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THE TOWERS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SALAMANCA (IERONIMUS)



The Cathedral's towers are one of Salamanca's best-known landmarks. They can be seen from the distance, rising up an impressive 100 metres over the city skyline and forming an imposing sight as visitors draw nearer.

A tour of the interior provides an insight into the history of its construction more than 900 years ago, dotted with battlements, pinnacles and gargoyles; from the lower platform, visitors can admire the Old Cathedral with its magnificent reredos and the New Cathedral. The terraces and the watchtower provide superb viewpoints from which to look out across the city, admiring the cathedrals and the meadows that stretch out along the River Tormes.

TOURIST PROPOSALS

Castillo de Mombeltrán, Ávila



MOMBELTRÁN CASTLE, ÁVILA

Mombeltrán Castle, also known as the Castle of the Dukes of Alburquerque, overlooks the renowned Barranco de las Cinco Villas. Its unique design and extraordinary location within the Sierra de Gredos make it a distinctive landmark. Commissioned by Enrique IV and inspired by the wishes of his favoured nobleman, Beltrán de la Cueva, Duke of Alburquerque, the castle dates back to the 15th century. The numerous heraldic shields adorning the monument attest to this history. Its design is attributed to the famed architect Juan Guas and the castle remains tied to the House of Alburquerque to this day. Access is via a Renaissance-style gateway, believed to have replaced an original moat and drawbridge. The castle's structure is square, surrounded by a large barbican, with rounded corner towers and an impressive keep, all topped with square merlons. Notable features include remnants of the old bailey and interior remains of columns, walls, and staircases. Also referred to as the Castle of Don Beltrán de la Cueva, it was declared a Cultural Heritage Site in 1949.



Danza del Escarrete, Poza de la Sal, Burgos



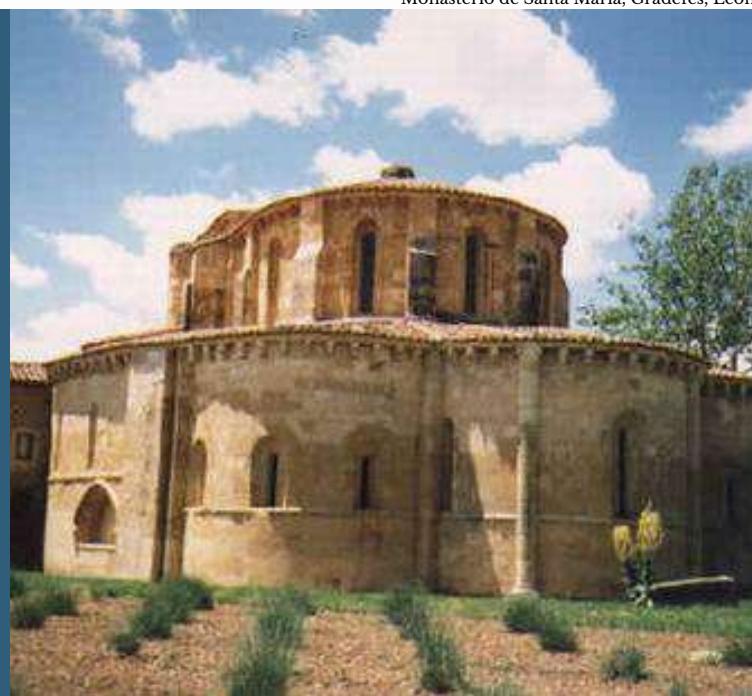
EL ESCARRETE, POZA DE LA SAL, BURGOS

The village of Poza de la Sal, recently recognised as one of Spain's most beautiful villages, boasts an enviable combination of scenic and architectural beauty. It is also the birthplace of one of Burgos' most celebrated figures, Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente. The village proudly preserves a truly unique winter celebration, known as the Escarrete or Desjarrete, which has become one of the defining traditions of the "Salt-producing Village." This distinctive festival was declared a Festival of Touristic Interest in Castilla y León several years ago. This traditional dance is performed during the San Blas festival, on the first Sunday closest to 3rd February. Historically, newlywed couples took part in the dance, symbolising prosperity for their new households with domesticated animals. The most significant part of the celebration takes place on Sunday afternoon when La Salve is sung in the Church of San Cosme y San Damián in honour of the patroness, the Virgen de Pedrajas.



THE VADINIENSE WAY

The Vadiniense Way derives its name from the Vadinienses, an ancient pre-Roman community that lived in the area between the Picos de Europa and Mansilla de las Mulas. Today, this route connects the Lebaniego Way, stemming from the Northern Way, to the French Way. Historically, this route provided pilgrims with access to Santo Toribio, enabling them to continue towards Compostela via Fuentedé, Pandetrave, Portilla de la Reina, and Mansilla de las Mulas, where the French Way converges. Currently, dozens of pilgrims travel this route, one of the oldest paths leading to Santiago de Compostela through some of the most spectacular parts of the Cantabrian Mountains, including the León side of the Picos de Europa.



La Nava y Campos de Palencia



WORLD WETLANDS DAY, PALENCIA

Every 2nd February, World Wetlands Day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of wetlands in our lives. These ecosystems are not only among the most valuable on Earth but also essential for humanity. They add value to rural areas by promoting sustainable tourism, nature observation, and birdwatching. We invite you to visit two of the most significant wetlands in Palencia province: the Lagunas de la Nava and Boada. The visitor centres (Casas del Parque) offer educational experiences through informative panels and explanations about the environmental and ornithological importance of these areas. These wetlands are also part of the European "Birdflyway" project, which provides an engaging way to explore wetlands by following the migratory paths of two iconic bird species, the greylag goose and the osprey. Get your passport and take part in this incredible journey.





THE ISLA DEL SOTO, SANTA MARTA DE TORMES, SALAMANCA

The Isla del Soto is a riverside area situated on the River Tormes, within the municipality of Santa Marta de Tormes, just 4 kilometres from the city of Salamanca. This natural enclave spans 14 hectares and offers a distinctive riverside landscape where visitors can stroll, jog, cycle, observe the local flora and fauna, and enjoy outdoor activities with family and pets. You can also go fishing in the four disignated spots. The site features a children's play area, wooden picnic tables, a dog zone, a birdwatching observatory, and an interpretation centre showcasing the various historical uses of the area, including traditional river-related trades. The island is adorned with charming sculptural details, such as brightly coloured pencils, bird sculptures, and oversized, vividly decorated flowerpots, making it a delightful and relaxing leisure destination.



CARNIVAL AND THE “FIESTA DE LA VAQUILLA,” SEGOVIA

Every year in the days leading up to Ash Wednesday, the six neighbourhoods of the municipality—Arcones, El Barrio de la Mata, Castillejo, Arconcillos, Coladillo, and Huerta—come together to celebrate these traditional carnivals. This unique event revolves around three characters: “lasvaquillas” (the calves), “los tripudos” (the pot-bellied), and “los remudaos” (the helpers). The “vaquillas” are wooden frames with horns, decorated with Manila shawls, paper flowers, and lace. The “tripudos” wear heavy old burlap sacks stuffed with straw, so heavy that when they fall, they need the public’s help to stand up again, symbolised by the “remudaos.” They also wear hats, boxes, or masks and represent “Don Carnal”. The main event takes place on Carnival Sunday, when the “tripudos” arrive in the square, causing mischief, only to be charged at by the “vaquillas.” Traditionally, the festivities conclude with the drinking of lemonade or hot chocolate. This celebration, documented since the 17th century, was declared a “Traditional Event of Provincial Cultural Interest” in 2022.





ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLASSROOM OF GARRAY, SORIA

Housed in the building of the former Garray school, the archaeological classroom continues its tradition of education by offering a glimpse into a remarkable chapter of historical heritage. The classroom consists of two rooms recreating two opposing cultures or worlds: the Numantine or Celtiberian in the first room and the Roman in the second. These are symbolically separated by a recreation of the Roman Siege Wall. In the Celtiberian room, a permanent exhibition uses a diorama featuring model figurines to depict the siege of Numantia. Visitors can explore a reconstructed Numantia with its houses, streets, and walls, as well as its people. On the slopes of the hill, various scenes are recreated, including a funerary ritual and a Roman camp across the river. The Scipio room also uses model figurines for temporary exhibitions showcasing significant battles in history, such as “The Battle of Thermopylae”, “Julius Caesar: The Conquest of Gaul”, “Rome vs the Barbarians”, “The Conquest of Germania,” “1212: The Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa,” and “The Peninsular War: The Explosion of the Soria Wall,” among others. The facility also serves as a tourist information office.



A STROLL THROUGH THE RENAISSANCE IN VALLADOLID

Palacio Santa Cruz, Valladolid



Valladolid was a pioneer in introducing the Renaissance to Spain and is home to one of its earliest creations: the façade of the College of Santa Cruz, founded by Cardinal Mendoza in 1486. The 16th century marked a golden age for the city, establishing it as the most significant mercantile and artisanal centre in Castile at the time. As a result, notable buildings emerged, such as the Monastery of Las Huelgas Reales, the first classicist temple in the city, and the façades of the churches of La Magdalena, which features the largest coat of arms in Europe, and El Salvador, located in a charming square near the Cathedral, a masterpiece by Juan de Herrera, one of the foremost exponents of this style in Spain. Civil architecture also flourished, as seen in the Pimentel Palace, where Philip II was born, the Fabio Nelli Palace, now the city's museum, and the Licenciado Butrón Palace, all showcasing Italian influences. This brief overview highlights Valladolid's significance as a focal point of the Spanish Renaissance, offering visitors a rich architectural heritage to enjoy while strolling through its streets.



THE OLIVE OIL MUSEUM IN FERMOSELLE, ZAMORA

Museo del aceite de Fermoselle, Zamora (cedida Museo del aceite de Fermoselle)



Amid the ruins of the last olive oil mill in Fermoselle, Zamora, stands a true ode to the culture of liquid gold. After over a century of activity, the mill fell into complete disrepair in 1999, but 25 years later, this mill—once overrun by brambles and reduced to ruins—has risen from its ashes, breathing new life into the machines that once pressed and extracted the juice of countless olives. Now fully restored, it has been reborn as the Olive Oil Museum, officially known as the Museum and Training & Tasting Classroom. The nearly 300 square metres of the old oil mill have been transformed into a showcase of olive oil culture. Visitors can witness the functioning of the kiln, two historic hydraulic presses, a mixer-kneader, two piston water pumps from the 1950s, a decanting area, two carts with woven mats (capachos), and various fascinating objects related to the world of olive oil. Guided tour reservations: +34 611773486. Open year-round: Fridays and Saturdays.



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