

# Monastery of Santa Maria de la Espina



The monastery was built in the 12th century on the orders of Sancha of Castile, sister of Alphonse VII the Emperor. The French King Louis the Younger gave the Spanish princess a thorn from the crown of Jesus kept in the Monastery of San Dionís, hence its name.

The church façade and the two towers date back to the mid-17th century and are attributed to the School of Ventura Rodríguez. Inside, the two cloisters are particularly worthy of note, as are the 17th century quarters for the monks and their guests, a series of chapels and the reliquary, which holds the monsternace that safeguards the thorn.

In 1731 the building suffered a fire, and much of the monastery and library were destroyed, although fortunately, the Holy Thorn reliquary and Book of Tumbo were saved. Later came the French invasion and the Ecclesiastical Confiscations of Mendizábal, which in 1835 finally forced the remaining monks to leave.

## Datos Históricos

**Arquitectura:** Arquitectura Religiosa  
**Construcción:** Monasterio / Convento  
**Estilos predominantes:** Cisterciense  
**Periodo Histórico:** Edad Media

## Dirección

Castromonte. Valladolid.

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## Más Información

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## Horarios y tarifas

### Opening hours

- Winter September, 1 – June, 30):
- Friday: . Guided tours:16, 17 y 18 h.
- Saturdays, sundays and holidays: . Guided tours:10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 h.

## Monastery of Santa Maria de la Espina



- Closed: monday to thursday
- Closed in the morning: friday
- Summer July, 1 – August, 31):
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: . Guided tours:10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 h.

### Tickets

- General: 5 €
- Reduced: 4.5 €

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