

Luarca is a little village located in the north-west of Asturias. It's the capital of Valdés council and it has around 6 thousand people although, in fact, the population increases in summer.



Traditionally, it's a fishing village but nowadays most of the people there work in tourism.



Luarca receives two different nick names: the first one is “The white village of the green coast” because, as you can see, most of the buildings in the harbor are painted in white.

The harbor is the most picturesque area of the village. Going for a walk through it, you can see the place where the fishermen bet on the fish and the factory where they used to put the fish in tins. It is a great place for having fun too because it has the best pubs and bars.

The other name that receives is: the village of the seven bridges. Most of them, take their names because of the areas they link, but there are some that don't. One of them is the Kiss Bridge that takes its name from an old legend which tells the story of a temerarious pirate who had terrified the whole coast of the north of Spain. One day, he arrived in Luarca ignoring that the sir of the village was armed and waiting for him. The brave sir of the village took him as a prisoner and, while the sir and his soldiers were celebrating the capture, the sir's daughter asked her father to take care of the prisoner and he agreed. At the time she was getting to the cell, they madly fell in love with each other and, when he recovered and they were planning to escape together, the sir of Luarca surprised them. Feeling desolated, they kissed while her father was cutting their heads off in the place where the bridge is built now on the river which crosses and divides the village.



Apart from legends, Luarca is famous for being the place where the well-known scientist Severo Ochoa has born. As you may know, he made an important discovery on RNA and ADN.

Although it may sound macabre, one of the most visited places in the village is the cemetery, where he and his wife are buried and also because it is said that is the seventh most beautiful one in the world.



On the top of the cemetery, it is my favorite place in the village which is called “La Atalaya” where there is a little church that has on it a venerate image for the people of the village. It’s not my favorite place because of the church neither the cemetery; obviously, it is because it has the most beautiful sights of the village: you can see the sea, which is quite relaxing and the village from the top.



For those ones who are keen on going to the beach, Luarca has three beaches: the first, the second and the third, Salinas’s one. The main difference is that the third has better waves and the others are calmer.



As I said before, the population increases in summer and it is due to the parties they celebrate on July 16th and August 22nd. The first one, it’s Rosario’s one, which is mostly for fishermen. They are the ones who organize everything and, if I can give my opinion, they do it really well.

It consists on a procession through the harbor and then, all the little boats, which are decorated for the occasion, go a little bit far into the sea which is really nice to see and, if you want, you can go with them too.



The second one, which is the most famous and it's when the village becomes most crowded than ever. It's S. Timoteo's one. I don't know how to describe it to you but mostly what people do is drink cider, loads of cider, and have fun. All the people in the village may say to you: "It's the party of the village and, today, you're allowed to do "whatever you want" In a good sense I mean. And it's true: although if you don't get on very well with somebody this day, he or she will greet you as if you were the best of friends!! Which I think is quite funny.



In the photos you can see people wearing a large shirt most of them checked, it is called chambrón and it's the typical suit of the party and most of them are the same because the different groups wear them to look different from the others.

Well, I would tell you more things but I think the best way to discover them is visiting the village which I strongly recommend.