Off the Beaten Track: Spain

**RÍAS ALTAS**
Galicia’s northern coast is a succession of plunging cliffs, awe-inspiring vistas, wild surf beaches, quiet cove beaches, long, snaking inlets and quaint fishing villages.

**ZAMORA & AROUND**
Zamora is a little-visited Romanesque treasure. Not far away are the stunning medieval village of Puebla de Sanabria and the pretty Sierra de la Culebra, Europe’s best wolf-spotting area.

**VALLES DE HECHO & ANSÓ**
Among the least known but most beautiful of Spain’s Pyrenean retreats, these twin valleys are laced with superb hikes, cozy lodgings and great meals.

**CISTERCIAN ROUTE**
The Cistercian Route weaves between three venerable monasteries that showcase some of Catalonia’s most beautiful architecture – and the classy Priorat wine region is close by.

**SIERRA DE FRANCIA**
The timeworn Sierra de Francia contains some of Spain’s least-visited back-country villages. The pick is probably La Alberca but San Martín del Castañar is also utterly beguiling.

**SIERRAS SUBBÉTICAS**
A surprising rural oasis of green hills, pretty villages, good hiking and excellent hotels and restaurants in the centre of Andalucía – with Granada, Córdoba and Málaga within easy reach.

**CAZORLA**
This lively, historic town, set where an ocean of olive groves meets rugged mountains, is the perfect base for exploring the big, beautiful Parque Natural Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y las Villas.

**CABO DE GATA**
The beach-and-cliff-strung Cabo de Gata promontory is dramatic, wild and an antidote to overdeveloped shorelines. Its gateway, Almería, is one of Spain’s most agreeable smaller cities.

**CARTAGENA**
With a lovely waterfront and wonderful natural harbour in use for millennia, this port is one of Spain’s most historically fascinating cities – an excellent surprise stop on the Mediterranean coast.