

Tuesday. July 16, 2013

THE ALTO TAJAO NATURAL PARK



MORNING

- **7.30 to 8.15 AM**, BREAKFAST
- **8.30 AM**, DEPARTURE

PLACES:

- INTERPRETATION CENTRE “LA DEHESA DE COR-
DUENTE”:

1. CENTRE MANAGEMENT’S RECEPTION
2. TECHNICAL MEETING:

- PRESENTATION: “THE ALTO TAJO NATU-
RAL PARK”.

José Antonio Lozano (Natural Park)

- PRESENTATION: “ORIGINS AND FOUN-
DATIONS MOLINA DE ARAGÓN AND THE ALTO TAJO
GEOPARK PROJECT”

Luis Carcavilla (IGME).

- VIRGEN DE LA HOZ CANYON
- CUEVAS LABRADAS FOLDS
- BRIDGE OF SAN PEDRO
- ZAOREJAS VIEWPOINT

- **2.30 PM** LUNCH ZAOREJAS

AFTERNOON

- **3.30 PM**, ZAOREJAS INTERPRETATION CENTRE:
 1. VISIT TO CENTRE.

2. TECHNICAL MEETING:

- PRESENTATION: “MOLINA DE ARAGÓN Y
ALTO TAJO GEOPARK PROJECT: EVOLUTION AND INI-
TIATIVES”. José Antonio Martínez (Molina Museum)
- QUESTION TIME

- **4.30 PM**, DEPARTURE

PLACES:

- CHASM OF ALCORÓN
- MINES OF POVEDA AND PEÑALÉN

José Francisco Martín Duque y Cristina Martín (UCM).

- CASTLE VIEWPOINT MOLINA DE ARAGON
- **8.15 PM**, ARRIVAL IN MOLINA
- **9.00 PM**, DINNER

OBJECTIVES:

1. Introduction to the candidacy of the Molina de Aragon and Alto Tajo Geopark: origins and scope of our project.
2. Presentation of the Alto Tajo Natural Park (ATNP) and its role in the preservation and promotion of the geological heritage.
3. Development of the Geopark project: values and milestones.
4. Visit to the Alto Tajo Natural Park. The tour will begin at the visitor centre 'la dehesa de Corduente', the main entrance to the park, where an exhibition will introduce us to the main features of the area.

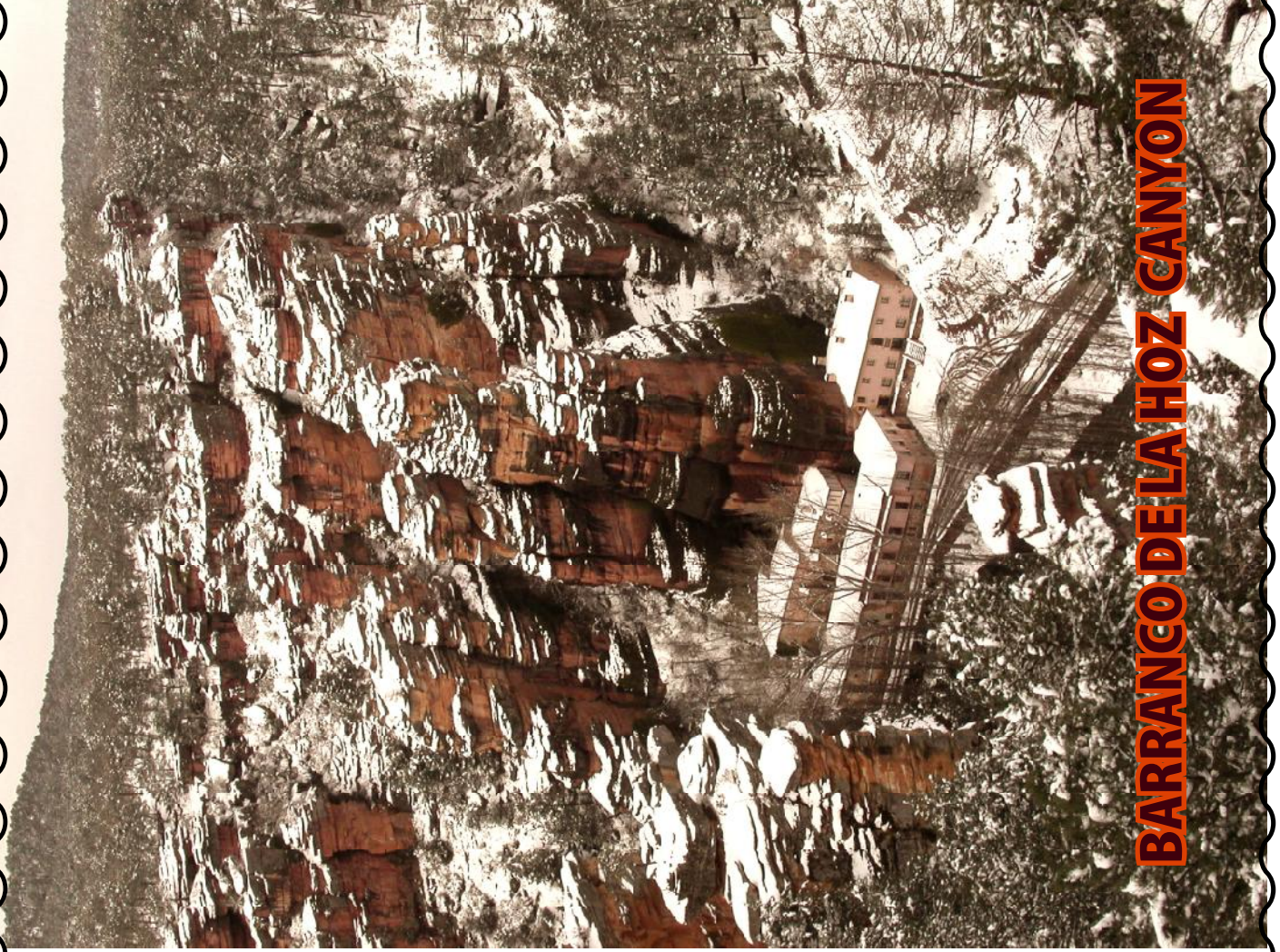
Next, we will visit:

- 'Barranco de la Hoz' canyon: one of the most visited places in the park, where geology meets history, culture and tradition.
- Cuevas Labradas, where informative panels explain the formation of geological folds.

- San Pedro bridge, where the Rivers Tajo and Gallo meet. The bathers' favorite spot!
- Zaorejas viewpoint, which offers one of the best panoramas of the natural park. This place is fully accessible by wheelchair users, and there are informative panels that describe the surroundings in Braille.
- Zaorejas visitor centre, with an exhibition dedicated to the course of the Tajo River.
- Kaolin mines of Poveda and Penalen, where a project for the reconditioning of the dumps has been the topic of the PhD thesis by J.F. Martin and C. Martin entitled 'Cuantificación of the sediment production in the mining zones of the Alto Tajo Natural Park'

The objective of this visit is to present the natural values and the development model of the Alto Tajo Natural Park. The initial Geopark project was conceived as an extension of the ATNP model outside the borders of the ATNP, with the objective of promoting a sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources in the whole Molina de Aragon region.

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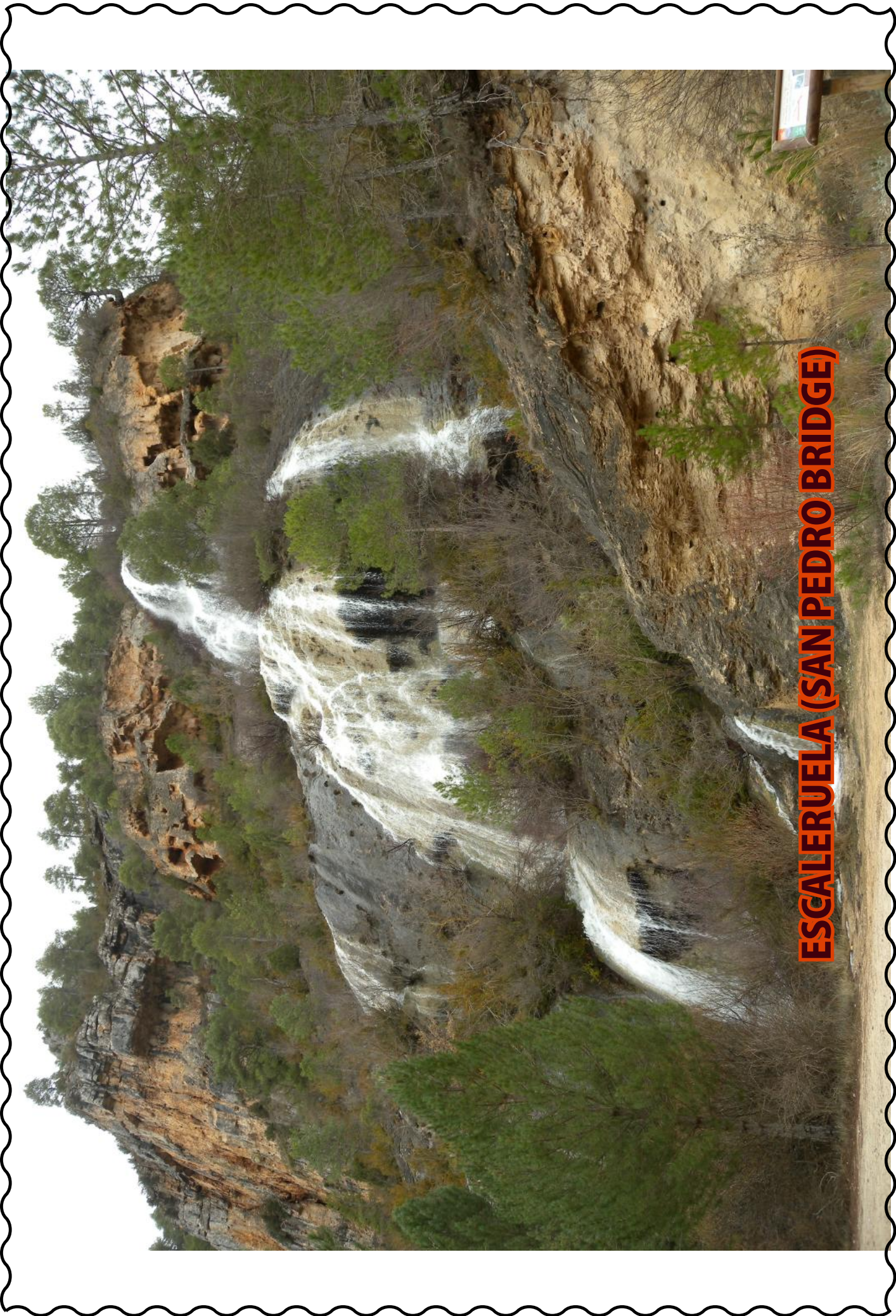
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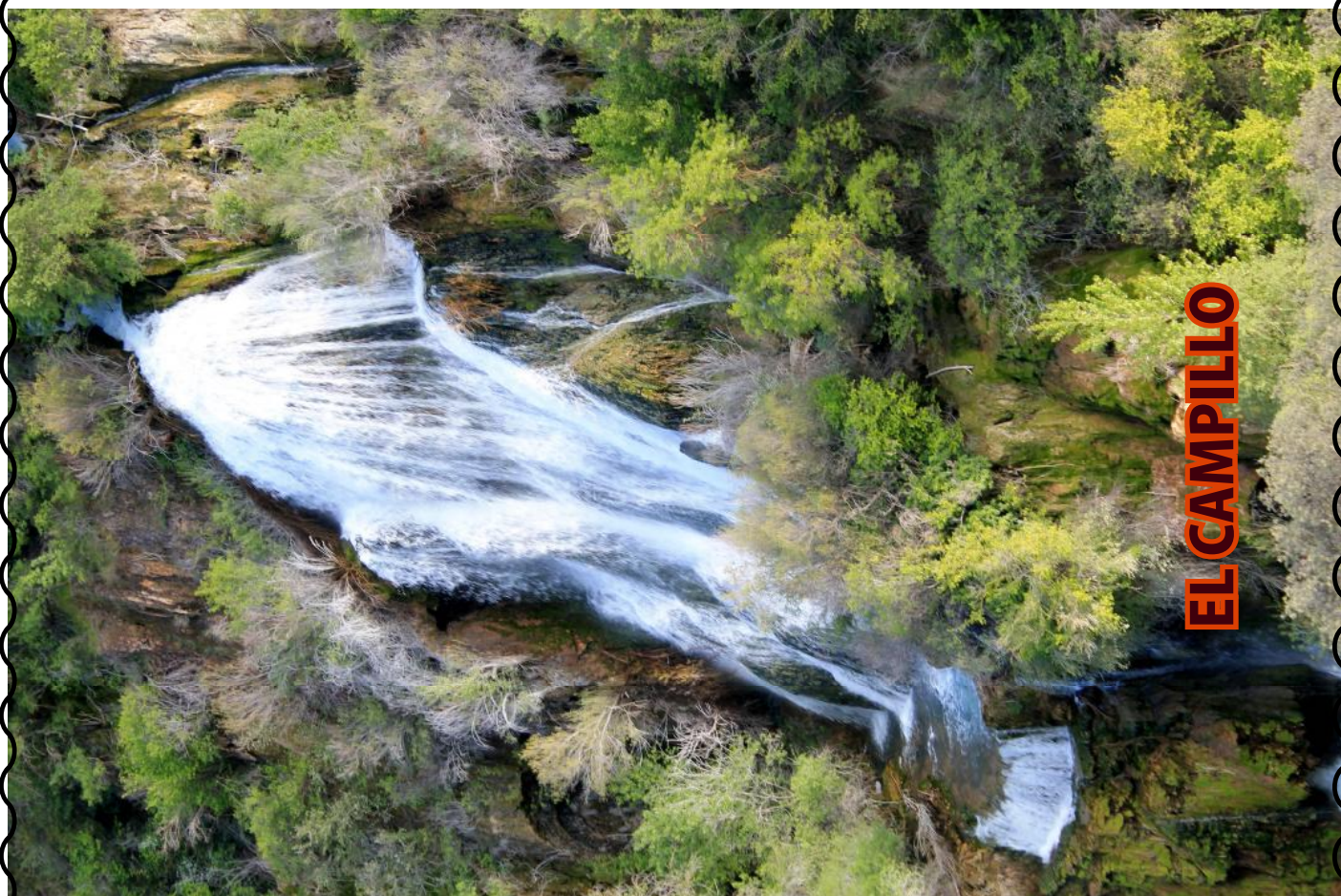
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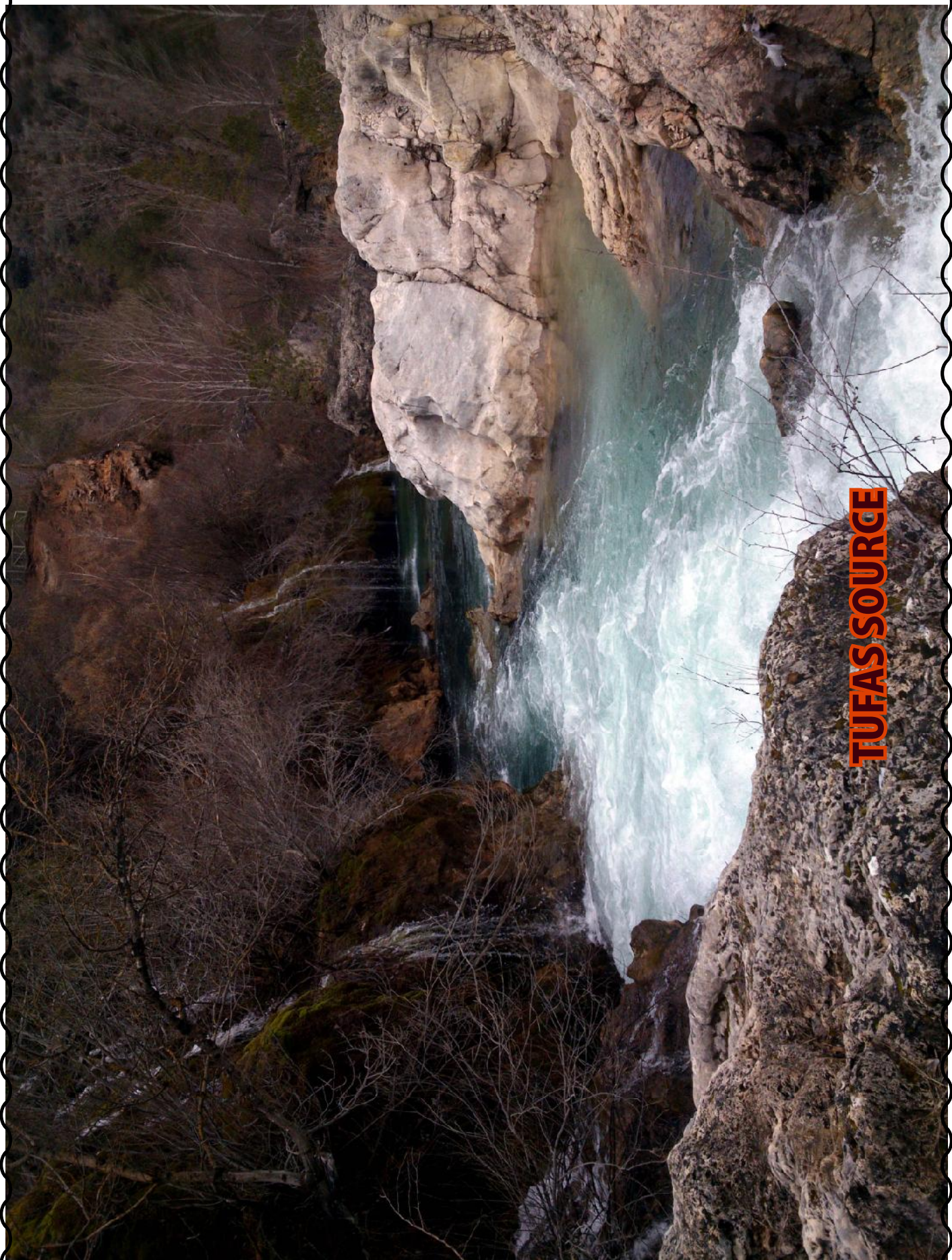
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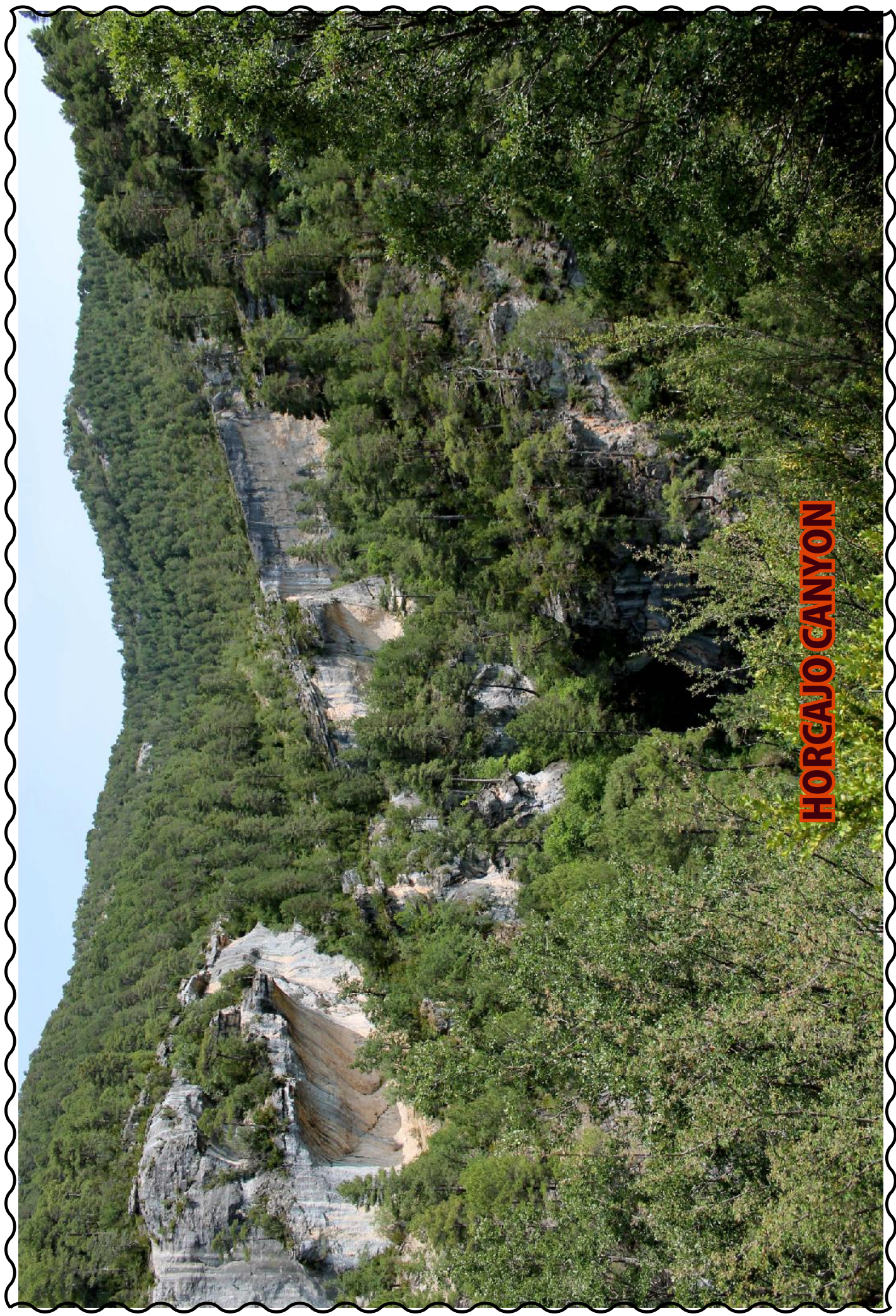
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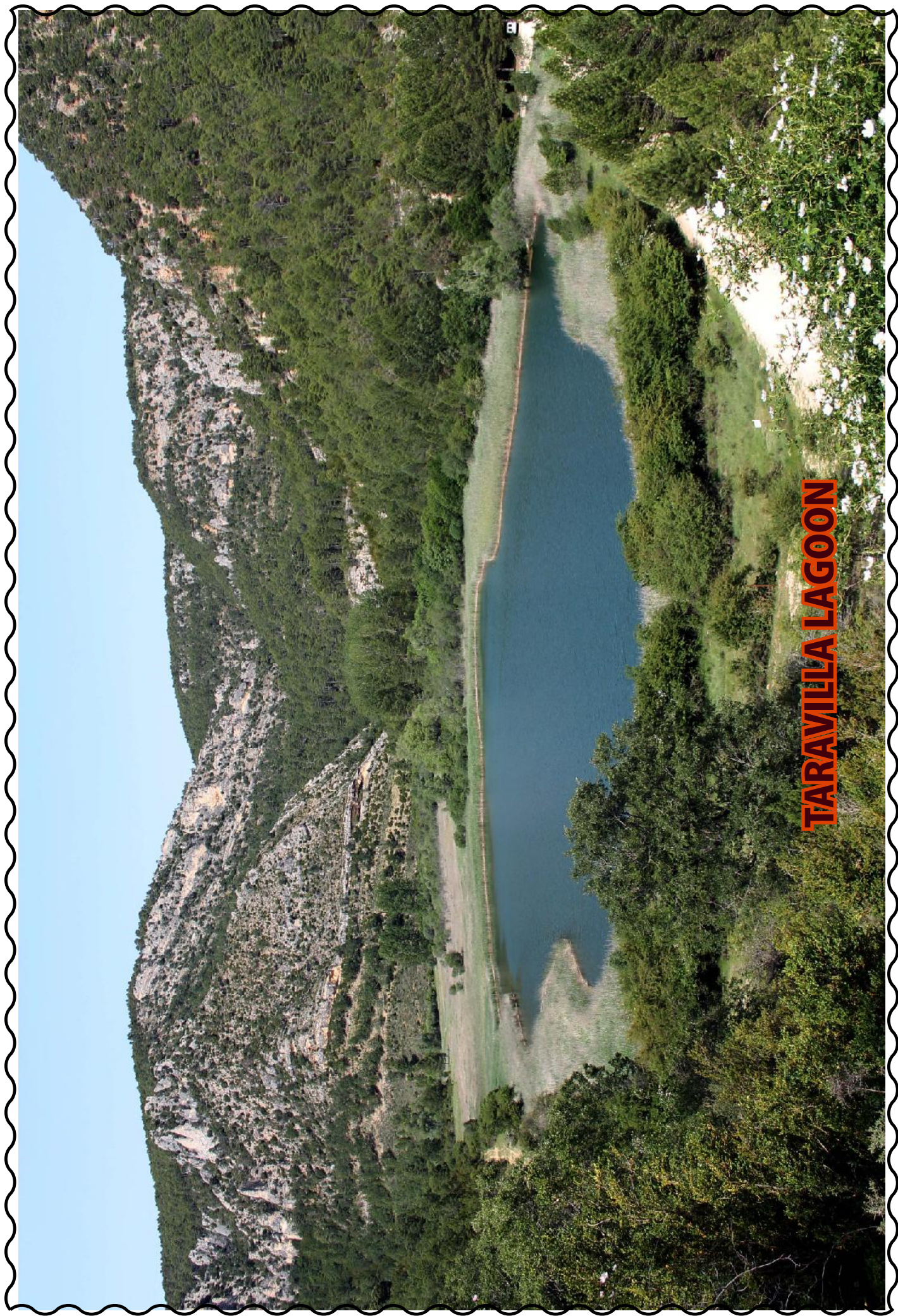
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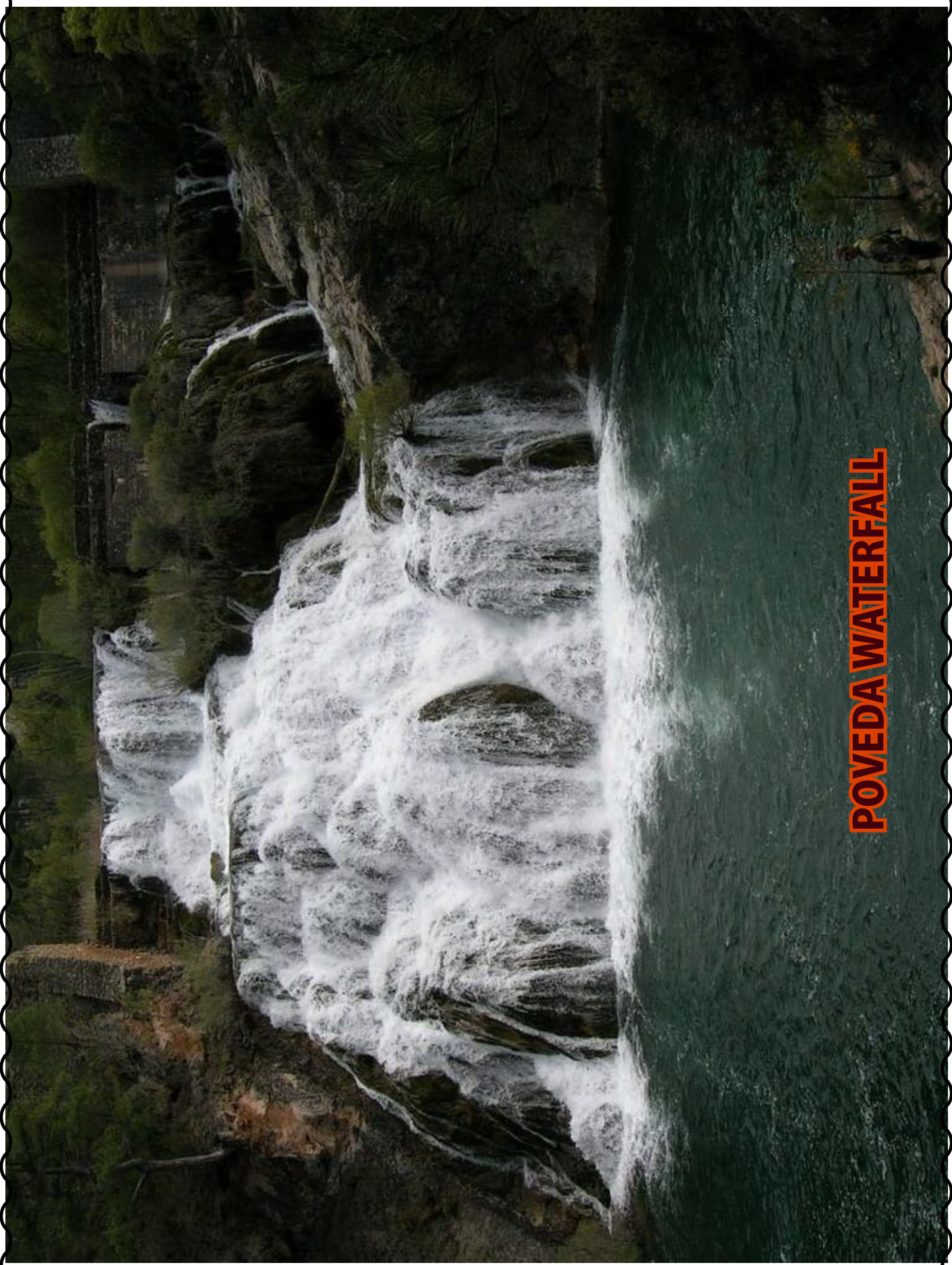
TUFAS SOURCE



HORCAJO CANYON



TARAVILLA LAGOON



POVEDA WATERFALL



CHASM OF ALCORÓN

MEGALAPIAZ DEL CLARO (PEÑALÉN)

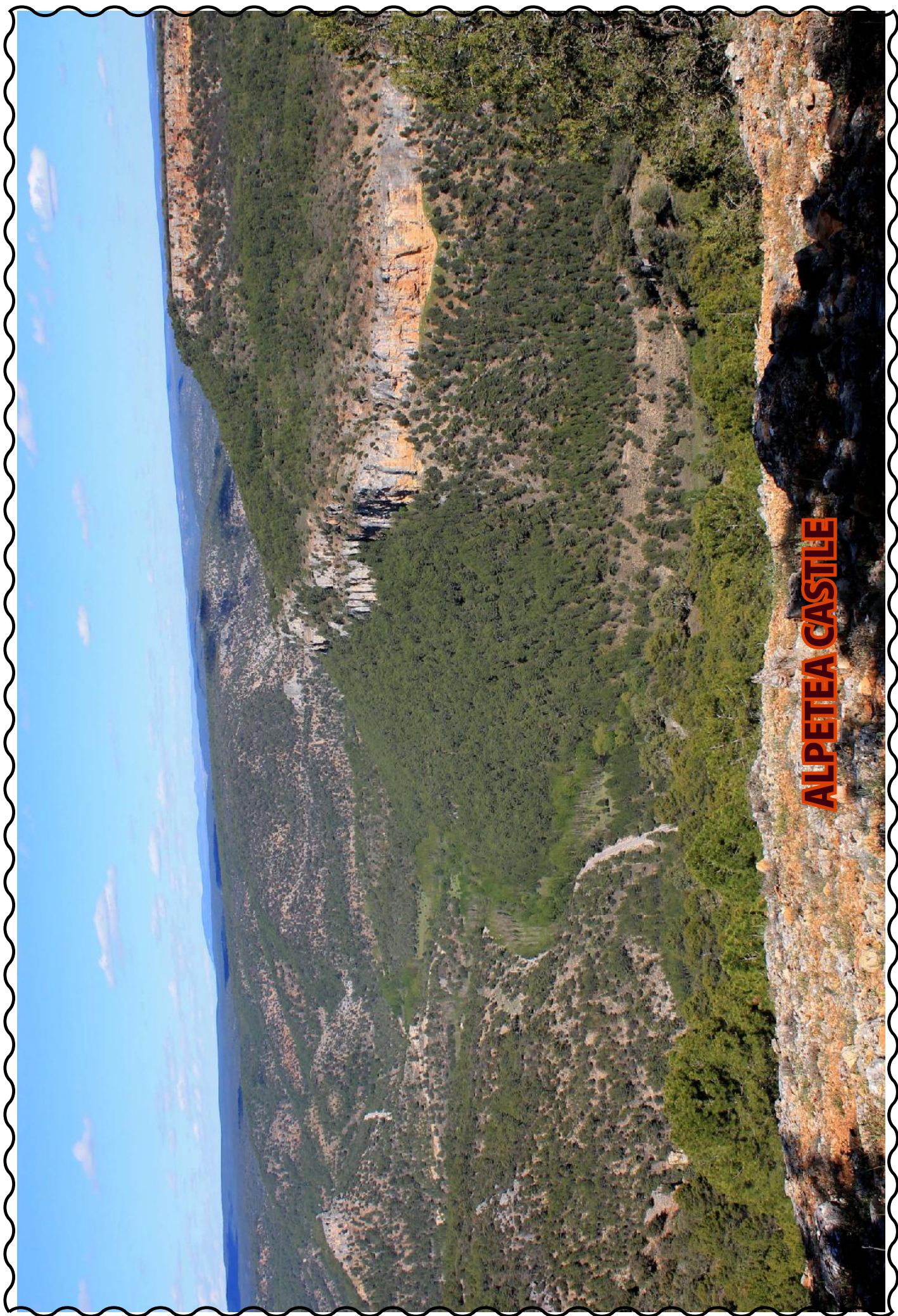


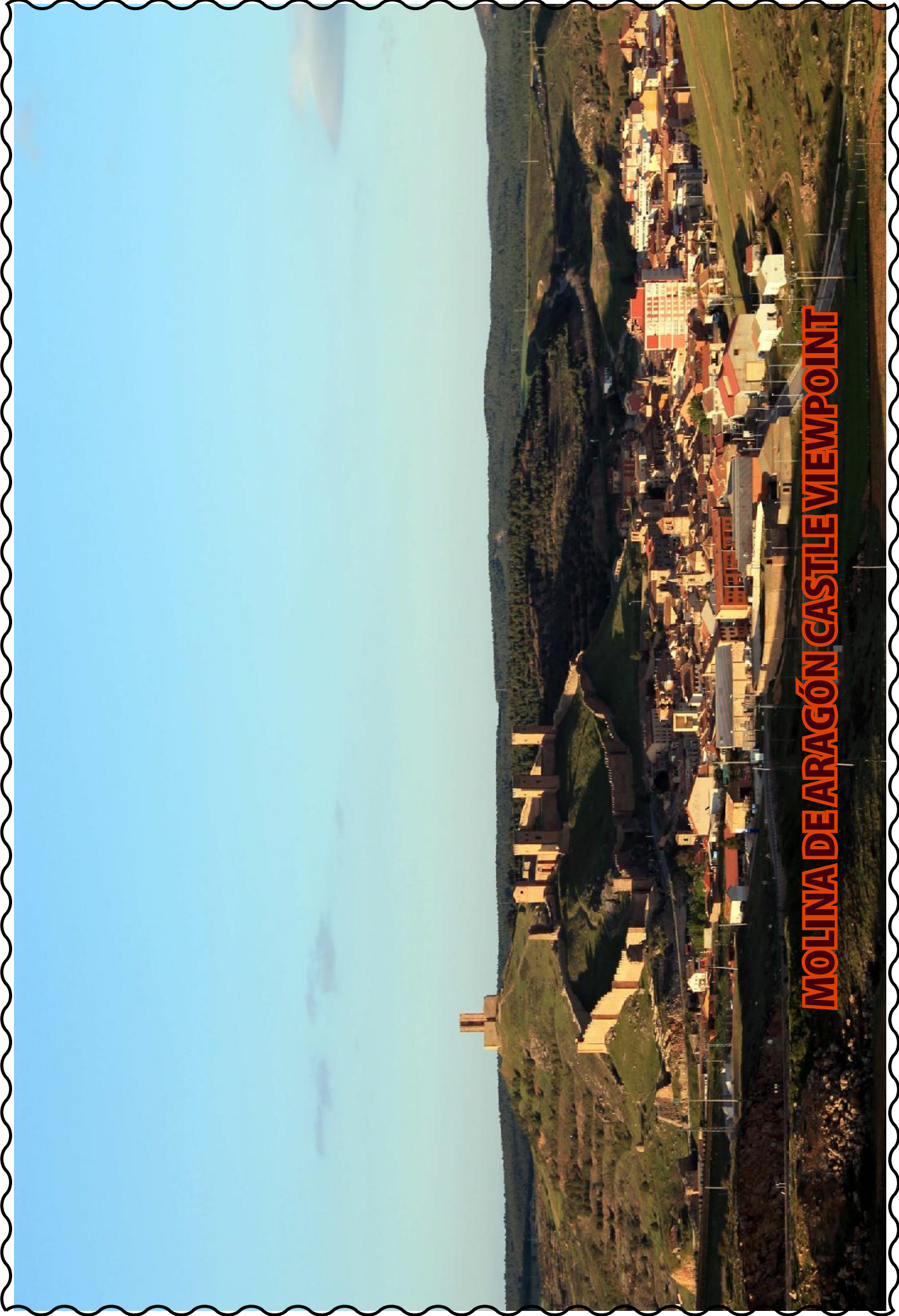


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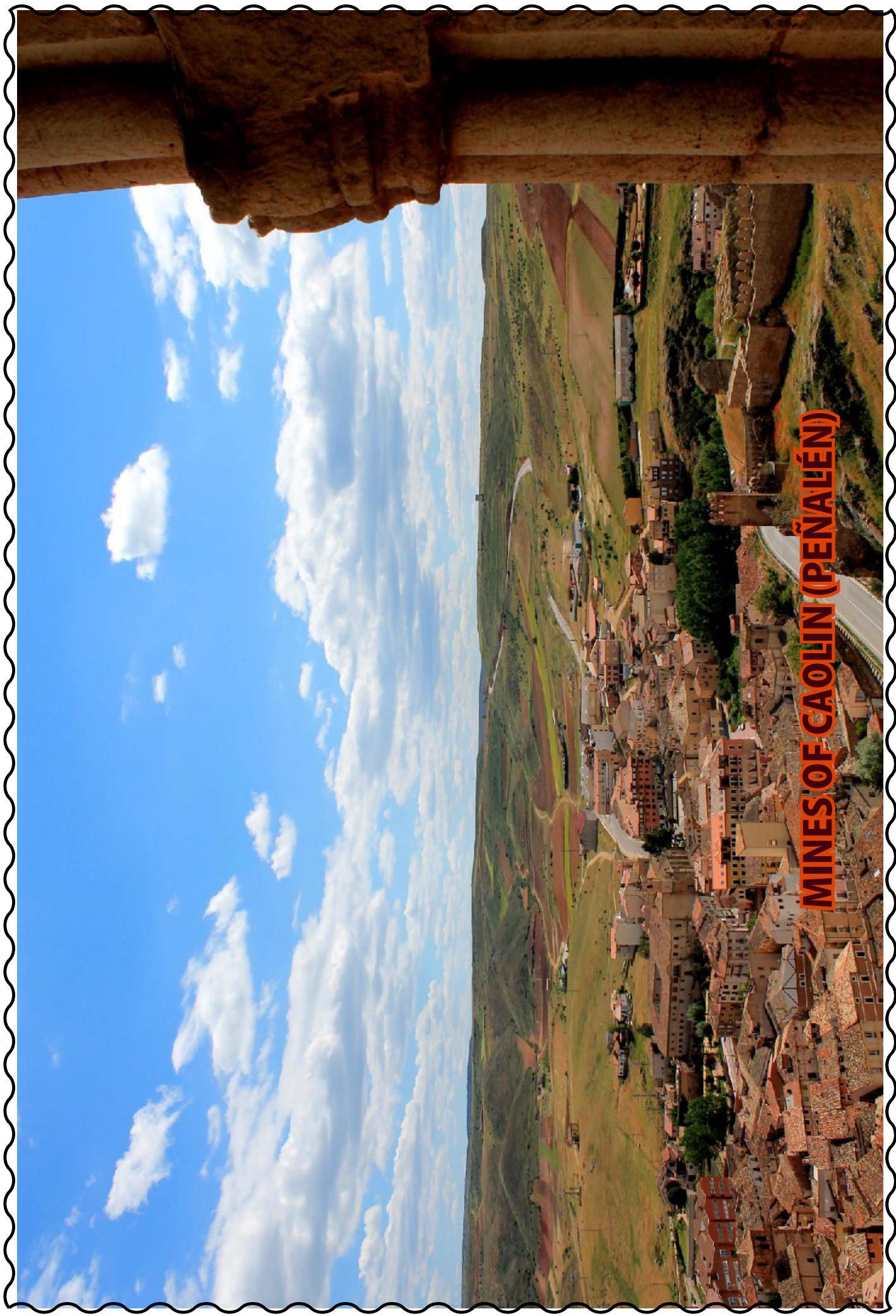


MINES OF CAOLÍN (PEÑALÉN)





MOLINA DE ARAGÓN CASTLE VIEWPOINT



MOLINA DE ARAGÓN CASTLE





"PRAO DE LOS JUDÍOS" ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE