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SALAMANCA

Tourism guide



DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- Salamanca has been a **UNESCO World Heritage** City since 1988. A renowned tourist destination, and the most visited city in Castille-León.
- It hosts over **30,000 university students** each year, making it one of the most lively and youthful cities in Spain.
- The **University of Salamanca** (1218) is the oldest in Spain and among the oldest in Europe.
- Salamanca was **European Capital of Culture** (2002); it was here where **historical figures** such as Miguel de Unamuno, Francisco de Vitoria, Fray Luis de León, Carmen Martín Gaité, Teresa of Jesus, Francisco Salinas, and many others you can discover spent their formative years.
- As the capital of **Iberian ham production**, you can sample Salamanca's incredible gastronomy at one of its restaurants and purchase Iberian cured meats, wines, cheeses, and cakes.
- Salamanca is regarded as one of the quintessential Spanish **Renaissance cities**, although its distinctive style is **Churrigueresque**.
- Just **two hours from Madrid**, four hours from Seville or three hours from northern Spain, Salamanca offers a perfect experience at any time of the year.



Salamanca Cathedral

 c/ Benedicto XVI s/n

 www.catedralsalamanca.org

Two cathedrals with a history spanning nine centuries. The old Romanesque cathedral, and the new Gothic one.

In the surroundings, enjoy the atmosphere of Plaza de Anaya and the tranquillity of Patio Chico.



Ieronimus. Cathedral Towers

 Plaza Juan XXIII s/n

 www.ieronimus.es

A unique experience that lets you discover the city from the cathedral towers. The tour offers stunning views of the historic centre and the river, while also allowing visitors to admire the vaults, bells, and architectural details of the cathedrals up close.



Plaza Mayor

An incomparable Baroque agora, a meeting point and social hub for locals and visitors alike. Its unique harmony continues to captivate, featuring 88 arches and numerous sculpted medallions that encapsulate the history of Spain.





Salamanca University

 **Patio de Escuelas, 1**

 www.museo.usal.es

In 1218, King Alfonso IX of León established the University of Salamanca, recognised as the oldest Hispanic university.

Key attractions include the Higher Schools Building with its Plateresque façade, the General Historic Library, the Auditorium, and the classrooms of Fray Luis de León and Unamuno.

► *Visit the Patio de Escuelas Menores, The Sky of Salamanca, and the Unamuno House Museum.*

Roman Bridge

The arches near the city are the only intact, as the others were restored 18th century. This bridge is part of Silver Route.

At the entrance to the bridge, there is a Vettonian stone boar that has been immortalised in the work *El Lazarillo de Tormes*.



House of Shells

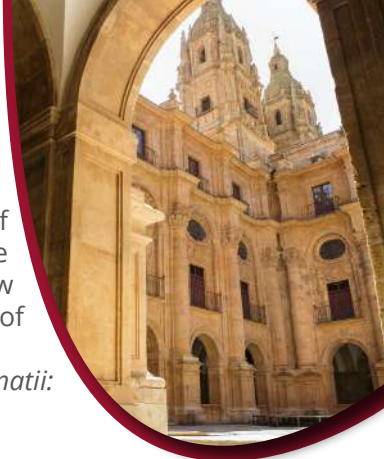
 **Calle de la Compañía, 2**

This palace stands as one of the finest examples of Spanish Civil Gothic architecture. Its noteworthy features include its windows and the patio and façade elements, adorned primarily with ornamental shells.

Pontifical University

 Calle de la Compañía, 5

The former Royal College of the Holy Spirit of the Society of Jesus, built in the Baroque style between the 17th and 18th centuries, now houses the Pontifical University. The Church of the Holy Spirit is also known as La Clerecía. The Baroque cloister hosts the exhibition *Vita Ignatii: Action and Contemplation*.



Scala Coeli. Clerecía Towers

 Calle de la Compañía, 5

 www.torresdelaclerecia.com

Scala Coeli is a unique 'stairway to heaven' offering spectacular city panoramas and insights into the history of the Royal College of the Society of Jesus.



San Esteban Convent

 Plaza del Concilio de Trento

 www.conventosanesteban.es

Of particular architectural interest are the cloister's vaults, the Plateresque façade, and the Soto staircase. It was in the Oratory that Christopher Columbus first proposed to the Dominicans his idea of reaching the Indies by a new route.



Casa Lis Art Nouveau Art Deco Museum



Calle Gibraltar, 14



www.museocasalis.org

A decorative arts museum offering a journey through time, from the late 19th century through to the Second World War. Particularly worthy of note is its fascinating colourful stained glass.

Calixto and Melibea Gardens



Calle Arcediano, 20

Gardens of Muslim influence, located beside the ancient wall, where aromatic plants and fruit trees delight the senses. The views are unparalleled.



Monterrey Palace



Plaza de Monterrey



www.palaciodemonterrey.com

A splendid example of Spanish Renaissance architecture, with a majestic façade and intricate ornamentation. The palace hosts an impressive collection of Renaissance masterpieces.

► *Visit Monterrey viewpoint.*

La Purísima Church

 Plaza de las Agustinas

Italian Baroque in style, it is part of Las Agustinas Convent. One of its treasures is the painting of the Immaculate Conception by José de Ribera.



Archbishop Fonseca School

 C/ Fonseca, 4

Like the other university Higher Schools, it originally served as a charitable educational institution, allowing those without financial means to access higher education.



NOT TO BE MISSED



San Vicente Hill Museum

 Corralón de San Vicente

 www.arqueologica.constelacionesdesalamanca.com

Understand the city's origin and history through archaeological artefacts, audiovisuals, models, and unique maps, all within a unique setting. An archaeological site that bears witness to the strategic location chosen by Salamanca's first settlement some 2700 years ago.



Viewpoints Route

 www.rutamiradoresdesalamanca.com

A unique route through ten special viewpoints to take in the city's most emblematic sites.



River Tormes

The river, a natural treasure that brings life and beauty to the city. Its banks offer a privileged space for leisure and connecting with nature, featuring peaceful walks, routes, and cultural and tourist activities.

Monterrey Palace

 Plaza de Monterrey, 2

 www.palaciodemonterrey.com

Monterrey Palace is the only palace in Salamanca that houses a royal residence inside, still inhabited today.



La Salina Palace

 Calle San Pablo, 18

Founded in the 16th century, its name is due to the fact that it was a salt warehouse until 1880. The building is of Plateresque style and is attributed to Rodrigo Gil de Hontañón.



Anaya Palace

 Plaza de Anaya

The so-called Colegio Mayor de Anaya replaced the first Higher School of the University of Salamanca, Colegio de San Bartolomé, founded in 1401. The current building, home to the School of Philology, is one of the few neoclassical structures in Salamanca.



Las Claras Convent. Medieval Painting Museum

 Calle Santa Clara, 2  www.museolasclaras.es

The convent museum comprises the lower choir hall, the north gallery of the lower cloister, the upper choir room (ideal for admiring the church and Churriguera's altarpiece), the area above the temple's vaults with a magnificent coffered ceiling, and the viewpoint.



House of Saint Teresa

 Calle Condes de Crespo Rascón, 25

Formerly a Carmelite convent for four years, this site now belongs to the Congregation of the Servants of Saint Joseph and is famed for inspiring the phrase 'I live without living in me'.



San Esteban Convent

 Pza. del Concilio de Trento, s/n

 www.conventosanesteban.es

A stunning example of Renaissance art and the birthplace of international law.



Las Dueñas Convent

 Plaza del Concilio de Trento, s/n

Since its foundation in 1419, the nuns of this convent have dedicated their lives entirely to prayer, study and work. Its beautiful cloister, besides being an aesthetic delight, bears witness to this life of retreat and inner peace.

Monumenta Salmanticae

 Calle Veracruz, s/n

We suggest beginning your visit in this restored church, which explains and interprets all of Salamanca's architectural and urban heritage without having to leave the site.



Casa Lis Art Nouveau Art Deco Museum

 Calle Gibraltar, 14

 www.museocasalis.org

The tour of its rooms, featuring nineteen collections, showcases the production of European decorative arts workshops from the Nouveau and Deco periods.



Da2, Contemporary Art Museum

 Avenida de la Aldehuela, 37

 www.domusartium2002.com

Housed in the former city jail, the exhibition programme covers the latest trends in national and international art, focusing particularly on developments from the 1990s to the present, as well as supporting emerging artists from the city and the wider Castilla-León region.



Castille-León Cinemathèque

 Calle Doña Gonzala Santana, 1

 www.filmotecadecastillayleon.es

Located in the so-called 'Casa de las Viejas', it houses the collection 'Gadgets to fascinate' by Salamanca film director Basilio Martín Patino: a journey through the captivating devices of moving images that came before the invention of the cinematograph.



Automotive History Museum

 Plaza del Mercado Viejo, s/n

 www.museoautomocion.com

A must-visit destination for car enthusiasts, featuring hundreds of valuable exhibits. Highlights include the Hispano Suiza 20/30 HP from 1910, the only car in our country designated as a National Treasure, the Pegaso Z 102, a Spyder Serra SSP, and a Berlineta Saoutchick.



Salamanca Museum

 Patio Escuelas, 2

 www.museodesalamanca.org

Located in a medieval fortified tower house, set around a beautiful courtyard, it houses unique objects from the convents dissolved by Mendizábal's disentailment legislation.

Anaya Tower

 Calle San Pablo, 26

Anaya Tower, or Abrantes Tower as it was formerly known, is a tower-house that was inhabited by the Anaya and Bazán families. Today, it functions as a cultural and exhibition venue.



Salamanca Commerce and Industry Museum

 Avenida Campoamor, s/n

 www.museodelcomercio.es

This museum preserves the ingenuity and entrepreneurial initiative of Salamanca's merchants. It still maintains the old cisterns. Visit "The Sounds of Yesteryear", a collection of antique radios that connect us to beloved radio dramas or news and advice shows.



Santo Domingo Exhibition Hall

 Calle Arroyo de Santo Domingo, 18

Emerging from the restoration of the 16th-century Colegio de Santo Domingo de la Cruz, this space now houses the permanent exhibition of Salamanca sculptor Venancio Blanco.





Salamanca Bullfighting Museum



C/ Doctor Piñuela, 5 – 7, bajo



www.museotaurinosalamanca.es

A place to showcase and pay tribute to Salamanca's bullfighting and bullfighters. The museum celebrates the ecosystem where the fighting bull is raised, and its importance for the local economy.



Urban Gallery



Barrio del Oeste



www.galeriaurbanasalamanca.es

An open-air urban art museum where garage doors and buildings serve as canvases, creating a more artistic and cultural neighbourhood. This highlights a trend seen in other parts of the world, where mural art is gaining ever more prominence.

Other museums and exhibition halls:

- Unamuno House Museum
- La Salina Exhibition Hall
- University of Salamanca Exhibition Hall
- Zacarías González House Museum
- Historical Memory Documentary Centre Masonic Lodge
- Garcigrande Exhibition Hall

San Martín de Tours Church

 Plaza del Corrillo

A Romanesque church erected in the 12th century, as the city was being repopulated. Before the construction of the Plaza Mayor, the area was home to shops, markets, and social events.



Veracruz Church

 Campo de San Francisco, 7

A Baroque temple that is the seat of the city's oldest penitential brotherhood. The only building in Salamanca completely adorned in Churrigueresque style.



La Purísima Church

 Plaza de las Agustinas

Most notable on the main altar is José de Ribera's painting of the Immaculate Conception. The altarpiece is a masterpiece of Baroque art.



Santo Tomás Cantuariense Church

📍 Calle Rosario, s/n

A unique late Romanesque temple dedicated to Saint Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sancti-Spíritus Church

📍 Ronda de Sancti-Spíritus, 24

Late Gothic temple. It is the sole surviving part of Sancti-Spíritus Convent, founded at the end of the 12th century.



San Marcos Church

📍 Plaza San Marcos, s/n

While its exterior features an unusual circular layout, the temple's interior is even more surprising, with three apses and three naves resembling a basilica.

Other churches of interest:

- San Benito
- San Sebastián
- San Cristóbal
- San Juan de Barbalos
- San Julián
- Monte Carmelo
- El Carmen de Abajo



San Vicente Hill



Corralón de San Vicente, s/n



www.arqueologica.constelacionesdesalamanca.com

The archaeological site at Cerro de San Vicente, which marks the origin of the city of Salamanca, houses an extensive archaeological sequence beginning with a settlement from the early Iron Age. The Museum's 'Unseen Salamanca' exhibition explores the city's history, from its earliest settlers and the lost San Vicente Monastery, through to the remnants of the War of Independence.



Botanical Archaeological Park



Calle del Parque, 38




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The site preserves archaeological remains of significant historical value from San Agustín Convent and its Church of San Pedro, as well as the College of Cuenca and its surrounding urban area. The visit allows a virtual view of the lost monumental complex.



Salamanca Cave and Marquis of Villena Tower

 Cuesta de Carvajal, 7

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It is in this cave, located in the crypt of the former church of San Cebrián and Villena Tower, that legend places the school where the devil taught occult sciences. It is said that the entrance to this other city and its necromantic, alchemical, initiatory university is found here.



Salamanca Walls Interpretation Centre

 Cuesta de Carvajal, 1

 www.arqueologica.constelacionesdesalamanca.com

Archaeological excavations have uncovered a section of the city's impressive defensive system. The centre offers a tour through Salamanca's history, highlighting the importance of its walls as more than mere defensive structures.

Snow Well and remains of San Andrés Convent

 Paseo del Rector Esperabé, 85

 www.arqueologica.constelacionesdesalamanca.com

A well, more than seven metres deep and covered by a slate vault, where our ancestors stored and preserved snow. The visit provides an opportunity to explore the underground galleries.



Clavero Tower

 Calle Consuelo, 34

Its name appears to derive from its construction by Don Francisco de Sotomayor, Key Bearer of the Order of Alcántara, a role that involved safeguarding the keys to the fortresses and the Order's archives.



Salamanca Wall

 Paseo Rector Esperabé

La Cerca Vieja, a fortified enclosure of late Roman origin, followed the layout of the ancient Castro wall and was constructed in the Middle Ages.



Jesuitas Park



Avda. de los Jesuitas, Avda. del Aldehuela.

The first major urban park in Salamanca, originating from the Jesuits' Orchard.

Alamedilla Park

One of the most centrally located parks in Salamanca. Dating back to 1863, it emerged from the Enlightenment, reflecting the prevailing interest in nature and leisure as Salamanca's growing society sought an outdoor recreational space.



Colón Park



Plaza de Colón

This space has evolved over the centuries. It was originally surrounded by several palaces: Almarza, Orellana, Anaya de Carabas, Maldonado, and Abrantes, some of which still exist today. Nowadays, it is a green lung at the heart of the city.

The River Tormes

The Tormes represents the flow of time and offers a very attractive walk among poplars, elms, and weeping willows. Its riverside park offers boat rides, a splendid cycling path, park games, and sports along the riverbank.



Calixto and Melibea Gardens

 Calle Arcediano, 20

Associated with the literary work 'La Celestina' as one of the likely settings where the lovers from Rojas's play met. Perched atop the wall and sheltered by the cathedral towers, offering a beautiful view of the city.



La Merced Garden

 Plaza de la Merced, 18

A small garden with river views and stunning sunsets. Used as a fort during the War of Independence, alongside San Cayetano and San Vicente.

ALSO DISCOVER THE PROVINCE

This Guide suggests the main points of interest in the city of Salamanca, but without forgetting our province's historical, natural, and tourist attractions.



Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca



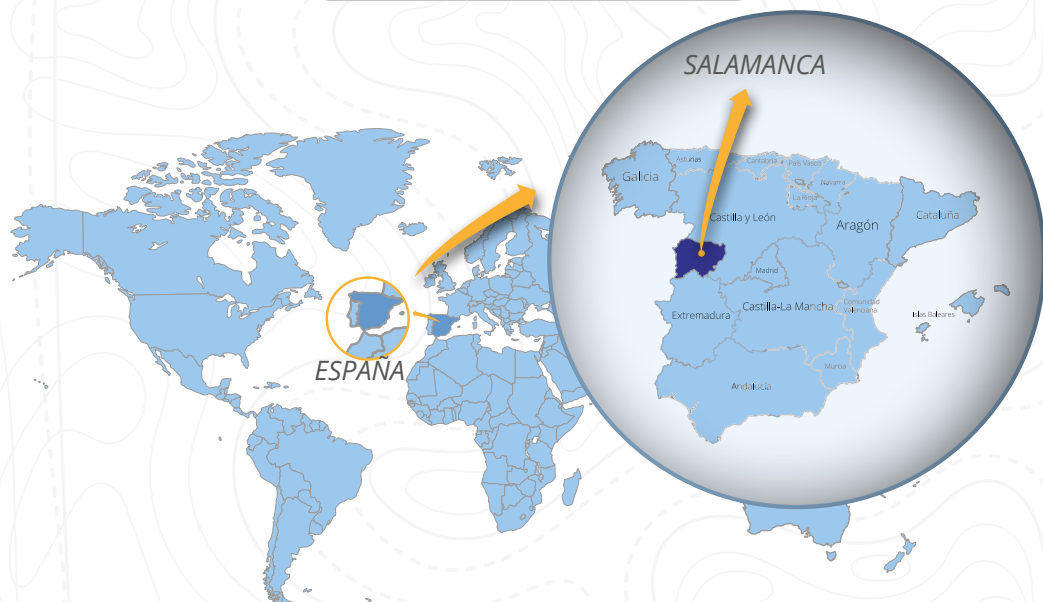
Camino de Hierro, La Fregeneda

FURTHER INFORMATION:



www.salamancaemocion.es

SALAMANCA IN THE WORLD



USEFUL INFORMATION

TOURIST INFORMATION

Salamanca Tourist Information Office

📍 Plaza Mayor, 32.

📞 923 21 83 42 / 902 30 20 02

Fonda Veracruz Visitor Reception Centre

📍 Calle Veracruz, 22-24.

📞 923 49 57 77

Cathedral Atrium Tourist Information Point

📍 Calle Rondín de las Edades del Hombre, s/n.

📞 923 16 25 89

SERVICES INFORMATION

Coach station

📍 Avda. Filiberto Villalobos, 71.

📞 923 23 67 17

Train station

📍 Paseo de la Estación, 122.

📞 902 24 02 02

Taxi hotline

📞 923 25 00 00

Emergency services

📞 112

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