

A stroll through the streets of the Old Town is a definite must where one should see, among other sites:

▣ The Plaza Mayor **a**, the old market square and its adjacent streets (Platerías, Plaza Ochavo, Church of Vera Cruz). This area best represents the "roman style" reconstruction that went on after the fire that burned down the urban centre in the year 1561.



▣ The unfinished Cathedral **b** and behind the Church Santa María de la Antigua, the only Romanesque building, and the Church of las Angustias. Next to it is the Teatro Calderón, home of the SEMINCI (International Film Festival) held each year in October.



▣ The University **c**, with its baroque façade, brings us to the Santa Cruz Palace **d**, first building of the Spanish Renaissance. After crossing the Juan Mambrilla street, with the Zúñiga and Mudarra Palaces, are the Casa Museo de Colón (Columbus Museum House), the Huelgas Reales Monastery **e** and the Church of la Magdalena.



▣ The Vivero Palace **f** at Chancillería street, with a typical mudéjar style patio, where the Catholic Monarchs celebrated their marriage in 1469. Near is the Cárcel Vieja (Old Jail) where prisoners waited for judgement at the 16th century.



▣ Plaza de San Pablo with the Church of San Pablo **g**, and the National Esculpture Museum **h** architectural group (Colegio San Gregorio, Casa del Sol...).



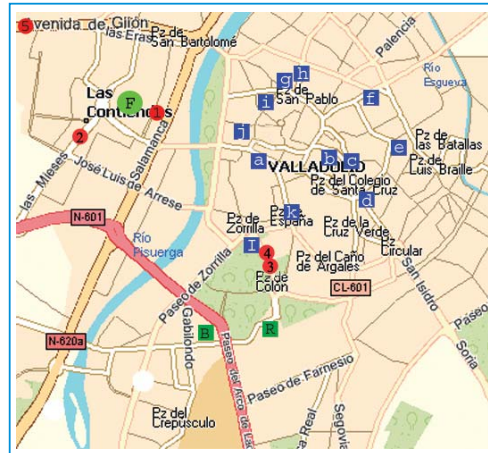
▣ The Plaza del Viejo Coso **i**, near the Palace of Fabio Nelli, classic in style, which houses the Museum of Valladolid, brings us, through the Santa Catalina Monastery with a renaissance style patio, to the Santa Isabel Convent with its magnificent cloister and a San Francisco sculpture of Juan de Juni.



▣ Back to the Plaza Mayor is the Monastery of San Benito el Real **j**, built over the Reales Alcázares (Royal Castle), which houses in its Patio Herreriano the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (Museum of Contemporary Art).



▣ Around the Plaza Mayor and towards the Plaza de España **k**, we find the Church of the Pasión, of baroque façade, that of Santiago with a gothic cloister, that of el Salvador and the Convent and Church of Porta Coeli.



F - Trade Fair I - Tourist Office
R - Renfe Railway Station B - Bus Station

HISTORY

The city of Valladolid emerged during the first half of the 11th century as a small rural settlement on the elevated area between the Esgueva and Pisuerga rivers. Many medieval monarchs installed their itinerant courts there, until it became the seat of the Real Audiencia y Chancillería (Royal Court of Justice and Chancery) in 1489, during the reign of the Catholic Monarchs Isabella of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon. This was a time of splendour that went on throughout the reign of Charles V until the mid 16th century, when Phillip II moved the court to Madrid. Nevertheless, it becomes the centre of the Court once again at the beginning to the 17th century, with the title of Capital.

All these events have shaped a city with a population of 320,000, full of history and monuments. Its Old Towne was declared a World Heritage site in 1978, with its countless churches, convents, monasteries, palaces, etc. most of them within 600 m of the Cathedral. Today, many of these buildings house museums, archives, civilian and military administrations, etc.



GASTRONOMY

Young lamb, roasted in a wood burning oven, is the main dish, in addition to vegetables, legumes, meats, pastries, breads and cheeses, all of these accompanied by the region's famous wines: Rueda, Ribera de Duero, Cigales and Toro.

Restaurants

- La Casa de los Gallos - Correos, 5 (Plaza Mayor area)
- La Criolla - Calixto Fdez de la Torre, 2 (Plaza Mayor area)
- Santí Caballo de Troya - Correos, 1 (Plaza Mayor area)
- La Parrilla de San Lorenzo - Pedro Niño, 1 (Plaza Mayor area)
- El Nogal - Conde Ansurez, 10 (Platería area)
- Taberna del Hidalgo - Paraíso, 4 (Cathedral area)
- Don Bacalao - Plaza Santa Brígida, 5 (nearby the Viejo Coso)
- Mesón la Fragua - Paseo de Zorrilla, 10 (Campo Grande)
- La Miranda de Recoletos - Acera Recoletos, 13 (Campo Grande)
- Juan de Austria - Paseo Zorrilla, 108 (nearby the bull ring)
- El Caserón - Avenida Gijón, 100 (Canal de Castilla area)
- La Perla de Castilla - Avda. Ramón Pradera s/n (Fair Centre area)
- Montico Feria - Avda. Ramón Pradera s/n (Fair Centre area)

"TAPAS" AND SHOPPING

There are several different areas in the city of Valladolid where one can taste good wine and "tapas", sit and relax at an outdoor café, or have a drink while doing some shopping at one of the malls or visiting some monument.

"Tapas"

The area around the Plaza Mayor has a great variety of "tapas" bars. Coca, behind the Plaza Mayor, has outdoor cafés to sit and relax. The area around the Cathedral and the interesting Pasaje Gutierrez have more classic establishments.

Paraíso street, Plaza Portucalete and Universidad area, have a more student-oriented atmosphere, typical of this city, where one can have a few shots, beers or ciders and something to eat.

The Plaza San Andrés is the quietest area, near the Plaza de España and the Mantería street.

Shopping

Galería Comercial Mantería, located along the pedestrian street, Mantería, and surrounding streets.

Plaza Mayor, Calle Santiago and Plaza Zorrilla: Shops along the pedestrian Santiago street, which connects the Plaza Mayor and the Plaza Zorrilla.

Duicentro: Shopping Mall located between Duque de la Victoria 13 and Teresa Gil streets, next to the Plaza de España.

Las Francesas Shopping Mall, located within the old Convent of the Comendadoras de Santa Cruz, on 22 Santiago street.

Paseo Zorrilla, luxury shopping and large commercial areas.

Parquesol Plaza, centre for fun and entertainment on Enrique Cubero 9.

GENERAL FACTS

Feria y Centro de Congresos de Valladolid: Avenida de Ramón Pradera, s/n - Valladolid. Buses to the Fair: L6, L11, L18, E2

Taxi: 983 29 14 11

Temperatures for late October: Cold at night (3 - 12°C), warmer days. Rain is unusual. Commercial opening hours: 10:00 to 13:30 and 17:00 to 21:00, although some shops stay open throughout the mid-day.

Restaurants generally serve lunch between 13:00 and 15:00 and dinner between 21:00 and 23:00.

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Accommodation

Valladolid is the capital of the Castilla y León region, and its province has a population of over half a million. It offers a good selection of hotels among which we have chosen the following four-star hotels with price agreements for the fair dates (prices in Euros per room and night, including breakfast and taxes).

Map	Hotel	Prices for	
		Single	Doble
1	NH Ciudad de Valladolid	109	122
2	NH Balago	109	122
3	Meliá Recoletos Boutique	119	132
4	Lasa	70	99
5	Conde Ansurez	99	109

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