



**41<sup>th</sup> Congress of the J.E.C.  
19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Jaca, Spain**



## Welcome to Jaca

The city of Jaca has 13,883 inhabitants (2024), an area of 406.35 km<sup>2</sup>, and an altitude of 818 m above sea level. It is located in the valley of the Aragón River, in the central of the Pyrenees. It is the capital of the La Jacetania region, in the province of Huesca, in the autonomous community of Aragon. The congress venue is the Jaca University Residence (University of Zaragoza), located in the center of the city of Jaca. The Mycological Group La Usonera de Jaca, the Iberoinsular Group of Cortinariology, and the Iberian Society of Mycology will organize the congress and cordially invite you to participate.

### History

Jaca or Iacca was the capital of the Iacetaniens, already mentioned by the Greek historian Strabo in the 1st century. However, archaeological excavations in the urban center of Jaca have found pottery fragments dated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC. The people of Jaca minted their own currency using the Iberian alphabet. The city was conquered by the Romans in 194 BC. Integrated into the Roman Empire, Jaca developed a prosperous economy until it declined in the 4th century AD.

After the conquest of Hispania by the Arabs in the 8th century, Christian settlements with Carolingian support remained in the Pyrenees mountains. One of these counties was the nucleus of the Kingdom of Aragon. In 1035, King Sancho Garcés III of Pamplona died and distributed his vast domains to his various sons. One of them, Ramiro (1006-1063), who already served as regulus in La Jacetania and northern Huesca, became Ramiro I of Aragon and established a royal residence in Jaca, possibly in the fortified castle. In 1063, the Council of Jaca was held in the town, where the diocese of Huesca (which had been suppressed during Muslim rule) was reestablished, with the provisional seat remaining in Jaca until Huesca was reconquered. The definitive boost for Jaca was given by Sancho Ramírez in 1077, when he endowed Jaca with its charter, converting the town into a city, providing it with an episcopal seat and giving it the status that made it the first capital of the kingdom between 1077 and 1096.

In 1592, Philip II ordered the construction of the Jaca Citadel, a magnificent pentagonal fortress that is Jaca's current symbol. On December 12, 1930, the Jaca Uprising, a military uprising against the monarchy, took place.

### Climate and vegetation

Jaca's climate is inland oceanic with hints of continental climate. The average annual temperature is 12.2°C, so temperatures are not particularly high. Rainfall reaches 768 mm per year. The southern slopes of the valleys are always sunnier, while the northern slopes are more shaded.

### Geology

The altitude of La Jacetania ranges from 2,883 m at Peña Collarada to 520 m near the Aragón River as it enters Navarre. The relief is structured in a series of folds oriented from west to east by the tectonic force of the Alpine folding. Soils with a basic pH predominate, but neutral and slightly acidic soils also exist. Dominating the city is the emblematic hanging syncline of Peña Oroel, at an altitude of 1,769 m.

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[https://www.jaca.es/sites/default/files/3\\_bloque\\_i\\_cap\\_2\\_entorno\\_fisico\\_0.pdf](https://www.jaca.es/sites/default/files/3_bloque_i_cap_2_entorno_fisico_0.pdf)

### Mycological areas

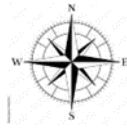
The excursions will take place in easily accessible areas and in forests with a high biodiversity. The forest types are varied: montane forests with *Abies alba*, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Pinus uncinata*, *P. sylvestris*, *P. nigra*, *Quercus faginea*, and *Q. ilex*; supra-Mediterranean forests with *Quercus faginea*, *Q. ilex*, and patches of *Cistus laurifolius*; and riparian forests with *Populus* spp., *Salix* spp., *Fraxinus* spp., and *Ulmus* spp. The excursions will be determined according to the current weather conditions.

Some common species of *Cortinarius* : *C. caperatus*, *C. bolaris*, *C. infractus*, *C. collinitus*, *C. atrovirens*, *C. violaceus*, *C. mucosus*, *C. caeruleus*, *C. cinnabarinus*, *C. dibaphus*.

## Electricity

In Spain, type C and type F plugs and sockets are used. The mains voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.

## How to get to Jaca



### By car

We have reserved parking spaces for the university residence of Jaca. These are the coordinates of the student residence 42 °34'08.7"N 0°33'14.8"W or 42.569084°0.554121°N 0.554121. And these are the coordinates of the parking lot: 42°34'06.8"N 0°33'16.9"W or 42.568567, -0.554707. Once the vehicle has been parked, you can go to the reception of the student residence to obtain the authorization that will entitle you to park in the reserved spaces. This permission to park in the reserved parking spaces must remain visible in the vehicle while it is parked in the parking lot.

### By plane

The nearest international airport is Zaragoza, 149 km from Jaca. The journey from Zaragoza Airport to Jaca takes about 1 hour and 35 minutes by car and 4 hours and 15 minutes by public transport.

Bilbao Airport is 273 km from Jaca. The journey from Bilbao Airport to Jaca takes about 3 hours by car and 4 hours by public transport.

Barcelona Airport is located 335 km from Jaca. The journey from Barcelona Airport to Jaca takes about 3 hours and 35 minutes by car and 5 hours and 15 minutes by public transport.

Pau Airport is 119 km from Jaca. The journey from Pau Airport to Jaca takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes by car and 4 hours and 30 minutes by public transport.

However, the frequencies of public transport are only good from Zaragoza. In the remaining cases, the hours are quite limited.

### By train

From Barcelona, Madrid or Bilbao, first travel to Zaragoza and then take the regional train from Zaragoza to Jaca. The University of Jaca is 1.7 kilometres from Jaca train station.



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**Dining room**



**Restaurant**



**Workroom**



**Bedroom**





**Wet room**

## Preliminary program

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

12:00 – 18:00	Arrival and registration Room check-in from 2.00 pm
18:00	Opening ceremony and welcome aperitif
19:00	Supper
20:30	General information and introduction to excursions
24:00	Closure of workspaces

### Monday, October 20, 2025

07:30	Breakfast and opening of the working rooms (everyone prepares their own packed lunch)
09:00	Departure for mycological excursions
14:00	Individual study of the collections.
18:00 – 19:00	Presentation of the main species of the day
19:00	Supper
20:30	Conferences and Scientific Contributions
24:00	Closure of the workspaces

**The same program applies from Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

### Thursday, October 23, 2025

07:30	Breakfast and opening of the working rooms (everyone prepares their own packed lunch)
09:00	Departure for mycological excursions
13:00 – 17:00	Individual study of the collections
<b>Late:</b>	
15:45 – 16:45	Meeting of the Board of the J.E.C
17:00 – 18:30	<b>Ordinary General Assembly of the members of the J.E.C.</b>
18:30 – 19:30	Presentation of the main species of the day
20:00	Aperitif and gala evening

### Saturday, October 25, 2025

07:30	Breakfast
12:00	Closure of the working rooms, end of the congress

### Lectures and Presentations

It is possible to give presentations/lectures during the congress.

Please let us know on the registration form whether you would like to give a presentation. Prepare a summary (one page) of your contribution in Word in one of the congress languages (according to the statutes: Spanish, French, German, Italian or English) and send it by email to Oswald Rohner, President of the J.E.C. [o.rohner@bluewin.ch](mailto:o.rohner@bluewin.ch).



## **Cultural program for accompanying persons**

**Monday, October 20, 2025**

**Castle of Loarre, Colegiata Church of Bolea and Mallos de Riglos**



**Castle of Loarre**



**Collegiate church of Bolea**



**Mallos de Riglos**



**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

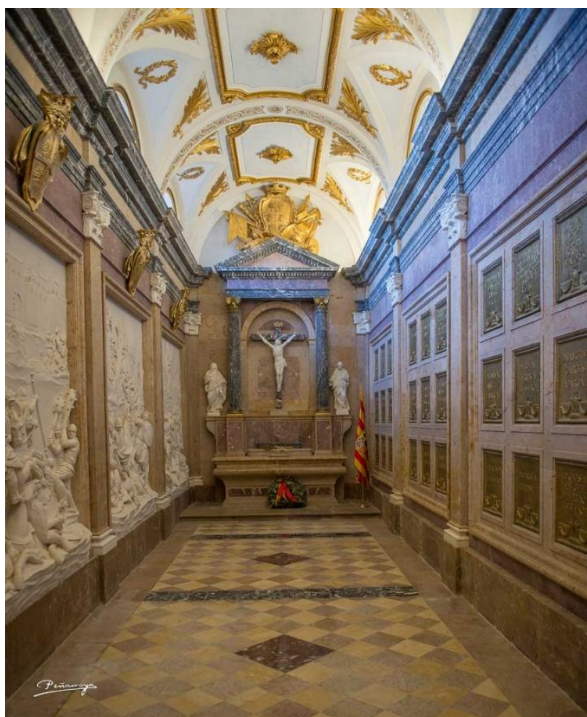
**Visit to the village of Santa Cruz de la Serós and the Monastery of San Juan de la Peña**



**Romanesque Monastery of Santa María**



**Visit to the Monastery of San Juan de la Peña**



Source: Web server of the Ministry of Tourism of Aragon, Government of Aragon

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**Visit to the city of Jaca**



**Citadel of Jaca**



**Citadel of Jaca**



**St. Peter's Cathedral**



Thursday, October 23, 2025

Excursion to the Canfranc train station and the ski slopes of Candanchu and Astún



Canfranc train station



Glaciers of Astún



Borce



Friday, October 24, 2025

Hecho, Ansó and San Pedro de Siresa



Hecho



Ansó



Monastery San Pedro de Siresa

## Registration (until 31 July 2025)

The application must be submitted

→ by e-mail to [luisballester.zar@gmail.com](mailto:luisballester.zar@gmail.com)

Or by e-mail to Luis Ballester, c/ Octavio de Toledo 25, 50007, Zaragoza, Spain.

The registration is only completed and valid after payment of the participation fee, which is to be transferred to the following account:

**Mycological group La Usonera**, C. 7 de Febrero de 1883, 27, 22700 Jaca, Huesca

**Caja Rural de Aragón**

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Reference: **JEC Jaca 2025**

<b>Costs 2025</b>	<b>EUROS</b>	
<b>Full board and half board including: overnight stay, breakfast, dinner, gala dinner, snacks, workplace No drinks</b>	<b>Price per person</b>	
<b>Congress fee</b> For members of the J.E.C. For non-members of the J.E.C.	100	€
	140	€
<b>1. Full board</b> (with packed lunch) Single room with shower/WC Double room with shower/WC per person 3-bed room with shower/WC per person	660 582 570	€ € €
<b>2. Half board</b> (without packed lunch) Single room with shower/WC Double room with shower/WC per person. 3-bed room with shower/WC per person	585 507 495	€ € €
<b>3. Dinner only:</b> snacks, breakfast, dinner, gala dinner, Packed lunch. Workplace	400	€
<b>4. Camping</b> Request to <a href="mailto:luisballester.zar@gmail.com">luisballester.zar@gmail.com</a>		

In case of cancellation, the following amounts will be retained:

Cancellation until September 15, 2025: 200 euros

Cancellation from 16 September 2025: the total amount

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