

Visits and Activities in Salamanca



Salamanca

Salamanca, one of the provinces in the Castilla and León region, is located in the northwest of Spain, approximately 124 miles from Madrid and 62 miles from the Portuguese border. It is a small, quiet town where walking, or rather strolling, will be your best mode of transportation whatever your destination.

Salamanca is also known worldwide for its breathtaking monumental heritage, which includes examples of works from all the different artistic periods in Europe. Moreover, Salamanca was declared a “World Heritage City” by UNESCO in 1988 and it was also named a “European Cultural Capital” for the year 2002 by the EU. In addition to its historical and cultural importance, Salamanca is perhaps best known for having the oldest university in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe.

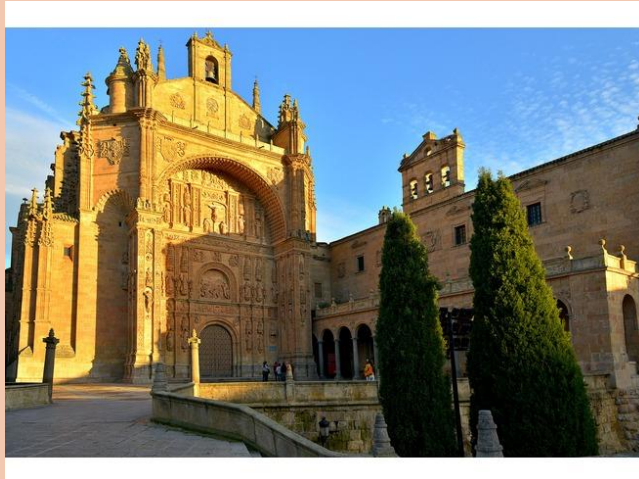


Scala Coeli.: a Climb up the Clerecía Towers



The towers were designed to bring believers closer to heaven and simply being there is pure delight, but the lofty height allows visitors to enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic view over the city of Salamanca.

Convento de San Esteban



This monastery became a very important theological center of the Dominican Order. Famous Dominican scientists and theologians such as Francisco de Vitoria and Domingo de Soto are buried here.

The New and Old Cathedral



When we speak of the Cathedral of Salamanca, we are referring specifically to two churches joined together. On one hand, there is the Old Cathedral dating from the 12th-13th centuries, and on the other, the New one from the 16th century.

The Old Cathedral is in the Romanesque style and the Gallo Tower is what stands out. **The New Cathedral**, built in the 16th century and completed in the 18th century, houses the image of the Virgin of the Assumption. The temple's Baroque retro choir is very beautiful and contains Renaissance images such as that of The Virgin of Loreto and those of Saint John the Baptist.

Roman Bridge – Salamanca, Spain



The Roman Bridge stands 168 feet over the Tormes River with 15 granite stone arches leading into Salamanca. It was originally constructed in the year 89 A.D., but was reconstructed in the 17th century after it was damaged due to flooding.

The Lis House



The Lis House is an urban mansion nestled on the former city wall and which was built by order of Don Miguel de Lis (1855-1909). Currently, the building houses the Art Nouveau and Art Deco Museum with various types of artworks from those periods.

Plaza Mayor



Plaza Mayor is a large plaza located in the center of Salamanca. It is considered the heart of the city and is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful plazas in Spain. The beauty of the plaza certainly contributed to UNESCO declaring the old city of Salamanca a World Heritage Site. Plaza Mayor is constructed in a Baroque style of architecture and is the perfect example of the sandstone buildings common in the historic part of the city which lend the whole city a golden glow in the setting sun.

La Casa de las Conchas



This civil building attracts the visitor's attention due to the over three hundred shells covering its outer walls. In the 18th century, it suffered cracks which necessitated a partial remodel that left part of the exterior without the shells that decorate the rest of the façade. Today it houses the Salamanca public library and an information office.

La Alberca & La Abadía de los Templarios



We will tour this historic town on Sunday, July 5th, and have lunch and leisure time in this five-star resort.