oath to this constitution and due to its rebellion, it was almost completely burned in 1823.

A few years later, during the Carlist Wars (1836), the Lord sanctuary became the epicentre of an armed conflict between Liberal and Carlist soldiers. The Carlist soldiers, who were established in the Sanctuary, were attacked by many Liberal troops. The conflict ended with the whole destruction of it and the death of the Carlist soldiers.

Finally, during the 20th century, similarly to the rest of the country, the valley was affected by the Spanish civil war (1936-39) when different artworks were burned and some bridges were destroyed.



Pratformiu

ENVIRONMENT

La Vall de Lord

PURE NATURE

The mountains with curious and extravagant forms, forests with a great variety of vegetation and animal species and the exceptional views of the Pyrenees and Central Catalonia are the elements that define the environment of this small valley located in the Catalan Pre-Pyrenees.



La Vall de Lord is a small valley located in the upper area of Solsonès comarca (administrative division); this area exhibits a perfect combination of all the main natural elements of the Catalan Pre-Pyrenees: high and low mountains, rivers, dense vegetation and different species of animals.

The valley is bordered by the Port del Comte mountain range in the West – North West, the Verd mountain range in the North East, Rasos de Peguera in the East and Busa and Bastets mountain ranges in the South. Some of these mountains present an extravagant and peculiar relief, such as Busa and Bastets mountain ranges or Mola de Lord. Their formation has been the subject of geological studies in charge of scientists from all around the world.

Some streams and torrents are present among the different mountains of La Vall de Lord, and during the rainy periods they supply the main rivers of the area: el Cardener which has its origin in La Coma and Aigua de Valls river which flows through the village of Guixers.

Different mountain ranges and their rivers are surrounded by a great variety of vegetation thanks to the presence of different types of soils. In this environment we can find typical Pre-Pyrenean landscapes made up by subalpine meadows and mountain pine forests located at the highest parts of the mountain and oak and scots pine forests located at the lower parts.

Due to this variety, the landscape is tinted with different green tones during the spring and summer seasons and red, orange and yellow colours in autumn.

The different forests and mountains are home to several animals such as western capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*), chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*), European roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*), birds of prey and relatives (i.e. *Gyps fulvus*) and many reptiles, amphibians and insects.

EXPLORING



ESSENTIAL PLACES



CODÓ VIEWPOINT

Enjoy the magnificent views of Vall de Lord and the Central Catalonia.

PUDA SOURCE

Soak in the sulphurous, cold water that flows from this source, surrounded by forests.



SANT SERNI DEL GRAU CHURCH

Enjoy with all the family this Romanesque church dated from the 11th century and its environment.

SANTA CREU DELS OLLERS CHURCH

Visit this Romanesque church just within a short walk from Sant Llorenç de Morunys.



CARDENER SOURCE

Hidden inside the forest, we find the source of Cardener river, tributary of the Llobregat river.

BUSA MOUNTAIN RANGE

One of the most interesting points of the valley on the landscape views, natural and historic aspects.



BRIDGE OF VALLONGA

This is a Romanesque bridge close to Sant Llorenç de Morunys, ideal to visit it with the family.

PUIG-AGUILAR SANCTUARY

This sanctuary is dated back from the 11th century and it is surrounded by fields and forests; it has some sculptural motifs placed on its façade.



LORD SANCTUARY

Located above a small high plateau, its views and historical importance make it one of the main attractions of the valley.

LA PEDRA CHURCH

Dated from the 9th century, it was one of the first churches built in the valley. Beside it, there was a castle.



ADVENTUROUS PLACES



PRATFORMIU

This is a high plateau placed between the mountain ranges of Pratformiu and Mitges. During spring and summer seasons, this plateau is tinted with green colours that contrast with the bordering brown lands at the northern part.

HERMITAGE OF SANT PERE DE GRAUDESCALES

The church is located in the *Vall d'Ora* (Ora Valley), at the foot of Busa mountain range. Dated between 11th and 12th centuries, it was a small Benedictine monastery until the 13th century.



EL PONT QUEBRADÍS (QUEBRADÍS NATURAL BRIDGE)

This is a natural bridge formed by conglomerate rocks; it has been undermined and remodelled due to the action of the Valls River which flows over a region surrounded by forests.

PRATS DE BACIES (BACIES MEADOWS)

These subalpine meadows are located at the upper parts of Port del Comte Mountain and they are ideal to hike with all the family in summer or to go snowshoing in winter.



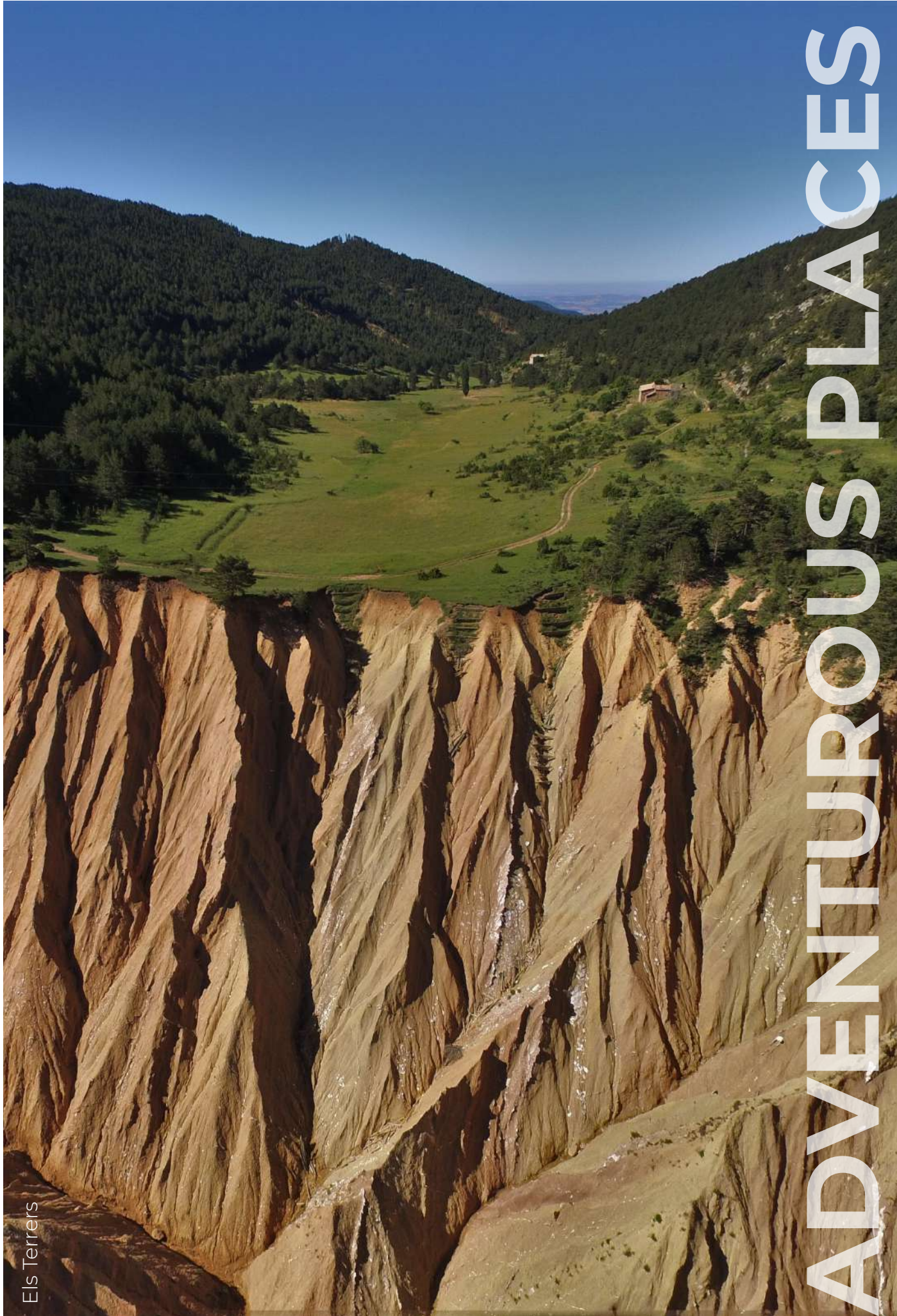
QUEROL VIEWPOINT

This is a panoramic viewpoint located in Port del Comte mountain range. From this point you will have magnificent views of Vall de Lord, Canalda and the central Catalonia area.

THE SUMMIT OF EL PEDRÓ DELS 4 BATLLES

Located at 2381 meters, it is the highest geographic point of Solsonès comarca (administrative division); from there you will have an excellent panorama of the Pyrenees.





Els Terrers

ADVENTUROUS PLACES

HIKING ROUTES AND TRAILS MAP



4 Creu del Codó's viewpoint route
cumulative elevation gain: 62 m

Monte de Codó, Creu del Codó

3 Querol viewpoint and Bacies fields route
cumulative elevation gain: 265 m

Querol, Bacies, Querol

2 Walk through Bacies fields - Port del Comte
cumulative elevation gain: 55 m

Bacies, Port del Comte

7 Port del Comte mountain range and ascension to Pedró dels Quatre Battles
cumulative elevation gain: 484 m

Port del Comte, Pedró dels Quatre Battles

8 From Valls village to Pont Quebradis route
cumulative elevation gain: 1075 m

Valls, Pont Quebradis

7 From Les Cases de Posada to Busa through el Grau de l'Areny
cumulative elevation gain: 669 m

Les Cases de Posada, Busa, Grau de l'Areny

6 Sanctuary of Lord through Vallonga hill and Malagana escarpment route
cumulative elevation gain: 688 m

Sanctuary of Lord, Vallonga, Malagana

5 From Sant Serni del Grau to Sanctuary of Lord
cumulative elevation gain: 292 m

Sant Serni del Grau, Sanctuary of Lord

12 El Verd mountain range route
cumulative elevation gain: 1.447 m

El Verd, Cap de Verd

11 Hermitages - Cultural route B
cumulative elevation gain: 890 m

Hermitages, Cultural route B

10 Hermitages - Cultural route A
cumulative elevation gain: 407 m

Hermitages, Cultural route A

9 Vall de Lord green way route
cumulative elevation gain: 234 m

Vall de Lord, green way route

Discover la Vall de Lord (Lord Valley)

Choose your hiking route and you will find out the rich and varied environment provided by the singular mountains that surround us.

Way markers of la Vall de Lord, combine the vertical sign posts with de continuity markers throughout the path. These markers have a double finality, help the users to find the correct way in the uncertain points and identify the trails that form part of the trail network of la Vall de Lord.

- Low difficulty
- Medium difficulty
- High difficulty

- | Path continuity
- X Wrong direction
- T Direction change (right)
- T Direction change (left)



Phones of interest

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| Health Clinic St. Llorenç | (+34) 973 49 25 10 |
| Emergencies | 112 |
| Pharmacy | (+34) 973 49 22 79 |
| Tourist office of La Vall de Lord | (+34) 973 49 21 81 |
| Tourist office of Solsonès | (+34) 973 48 23 10 |
| Health Clinic | (+34) 973 48 11 72 |
| Police | (+34) 973 48 14 94 |
| Forest rangers of Solsona | (+34) 973 48 12 15 |
| Town hall of St. Llorenç de Morony's | (+34) 973 49 20 50 |
| Town hall of La Coma i La Pedra | (+34) 973 49 23 78 |
| Town hall of Guixers | (+34) 973 49 25 41 |

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A group of about seven mountain bikers are standing on a rocky, grassy ridge. They are wearing various colored cycling gear, including helmets and jackets. The background is a vast, hazy mountain range with a winding river or road visible in the valley below. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

MTB

Discover la Vall de Lord with MTB throughout 9 marked and signposted routes in all the area. The different difficulties allow everybody enjoy this Catalan Pre-Pyrenean area on mountain bikes.

EXPERIMENT



AND FEEL

ACTIVE AND FAMILIAR TOURISM



kayak



Paragliding



Mountain Bike



Hiking routes



Snowshoes



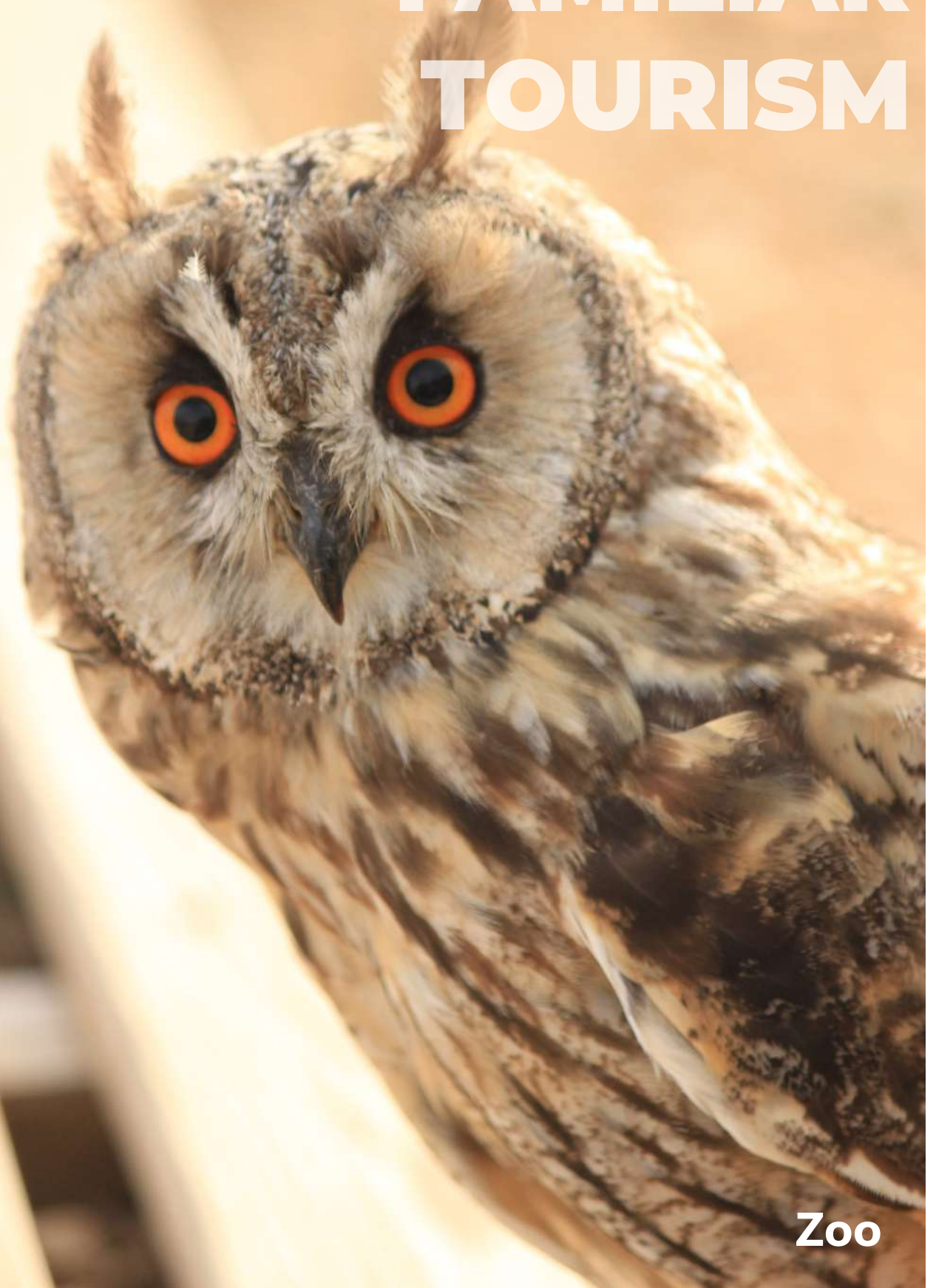
Canyoning



Climbing

The varied relief of La Vall de Lord allows practice of different varieties of sports with the family but also as a sole adventurer or with friends. Go to the Zoo of Pyrenees, soak in the river or enjoy family kayaking at the reservoir. These are some of the main options to do with children. For the adventurous people there are signposted different hiking and mountain bike routes around the valley and the area offers different options to practice paragliding, climbing, canyoning, skiing

ACTIVE AND FAMILIAR TOURISM



Zoo



CULTURE

Hermitage of St. Serni del Grau

La Vall de Lord is a rich cultural area. More than 40 small Romanesque churches, dated between the 11th and 12th centuries, are distributed in the area, most of them in the middle of the forests or the fields. One of the most important attractions of the valley is the historic centre of the village of Sant Llorenç de Morunys, especially its church which has different Gothic and Baroque altarpieces and some Romanesque paintings. The most famous altarpiece

is "Altar dels Colls", one of the most important Baroque jewels of Solsonès comarca. In the cloister, which is located inside the old monastery, we can find the Museum – Interpretation Centre of La Vall de Lord, where we can learn about all the history of the valley. The old centre of Sant Llorenç de Morunys conserves its medieval gates and walking along its streets, we can discover the different historic events that this village has experienced.

SANT LLORENÇ DE MORUNYS HISTORIC CENTRE



+ THAN 40 ROMANESQUE HERMITAGES



INTERPRETATION CENTRE OF LA VALL DE LORD



FESTIVITIES AND TRADITIONS

Main festivity of St. Llorenç de M.



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Occitan - cathar fair



Mare eggs fair



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Traditional dance "Ball de la coca"

During the year, different traditional festivities are celebrated in *La Vall de Lord*. Every year, during one weekend in July the Occitan-Cathar fair takes place with many events related to this historical period. Around August 10th, there is the main festivity of the village: *Festa Major of Sant Llorenç de Morunys*. During this event, local people dance the traditional "*Ball de la Coca*". In November the "*Fira dels Ous d'Euga*" (Mare eggs' fair) is celebrated, a pumpkin fair with its origin in a historical legend called "*Els Tres savis prudents dels Piteus*" (the three cautious Piteus wise men).



TASTING AND SAVOURING



La Vall de Lord offers a great variety of handmade and local products creating a sustainable balance with the area.

La Vall de Lord is a rich area concerning gastronomy. In the region there are some companies that manufacture different local products such as cheeses, jams, rustic bread, cakes, tinned mushrooms, cold meat, honey and wine among others.

Much of them are made with food cultivated or generated in the valley or region, enabling a sustainable balance with the area.

The cultivation of apples in the mountain is another element present in this valley; large part of fields are recovered with apple trees which yield delicious organic apples.

All these products can be savoured and tasted in different restaurants of the valley. If you want to buy them, almost all the shops of the valley have these products for sale.

LA VALL DE LORD IN IMAGES



NATURAL SCENERY OF VALL DE LORD

<https://youtu.be/FAHPH3HY6NI>

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/1UL0e4A-Bag>



WINTER ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/sGlnsQF3Xaw>

MTB VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/gRB0QkXoz8U>



IMAGES VIDEOS



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