

## SEGOVIA, CULTURAL CITY

People from Segovia are considered the friendliest, warmest and liveliest citizens of Castille and Leon. Their charming character makes anyone who is interested in attending any of the different cultural events held in the streets, squares and courtyards be very welcome. Some of the most outstanding celebrations in our city are:



### 1. EASTER

Declared "Festival of Regional Tourist Interest", the Easter Week in Segovia is special owing to its processions and the religious emotion they transmit. From the awesome Holy Wednesday *Via Crucis* night in the Carmelite *San Juan de la Cruz* Garden to the magnificent Procession "de los Pasos" celebrated on Good Friday.



### 2. TITIRIMUNDI-May

For 25 years now Segovia has held what is considered by many the most famous and prestigious international puppet theatre festival in the world. During a week in May, streets, courtyards, squares and theatres are filled with magic in shows conceived for every type of audience.



### 3. FOLK SEGOVIA - June

Every year, at the end of June, the streets of our city host the meeting of groups playing "Roots Music" from different parts of Spain and other countries.



### 4. FESTIVAL DE SEGOVIA - July

This festival was born more than 35 years ago with the aim of bringing classical music closer to people from Segovia and its visitors. Every July the city throws itself into this great event which satisfies all musical tastes and sensibilities.



### 5. HAY FESTIVAL - September

Segovia is the venue for this famous Welsh literary festival. For some days, the city provides the backdrop for intellectual dialogue and the exchange of ideas and stories; during this period, the city plays host to some of the best writers, creators and thinkers in the world.



### 6. MUCES - November

MUCES (Segovia European Film Festival) is undoubtedly one of the most important film festivals treating viewers to high quality European cinema before their premiere.

## TOURIST PRODUCTS

*Tourism of Segovia* and its *Central de Reservas* [Central Reservations Office] offer the visitor a wide range of tourist products for discovering the city:

- Guided Visits Programme:
  - World Heritage Site
  - The Jewish Quarter
  - Walk along the City Wall
  - Heritage and Biodiversity in the *Eresma* Valley
  - The Aqueduct
  - Museums in the *Barrio de los Caballeros* [the knights' district]
  - Saint Teresa of Jesus in Segovia
  - Saint John of de Cross in Segovia

- Audioguides
- Trekking routes
- Nearby outings
- Theatrical tours
- Workshops
- Hot-air balloon rides, light aircraft and helicopter rides
- Panoramic sightseeing bicycle tours
- Routes on horseback
- Tourist bus
- Electric bicycle hire
- Tickets for different events
- Activities for children
- Gastronomy Voucher
- Tourist packages
- Tourist card Friends of Segovia

... And many more



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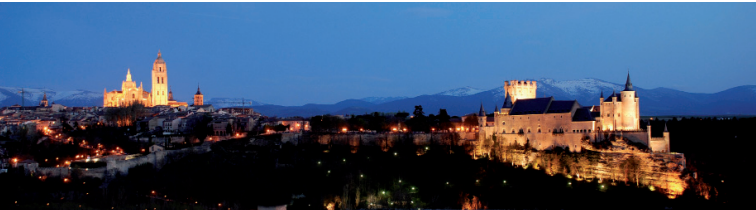
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# SEGOVIA, WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Segovia, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985, is a city over two thousand years old located only 87 kilometres (54.06 miles) from Madrid. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world due to its extraordinary architectonic configuration, it has played a leading role throughout the history of Spain and it is nowadays distinguished among other cities because of its cultural dynamism, gastronomy, traditions, popular festivals and, above all, for its impressive Roman Aqueduct.

Segovia is surrounded by a green belt formed by the *Eresma* and *Clamores* rivers. The city, 1005 meters above sea level, enjoys a crystalline atmosphere that makes its light one of its most precious treasures.



## HOW TO GET HERE

**From Madrid: 87 kilometres (54.06 miles)**

- By high-speed train: 28 minutes. From *Chamartin* Train Station
- By car: 60 minutes (approx.) Motorway AP-6 / AP-61
- By inter-city bus: 60 minutes (approx.) from *Moncloa* Bus Station
- *Adolfo Suárez Madrid - Barajas* International Airport: 109 kilometres (67.73 miles)

**From Valladolid: 111 kilometres (68.97 miles)**

- By high-speed train: 40 minutes (nearly). From *Campo Grande* Station
- By car: 90 minutes (approx.) Motorway A-601
- By inter-city bus: 90 minutes (approx.) from the Bus Station
- *Villanubla* Airport: 132 kilometres (82.02 miles)



## RECOMMENDED ROUTES

### 1. Segovia, World Heritage Site

Discover the impressive historical centre in the old quarter of Segovia: the Aqueduct, the *Calle Real* [Royal Street], the *Casa de los Picos* [Diamond Tip House], *San Martín's* Church, the Cathedral, the *Alcázar*, The Antonio Machado House Museum or The Francisco Peralta's Marionette Collection.



### 2. The Jewish Quarter

During this route along the narrow, winding streets of the Hebrew district, the visitor will witness the richness of the Jewish cultural legacy in Segovia: the old Main Synagogue, The Jewish Quarter Visitor's Centre, the *Casa del Sol* [House of the Sun], etc. are musts for understanding the city's past.



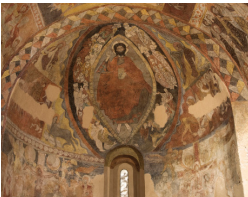
### 3. The Eresma Valley

The banks of the river *Eresma* hide a wealth of natural and monumental treasures. We invite the tourist to explore its valley to discover *San Lorenzo*, the Monasteries of *San Vicente el Real* and *Santa María del Parral*, the *San Marcos* Garden, The Veracruz Church, or the Sanctuary of *Nuestra Señora de la Fuencisla*, or The Mint, among many others ...



### 4. The Aqueduct and outside the Walled City

Along this itinerary –and following the Aqueduct as a guide–, the visitor will contemplate the magnificent monuments which surround this fabulous piece of Roman engineering work along its route outside the heart of the city: *San Justo* Church, *El Salvador* Square or the Monastery of *San Antonio el Real* are only some examples of what the tourist will find along the way.



### 5. The City Wall

Walking through centuries of history will allow the visitor to become familiar with the different cultures that coexisted in Segovia. Gaze at the extraordinary sights that the city offers from its wide stone viewpoints and enjoy sites like the *Jardín de los Poetas* [the poets' garden] or the *Puerta de Santiago* [Santiago Gate]. You can even enter the *Puerta de San Andrés* [San Andrés Gate], where the *Centro de Interpretación de la Muralla* [The City Wall Information Point] is currently located.



# WHAT NOT TO MISS

## 1. ROMAN AQUEDUCT

With 16220 metres in length and 28.10 metres in height, the more than 2000 year-old Aqueduct is probably the most spectacular and best preserved aqueduct of any erected by the Roman Empire, although, interestingly enough, the Segovian legend dictates that the devil was the real architect.



## 2. THE ALCÁZAR

Built during the 11th century over the remains of a Roman fortress, the *Alcázar* stands like an imaginary ship sailing between the valleys formed by the *Clamores* and *Eresma* rivers. With a clear resemblance to a fairy tale castle, it has become one of the most visited monuments in Spain.



## 3. THE CATHEDRAL

It is one of the most beautiful examples of late Gothic architecture, which has led it to be known as “Dame of the Cathedrals”. Its construction began in 1525 and it is a favoured meeting point for storks, which usually rest on its pinnacles.



## 4. GASTRONOMY

Segovia is well known for its traditional roasts, legumes, confectionery and wines of local production: excellent table wines are produced in Segovia along with others within the Guarantees of Origin *Ribera de Duero* and *Rueda*.

