

## Asturias

**Lua:** Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We are Paola, Laura, Paula, Andrea, Rebeca and Lua and we come from the north of Spain, from a small region called Asturias.

Our flag is light blue and it has a golden cross in the middle. It is called the Victory Cross and it is decorated with two Greek Letters: alpha and omega, meaning the beginning and the end.

We have a virgin patron, called Covadonga, whose sanctuary lies in a cave in the mountains. It is there where the fight against the Moorish began.

In the past we used to have coal mines. Coal was used to produce energy and we were a wealthy region.

**Paula:** But the progress meant electricity and gas for everything and coal mines are closing down.

As we can't live on the past, our region is changing with the times and it is becoming a touristic attraction.

We have golden sandy beaches, trekking routes, mountains to climb, rivers to sail and seas to surf.

We have a mild climate with warm winters and fresh summers. We have rain, yes, but you can't have everything, can you?

We have the best gastronomy in Spain with good meat, fresh milk and the sweetest desserts.

**Andrea**: We grow apples but not only to eat, also to drink, yes to drink.

We smash them and turn them into liquid and we call it cider. We drink it in a special way, dropping it to the glass.

We are also proud to host the “Princess of Asturias Awards”. On 21 October these prizes are awarded to the most outstanding personalities of Science, Art, human Values, cooperation etc.

International personalities such as Francis Ford Coppola, Leonard Cohen, Norman Foster, Bob Dylan or J.K. Rowling have visited our region to get the award.

No wonder why tourists love our region, adding to that our competitive prices, as the centre and the south of Spain have normally higher prices than us.

**Rebeca**: You can go from the sea to the mountain in less than thirty minutes.

You can travel to the main cities: Oviedo, Gijon and Aviles in less than an hour from any point of the region. Yes, Asturias is the perfect destination!!

And in the very centre you find our town, Infiesto.

Infiesto is a tiny village with a population of about 3000 people.

The population lives mainly on small industries, farms, tourism. We have a good production of hazelnuts.

The town has not many cultural facilities but the capital city is close and we are well connected.

**Paola:** We have a sport centre, a cultural centre, a new technologies centre, some pubs and bars, an open air swimming pool, a football team, a health centre, a train station and that's all.

And last but not least we have a kindergarden, a primary school, a technical school and a high school.

Our high school is not big. We are about 300 students.

There are two buildings: one for secondary education and one for Lyceum and technical studies.

We have a headmaster, two deputy headmistresses, a secretary, two administrative workers, two clerks and 40 teachers.

**Laura:** We have also some specific classrooms: the music classroom, the art classroom, the photography lab, three computer classrooms, two sciences labs, a theatre for the performances, a gym and a cafeteria.

The people of Asturias are proud of our temperament. We are humble, generous and hard-working people. We are famous in Spain for our hospitality. A visitor is always a friend at our place. There is always a room in our house and a seat at our table for him.

One of our most outstanding characteristics is that we always speak in loud voice, but this does not mean we are shouting or angry. It is the way we are.

We are also good friends of our friends. We are loyal people too.

So don't forget it, you will be always welcome at our place.