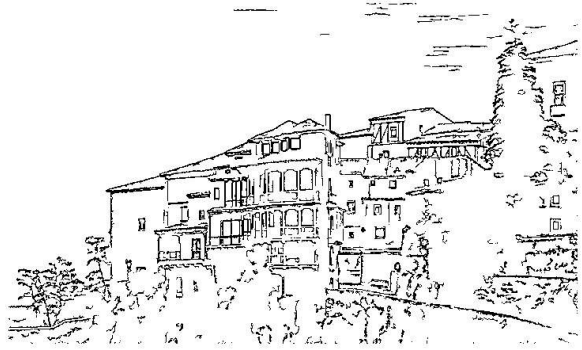




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CUENCA HANGING HOUSES



Where is Cuenca and what are the Cuenca hanging houses?

The old part of the city of Cuenca Spain is placed high up in the mountains of east-central Spain, situated above the gorges of the Huécar and Júcar rivers below. The old town is compact and all around it is green or stone.

The hanging houses of Cuenca have been there a long time, at least we know that they were there in the 15th century.

Along the eastern border of Cuenca, in the past these types of houses were quite common.

The reason for the style of these houses was that as Cuenca's population grew, so did the houses need to increase. Of course they did not have the space to become bigger outwards like a "normal" house, so instead they went upwards.

Perched precariously above a gorge down far below, these hanging houses are considered to be very important along with the old part of Cuenca by the worldwide organisation UNESCO.

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