# Flow of Blessings in Galicia by James Purefoy

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Spain is an exciting country that is full of discoveries; one of them is Galicia which is known as â€œthe land with 1000 riversâ€•. Its capital is Santiago de Compostela in the province of A CoruÃ±a. Galicia is a large community comprising several provinces such as A CoruÃ±a, Ourense, Lugo and Pontevedra.

There are hundreds of rivers flowing across Galicia from the mountains to the coast. They form the â€œRiasâ€• which characterize the region. The coast offers diverse contrasts with smooth beaches to imposing cliffs.

Galicia enjoys a varied range of climate with 5 degrees Celsius in the winter to 20 degrees Celsius in the summer.

Natural blessings

Galicia is rich in its natural irrigation which brings on magnificent beaches and quaint fishing villages with its characteristic Rias.

Rias Altas is where one would enjoy beautiful beaches and quaint towns that include fishing villages which is the main livelihood of its inhabitants. RÃ-as Baixas showcases many natural preserves which would delight naturalists or avid environmentalists. The inland offers vast spaces of green landscapes with a scattering of romantic villages.

Colorful cultures

There are diverse cultural offerings in Galicia since the first culture stepped in. The Celtics left their tracks in Galicia with the Romans leaving the Lugo walls, Ourense Bridge and Hercules Towers as legacies.

Middle Ages in Galicia were impactful with the Apostle Santiago or Saint James whose tomb is located here. Hence, this sparks the most popular and revered fiesta of Saint James with thousands of pilgrims making their pilgrimage to the local cathedral at Santiago de Compostela. This pilgrimage is the world renowned Way of Santiago journey which is also called the Way of Saint James. Hence, numerous churches, chapels and monasteries of high historical importance were built with high artistic values.

The folklore of Galicia shows obvious Celtic and Gaelic origins with the use of the Gaita or bagpipe. The regional gastronomy gains a high reputation for its wide variety of tantalizing local cuisine such as the Empanada Gallega which is a typical fish or meat pie served in Galicia, traditional sweets served in certain monasteries using secret recipes and the locally produced Ribeiro wine.

Highlights

There are many attractions in Galicia. Every town is unique with its own offering to attract the tourists. Santiago de Compostela is Galiciaâ€™s capital as well as the final pilgrimage destination of the Saint James festival.

It is known as the â€œApostleâ€™s Townâ€• which is now designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESC Santiago is one of Spainâ€™s affluent towns in terms of its colorful history and architectures. However,

its Universities liven up the town with the large student population as well as the fresh seafood cuisine offering in Galicia.

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