

## Zamora



Among European cities, Zamora has one of the greatest concentrations of Romanesque churches in its urban centre. For this reason it is known as the "ciudad del románico" (romanesque city). It is positioned strategically on a hill over the river Duero, west of the Castilla y León, and an all-embracing city which welcomes tourists who discover there one of the most beautiful cities in the autonomous region.

Its communication links by road are excellent and for centuries it has acted as a crossroads in the region. The bimillenary Roman road, Vía de la Plata, ran through the province.

The Celtic town, which was undoubtedly a Vaccean seat, gives origin to the city of Zamora we know today. It was later the stage for the raids of the famous guerilla Viriato, the hero from Zamora whose image can be found in the plaza which bears his name.

Today Zamora comes across to tourists as a coquettish city, proud of its well-deserved name, which is shown off to full effect in the old town, in the fine combination of historical and artistic features. The old walls testify most to Zamora's medieval character.