

SEGOVIA - ENCHANTING TREASURE OF SPAIN



Tourists with a delicate taste for striking architecture and a passion for history often stroll along the streets of Segovia with an expression of absolute disbelief. This city goes long back and possesses such an overpowering charm it immediately amazes each visitor.

The city is located some 53 miles northwest of Madrid, Spain, above the Castilian plane. Its nearly sixty thousand inhabitants are living in a charismatic setting of numerous Roman churches, gothic mansions, medieval houses and crooked little streets. In 1985, the whole city was declared one of the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

There are several tourist magnets in Segovia; one of them is the famous Roman Aqueduct. It was built at the end of the 1st century A.D. by the Romans who dominated this area. It is 813 meters long and still impressively well preserved.

The kings of Spain adored Segovia and enjoyed living here for centuries. For that reason, local castle is a truly unforgettable landmark, as each member of the dynasty prided in developing the castle area. The Alcazar castle has gone through many changes over the centuries. Originally, it was built in the 12th century and apart from a royal residence, it also served as a prison, or even as the Royal Artillery School.

A very appealing site of Segovia is also its Cathedral. A perfect example of the Gothic architecture, the cathedral was built in the 16th century and is located within the city walls, which date back to the Middle Ages and surround the whole city. It's easy to find as its 88 meter-high tower clearly dominates the horizon of the city. Apart from the Cathedral of Segovia, there are some 20 churches which deserve equal tourist attention as well. Overall, the city is an amazing place with notable charm and a romantic atmosphere which easily wins over anyone who comes to explore its history.

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