



The Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial is an impressive monastic-palace that expresses the ideology and culture of the Spanish Golden Age, using Italian and Flemish art styles, all under the auspices of Philip II, with Juan Bautista de Toledo and Juan de Herrera, project and trace, who began work from 1562.

San Lorenzo the Royal, born as a monastery of the Order of St. Jerome, with the goal that your church serve as a pantheon of Emperor Charles V and his wife, and their son Philip II, his family and successors, and where the monks pray for the salvation of royalty.

Alcalá de Henares distance: 92 km



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Pantheon of the Kings or Crypt Real: It was built by Juan Gómez de Mora to plans by Giovanni Battista Crescenzi, consists of 26 marble tombs where the remains of the kings and queens of Spain dynasties of Hapsburg and Bourbon, except the Felipe V and Fernando VI kings, who chose to be buried elsewhere.

Royal Library: Considered one of the most important in the West, in the interest of Felipe II for collecting and books as part of the fundamental ideals of humanism. It has always been a place of study and scientific work. Hoards magnificent collections of drawings, engravings, portraits of famous characters, mathematical instruments, maps, spheres, astrolabes, reproductions of fauna and flora, coins and medals etc.

Monastery gardens: They were designed in Italian terrace style, have drawn straight boxwood pruned in boxes. Along the facades extend under the windows of the monastic cells, the garden of the friars and other, similar throughout the friars but separated by walls with niches being closed for the royal gardens.

City Courtesan: The Monastery was isolated in the countryside, with only a few service buildings for the palace, houses offices and Compañía. Carlos III ordered the creation of a small courtly city whose architect was Juan de Villanueva, who assimilated to his Italian classicist formation nationalistic spirit that El Escorial acquired for the culture of the Spanish Enlightenment. Prominent among his works the Infantes House and the Minister of State.

OPTIONALS Advance booking will visit the Prince and Infantes house.

- * Specialized visits shall be made as the creation of groups of 10 / pax minimum
- ** Length of visit 2:00 hours