

Puente del Congosto



If anything characterizes Puente del Congosto, declared a Historic Site in 2019, it is its castle and the medieval fortified bridge over the Tormes river, a key point for the crossing of cattle through the Cañada Real Soriana Occidental in the Transhumance on the way to Extremadura.

The Dávila Castle, magnificently restored and a private home, was built in the 14th century and is located on the left bank of the River Tormes, in order to defend and control the strategic crossing of the bridge. The Old Bridge was built by order of the Catholic Monarchs in the year 1500 and is solidly based on the granite rock. It has 13 arches and still preserves one of the two defensive towers that protected it.

The old town of the Villa has an interesting popular architecture, with some significant buildings such as the Casa del Alemán or the Alhóndiga, lintels with coats of arms and inscriptions, old stone pylons, term crosses and the beautiful Passion cruise. The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, started in the Gothic style and finished in the 17th century, houses some of the most outstanding Baroque altarpieces in the province. On its cover, two sculpted shells testify to the passage through the temple of pilgrims for centuries, following one of the branches of the Camino de Santiago from Levante to Compostela.